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Play time!



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Five-year-old Emma Christiano tears into a vine of red rope candy while her brother Ethan, 7, watches the Aggie baseball team battle against Houston Baptist at Presley Askew Field Friday, Feb. 18. The Aggies, 4-0, defeated Houston Baptist 9-6. The Aggies move on to a four-game series against the University of Buffalo, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26-27, at Presley Askew Field. The double-headers begin at 1:05 p.m.

City Council tables sustainability plan

Connor says concerns center on enforcement

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

The Las Cruces City Council tabled a new sustainability action plan for two weeks, citing concerns about the plan's organization and the language used.

At the Tuesday, Feb. 22, meeting, City Councillor Dolores Connor said she isn't being critical of the whole document, but there is language in the plan that needs to be clarified because it is raising concerns with some in the community.

Connor cited more than 20 items in the plan that seemed to cross over into setting policy, which she said is the council's duty.

"I agree there are a lot of good things in this plan, but today is not the day to do this," Connor said.

Besides policy concerns around the uses of revolving funds, Connor said there appears to be language in the plan to punish those not in-step with the city's efforts to become more sustainable. Las Cruces Sustainability Officer Tom Schuster said the Sustainability Action Plan aims to encourage wise use of resources, waste reduction and reuse and to provide leadership in stable and resilient operations.

The plan's action items over a three-year time frame include 99 actions to meet 32 objectives and accomplish

eight goals. Most of the recommendations will make city operations a model for the community at large, Schuster said.

"The main focus is city operations and for the (city government) to lead by example," he said.

The plan seeks to make day-to-day city operations increase in energy efficiency, which will help accelerate deployment of renewable energy systems by the public and utilities, he said. The plan also addresses the need for an adequate and sustainable water supply, and it encourages recycling."

Schuster said he held two community meetings in

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Pearce seeks to lessen Senate run speculation

Bingaman's retirement has many eyeing a run

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

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, R-N.M., issued a statement Wednesday, Feb. 23, saying there is still plenty of time to make a decision about who will run to replace U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, the five-term Democrat who announced late last week he will not seek re-election.

Pearce just returned to his District 2 House seat after vacating it two years ago in a failed bid to replace retiring Republican U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici. Tom Udall, a Democrat, won in the same election that brought President Obama into office.

Immediately, Pearce's name was cited

as one to look for possibly making another Senate run. Also mentioned is Heather Wilson, who also vacated her House seat to run for Senate following Domenici's retirement.

New Mexico Democratic Rep. Martin Heinrich, who replaced Wilson, announced Sunday, Feb. 20, that he will consider running for Bingaman's Senate seat.

"Many constituents and friends across New Mexico have asked if I will run for his seat. I have not yet made a decision, but together with my wife Julie, I plan to actively consider running," Heinrich said in his announcement. "Jeff Bingaman and I share a passionate concern for this great

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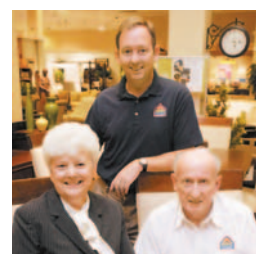
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Scout earns his wings



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

An eagle dance is performed for Brandon Gass, 14, as part of his Eagle Scout ceremony Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Elks Lodge. The ceremony included his father, Troop 64 Scoutmaster Bill Gass, and his mother Janet. To earn the Eagle status, Gass put in more than 500 service hours transplanting 330 native trees from the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge to the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park.

Martinez names regents

NMSU to get two new board members

Gov. Susana Martinez this week made appointments to the boards of regents for New Mexico State University and the University of New Mexico.

The NMSU appointments are Michael Cheney of Las Cruces as a regular regent board member and NMSU graduate student Christopher Dulany as the student regent.

Cheney graduated from NMSU in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in finance and he is currently the southern New Mexico regional president for Wells Fargo & Co. in Las Cruces. Cheney has served on the NMSU Business College Business Advisory Council as well as the board of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce (GLCCC).

Dulany is a graduate student pursuing a master's degree. He graduated from NMSU in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in finance, earning the honor of Crimson Scholar for outstanding academic achievement. He served as an Associated Students of New Mexico State University senator, helping to guide legislation providing funding to numerous campus projects. Dulany also is active in the Las Cruces Rotary Club and the GLCCC.

Martinez also named Lt. Gen. Bradley Hosmer of Cedar Crest and Jack Fortner of Farmington to serve on the Board of Regents at UNM, as well as UNM undergraduate student Jacob Wellman to serve as its student regent.



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Hosmer was the 12th superintendent of the Air Force Academy, serving in that position from 1991 to '94. He was the first Air Force Academy graduate to return to the school as its superintendent and was also a member of the Air University Board of Visitors. Since June 2009, he has been a member of the East Mountain High School Governing Council. Hosmer commanded the 479th Tactical Training Wing at Holloman Air Force Base. He is a graduate of the USAF, the Naval Command and Staff College and the National War College.

Fortner graduated from UNM with a bachelor's degree in political science in 1978. He is a senior partner at Fortner & Dalley LLC in Farmington. He served as a San Juan County commissioner from 1996 to 2004 and held positions on the Labor Management Relations Board for the City of Farmington and the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board prior to that. He has been a member of the UNM regents since 1999.

Wellman is an undergraduate pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science at UNM. He is a member of the President's Strategic Advisory Team, working to advise University President David J. Schmidly on budgetary and cost-containment measures. He also serves as an Undergraduate Representative to the Student Fee Review Board.

WSMR garrison change



Outgoing Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Daniel, Garrison Commander Col. Christopher Wicker and incoming Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Glenn Robinson salute during the national anthem at the Change of Responsibility ceremony Thursday, Feb. 17, at White Sands Missile Range. Daniel retired from the Army after having dedicated 32 years to the service. Robinson arrives from Fort Bliss with more than 26 years of meritorious service.

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From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

Golf is in the air

Warmer weather means time to find the golf clubs and hope that the game of golf has gotten easier

I don't know why I even keep trying to play golf. Seems like it should be easy. After all, golf is unlike baseball where you have to use a round stick to make contact with a leather-clad sphere thrown at you at varying speeds and spins. The little white golf ball simply sits there, quietly and calmly, at your feet awaiting your ferocious attack that will most certainly propel the dimpled darlin' into the air towards the hole.

In reality, it doesn't work that way, at least not for me. For example, last weekend I made my first foray onto the driving range at the University Golf Course. I set up next to a petite young lady, barely 5-feet tall and less than half my weight. She swung her golf club effortlessly, making perfect contact with the ball. The "whoosh-click" sound of her natural golf swing was almost melodious as she consistently lofted her ball nicely into the air, straight as an arrow. Eventually, the ball returned to Earth and bounded on the hard turf out of eyesight over the horizon of the driving range.

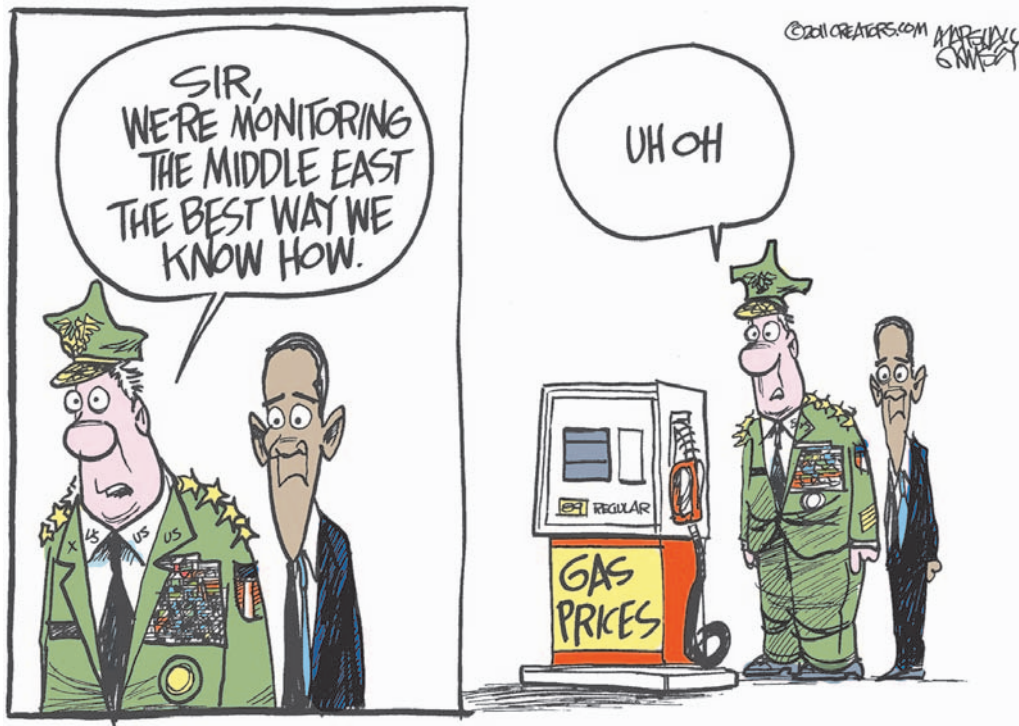
I was confident that this would be the year that my lightly-used, 10-year-old golf clubs would finally understand their role, and would begin to start making perfect golf shots. But, alas, it is unlikely that this will be the year. My first swing made the perfect "whoosh" sound. However, the "click" didn't happen, as my ball remained calmly on the tee despite my perfect, high follow through. Subsequent attempts, using various clubs, scattered the practice balls across the range, with some going as far as a hundred yards or so.

Fortunately, I had purchased a small bucket of balls and was able to hack most of them off the practice tee area rather quickly. When I departed the driving range, the young lady was still there, somehow magically whacking the ball perfectly with each swing with her shiny new clubs. Guess it's time for me to go shopping for some new clubs.

Meanwhile, here's a list that a friend, and fellow duffer, sent me, where he compiled 10 of the best caddy remarks ever made. Hope you enjoy them.

1. Golfer: "Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake."
Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long?"
2. Golfer: "I'd move heaven and Earth to break 100 on this course."
Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the Earth."
3. Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?"
Caddy: "Yes, you miss the ball much closer now."
4. Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?"
Caddy: "Eventually."
5. Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world."
Caddy: "I don't think so; that would be too much of a coincidence."
6. Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction."
Caddy: "It's not a watch - it's a compass."
7. Golfer: "How do you like my game?"
Caddy: "Very good, but personally, I prefer golf."
8. Golfer: "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?"
Caddy: "The way you play, it's a sin on any day."
9. Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on."
Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago."
10. Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old."
Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir."

And it will probably be a long time before I play golf in any event other than a four-person scramble. Anyone for checkers?



Letters to the Editor

Support for choral event appreciated

The New Mexico GLBTQ Center Las Cruces would like to thank the following merchants for helping us bring the New Mexico Women's Chorus to Las Cruces: Best Western Mission Inn, Comfort Inn on Triviz Drive, Hampton Inn and Suites on Griggs Ave., Hilton Garden Inn, Staybridge Suites and Towne Place Suites for housing. Albertsons - all locations, Anede, Dominos - all locations, KFC on Idaho Avenue, Kmart on Bataan Memorial East, Lowe's Fiesta Foods and Valley Pizza.

A special thanks to Sharon Miller manager of Kmart on El Paseo Road.

Without your help we could not have brought the chorus to town.

Paul Lawrence

Pediatrician laments health care problems

As a pediatrician who has practiced in Las Cruces for almost 10 years now, I have seen the impact of our broken health care system first hand. My interest in increasing access to affordable health care rises above the political debate.

I see evidence of this struggle in my practice every day. I'll never forget the day I spoke with a mom who had five children, all needing vaccinations, who couldn't afford the co-pay for their checkups and had to come to my free walk-in shot clinic. Her family had commercial insurance.

Over the past decade, the increase in health insurance premiums in New Mexico was higher than almost any other state in the country. That, combined with other economic realities, makes our state one of the most uninsured in the country. This makes it more likely that these uninsured New Mexicans will seek treatment when it's a life or death matter, heading to our hospital emergency departments. We all know care there is very costly.

The passage of the Affordable Care Act by Congress was the first step to address this problem. Now we have an opportunity to do more right here in our state to lower the cost and create a competitive market for New Mexican families to purchase quality health insurance.

I urge our state leaders to act now to create a strong state exchange and increase transparency in the process of proposing insurance premium increases.

Joanne M. Ray, D.O., F.A.A.P.
Immediate Past President
New Mexico Pediatric Society

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Bingaman: Go-to guy gets going

State will pay for lack of seniority in Washington, D.C.

Who do U.S. senators look to if they have a tough problem they want thought all the way through? New Mexico's Sen. Jeff Bingaman probably heads that list.

Whether it's energy, science, education, health care, international competitiveness or any number of other big issues, Bingaman is the go-to guy because of his intelligence, work ethic and ability to work with others toward a solution.

Bingaman also is willing to let others take center stage when it comes to receiving credit and celebrating victories. Colleagues use words like unassuming and unpretentious to describe the senator.

In my 2011 political forecast on New Year's Eve, I noted that Bingaman has mentioned the possibility of retirement at the end of his last couple of six-year terms and already was talking about making this term his last. I wound up predicting that he would succumb to pressures not to leave.

The pressures not to leave are significant. Bingaman is

the ninth most senior senator. Sen. Pete Domenici was even higher in the rank when he was forced to step down for health reasons.

Why is seniority important? Even though tea partiers have vowed to kill all earmarks, that's what we call pork in our rural state, and President Barack Obama has vowed to veto earmarks, neither one is likely to succeed.

Even if they do succeed, senior Senate and House members still can funnel great amounts of federal money to their states. New Mexico always is one of the top few states in federal money received per capita. Our small state has three air force bases, two national labs and the Waste

Isolation Pilot Plant in addition to countless other federal programs.

A primary reason for all that federal largesse is the tremendous seniority many of our past senators have accrued. Some of our biggest projects came in the days of Dennis Chavez and

“ Colleagues use words like unassuming and unpretentious to describe the senator. ”

Jay Miller
Inside the Capitol



Clinton Anderson. Domenici and Bingaman didn't do so badly either. In 2008, before Domenici retired, the two had 64 years of seniority between them.

If we see a situation similar to 2008, in which all three members of our U.S. House delegation leave their seats to run for Bingaman's vacant Senate seat, New Mexico would end up with what would surely be the least senior state delegation in the nation.

Sen. Tom Udall's four years in the Senate would be the grand total of our five-member congressional delegation. We would say goodbye to the big federal money.

For Democrats, Bingaman's departure could be a disaster. During the last two years, Democrats held all five congressional positions. After the 2012 election, Democrats could be down to one member.

New Mexico Democrats don't have an overwhelming favorite for the post, as Bingaman would have been. In 2008, Gov. Bill Richardson's popularity ratings were high enough to make him that candidate, but he was busy running for president. Now, he's not a factor.

There will be plenty of candidates for the job – unless one or both parties' top leaders decide to get involved. Democrats did it in 2008 when they talked former Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez into stepping aside in favor of then-U.S. Rep. Udall. GOP brass, in 2010, threw their weight behind now-Gov. Susana Martinez.

The Senate post is extremely attractive to candidates because it carries a six-year term. House members, with two-year terms, have to run for office full-time. Unless they have a very safe district, they have to travel back to their district almost every weekend.

Sen. Bingaman doesn't like campaigning. He notes that it is very hard work. But he does a great job of it, winning reelection campaigns by large margins.

Some speculate that Bingaman is tired of the rancor in Washington. Others say it's the possibility Democrats could lose their majority in the Senate. Still others opine that it is the extra pressures of being the state's senior senator.

But I'll take his word that he doesn't want one more grueling campaign.

Jay Miller may be contacted at insidethecapitol@hotmail.com.

Letters to the Editor

Dentistry From The Heart is a success in Las Cruces again

Bright Star Dental conducted another successful Dentistry From The Heart Friday, Feb. 11. Thanks to the support of local businesses and numerous volunteers, we provided free dental care to 169 people from Las Cruces and surrounding areas. Each person received a cleaning, tooth extraction or filling, which totaled nearly \$40,000 in free dental care in one day.

We at Bright Star Dental want to thank the community for supporting our fifth annual Dentistry From The Heart with time and donations. All work was done by volunteers, including our own employees who generously donated their time and talents.

Special thanks go to Crystal Moreno and Carmen Astizaran, hygienists who cleaned teeth along with our hygiene team. Other volunteers worked in the lab, handled registration of patients, directed parking, cooked food for the volunteers and performed other essential duties.

Dentistry From The Heart was an opportunity to both volunteer and learn for several members of the New Mexico State University Pre-Dental Society. We thank the society members for their donation of time and energy.

Patient and family member volunteers helped make the day move smoothly. Thanks to Ann, Josiah and Joel Jaquess; Melissa and Amanda Garcia; Terry, Christine, Chase, Spencer and Holly Gilbert; David Rodriguez; Cynthia and Paul Jacobson; Joaquin Pollorena; and Aylin Moreno for their help.

Several local businesses and individuals helped make this day of free dental care possible with their donations: Louis Samaniego with A Catered Affair, Albertsons on North Main Street, Security Concepts, Potty Time, High Desert Event Rental, Sam's Club, Culligan Water King, Paterson Dental, Smart Practice, Mesilla Park Community Church, Paul LaRue with Service Maintenance System and Ray Garcia of the UPS Store on Lohman Avenue.

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Next year, we will continue with our goal of providing free dental care to those who need it. Watch for our sixth annual Dentistry From The Heart in February 2012.

Dr. Brian Gilbert
Bright Star Dental

Hospitals ignore cleanliness

In the last year, I have spent hundreds of hours in many departments of our local hospitals, for various reasons. I stayed in shock much of that time. The apparent lack of training and understanding of aseptic (sterile) technique was a common thread I found at all levels, from RNs to house-keeping. Only The Advanced Care Unit under Christian Biad did exemplary work, in my view.

Offending employees that I interviewed had all been trained locally. They didn't seem to understand how they had contaminated themselves or supplies.

I rarely saw anyone wash their hands between patients. I was told that the antibacterial lotions do as good a job as soap, but I have read some reports that say that the lotions are rarely applied as long that they would need to be to be effective.

I may be especially sensitive to infection control because I was an RN diploma-trained in the 1950s when there were only a handful of antibiotics. Infection prevention was critical. Compared to those days, training has become horribly sloppy, careless, even dangerous, especially since many bacteria have become resistant to antibiotics, even fatal.

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Oh, such a horrible dream

Slumber party candidate vows to pass up the pork, crowd wants to leave him hanging

Whew! I had a really bad dream the other night, a simply horrible nightmare. Usually I dream of good things, but this time, it was different. Luckily, I woke up none the worse for wear other than in a cold sweat.

It all started when New Mexico's senior U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman decided he was not going to run for re-election in 2012. As soon as I dropped off to sleep, it all seemed so real. I was in a room with lots of people and cameras. They were pointing and shouting at me. What had I done to make everyone so very mad at me? I was trying to figure this out.

There was such chaos. As I spoke at the lectern, I quickly realized that I was the problem in the room. It seems I was saying things that made the audience very furious at me. I could find no way to stop talking. Being half Irish and having the right to be silent but not the power to be, as Ron White says, is an exact description of my problem.

Seems I had lost any good sense I might have had and was running for Bingaman's empty Senate seat. I was answering questions about what I would do if elected, and it was not going well. It was one of those dreams where I was compelled to tell the truth that no one wanted to hear.

The question involved bringing home the "pork," which all politicians must do to get elected. Not me. I said Congress was spending much more money than it had, so I pledged that if elected, I would not bring any pork home to New Mexico. I intended to vote best practices rather than to feather my own nest.

There was a low growl from the crowd. They could not believe I would not just grab and go with the available money in Washington. I explained that someone had to stand up for sensibility. I intended to be the first in line for best practices.

There was panic in the eyes of the audience. "You have to bring everything you can home to us or New Jersey will get our pork and we will be stuck with paying the same level of taxes and having none of the benefits" several people wailed while gnashing their teeth.

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



In one corner of my mind I realized this was not going well. I tried to reason with them that we as a country have spent all of the money we have and were borrowing heavily from countries that did not like us. We were spending the money of our kids and grandkids on ourselves. I would not do it.

"We do not care how you do it, but you must bring home the pork," they insisted with a convincing nod to all of their heads.

"I will not do it," I insisted.

"Get a rope," I heard from the back.

So, I told them they should not vote for me, that if elected I would not serve. That calmed them down a bit as I went over all of the reasons they should not elect me to Congress. For the first time, people started to applaud. They liked the way I was getting them to support someone else. I started to relax a bit, thinking I could talk my way out of the hanging I so richly deserved for going against conventional wisdom.

No one should vote for me, I said, because first, I could not take from one American something to give to another American for the purpose of benevolence just to get elected. Second, I could not play politics with the honor and dignity of the nation; I was going to embrace best practices regardless of which party brought it to the floor of the Senate. Finally, I could not use the term "honorable" to the name of someone I thought was a snake.

They were all cheering and suddenly I realized these silly voters might actually vote for me and I would have to endure six years of attacks because I really meant it about no pork.

Just in time, I woke up. Whew!

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



Food safety act

What will the Food Safety Modernization Act, if put into effect, do to Mrs. Obama's backyard garden?

Congress has taken up the issue of food safety because of the headline-grabbing occurrences of, primarily bacterial, outbreaks of disease in fresh meat and produce. With the exception of eggs, most E. coli and Salmonella outbreaks are a result of human or animal contamination in the growing or processing of the product. This is the reason that organically grown produce is especially vulnerable. Unable to use chemical fertilizer, pesticides, or insecticides, organic growers must make an extra effort to reduce organisms carried by using manure fertilizer, invasive insects and vermin.

I have a garden. I battle many of tomato's natural adversaries. I appreciate how difficult it must be for a gardener to ward off the tomato worms, hungry caterpillars, beetles, grasshoppers, bugs, birds and rodents by hand, to keep it "organic."

I use early season Sevin and pyrethrums because I'm lazy, I guess, or just don't have the time. Besides, I get healthier tomatoes and more of them.

So what would the Food Safety Bill have to do with Mrs. Obama's garden?

Would she be allowed to take her tomatoes, lettuce and celery down to the Saturday morning Farmer's Market? Or serve them in a salad to guests of the White House?

I expect the bill would limit her options. An FDA spokesman said the Food Safety Bill could actually "kill the very farmers they are trying to help."

Amendments that place lesser restrictions on smaller producers have been discussed to reduce their paperwork burden. But, does that make the product safer than blueberries from Chile and avocados from Mexico? I don't think so.

Congress is trying to avoid eliminating the availability of homegrown fresh meat and produce to consumers with the new law. Sometimes politics enters in and skews the science. Some amendments discussed even want to inflict laws based on where the food is sold or how much the farmer earns, which has nothing to do with food safety.

Under the Food Safety bill, will local co-ops, local producers, and Mrs. Obama be required to place warning labels on their radishes and zucchini? If she serves it to the French ambassador, will she have to give a short announcement at the table like a flight attendant? "Ladies and gentlemen, Joe and I will be serving you

this afternoon, please give us your attention. Eating of the legally unrestricted fresh food in front of you, none of which has been grown or processed or approved by the Food Safety Act, can result in distention, nausea and uncontrollable evacuation. Eat at your own risk. This room has several exits, please take note of the one nearest you. In case of a universal attack, emesis bags will fall from the ceiling ..."

All of us in agriculture are concerned with these food-carried, usually "operator error," disease outbreaks, whether it stems from a packing-plant contamination of ground beef, field contamination by fruit pickers or fertilizer-contaminated home-grown cabbage.

However, regardless of any laws passed, the risk of eating fresh food will always be there. In the future I can envision genetically modified foods or antibiotics that will resist, contain, or even prevent bacterial or fungal contamination in the growing process, and someday the government will get wise and require irradiation of fresh meat and produce that is marketed to the public.

But, for now, I will continue to grow my tomatoes and jalapeños, and I wouldn't be afraid to eat out of Mrs. Obama's garden either. It's hard to beat home-grown!

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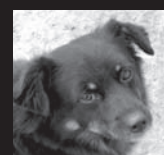
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Coming Up

Apollo anniversary commemorated

Apollo 14 Flight Director Milton Windler will be the special guest for two days of activities planned to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 14 moon mission that launched Jan. 31, 1971.

The events will begin at 9:50 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at the east parking lot at Aggie Memorial Stadium on the New Mexico State University main campus. Rocket launches will begin at 10 a.m. commemorating historic rockets of White Sands Missile Range, a Mercury Redstone Mass Launch commemorating the 50th anniversary of the flights of HAM and Alan Shepard, the historic NASA Manned Space Vehicle Launch Demonstration, an Apollo 14 scale model launch reenactment and a special launch honoring the end of the space shuttle program. Static displays at the Corbett Center Student Union will include actual flight vehicles from the White Sands Test Facility.

More than 900 students from southern New Mexico are expected to attend the activities. Many of the school groups will be launching their own rockets. Hands-on science booths from the New Mexico Museum of Space History, Las Cruces Museum of Natural History, National Solar Observatory, NMSU Astronomy Club, SEMAA, MESA and the NMSU Golf Club will be set up in the parking lot area.

Windler will give presentations on the Apollo program to different student groups beginning at 10:45 a.m. at Corbett Center Student Union.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, activities will continue at the New Mexico Museum of Space History's IMAX Theater in Alamogordo with a presentation by Michael Shinabery on "Animals in Space."

The events were organized by the Fellowship of Las Cruces Area Rocketry Enthusiasts (FLARE). For more information, visit flare-rocketry.com.

Pet food needed

ACTion Programs for Animals (APA) will have an animal welfare information table and pet food drive from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Sam's Club, 2711 N. Telshor Blvd. The group is in need of dry cat and dog food and monetary donations for food purchases. APA serves about 30 low- and no-income families per week, and provides vaccination and spay/neuter support to food bank clients when funding allows. For more information, call 644-0505 or visit www.actionprogramsforanimals.org.

NAACP presents oral history talk

The Doña Ana Branch NAACP will sponsor "Black History Reflections - An Oral History," at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at the American Legion Hall, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. Attendees can hear real stories from real people at this new and existing NAACP member appreciation event. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 527-5675.

Haven on Earth

The environmental organization Haven on Earth meets from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Special guest Friday, Feb. 25, will be writer Doug H. Grant. The group also will have a recycling information booth at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Feb. 26.

For more information, call LaToya Renee Garcia at 621-9879 or email latoyarenee1@gmail.com.

Petroglyphs are subject of talk

The University Museum at New Mexico State University will host a lecture on "Painted Walls and Images on Stone: A Rio Grande Legacy," at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25. Archaeologist and rock art expert Polly Schaafsma will deliver an illustrated presentation concerning how kiva murals and rock art provide insight and perspective on the development of ceremonial traditions and iconography in prehistoric New Mexico.

The University Museum is located in Kent Hall at University Avenue and Solano Drive on the NMSU campus. Weather permitting, the workshop will be held in the museum courtyard.

For additional information, call 646-5161.

Benefit dance

Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces will hold a benefit dance from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 26, at Beverly Hills Hall, 150 N. Hermosa St. The local band "Animmo" (formerly "Cruces") will provide entertainment. Food and a no-host bar will be available. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in advance by calling Mike Dallago at 993-0202 or at the door. Attendees must be 21 or over.

The dance is co-sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces and the Kiwanis AKTION Club at Tresco Inc. in support of the programs of the Las Cruces Softball Association. Profits will provide vouchers to young players 8 years and younger to pay registration fees and defray part of the costs of spikes, mitts and uniforms.

Garage sale

The Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, will have its annual garage

sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. All are welcome. For more information, call 522-1362.

Masons' reception

The wives of past Masons will be honored at a reception and dinner celebration at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Jornada Lodge No. 70, 1200 W. University Ave., in Mesilla. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. All honored ladies are urged to attend. Transportation arrangements are available.

All Masons, friends of our honored ladies and relatives are welcome.

To confirm seating and place settings and transportation needs, call Jr. Adams at 521-0406, Bill Childers at 521-9776 or Sid Goddard at 532-1223.

Parliamentarians

The Rio Grande Valley Unit of Parliamentarians (RGVUP) will hold its annual meeting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Roadrunner Room of the Thomas Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The program will be on identifying resources to help plan and conduct better meetings. This meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, email rgvup@zianet.com or call Kathy Treat at 382-8298.

Ciclovia set

Las Cruces looking for a fun way to get healthy and active can participate in monthly Ciclovia health events from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Young Park, 1955 E. Nevada Ave. Ciclovia is free and offers bike riding, horseshoes, walking, jogging, dancing, aerobics, jumping balloon and more. These fun physical activity events will be held each month through October at Young Park.

Ciclovia is sponsored by the Doña Ana Diabetes Action Coalition and

the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach, a nonprofit organization, is fiscal sponsor.

For more information, call June Donohue at 522-0289, or for information in Spanish, call Beatriz Favela at 202-2376.

ALR lectures

New Mexico State University mathematics professors Patrick Morandi and David Pongelley will discuss a wide variety of mathematical principles and applications including number theory, whole number arithmetic, codes, cryptography and information security as part of the Academy for Learning in Retirement Series at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, March 1 and 8, and Thursdays, March 3 and 10, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the Auditorium. The professors will also focus on the first woman to do important research in mathematics as well as the mathematics behind M. C. Escher's tessellation art. Complimentary refreshments are available prior to each presentation. There is a \$5 for each lecture. No advance registration is required.

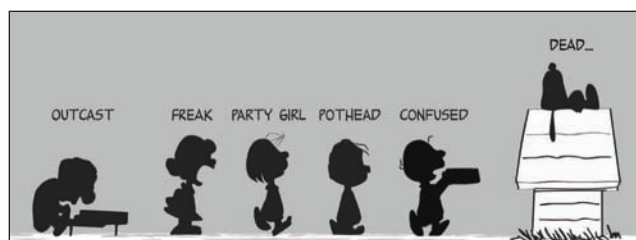
Golf clinics at LCCC

Las Cruces Country Club is offering a series of golf clinics for women golfers starting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 1. Cost is \$5 per session. For more information or to register, call 526-8731.

Lynn science night

Lynn Middle School, 950 S. Walnut St., will be hosting a math and science night from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 2.

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Guest columns

Keep New Mexico's land grant, research university going strong

State must invest in education to stay competitive

By **Barbara Couture**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University is making responsible decisions to manage its budget in this extraordinarily difficult economic environment. As we consider further budget reductions, however, New Mexico must protect its investment in its nationally ranked land-grant, research university. NMSU provides enormous value to the industries, communities and citizens of our great state.

Why is it important to support our state's only land-grant public research university? Because without that support we cannot deliver quality education for our growing student body, provide needed services to our communities through our Cooperative Extension Service programs, or compete nationally and internationally for research funding that creates significant economic impact throughout the state.

NMSU takes seriously its commitment to produce top-quality graduates who contribute to our state and nation's economy. In December 2010, NMSU-Las Cruces graduated 812 students earning bachelor's degrees, 310 earning master's degrees and 41 earning doctoral degrees. Research has shown that the earning potential of an individual increases with each year of college and each degree earned – potential that is important to the growth of New Mexico's economy and tax base. And NMSU is proud, too, of its track record in serving minority students. This

year, our NMSU system has a minority enrollment of 60.3 percent.

Research conducted by our public research universities has made America and our state competitive. Did you know, for instance, that life-altering discoveries such as the laser, the Internet, global positioning systems and medical imaging have launched from basic research at universities? At NMSU alone, we have made path-breaking advances in algal biofuels, aerospace technology and smart-grid systems. In fiscal year 2010, NMSU was awarded \$198 million in research contracts, and in the same year expended \$163 million on research projects.



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These expenditures translate into employment and other economic benefits that contribute about \$288 million to New Mexico's economy. NMSU's research creates value in many ways: We are a magnet for outstanding faculty; we provide strong employment for staff; and we recruit talented students who do research side-by-side with our top faculty so that they can succeed in the high-tech, global economy that our research defines.

Finally, as a land-grant university, our 33 county and three tribal Cooperative Extension Offices, 13 Agricultural Experiment Station science centers and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, provide invaluable service to our agricultural economy and related industries.

World-class education and research are possible because our state and federal governments support public

research universities. But our country is now quickly falling behind other countries in funding our public universities. As one national report puts it, the "U.S. is playing tennis while the rest of the world is playing football." China, India, Korea and European nations are expanding funding for research and are successfully competing with the U.S. to attract top faculty to their shores.

With each cut to NMSU's budget from our state, our ability to keep serving this state and our nation with quality education, research and community service is threatened, and equally important, our ability to remain competitive with universities nationally and internationally decreases. The budget decisions being made today for NMSU will affect our state and the nation for decades to come. We must find the right balance.

I pledge that New Mexico State University will do its best to retain and support faculty excellence and that we will recommit to our public purpose to serve New Mexico as its only land-grant research university. At my fall inauguration, I announced seven goals for NMSU to achieve excellence through partnership, all of which contribute to our national competitiveness as a public research university.

NMSU's faculty, staff, and students are proud to serve as our state's only land-grant public research university and through that service bring to all of New Mexico's citizens both educational opportunity and economic prosperity.

Barbara Couture is president of New Mexico State University.

Special interests still get largesse

But New Mexicans suffer

By **Sen. Steve Fischmann**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

It is going to be one tough year for many New Mexicans. Near-term job growth looks to be tepid while the unemployment trust fund threatens to go bust.

For those requiring medical services, the state forecasts come up about \$330 million short of anticipated needs. Educators face a third consecutive year of salary freezes while having to sacrifice part of their paycheck to keep their failing pension fund solvent. Young families and their kids face elimination of child care services. Drivers can anticipate deteriorating roads while the Department of Transportation struggles with a projected \$250 million annual shortfall in road maintenance funds. Cost-of-living pressures will only add to the difficulties. Individual health insurance policy owners face 20 percent increases in their already astronomical premiums.

Many electric utility customers can look forward to yet another large rate increase, and gasoline prices appear poised to continue their upward climb.

Whatever the trials for our own citizens, budget proposals currently before the New Mexico Legislature preserve plenty of goodies for out-of-state interests. Here is a short list of beneficiaries.

- Multi-state corporations will continue to enjoy tax loopholes not available to our own homegrown businesses. Local businesses will compete on an unfair playing field until mandatory combined tax reporting is implemented. Most oil and gas companies operating in New Mexico are from out of state. Tax breaks for oil and gas companies have grown from 8 percent of state oil and gas revenue generated in 2004 to 17 percent in 2010. Interestingly, history shows no correlation between tax breaks and oil and gas production in the state. There is a strong correlation between market prices and production. Existing tax breaks remain in the proposed budgets.
- Internet businesses with no physical facilities in the state will continue to operate without having to pay the same gross receipts taxes as our own local businesses. We have not managed to solve the legal issues to correct this inequity.
- Well-heeled out-of-state taxpayers doing business in New Mexico reap a large share of the benefits from our generous capital gains tax deduction. The proposed budget keeps them on the state dole.
- Film companies from out of state will continue to enjoy a 25-percent rebate on their production costs in New Mexico. It is probably time to recognize film subsidies as the giveaway they are.
- Union Pacific is being offered a permanent \$10 million per year tax break for relocating a 300-employee fueling station from El Paso to just over the border in New Mexico – a laudable project I fully support. Company representatives acknowledge that most of the positions will initially be filled by Texas commuters. Since jobs are the justification for the tax break, I'd like to think the state would have enough sense to directly tie tax benefits to the number of jobs filled by New Mexico residents. That has not been part of the discussion so far.

Lawmakers and the governor's staff do quite well for a whole range of moneyed out-of-state interests. In these challenging times, New Mexicans should demand that we do at least as well for you.

Steve Fischmann is the New Mexico state senator representing District 37.

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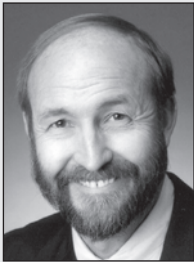
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Guest columns

Land office is vital for state Powell promises support for communities, plans to enhance renewable energy efforts

By **Ray Powell**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin



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As land commissioner, I focus all of my efforts at the state land office to work with our outstanding public employees to help generate more jobs, revenues and projects that enhance the quality of life of our local citizens while protecting the long-term health of our public lands.

I look at the New Mexico Land Office and our \$9 billion dollar permanent fund as our promise to future generations. If we degrade or sell the land, or squander the permanent fund, we have violated our promise to current and future generations.

In my previous term, I worked with our local communities to facilitate, affordable housing, day care and senior centers, soccer, football and baseball fields, regional recreational facilities, business parks, master planned communities, outdoor educational opportunities and nature preserves.

New Mexico has been blessed in so many ways, one being our extensive non-renewable resources – oil, natural gas, coal and potash – on our 13-million acres of public trust lands. The royalties from these non-renewable resources have helped educate every child in New Mexico, while keeping our citizens' tax bills lower.

New Mexico state trust lands provide

lands for the important work of agricultural production. They also have enormous potential to produce renewable energy from wind, solar, geothermal and biomass. Revenue from these re-occurring resources can eventually bridge and surpass the declining revenues from the non-renewable sources. The energy produced from these renewable resources can provide the important energy resources needed for national economic prosperity and a sustained quality of life.

The state land office can play a pivotal role in these efforts by providing lands to locate renewable energy production facilities, transmission lines, and commercial sites for renewable energy.

We all choose to live in a place that we enjoy and where we feel connected to the land. Therefore, if we don't look at the big picture over a long period of time – with regard to the health and resilience of our lands – then we degrade and despoil them.

These lands produce the food and water that sustain us. Our public lands also provide our quality of life that makes living in New Mexico so unique and exciting.

Our efforts at the state land office to support our people must also provide life for all of nature's species that call New Mexico home. It is this rich diversity of life that attracts most of us to this special place and that will provide future generations with the same quality of life that we have enjoyed.

Ray Powell is the New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands.

Gas flow must be protected

Can recent cold weather outages be avoided?

By **Rep. Steve Pearce**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Earlier this month, New Mexicans faced subzero temperatures, snow and ice across the state. Along with the freezing cold and rolling electricity blackouts, thousands of families were left without natural gas. Now, as heat is restored and lights come back on, it is the time for answers.

We pay for natural gas so we can cook and heat our homes, and we rely on those services. Consumers cannot just switch providers as with other products – public service companies have a responsibility to deliver in any circumstances. While there are reasonable explanations, there is no acceptable justification for the failure to deliver natural gas service to the people of New Mexico during the recent winter weather.

It is time for answers. We have already begun to understand what happened – what some have called “a perfect storm.” In Texas, the adverse weather conditions disrupted dozens of power generating units, causing rolling blackouts. Gas processing plants

were left without power, wellheads and lines froze and demand skyrocketed. As a result, even though we had gas in volume, we did not have the pressure needed to get it into homes.

But even once we answer the questions of “why,” the more pressing question is “how – how can we avoid this sort of crisis in the future? Were rolling blackouts the best approach, or should power have been maintained in the areas that run our gas lines? Are we too reliant on energy from outside New Mexico? If our electricity came from other sources, could this have been avoided?”

I am pleased to see my colleagues in the New Mexico congressional delegation seeking answers at the U.S. Senate field hearing in Albuquerque on Monday. We will inevitably face another storm of these proportions, and when we do, we must be prepared. New Mexicans don't ask for much; we just don't want to be left out in the cold.

Steve Pearce is the U.S. Representative for New Mexico District 2.

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Visiting Santa Fe



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Several Las Cruces attended African-American Day at the state Legislature in Santa Fe Friday, Feb. 11, as well as a reception afterward hosted by the state NAACP. Attendees included state NAACP President Sam Bone, Allison Smith, state Sen. Mary Kay Papen, NAACP International Regional Director Carmen Watkins of Houston and NAACP national board member Alfred Rucks.

Brief

Removing governor from the SIC

The state Senate voted Wednesday, Feb. 23, to remove the governor from the State Investment Council, which has the responsibility of investing \$14 billion in state dollars.

Gov. Susana Martinez can stay on the council for the next two years, until July 1, 2013, to look into questionable investments that occurred during the administration of ex-Gov. Bill Richardson, according to a news release.

"Gov. Susana Martinez was a criminal prosecutor who understands corruption and fraud," said Sen. Steven Neville, R-Aztec. "She is uniquely qualified to look into the questionable investments of the past that now involve litigation. By allowing the current governor to be on the council for two years, we are giving Gov. Martinez an opportunity to look into things and really check them out."

The bill ultimately would remove the governor from sitting on the council – to make it less political – but not until mid-2013.

Martinez pushes ID reform

Governor's spending on issue questioned

By **Steve Terrell**
The New Mexican

Hands down, the biggest buzz around the Roundhouse this week was Gov. Susana Martinez's public relations attack to rouse public support for legislation to stop undocumented immigrants from getting driver's licenses.

There are radio ads, paid for by Martinez's campaign funds. There are videos of a Saturday committee hearing – where the bill Martinez is backing was tabled – posted on the governor's state website. And there are robocalls, paid for by the state Republicans, which allow the recipient to press a telephone button and immediately call their legislators.

All are aimed beyond the walls of the Capitol, where Martinez believes public sentiment is on her side regarding this issue. They are an attempt to get the public to contact the Legislature to demand a floor vote on the driver's license issue. But the grumbling that the efforts caused among lawmakers might just be the first sign that the honeymoon with the new governor is on borrowed time.

On the radio: "New Mexico is attracting people from all over the world. China, Poland, Brazil," a female voice – the kind you only hear in negative political ads – warns. "But they're not coming to ski or for the balloon fiesta. They're illegal immigrants coming for driver's licenses."

Before the 60-second ad is over, we learn about a criminal gang from El Salvador that came to the state committing robbery and murder. "And two gang members had driver's licenses."

One immigration rights group denounced the radio spots as illegal and asked the attorney general, Santa Fe district attorney and secretary of state to investigate. Marcella Diaz, executive director of Somos Un Pueblo Unido, said in a news release, "We are shocked to learn that the governor, in an effort to push

her anti-immigrant political agenda, would direct her campaign committee to misuse leftover funds to intimidate legislators and interfere with the legislative process."

Diaz, in a letter to Attorney General Gary King, argued that the state campaign reporting act restricts the spending of campaign funds after an election to "payment of campaign debts, donations to charities or the state's general fund, contributions to other candidates or political parties and refunds to the contributors."

"Immigrants who live, work and pay taxes in New Mexico are complying with our state laws by getting driver's licenses, buying insurance and registering their vehicles," Diaz said. "We would expect that our governor would also comply with state laws that regulate the use of campaign funds."

The governor's office referred a reporter's question about the ads to Danny Diaz, no relation to Marcella, a Washington, D.C., area consultant who worked for her campaign.

"It's ironic that a radical special interest group that believes illegal immigrants have a right to New Mexico driver's licenses does not believe the governor has a right to free speech," Danny Diaz said. "We disagree."

A spokesman for King said the secretary of state would be the first agency to look at the complaint. Secretary of State Dianna Duran said her staff researched the issue and determined the radio ads were an allowable expense under the law.

Democratic senators were upset about Martinez posting videos from recent committee hearings. Most of the videos – 10 of them – are from the House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee. They all feature advocates of the bill – none of the people who testified against it. On the website, Martinez praises those who voted for the bill and expresses disappointment at those who voted to table it.

Sen. Eric Griego, D-Albuquerque, complained on the Senate floor, "This is campaigning going on here."



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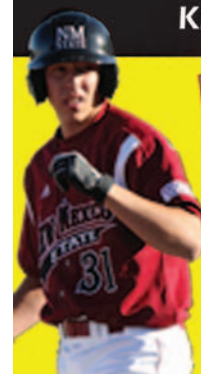
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New Mexico State University engineering students competing in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics' Design, Build, Fly competition talk about their plane design to carry a payload of golf balls during the Engineering Department's Capstone Project Conference Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the Gerald Thomas Hall auditorium.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson



Students kick off Engineers Week

Week ends with speech by Intel executive from NMSU

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

Their projects ranged from measuring forces in satellite payloads to coming up with a new lift for a radioactive "hot box" at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Teams of engineering students gave presentations on their Capstone Projects Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the Gerald Thomas Hall auditorium.

As part of getting their degree, engineering students spent two semesters working on real-world projects and competitions.

For example, one student team is building a small airplane for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics' Design, Build, Fly competition, which will be held in Tuscon, Ariz.

Sponsored by Raytheon, the winning planes will be presented at an Air Force conference because the project is meant to have real battlefield applications.

Besides being able to fit into a suitcase, the airplane must be able to carry out a series of in-flight maneuvers and follow a precise flight path while carrying a payload of 21 golf balls and be capable of carrying up to 3 pounds of steel.

The NMSU student team has completed its design and will soon be building and test-flying the plane.

Weston Marlow, the team captain, said this kind of contest helps students take classroom theory and apply it to the real world. Marlow is also a student ambassador for the Engineering Department in which he visits public schools to get young students interested in the field of engineering.

"Engineering is about finding real solutions to people's problems," Marlow said. "We're trying to break stereotypes that is all technical."

The Capstone projects shows the range of problems that engineers work on, he said. They included such efforts as

seeking ways to better control weather, to conserve energy and recycle water heat.

Engineers Week concludes with Douglas L. Davis, Intel vice president and NMSU engineering alumnus, being the feature speaker at the College of Engineering Annual Bromilow Lecture.

Davis' talk, "Moore's Law and its impact on the future of computing," will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, in Room 104 of Thomas and Brown Hall. Admission is free.

Davis is a corporate vice president and is general manager of the Netbook and Tablet Group within the Intel Architecture Group. This group is responsible for the platform planning, architecture, enabling and marketing of Intel's solutions for the netbook and tablets market segments.

Davis graduated from NMSU in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He earned his master's degree in business administration from Arizona State University in 1992.

In the news

Local woman wins \$100,000

Sonia Crothers of Las Cruces plans to buy her own home after winning a \$100,000 prize from the New Mexico Lottery.

"My dad told me this money is a blessing and that I need to use it wisely," Crothers, 29, told lottery officials in Albuquerque Wednesday.

Crothers won the last \$100,000 prize in the lottery's \$10 "Super Cash" Scratcher. She played the ticket Saturday night while watching a movie at her parents' home.

"At first, it looked like a \$10 prize and then I saw more zeros," she recalled.

Crothers showed the ticket to her mother who confirmed the six-figure sum. "We jumped so high that our heads nearly hit the ceiling," Crothers said.

The mother of two said it's been her dream to have her own home. "I'm very excited for my kids to have their own bedrooms," she said. "I'm going shopping as soon as this check goes in the bank."



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Crothers purchased her ticket at Chucky's No. 3 located at 6103 Porter Road in Las Cruces. Previously, the store has sold 10 other large prize-winning lottery tickets paying between \$1,000 and \$40,000.

Since 1996, the New Mexico Lottery has raised \$470 million for education, and more than 68,000 students have attended college on Legislative Lottery Scholarships.

As of the Spring 2010 semester, more 7,500 students from Doña Ana County have received \$6.8 million in Legislative Lottery Scholarships while 18,860 students have received \$99 million in scholarships to attend the New Mexico State University main campus and Doña Ana Community College.

Oscar party to honor local films

An Oscar Viewing Party will recognize southern New Mexico professional and student films from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Boba Café and Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St.

Attendees will network with area film, theater and TV production professionals, enjoy appetizers, dinner, homemade desserts and a wine and beer bar.

Special recognition will be presented with awards for "Mark of Excellence" for Best Nonprofit Film Production of 2010. A second award will go to Best Location Shoot Support Award. The nominees for best 2010 major releases in that category are "Book of Eli" (Lincoln County) "Due Date" in Las Cruces, and the independent film, "Becoming Eduardo" Hillsboro, N.M.

The cost is \$45 per couple and \$25, solo. Email OCC209@gmail.com or call 312-8331 for more information.

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Parents throw a Hollywood-style party at the Tombaugh Teacher and Staff Appreciation Gala

Photos by Todd Dickson

Tombaugh Elementary School teacher Lora Major and her husband Ken, who teaches at Sonoma Elementary, are interviewed by Mark Vasconcellos as they arrive to the school's Teacher and Staff Appreciation Gala Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Bella Ballroom, 5585 S. Main St. Tombaugh's parents put on the Hollywood-styled event as part of Teacher Appreciation Week, normally held in May. The event was held early at Tombaugh because May is usually very busy with testing, organizers said.



Las Cruces Community Theatre actor Bob Singer tries to find Sean Connery among the star-studded cupcakes as he was playing the actor in the role of Indiana Jones' father.



Trisha Carillo and Tessa Smith are ready to have their pictures taken in a photo booth.



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Spelling it right at Mesa Middle School

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Melissa Solis spells out a word in Spanish given to her by pronouncer Blanca Tarazona at Mesa Middle School, which held spelling bees in both English and Spanish Thursday, Feb. 17. Winners of the Spanish bee were first place Samantha Barrera, second place Allison Lara and third place Pablo Molina.



Hillrise Spelling Bee winners



Winners of the Hillrise Elementary School's Spelling Bee Tuesday, Feb. 22, are: third place Maya Thomas, fifth grade; second place Hannah Fresquez, fourth grade; and first place Levi Doyle, fifth grade.



Johnny Rey Montenegro carries his first-place English spelling bee trophy through the school's hall. Alexis Cañas came in second and Minerva Brown placed third in the English bee.



Maria Guzman mouths out a word before attempting to spell it out loud at the Spanish bee.

Schools save electricity

Mayfield High School and Vista Middle School are saving thousands of dollars on electricity with a rate code change, said Las Cruces Public Schools energy education specialist Jim Mulhauser.

By switching rate codes from city or county service to irrigation service, each school will save more than \$3,000 a year in electric bills on their irrigation water-well accounts, he said.

Mulhauser expressed his and fellow EE specialist Sean Barham's thanks to El Paso Electric Co. Customer Technical Resource Unit Representative Omar Garcia-Bracho for working with them to help put this change into effect.

Mulhauser and Barham are looking for and finding ways to help LCPS save money on electricity, natural gas, water and sewer for all 47 schools and facilities across the school district.

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Something's happening in our town



Jim Hilley
Bulletin in the Zone

A funny thing is happening around Las Cruces.

Sports teams are winning.

High school basketball fans have been packing local gymnasiums to see the Knights, Bulldawgs and Trojans battle for district supremacy. For now, the Oñate Knights are on top of the local high school basketball world with an impressive 21-4 record, but Mayfield, Las Cruces and Mesilla Valley Christian Schools have all had solid seasons.

On the girls side, Mayfield and Oñate are also winding up great seasons.

Over at New Mexico State University, winning seems to be contagious.

The men's golf team just picked up a victory at the Rice Invitational in Houston, with Gaston De La Torre picking up his first career individual title.

Both of the Aggie tennis teams are doing well, with the women off to one of their best starts in years at 6-2. The Aggie men's team is ranked No. 58 in the nation with a 6-4 record and riding a five-match winning streak, their longest since 2009.

On the diamond, the Aggie baseball team is off to a 4-0 start, having just gone up to the Duke City and topping the hated Lobos 13-8 at Isotopes Park. The Aggies will be at home for 1:05 p.m. doubleheaders against the University of Buffalo Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26-27. Anyone for a hot dog – or two?

Don't overlook the Aggie softball team either. NMSU's powerful offense has carried the team to an early 10-2 record, with their only losses to No. 6 Oklahoma.

NMSU's track and field team has had an excellent year also. The Aggies are headed into the WAC Track & Field Championships through Saturday, Feb. 26, having broken five school records during the regular season. Particularly impressive in cross country has been Cloudcroft's Courtney Schultz. It's a cliché, but the long-distance runner has rewritten the record book at NMSU.

The Aggie swim team is something to be proud of, also. Coming off impressive wins against Colorado State, Northern Colorado and New Mexico, the swim team is in San Antonio for the WAC Championships through Saturday, Feb. 26.

And last, but not least, the Aggie men's basketball team is still in the race for second place in the WAC conference and a couple of byes in the WAC tournament in Las Vegas. That's despite losing All-WAC forward Wendell McKines during pre-season practice and having Troy Gillenwater and Hamidu Rahman battling injuries all season.

Not too shabby.

Aggies drop close game to Spartans

Game at Hawai'i on tap Saturday

The New Mexico State men's basketball team suffered a 72-70 overtime loss at San Jose State Wednesday, Feb. 25.

The Aggies had four players in double-figures (14-14 overall, 8-5 Western Athletic Conference) with junior forward Troy Gillenwater posting a team-high 18 points. Sophomore forward Tyrone Watson and freshman guard Christian Kabongo supplied 11 each. Sophomore forward/center B.J. West scored a career-high 10 points, and junior guard Hernst Laroche recorded nine points and a season-high nine assists.

At the midpoint of the first half, San Jose State built a seven-point advantage, 24-17, with 10:10 until halftime. The Aggies responded with a 10-2 run to take its first lead, 27-26, of the game on a Castillo 3-pointer at the 5:37 mark. The Aggies trailed, 35-33, at halftime.

With the first points of the second half, the Aggies tied the contest, 35-35, on a pair of free throws from freshman center Tshildzi Nephawe.

The Aggies fell behind 52-41, with 11:29 to play before the team rallied with 10 straight points to cut the Spartan lead to 52-51 at 8:46.

The lead changed five times in the last three minutes of regulation. The Aggies claimed a 66-65 advantage with :53 seconds to play when Gillenwater nailed a 3-point.

On their final possession, San Jose State's junior forward Matt Ballard was fouled on a put back with .07 seconds left. He made the second of two free throws to force overtime.

In the extra period, the Aggies forced a turnover down two, 72-70, with 17.9 seconds remaining. With time expiring Gillenwater's 3-point attempt and Laroche's put back didn't fall.

The Aggies continue their final regular season road trip at Hawai'i, Saturday, Feb. 26 at 10 p.m., before returning to the Pan American Center for a 9 p.m. game Wednesday, March 2, against Utah State.

High school playoffs



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney

Mayfield High School's Taylor Gibbs reaches for the tip-off to start the 3-5A district tournament Tuesday, Feb. 22. The Trojans were upset 57-55 in the quarterfinal game by the Alamogordo Tigers, who advanced to play at Las Cruces High School Thursday, Feb. 24. The Oñate Knights will host the district tournament championship Saturday, Feb. 26.

Trojan pins defending champion for win

Lucero: 'I didn't want to dodge him at a different weight'

By **Craig Massey**
Las Cruces Bulletin

His parents were there, along with one of his brothers. Two uncles and aunts also were there. Cousins. A sister-in-law. A niece. And more.

Sterling Lucero's family was among the large crowd packed into the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho for the Class 5A State High School Wrestling Championships Saturday, Feb. 19. When the Mayfield athlete pinned heavily favored Lawrence Otero of Volcano Vista, the crowd went crazy.

"I've never heard an arena erupt like that," said Mayfield coach Jimmy Nevarez.

By winning the state crown in the 130-pound class, Lucero surprised just about everyone but himself.

"I was able to catch him in a bad position,"

Lucero said. "Sometimes, that's all it takes."

Otero, who was nationally ranked and a defending state champion, "roughed up" the Trojans pretty good earlier in the season, the coach said. With the state championships approaching, Nevarez suggested to Lucero that he consider moving to a different weight class to have a better chance of winning state. Otero was dominating the state at 130.

"But (Lucero) wanted to stay at that weight and take him on again," Nevarez said.

Lucero, a senior, said he never really considered changing to a different weight class.

"He beat me already, but I didn't want to dodge him at a different weight," he said. "If you want to be the best, you have to beat the best."

Lucero, who comes from a family of wrestlers, was no slouch during his senior year. He finished with a 33-2 record and helped the

Trojans to a district championship.

Mayfield took second in the state championships, finishing closely behind champion Rio Rancho. It had been 23 years since a Las Cruces team placed at state. Las Cruces High did it in 1988, and the Trojans placed third in 1986, Nevarez said. Mayfield won it all in 1979.

Nevarez was on the MHS teams from 1986-88, and assistant coach Bill Hawkins was on the 1979 title team. Nevarez's son Jimmy Nevarez III is also on the coaching staff and is a former state champion.

Entering the state championships this year, Nevarez said he believed the Trojans could finish as high as third.

"I wasn't sure we could contend for a state title," he said. "After Friday, I thought we had a pretty good chance. It's hard to even place at state, so this is very exciting. This is a special team."

Onthegreen

Got half a minute to spare? Check out the Golf Doctor's 30-second success tips

Ever wonder how quickly you could take your golf game to the next level? How about 30 seconds. Let's take a look at all the methods you can use to improve your results just by doing things that take less than a minute.

Let's start by stretching. When you get up to the practice tee, do just a couple of back and arm stretches, rotating your torso and extending your arms. Hold the positions for about 10 seconds.

This will prep your body to start making golf swings in a more coordinated and fluid motion, instead of starting out hitting fat shots or skulling the ball. The whole purpose of warming up on the practice ground is to get you into a confident mindset by hitting a few solid shots with several clubs. Thirty seconds of stretching will get you going in the right direction.

Even though you might feel rushed as you get up to the first tee, take a few seconds to count your clubs (you're allowed 14 in tournament play), and use your Sharpie pen to mark your ball with some sort of personal identifying figure or symbol. One of my resolutions every January is to make it through the year without playing the wrong ball. It's the ultimate mental error, and one to be avoided by the simplest of precautions. Mark your ball in such a manner that it will be easy to spot. It only takes 30 seconds, and will save both penalty strokes and embarrassment.

When you're hitting approach shots, be sure to size up the actual and effective yardage properly. This only takes a half-minute. Use your GPS device or your laser range-finder, or both. In the absence of technology, check nearby sprinkler heads for numbers, and look at the yardage plates or poles in the middle of the fairway. Most golf courses have trees or bushes that indicate the 150-yard point.

Use your senses to note the wind, elevation and hole location to feel the effective distance you have to hit the ball. Don't be in such a hurry to get up and hit your shot before knowing exactly what you need to do. I'm not suggesting you slow-play your opponents, I am suggesting that you be smart when figuring out the distance you really need to cover to the green or lay-up spot. It only takes a few seconds, but it will pay off in much more accurate approach shots.

On the course

Another 30-second strategy you should work into your game is a deliberate and efficient pre-shot routine. Think of

your pre-shot routine as a very brief combined ritual and rehearsal for the swing or putt that is to follow. Once you have sized up your shot and selected your club, stand behind your ball and instantly visualize your swing and shot. The swing only takes a second or two, so visualizing should only take a second or two.

Neither coach Herb Wimberly nor I recommend taking an actual full practice swing, since it tends to produce more tension than it releases. Approach your ball, brush the grass with the sole of your club in a relaxing motion, set up to the shot, aim at the target you have identified, take a relaxing breath and swing. Thirty seconds to a great shot!

When you're on the putting green, take 30 seconds and read the green in a fully engaged and meaningful manner. Most high-handicappers just give a cursory look to a putt before they go up and hit it; and then they wonder why it came up 6 feet short or 6 feet to the right. It doesn't take any more time to walk around the line of your putt while others are walking to the green or putting.

Survey your line by looking at the slope or cant of the green, watching other balls roll toward the hole and checking the grain. Granted, this gets into the area of Malcolm Gladwell's "rapid cognition," where you need to process a lot of sensory and interpretive information very quickly, but 30 seconds of intense focus on your line will make you a better putter.

Hydrate! It doesn't matter what time of year we're on the golf course, it's dry and we need fluids for our bodies and minds to perform at their best. When you're outside in the sunshine and fresh air for five hours or so, you need to drink enough fluids to replace what you're going to lose with normal metabolism, let alone sweating.

We recommend that you take half a minute and supply your body with water and/or electrolyte energy drinks. Think in terms of a quart of fluids every 90 minutes or so. Pop and beer don't do much to re-hydrate the system. Not only will you notice feeling less stiff and lethargic, you'll notice less cramping later in the evening.

Track your mistakes

I know not everyone is going to heed my advice on this one, but whenever I'm coaching someone who wants to raise the level of their golf (or even business) performance, I have my student keep a small pocket notebook handy and take a

Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor



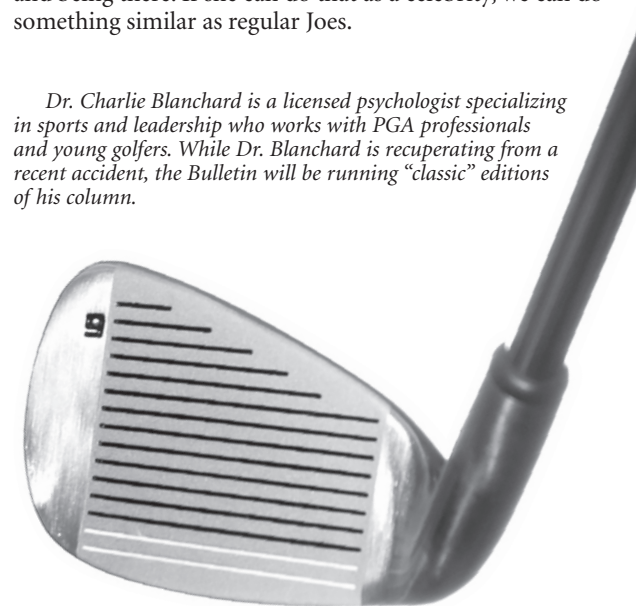
moment to jot down mistakes as they happen. It takes less than 30 seconds to have a real-time record of what you have just done. And admit it – it's really depressing to make the same dumb mistake twice or more than twice, which is actually typical of novice golfers.

Examples of mistakes I have kept track lately are failing to notice and account for how much uphill certain shots must carry; and paying too much attention to the outcome in terms of win-or-lose rather than focusing on taking dead aim on each shot. Writing those items down has reminded me later to change some thinking and sensory perceptions.

Lastly, take a half-minute, or even more, to thank your pro for the pleasure of being able to play golf on a beautiful day on a nice golf course. While you're at it, thank the guys who handle the carts, the folks at the counter checking you in, the course marshals, the beverage cart girl and any of the people who work to make your golf day fun.

Future Hall-of-Fame LPGA golfer Lorena Ochoa is now famous for going up to grounds-crew and maintenance workers during her practice rounds just to thank them for their work and being there. If she can do that as a celebrity, we can do something similar as regular Joes.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers. While Dr. Blanchard is recuperating from a recent accident, the Bulletin will be running "classic" editions of his column.



Las Cruces High School

High School Athlete of the Week



Samantha Harding

Samantha Harding is a 16-year-old junior at Las Cruces High School. She is on the Bulldawg swim team as a distance free, individual medley and breaststroke competitor. Harding is a three-time state champion in the 500-yard freestyle and two-time state champion in the 200-yard freestyle. Last weekend at the State Championships, she won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:52.07, the 500-yard freestyle in 5:02.24 and was part of the winning 200 medley relay. Harding broke school records this season in the 200-and 500-freestyle, the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke.

Harding is a hard worker and an excellent student, with a 3.80 GPA. Outside of sports and school, she has participated as a volunteer for Dress a Child and Coats for Kids. Harding is also a member of the local swim team, WILD. She hopes to earn a swimming scholarship at a Division I college.

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New bat rule doesn't slow down Ag offense

Metal bat no longer legal in NCAA

Bats! Not the type that eat mosquitoes and sleep upside down, our topic is the bats that are now in play for college baseball and softball.

If you thought Aggie coaches Rocky Ward and Kathy Rodolph shrugged their shoulders and hoped for the best when they heard about the rule changes involving bats, you'd be wrong. Both mentors used their knowledge of the game and science in doing enormous amounts of research on the possible changes that would come to the diamond.

Both did studies on the amount of distance that would be lost due to the change and how much "pop" would be left in the sticks. It was something that consumed Ward's off-season.

Rodolph is a trusting soul, but no one's fool. She bought a machine to test bats that might be "hotter" than is legal. Her team is off to a 10-2 start with its only losses to powerhouse Oklahoma. Their skills are such they don't need juiced-up sticks. The Aggies played them close in their first meeting, losing 7-4 but the Sooners were able to score double digits in the second meeting.

In softball, their composite bats can be altered or may change through deterioration and use. Rodolph has taught physics in the past, so the mathematical equations involving mass, impact and response are nothing new to her.

This year, the NCAA implemented a tougher evaluation



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

system for bats with the umpires checking each one before the game.

The first weekend of baseball season saw NM State play its game as if nothing was different. A change in the lumber didn't keep Ward's squad from sweeping Houston Baptist and scoring 31 runs in the three-game set. That isn't a guarantee the run parade will continue all year, but it shows Ward and company are on the ball and adapting to the changing world of college athletics.

In conversation, Ward said he would not bow to changes of this type and alter his philosophy of a wide-open offense just because the new bats are more like wooden ones. He was emphatic in stating that his teams would continue to load up scoreboards rather than play "small ball," hoping to pitch shutouts.

Rodolph has a different situation in that softball games have always been decided by single digits. She has added freshman right-handed pitcher Celisha Walker to her pitching staff with the plan to keep the score low. The diamond season continues this weekend with Buffalo in town to challenge the baseball Aggies, while softball travels to El Paso for a tournament at UTEP.

Building on success

Depth, talent and leadership point to a great season for men's tennis

The 2011 tennis season marks the beginning of a new era for New Mexico State tennis.

With the retirement of my friend and mentor Don Ball, I was called to step in as head coach of the men's tennis team. This has always been my goal and dream and I'm ecstatic to accomplish it. I feel fortunate to be able to continue coaching at NM State and hope to continue the tradition coach Ball created.

Although coaching is something I'm very familiar with, this position comes with an endless amount of off-court duties that add to the excitement and challenges of this job.

Under the leadership of three seniors and an overall very talented lineup, I expect to have a very good first season as head coach. I hope to build on the success we had in the fall season. In the fall, we had some of the best results in Aggie tennis history, starting with senior Arthur Surreaux winning the singles and doubles titles in the Aggie Invitational and following with a singles title at the Baylor Invitational.

Also having success during the fall season was Jim Brouleau, a senior from France, who not only played the No. 1 spot for the Aggies during his three years here, but has consistently carried a 4.0 GPA. Brouleau, along with Surreaux, won the Aggie Invitational doubles tournament and reached the semifinals of the Baylor Invite by defeating several nationally-ranked players and earning a national ranking of No. 34.

Continuing his success from last year is sophomore Orlando Superlano, who managed to reach the singles quarterfinals at the regional

Carlos Vargas
Men's Tennis Head Coach



tournament. Stepping up his role as a leader for the Aggies is junior Matej Stakne, who continues to be an exemplary student athlete with a 3.8 GPA. He advanced further than all his teammates at the regional tournament, where he lost the semifinals in three sets.

Returning for the Aggies is sophomore Luis Ramirez from Caracas, Venezuela. Ramirez and doubles partner Superlano are currently undefeated in doubles. After being sidelined with a wrist injury for the fall season, Ramirez should be one of our top competitors for the spring. Completing the Aggie lineup is senior Armando Morales from El Paso. Morales is expected to add depth and experience.

Felipe Frattini, a freshman from Brazil, has shown in practice he can become one of the top players for the Aggies with more experience and adjustment. Tennis players often grow up playing on their own in their junior careers, and they can find the transition to a team format to be a little more difficult.

Marc Westgate, a freshman from England, is continually making progress and he should be seeing some action in the Aggie lineup before the end of the season. Alexander Rojas, a freshman from Venezuela, comes as a late addition to the Aggie tennis family, but is nonetheless expected to add more strength to the rest of the lineup.

This Week

In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Feb. 25
Swimming and Diving
WAC Championship
San Antonio, Texas
All day

Track and Field
WAC Indoor Championships
Boise, Idaho
All day

Softball
Bradley
UTEP Invitational
9:30 a.m.

Softball
Texas State
UTEP Invitational
11:30 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 26
Swimming and Diving
WAC Championship
San Antonio, Texas
All day

Track and Field
WAC Indoor Championships
Boise, Idaho
All day

Equestrian
Bulldog Tournament
Athens, Ga.
8 a.m.

Baseball
Buffalo
Las Cruces
1 and 4 p.m.

Softball
Texas State
UTEP Invitational
2 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Nevada
Reno, Nev.
3 p.m.

Softball
North Dakota
UTEP Invitational
6:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball
Hawai'i
Honolulu
10 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 27
Baseball
Buffalo
Las Cruces
1 and 4 p.m.

Equestrian
Bulldog Tournament
Athens, Ga.
8 a.m.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Jim Brouleau
Senior
Men's tennis

Senior Jim Brouleau won each singles and doubles match against Northern Arizona and Texas-San Antonio, Feb. 18-19. Brouleau defeated Patrick Schimmelbauer of

NAU, 6-3, 6-4, and defeated Yannick Junger of UTSA, 6-1, 6-2, at the No. 2 position. Brouleau also teamed with junior Matej Stakne to win both doubles matches at the No. 1 spot.



Kylie Randall
Senior
Softball

Senior utility player Kylie Randall wrapped up a solid weekend at the Troy Cox Classic and blasted her first home run since the 2009 season against Southern Utah in the

tournament conclusion. The Aggie leadoff hitter posted a .474 batting average, .684 slugging percentage and .565 on-base percentage



Madison Spence
Senior
Women's basketball

Senior guard Madison Spence recorded her first career double-double at home versus Hawai'i, Feb. 15. She scored 16 points and grabbed a career-high 10 rebounds.

She moved into eighth all-time on the NM State scoring list and now has 1,403 career points and is 34 points shy of taking sole possession of seventh place on the all-time scoring list.



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La Mesa talent shines



Orlando-Antonio Jimenez, a classical opera and Latin music singer from La Mesa, N.M., belts out the national anthem during the Aggies Feb. 19 BracketBuster matchup against the University of Northern Colorado at the Pan American Center. Jimenez, who is signed to a major record label, specializes in classical opera and regional Mexican music and is noted for songs such as "Costumbres," "Pelea de Gallos" and "Cucurrucucu Paloma."

Ag softball whips Thunderbirds

Oklahoma pitching too much for 10-2 Aggies

The New Mexico State University softball team concluded the Troy Cox Classic with a 6-1 victory over Southern Utah after suffering its second loss of the young season to No. 6 Oklahoma Sunday, Feb. 20, at the NMSU Softball Complex.

With the Aggies' win over the Thunderbirds, NMSU improved to 10-2 on the season. The only two setbacks for the team this season were to the sixth-ranked Sooners.

Sophomore Carissa Theis started the final game of the classic for NMSU.

The "home" team, Southern Utah, went out to an early lead in the bottom of the second inning. An Aggie error provided an SUU base runner that would later score on a two-out double to give the Thunderbirds a 1-0 lead.

The NMSU bats were mostly silent against SUU starter Danielle Axe over the first four innings, but the Aggies rallied in the fifth and sixth innings to take control of the game.

Aggie senior Kandis Jones reached base on a fielder's choice in the top of the fifth. Junior Tiare Jennings punched a deep double to the outfield to score Jones and knot the game at 1-1.

Two consecutive illegal pitches by Axe would score Jennings to give NMSU a 2-1 edge. A few batters later, senior Ashley Maroda cranked a two-run shot, her second home run of the year, to extend the Aggie lead to 4-1.

After freshman Alyssa Ruiz ripped a one-out double in the Aggie half of the sixth, senior Kylie Randall rocketed a home run over the left field fence to provide the final margin of victory.

Theis earned her first decision of the year to move to 1-0 and give the Aggies their 10th win of the year. Southern Utah dropped to 4-6 this season.

In the Aggies' opener on Sunday, the Sooners showed why they are ranked sixth in the nation with a 16-0 win over NMSU in five innings.

Junior starting pitcher Kelsey Schueler was attacked by the OU offense early after a two-run homer by Jessica Shults, her first of two homers in the game, to give the Sooners an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney
Gadsden High School graduate Venessa Valles watches a pitch from Oklahoma's All-American pitcher Keilani Ricketts in the Aggies home loss to the sixth-ranked Sooners Sunday, Feb. 20.

Oklahoma's All-American pitching candidate Keilani Ricketts was in the circle for the second straight time this weekend against the Aggies – a sign of respect to the Aggie offense. But Ricketts caught fire in the game retiring the first 10 Aggie batters before redshirt junior Brittany Clifton singled to left for the lone NMSU hit of the game. Ricketts posted 10 K's against 16 batters in the contest.

OU scored in each inning of the game and the Aggie defense could not halt the Sooner offensive. OU posted 16 runs and 11 hits. Four of the hits were home runs, including a grand slam in the OU half of the fifth.

The Aggies continue play on Thursday, Feb. 24, in El Paso when they take on rival UTEP at 5 p.m. at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex. NMSU will play five games through Saturday in the Sun City as part of the UTEP invitational with a pair of contests on Friday and Saturday.

Fresno St. tops Aggies

NMSU travels to Utah State, Nevada


The New Mexico State women's basketball team fell 65-55 to Fresno State inside the Pan American Center Monday, Feb. 21.

The senior guard tandem of Jasmine Lowe and Madison Spence led the Aggies on offense with 16 and 12 points, respectively. Senior guard Danisha Corbett led NMSU with eight rebounds.


After the loss, NMSU drops to

11-15 overall and 5-7 in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC). With the win, Fresno State moves to 19-7 overall and 10-2 in the WAC.


The Aggies travel to Utah State for a game at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, and then on to Reno, Nev., for a 3 p.m. game Saturday, Feb. 26. The games can be heard over the Aggie Sports Radio Network on KSNM-AM 570 with Kyle Doperalski.



ATHLETE of the WEEK



Parker Hipp
 Sophomore, Baseball
 Sophomore second baseman Parker Hipp helped the Aggies to a season-opening sweep over Houston Baptist. He was 6-for-11 at the plate with six RBIs and five runs scored. Hipp posted two doubles, a triple and a home run to go along with a 1.182 slugging percentage.



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Aggies defeat Lobos

Beck earns win for NMSU in Albuquerque

The New Mexico State Aggies gained momentum in the top of the sixth inning and held on to defeat the University of New Mexico 13-8 at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque, Tuesday, Feb. 22.

The scored was tied 2-2 after one inning of play and neither team would score until junior right fielder Bryan Karraker hit an RBI single up the middle in the sixth inning. That would give New Mexico State its first lead since going up 2-0 in the top of the first. Karraker brought in junior third baseman Zachary Voight to start the Aggie rally.

The Aggies scored two more runs in the seventh inning and exploded in the eighth inning with seven runs. The scoring didn't stop there as senior centerfielder Wesley Starkes tallied a solo home run in the top of the ninth inning to give the Aggies run No. 13 of the day. Sophomore second baseman Parker Hipp also had a home run against the Lobos, which came in the first inning.

"This was a good win for us and we saw lots of good things from our team," head coach Rocky Ward said.

Sophomore Ryan Beck got the start on the mound for the Aggies and worked a career-best seven complete innings. He finished the day with four strikeouts and walked only one of the 28 batters he faced, while giving up two runs, neither of them earned.

"Beck pitched really solid and he had gotten a lot better. Obviously he is very reliable," Ward said. "He is getting better."

Of the 13 runners that crossed the plate, six got on base with walks. The Aggies finished the day with eight walks and were hit by a pitch twice.

Hipp, who was named WAC Hitter of the Week, Feb. 21, had a stellar day at the plate going 2-of-3 with three RBI, three walks and three runs scored. Voight was also pretty good at the plate with three hits, an RBI and three runs scored.

The big eighth inning saw NMSU post seven runs on six hits, four of them singles. The Aggies also tallied two walks in the inning and dropped down a sacrifice bunt to move a runner into scoring position. That runner, senior Chace Perkins, would be the first to score in the inning.

NMSU struggled to close the game out, allowing three runs in the eighth and three more in the ninth, but the final score of 13-8 would give New Mexico State a 4-0 start on the year.

The Aggies next play a four-game series against the University of Buffalo, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26-27, at Presley Askew Field. The double-headers start at 1:05 p.m. each day, and Sunday's double-header can be heard on KSNM-AM 570 in Las Cruces.

Men's tennis earns victory

NMSU win streak now at five matches

The men's tennis team of New Mexico State University, ranked No. 58, defeated the University of Texas-San Antonio 5-2 Saturday, Feb. 19, to cap off a 2-win weekend and increase the team's winning streak to five matches.

The Aggies have not won five consecutively scheduled matches since 2009. The win puts NMSU at 6-4, capping off the team's last home stand until it returns April 20.

NMSU did not win the doubles point, but still notched a win when senior Jim Brouleau and junior Matej Stakne defeated Martin Ayola and Pedro Zanotelli 8-6 in the No. 2 match.

Brouleau defeated Yannick Junger 6-1, 6-2, in the No. 2 match, followed by a 6-4, 6-4, victory by sophomore Orlando Superlano over Tyler Brown in the No. 3 match.

Stakne defeated Max Stratmann 6-4, 7-5, in the No. 4 match and sophomore Luis Ramirez defeated Daniel Moser 6-3, 6-3, in the No. 5 match. Freshman Felipe Frattini finished off the lineup by defeating Pedro Zanotelli 6-2, 6-1, in the No. 6 match.

The Aggies will be in action Saturday, March 5, when they travel to Tucson, Ariz., to face Sacramento State.



The New Mexico State University golf team poses with their trophies after winning the Rice Invitational Tuesday, Feb. 22, in Houston. From left: Coach Scott Lieberwirth, Joon Lee, Tim Madigan, Collin Pratt, Justin Shin, Gaston De La Torre and Zachery Fullerton.

Ags win Rice Invitational

De La Torre leads NMSU to victory

Junior Gaston De La Torre won his first career golf tournament as an individual with a three-round score of 9-under-par 207 in the Rice Invitational, Tuesday, Feb. 22.

As a team the Aggies also won the team title, with an 11-under-par 853 for the tournament. New Mexico State shot a 5-under-par 283 in the final round. This was the first team win for the Aggies this season.

De La Torre carded a final round score of 4-under-par 68, winning the individual title by three strokes over the closet competitor. He tallied four birdies in the final round.

Junior Joon Lee fired a final round score of 1-over-par 73, which included five birdies for the day. He finished the tournament in eighth-place with a three-round score of 3-under-par 213.

Senior Tim Madigan carded his second

straight round of even-par golf in the final round, placing tied for 17th overall with a three-round score of 1-over-par 217. Freshman Collin Pratt stormed back in the final round with a career-low 2-under-par 70, finishing the tournament at 5-over-par 221. Pratt finished tied for 37th.







Sophomore Justin Shin had a tough final round with a 5-over-par 77, finishing tied for 51st overall with a three-round score of 7-over-par 223. Junior Zachery Fullerton bounced back from round two with a 1-under-par 71 in the final round, placing tied for 32nd overall with a three-round score of 4-over-par 220.

Following the Aggies was Florida Gulf Coast at 8-under par, Wichita State (-7), Houston (+1) and Rice (+5).

The Aggies will be back in action March 7-8 at the Fresno Lexus Classic in Fresno, Calif.

H I G H S C H O O L

SportsSchedule

Las Cruces High School		
Feb. 24	Boys Basketball Alamogordo (District 3-5A Semifinal).....7 p.m.	
	Girls Basketball..... at Oñate (District 3-5A Semifinal).....7 p.m.	
Feb. 24-26	Baseball at SISD Varsity Baseball Tournament TBA	
Friday, Feb. 25	Track Las Cruces High School Meet.....3 p.m.	
March 4-5	Tennis at Coyote Classic (Roswell)..... TBA	
Mayfield High School		
Feb. 24-26	Baseball at SISD Varsity Baseball Tournament TBA	
Saturday, Feb. 26	Girls Basketball..... District 3-5A Tournament Championship..... TBA	
Tuesday, March 1	Baseball at Roswell High School..... 4 p.m., 6 p.m.	
Friday, Feb. 25	Track at Las Cruces High School Meet3 p.m.	
March 4-5	Tennis at Coyote Classic (Roswell)..... TBA	
Oñate High School		
Feb. 24	Girls Basketball..... Las Cruces (District 3-5A Semifinal) TBA	
Friday, Feb. 25	Track at Las Cruces High School Meet3 p.m.	
Saturday, Feb. 26	Boys Basketball District 3-5A Tournament Championship..... TBA	
March 4-5	Tennis at Andress Tennis Tournament TBA	
Mesilla Valley Christian Schools		
Feb. 24-26	Boys Basketball at District 6-2A Tournament TBA	
	Girls Basketball..... at District 6-2A Tournament TBA	
Saturday, Feb. 26	Tennis at MVCS Invite (NMSU).....9 a.m.	
	Baseball Hatch Noon, 2 p.m.	
Tuesday, March 1	Baseball Chaparral JV.....3 p.m., 5 p.m.	

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

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• The re-appointment of Thomas J. Branigan as postmaster of Las Cruces was approved by the U.S. Senate.

75yearsago

1936

• Dr. H.L. Kent, president of the Agricultural College since 1921 was asked to resign by the Board of Regents, effective at the end of the fiscal year. The regents said that Kent "has not recovered from the stroke of paralysis he suffered in early 1935, however, Kent said he has been able to perform his duties for some time but felt he would not be reinstalled.

• Electric power was restored in Las Cruces after an eight-hour outage caused by a strike of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Engineers at an El Paso Electric Co. plant.

50yearsago

1961

• Police Chief Jim Flanigan announced his resignation effective March 15.

• Vandals with "a weird sense of humor" had been "disturbing the peace" at a small cemetery at the R. A. Carter farm three miles north of Las Cruces. Carter said that a 3-foot hole had been dug at the cemetery and a sign

100yearsago

1911

• New Mexico Delegate W.H. Andrews introduced a resolution in the United States House of Representatives containing the following: "Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of American in Congress assembled the constitution formed by the constitutional convention of the territory of New Mexico ... and which constitution was subsequently ratified and adopted ... and in all aspects complying with the enabling act, be, and the same is hereby, approved."

• Andrews also said that President Taft had sent a message approving the new constitution of the new state to both houses of Congress.

• The Rio Grande Republican newspaper was sold by Allen J. Papen to Orrin A. Foster, a prominent newspaper person from northern New Mexico.



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In Downtown Las Cruces during 1911, most Las Cruces still depended on animal-drawn buggies for their transportation.

was erected saying "He is not here anymore."

• Bobby Banegas led the Las Cruces Bulldogs to their 21st win of the season as the Bulldogs defeated the Sandia Matadors 69-41. It was the 'Dogs' 13th consecutive victory.

• The NMSU Aggies defeated the Arizona State Sun Devils 70-67 at Las Cruces High School Gymnasium on Saturday and defeated the Arizona Wildcats 73-68 to stay in the Border Conference race.

• HSA Valley View psychiatric hospital was set to open its doors on March 3. The facility would house 33 beds for adult patients and 27 beds for adolescent and child patients.


• New Mexico State University basketball coach Neil McCarthy's weekly basketball program "Roundball Roundup" was rated as the best in the country by a panel of coaches. McCarthy's show was picked ahead of nationally recognized coaches such as Jim Valvano and Bobby Knight. One popular feature of McCarthy's show was a skit in which the Aggies' coach would appear in costume – or even in a coffin.

25yearsago

1986

• A photograph in the Las Cruces Bulletin showed regular gas at 88.9 cents per gallon at a local Shamrock gas station.

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Chevrolet Impala.....Qty. 5	Ford F250.....Qty. 3
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Ford Taurus.....Qty. 3	Chevrolet MalibuQty. 2
Ford RangerQty. 3	Chevrolet Blazer.....Qty. 1
Ford Windstar.....Qty. 2	Jeep Grand Cherokee ..Qty. 1

Advisory committee made historic steps toward space

President Wilson signed act creating NACA

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

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



President Woodrow Wilson opened the skies for space March 3, 1915, when he signed the Navy Appropriation Act. A rider created NASA's predecessor, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, and allocated a \$5,000 annual budget, Roger Bilstein said in "Orders of Magnitude: A History of the NACA and NASA, 1915-1990."

"This was not much even by standards of that time, but it must be remembered that this was an advisory committee only," Bilstein said. "The enabling legislation for the NACA slipped through almost unnoticed ... a traditional example of American political compromise."

"Modeled on the British Advisory Committee for Aeronautics," said the website centennialofflight.gov, the 12-member, unpaid panel included staff from the War and Navy departments, the Smithsonian Institution and the Weather Bureau and Bureau of Standards.

In 1915, "American flying not only lagged behind automotive progress, but also lagged behind European aviation" – a situation "particularly galling to many aviation enthusiasts in the United States," Bilstein said.

One frustration was an "ambivalent" public, unable to decide whether airplanes were "a mechanical triumph with a significant future" or "a mechanical fad."

In Europe by the summer of 1914 "intense national rivalries had already flared into open hostilities ... and, for the first time, significant numbers of airplanes and pilots met in combat," said "Flight in America: 1900-1983."

The next year, "aircraft on both sides were dropping bombs," said "On the Seas and in the Skies." For the European public, "the Geneva concepts of civilian sanctuary and safety for a noncombatant populace of women and children had become as obsolete as knighthood."

'Genesis of the airliner'

By 1914 in Russia, Igor Sikorsky held not only "an unofficial world distance record," but also "nine world records in various duration, distance and altitude categories," said "Milestones of Aviation." On May 13, 1913 his Russkiy Vitaz had made its "maiden flight," said "Conquerors of the Air: The

Evolution of Aircraft: 1903-1945"

"The first operable big airplane in aviation history" had four 100 horsepower engines; as did Sikorsky's "five-ton Il'ya Muromets," said "Milestones of Aviation."

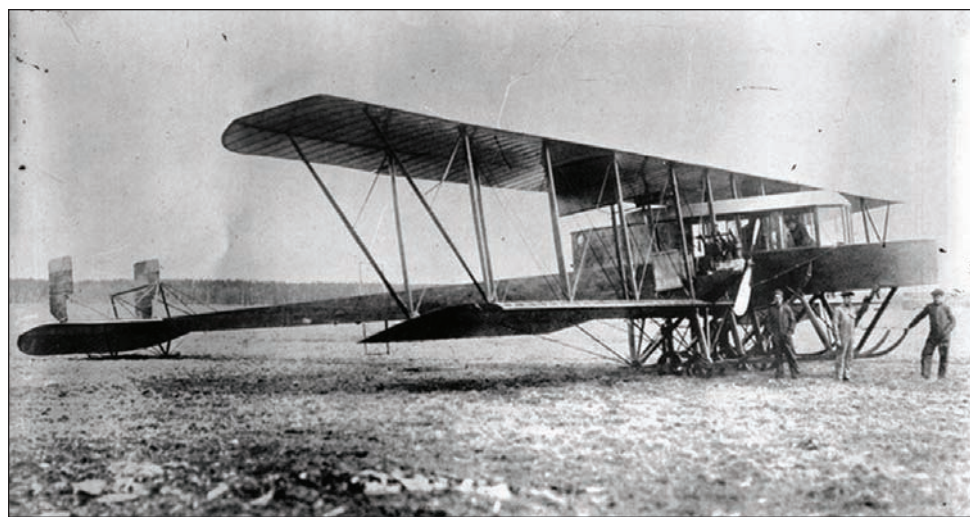
Three times as large as a Wright Brothers flyer, and able to carry 2,425 pounds of fuel, the "genesis of today's airliner" had a "revolutionary enclosed fuselage (that) was built for comfort and housed the crew cockpit, a passenger lounge, a bedroom and a toilet."

“ One frustration was an ‘ambivalent’ public, unable to decide whether airplanes were a mechanical triumph with a ‘significant future’ or a ‘mechanical fad.’ ”

ROGER BILSTEIN,
author

In 1914 the Il'ya Muromets flew "a 1,590-mile round trip" that "included the first true in-flight meal." Eight-and-a-half hours into the flight, Sikorsky landed to refuel. After takeoff, crewmen had to crawl "out along the lower wing" to extinguish an engine fire, which proved Sikorsky's "theory of multi-engine safety." He landed and repaired a fuel line. The flight lasted 13 hours, and the return flight 10 hours.

At "the outbreak of World War I," Russia converted the Il'ya Muromets "into a bomber and reconnaissance aircraft," "Milestones of



New Mexico Museum of Space History archives

Igor Sikorsky's Russkiy Vitaz first flew in 1913 and was powered by four 100-horsepower Argus engines. The aircraft was the first big plane ever built and was three times the size of the Wright Brothers flyer. Similar Sikorsky airplanes were used in World War I as bombers and had a reputation for their indestructibility.

Aviation" said. "Conquerors of the Air" said Sikorsky's bombers "had a demoralizing effect on the enemy because of their apparent indestructibility. Only one of them was even reported to have been shot down Sept. 12, 1916, a solitary 'Ilya Murumetz' fell victim to seven fighter planes – but not before shooting down three of them and heavily damaging another."

With NACA, the United States began research to catch up to the technology Europe had achieved. Militarily, Bilstein said, NACA began evaluating "aeronautical queries from the Army and conducted experiments at the Navy yard; the Bureau of Standards ran engine tests; Stanford University ran propellers tests." By the end of 1915, the Navy had 17 aircraft and 25 aviators, said "On the Seas and in the Skies."

In the civilian sector, according to centennialofflight.gov, NACA proposed a Commerce Department Bureau of Aeronautics to inspect aircraft license pilots, and grant "funds to the Weather Bureau to promote safety in aerial navigation."

NACA also "mediated disputes" between Glenn Curtiss and Wright-Martin Co. regarding designs "for lateral control of an aircraft in flight," Bilstein said. "Once settled, the resultant cross-licensing agreement consolidated patent rights and

cleared the way for volume production of aircraft."

Five years after forming, NACA was constructing a runway and building the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory, known today as Langley. Bilstein said NACA also "set up a permanent observation post in Paris (to keep) an eye on European activities up to World War II."

"NACA had no research laboratories of its own until 1920," said "Flight in America." "This helps to explain the committee's miniscule budget of \$5,000 per annum for a span of five years."

"NACA also contracted with universities and private corporations, a method scientists usually preferred because it preserved their professional autonomy," said "The Rise of American Air Power." "NACA was the prototype for the mobilization of industrial and academic science during World War II ... Thus well before American entry into the (second world) war, the airmen had more experience with the conditions under which scientists and industrial laboratories would help the military."

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Firefighters display engines



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Firefighters of Fire Station No. 1 stand in front of a new fire engine parked in front of City Hall prior to the City Council meeting Tuesday, Feb. 22. It is one of two new fire engines worth almost \$439,000 each. They replace two engines that have been in service for 10 years and logged more than 120,000 miles each.

CrimeStoppers

Mysterious disappearance

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of \$2,000 for information that helps police solve the mysterious 1991 disappearance of a woman and her 11-year-old son.

On Feb. 23, 1991, Edyth Ann Dewees Warner, and her son, Nicholas Smith, disappeared from their home at New Mexico State University's student housing, 714 Standley Drive. The woman's husband did not report the two as missing for approximately a week and, when he did, he told NMSU police that the two left their student apartment on foot.

Warner and Smith have not been seen or heard from in 20 years. Warner is described



as a white woman with brown hair and blue eyes. In 1991, she was 5 feet tall and weighed approximately 145 pounds. Smith

is white with brown hair and hazel eyes. At the time of the disappearance, he was 5 feet 1 inches tall and weighed 115 pounds.

If you have any information on the disappearance or current whereabouts of Warner or Smith, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477).

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U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman listens to National Guard Sgt. Jacob Gonzales describe technology being used to help monitor the U.S.-Mexico border during a visit to southern New Mexico in July 2010.

Bingaman

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state and its people, and my decision will be based on whether I believe I can best serve New Mexico in the House or in the Senate.”

U.S. Rep. Ben Lujan Jr., who replaced Udall in the District 3 House seat, hasn't officially announced a run, but political observers don't count him out, either.

Of course, much has changed in the past two years, which was noted in Pearce's statement this week. Pearce said the filing deadline is still a year away and that gives the Republican Party plenty of time to consider a wide variety of candidates.

“The tea party is a strong force in conservative politics that must be considered,” Pearce said. “They succeeded in defeating many incumbent Republican candidates during this last election cycle. With such a strong showing, my friends in the tea party should be included in the process to select a conservative candidate who can pull that valuable block of voters to the polls.”

After talking to state GOP leaders and conservatives, Pearce said they feel time should be taken to take steps “to avoid a repeat of the 2008 Senate race where both the candidates and the party were bruised and out of money at the end of the primary, and we had no national Republican representatives.”

Although his name has been mentioned, Pearce said the Republicans may want to run a “new face” instead.

“In the meantime, I am focused on the job I was elected to do – cutting spending, overcoming the obstacles to job creation and doing everything we can to make this country more secure,” Pearce said.

A possible “new face” for the GOP is one from Las Cruces who was already planning to challenge Bingaman even before his retirement announcement. Greg Sowards, who had previously tried running for Congress, said he has the conservative principles being talked about by Republican and the tea party activists.

“The most pressing fight of our time involves the questions: What will be the national atmosphere that our children's children will live under? Will they have the liberty to experience and learn from those endearing lessons that freedom affords? Or, will they be deprived of that opportunity through governmental intervention and the squandering of their resources by shortsighted politicians?” Sowards said in a statement released in the

wake of Bingaman's announcement, “It is those questions that compel me to step forward and offer myself, my values and the conservative principles on which I will base any action in Washington.”

Although Sowards has been active in recent years in the Las Cruces tea party, he also notes that he attends meetings of the Progressive Voter Alliance to engage in debate on issues.

In 2008, Sowards ran for Congress under the humorous slogan of “short, bald and honest.” He lost the five-way GOP primary to Ed Tinsley, who was defeated by Democrat Harry Teague – a name also being looked at by Democrats.

Bill English of Alamogordo has also announced a GOP run for the Senate seat, but is considered controversial because of his rhetoric against Obama.

Less controversial is the possibility of former state Rep. Janice Arnold Jones, a Republican who also tried running for governor. She is now a regular on the syndicated morning radio talk show “News New Mexico” and a “draftjanice.com” website is already online.

Bingaman's announcement

Bingaman made his announcement Friday, Feb. 18, saying it was the right time to step aside after serving in the Senate for 30 years.

“It is not easy to get elected to the Senate, and it is not easy to decide to leave the Senate,” Bingaman said. “There is important work that remains to be done. That is true today, and it will be the case at the end of this Congress. It will be true at the end of every future Congress as well. The simple truth is, there is no ideal time to step aside.”

Bingaman said he and his wife Anne plan to return to New Mexico. Bingaman grew up in Silver City. Before going to the U.S. Senate, Bingaman was elected New Mexico's attorney general in 1978. Not surprisingly, current state Attorney General Gary King's name also is being discussed as a possible candidate.

Statewide elections have become so expensive that name recognition can be critical to fundraising. Also, the political tide could easily swing back in favor of the Democrats if the new Republican leaders brought into office by the tea party are seen as too hardline. That's why on the Democratic side, names also being considered are former Lt. Gov. Diane Denish and former Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez.

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January, which attracted close to 100 participants. He also said he has interacted with stakeholders, such as the local building industry and schools.

Though legal counsel claims nothing can have the force of law until it is drafted as an ordinance, there also is some language that needs better wording or a definition, Connor said. For example, the plan recommends that blower door tests be conducted.

“I don't know what a blower door test is,” she said. “That's why a glossary is needed.”

Connor noted there also are concerns about how the plan would affect the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market.

There is language in the plan about “disincentives” for “unustainable development” and Connor said she would like to “see incentives rather than disincentives” for more sustainable development.

Councillor Miguel Silva said he also had concerns about the plan that he felt should be addressed in a work session rather than it just be tabled for two weeks.

“It needs a little more work,” Silva said. “I think we're just one step shy of coming up with a first-rate document.”

Councillor Gill Sorg also voted against merely tabling the plan until the March 7 meeting, but that was the resolution favored by councillors Olga Pedroza, Nathan Small, Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas and Mayor

Ken Miyagishima.

Thomas said she didn't see any big issues with the sustainability plan and was ready to pass it.

Schuster said he had received mostly positive feedback from open houses and meeting with different stakeholders, including representatives of the building and real estate communities. He said the action plan includes establishing a task force to work with city departments to track progress.

Sorg said he would like a small share of the money saved from the city's sustainability efforts to go back to helping fund other sustainability efforts. City Manager Robert Garza said there is a budget set up for sustainability efforts, but the savings can't be directed to those efforts because the city must keep a variety of funds separate.

Pedroza said she favored use of savings to help get the community more involved in sustainability efforts.

In other business:

- Kevin Dasing, the new chair of the veterans advisory committee, asked why veterans organizations were being charged a \$150 fee for use of Veterans Memorial Park for events.
- The council established the makeup of an advisory committee for redistricting. Every councillor can name up to two members to sit on the committee and there will be a representative of Common Cause on the committee because it is pushing for its creation as a way to lessen the effects of politics on the drawing of new district lines.

“ I think we're just one step shy of coming up with a first-rate document. ”

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A bright future

Gabriel Vasquez
Business Editor



I remember well the day Las Cruces Bulletin Publisher David McCollum telephoned me in December 2008.

Just a few days before I was to participate in a commencement ceremony for my graduation from New Mexico State University, Mr. McCollum informed me a position had opened up at the local community newspaper and asked if I'd be interested in interviewing for the job.

My mind raced back and forth between my existing plans and my prospective future.

Should I take that six-month soul-searching "journey" to Spain I had planned or jump at the opportunity to secure a job right out of college?

The choice was simple. I immediately took the job, as opportunities of this kind don't come around often, and I'd be a fool to expect the opportunity to be there when I returned, if ever.

A couple of years later, I look back at my decision as one of the best I've ever made.

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The surrounding military operations at White Sands Missile Range and NASA inject millions of dollars into the Las Cruces economy, continue to expand and carry out some of the most crucial research and training that our country's armed forces depend on.

The Arrowhead Center at NMSU has expanded its programs and services by leaps and bounds, and soon a new Interstate 10 interchange will be added to give new clients easy access to the Arrowhead

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Arrowhead debuts Studio G

NMSU is looking for the next great business concept

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's called Studio G, and it's a place where students can grow their business ideas into profitable companies.

Located inside the Entrepreneurship Institute at the Arrowhead Center on the New Mexico State University Campus, Studio G gives entrepreneurial students access to business consultants, dedicated office space and a wealth of business startup resources offered in a collaborative working environment.

"This is a place for students to think, a place where they can get serious about their company," said Sara Pirayesh Sanders, Entrepreneurship Institute director. "There is a trend for student incubators popping up across the country. Students are really interested in becoming their own boss rather than working in the corporate environment."

Officially launched Monday, Feb. 21, the student incubator opened to coincide with National Entrepreneurship Week, Feb. 19-26.

"We started discussions on the incubator in December and it took us about two months to get everything set up," Pirayesh Sanders said. "We saw a definite need for this."

Pirayesh Sanders said in the last six months, more students have begun to visit the Entrepreneurship Institute asking for help with their business ideas, one of the main reasons for opening the incubator.

"We provide all the traditional business assistance services, but this is also a safe place



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney

Student researchers at the Arrowhead Center Entrepreneurship Institute converge at the Studio G conference room on the New Mexico State University Campus. Students, front, are Ransome Egunjobi, Ilya Pletenyuk, Kelly Mohr and Mina Alinejad; back, is Sara Pirayesh Sanders, Entrepreneurship Institute director.

where students can exchange ideas with like-minded students who themselves are trying to start a company," she said. "It's a space for collaboration."

Studio G has five dedicated office spaces, an entrepreneurship library, a conference room and students have access to three entrepreneurship specialists and more than a dozen graduate student researchers who can conduct market and feasibility studies on students' behalf and help them build their business plans.

"We're asking for only students who are prepared to be committed to their idea," Pirayesh

Sanders said. "They have to be dedicated and willing to spend at least 10 hours a week here."

Eligible students must be in good standing with the university, and students who graduated within a five-year window can also use Studio G, although the application process is competitive and there are a limited number of spaces available.

Pirayesh Sanders said since opening, the incubator already has one student client, an engineering major who has designed a unique prototype he wants to turn into a business.

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Solar site construction under way

NRG solar facility in Santa Teresa to generate 20mw

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

NRG Energy Inc. has started construction on its Roadrunner Solar Electric Facility near Santa Teresa, the state's first solar power plant.

The New Jersey-based company is building the Roadrunner Solar Electric Facility on 210 acres of industrial-zoned land about 10 miles north of El Paso. First Solar Inc., will provide engineering, construction and procurement services for the project.

The Roadrunner facility will be a 20-megawatt photovoltaic solar project, NRG Energy officials said.

The power will be sold to El Paso Electric Co. under a 20-year power-purchase agreement. At full capacity, the facility is designed to supply the energy demands of about 16,000 families.

"We're anticipating that NRG will complete the construction this year," said Rocky Miracle of the Corporative Planning and Development Department at El Paso Electric. "We're working on the interconnection, and we're right on schedule. Solar energy generates direct current, but there'll be a conversion unit at Santa Teresa that'll feed alternating current into our system."

NRG Energy expects to have construction

completed by fall of this year, said Lori Neuman, director of communications.

"The agreement with NRG demonstrates our desire to add clean, carbon-free energy to our generation portfolio at a reasonable cost for the benefit of our customers, the environment and the communities we serve," said David Stevens, El Paso Electric CEO. "Electricity generated at the Roadrunner facility will avoid annual emissions of 27,000 tons of carbon when compared to traditional fossil-fueled generation."

NRG Energy CEO David Crane said the company would like to expand its reach to other parts of New Mexico.

"The merits of solar power – zero emissions, sustainable, coincident with peak demand, compliant with state renewable portfolio standards – are clear," he said. "We hope to further our partnership with the state to bring more of solar power's many benefits to its residents."

NRG Energy is installing solar panel arrays that will contain photovoltaic cells to generate direct current electrical power.

The panels are manufactured by First Solar, a leading photovoltaic panel manufacturer in the United States, which has been providing solar panels for the NRG Blythe Solar Project in Riverside in southeastern California.

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A First Solar Inc. construction employee works on a utility-scale solar generation facility near Riverside, Calif., similar to the facility planned for Santa Teresa.

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"We can work with both – students who think they have a proven product and want to build a business around it, and students who have a great business idea but need help making the product," Pirayesh Sanders said. "We can also help with funding assistance."

During the current economic slump when jobs are increasingly harder to find, Pirayesh Sanders said entrepreneurship is an attractive proposition for many students today.

"This allows them to pursue an opportunity they may have never had, and it's because of the current job market," she said.

Unlike Arrowhead's traditional incubator, Studio G is not geared toward high-tech startups, it's open to all academic disciplines, Pirayesh Sanders said.

"Students may want to run an art studio, start a design company or even a nonprofit or social business," she said. "There's no limit to what they can do."

Students get at least six semesters in the incubator, but have to re-apply each semester, Pirayesh Sanders said.

Applicants should have at least a two-person operation, Pirayesh Sanders said, so they can bounce back ideas and not suffer from "tunnel vision" when crafting their business plan.

"Starting a company is lonely," she said. "We really want (students) to have at least convinced one person that their idea is great and

they're willing to buy into it."

Additionally, online resources for Studio G will be organized in a social-media environment where students can actively interact with each other and bounce off business ideas, Pirayesh Sanders said.

"Our website is built on a social networking (platform)," she said.

Studio G will have an open house Wednesday, March 30, inside the Entrepreneurship Institute, located in Academic Research Building A at Arrowhead's Genesis Complex on the south side of the NMSU campus.

Arrowhead will also host its annual Inno-venture business plan competition for middle and high school students from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 4, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Details

Do you think you have the next great idea? Are you a student at New Mexico State University interested in starting a business? Call the Studio G business incubator at the Arrowhead Center, 646-7036, or visit www.studiognmsu.com.

For more information on Studio G, visit www.studiognmsu.com or call 646-7036. Students interested in applying should email npirayes@ad.nmsu.edu.

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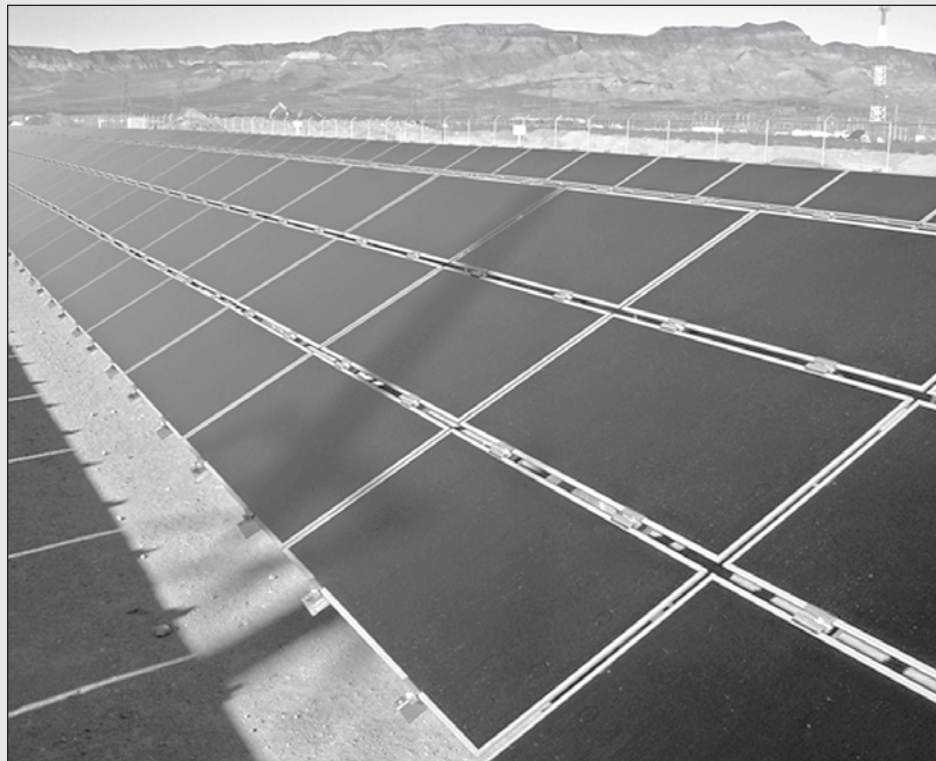
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Photovoltaic panels absorb what the industry refers to as photons.

"When photons strike the solar cells contained in the panel, they can be reflected, absorbed or pass through the panel. When photons are absorbed, they have the energy to knock electrons loose, which flow in one direction in the panel and exit through connecting wires as solar electricity, ultimately providing power for residential and commercial users," according to a First Solar report.

Previously, NRG had planned to install a solar-thermal system that used mirrors to reflect and direct sunlight at a steep angle into towers that convert water into steam that turn turbines to generate electric power. But after reviewing the proposal, NRG decided it would take too long to get the solar-thermal system into operation, and it changed to the photovoltaic system, according to NRG officials.

First Solar has provided the photovoltaic panels to the NRG Blythe Solar Project in California. The Blythe plant has the capacity to provide enough energy at peak capacity to serve the needs of 17,000 homes and remove more than 12,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions a year.



This First Solar Co. utility-scale solar installation in El Dorado Canyon, Nev., uses the same solar-power generating technology to be used at the NRG Energy Inc. facility near Santa Teresa. The technology harnesses the power of photons, or light particles, which are absorbed by photovoltaic panels and flow in one direction in the panel and exit through connecting transmission wires as electricity ready for commercial and residential applications.

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Research Park.

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, under the guidance of CEO Davin Lopez, continues to attract outside companies and grow the economic base of Doña Ana County.

Alternative Energy projects, such as the SunEdison solar plant at the airport, Sapphire Energy's research and development center in the West Mesa Industrial Park, the NRG utility-scale generation plant in Santa Teresa and another solar development planned for Hatch, all continue to increase Las Cruces' position as one of the top cities in the country for alternative-energy research and development.

Enrollment at NMSU is consecutively growing, and students are being afforded more opportunities to develop their careers by participating in internships, work-study programs and business incubators.

The Early College High School being built on the NMSU campus is the first of its kind in New Mexico, and during its first year in its temporary space at Doña Ana Community College, not a single student has dropped out.

The future is bright for Las Cruces, and I encourage you to keep supporting our local economic development programs and initiatives as they move forward.

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Through the CFSNM, a donor can establish a regular endowment that specifies key areas of interest, and the annual distributable income from the endowment is awarded through a competitive process by the foundation to nonprofits in those areas.

“This would allow a donor to keep giving to future generations,” said Luan Wagner Burn, executive director of the CFSNM. “The donor would get the maximum tax donation benefit, plus they would not have to do any annual IRS filing or pay additional fees, other than our 1 percent.”

In addition, the donor can name the terms and parameters of intended recipients and name the fund, charity or field of interest, such as education, health care or literacy. The

principal from the fund cannot be invaded and the foundation does all the accounting and paperwork.

A private foundation has certain restrictions and limitations, including attorney fees up to \$5,000; restrictions as a private foundation that public charities do not face and additional costs for a 990PF and accounting fees. Donors to private funds pay certain fees, such as excise taxes, which could be 1 to 2 percent of net investment income annually and a required 5 percent minimum payout for grant making. Private foundations do not provide the same tax donation benefits provided by public charities like the CFSNM, and the work is more in-depth. Private funds require a succession plan and annual meetings, minutes and financial reports.

The new Family Foundation Fund offered through the CFSNM is a donor-advised fund that meets charitable giving goals, provides flexibility and eliminates the need to file a 990PF with the IRS. Once the fund is established, the donor would make recommendations for granting to be approved by the board of directors and the CFSNM would be responsible for conducting due diligence to ensure the validity of the organizations making the grant.

“In this situation, we would hold a competitive grant process and the donor or their family could select grantees, then making recommendations to the board,” Wagner Burn said.

There would be no minimum payout required and the principal could be invaded, but a minimum amount must remain. The foundation will handle the accounting and IRS reporting, the grantees could change annually, there is no excise fee and the donor could name the fund as they wish.

For more info

For more information on establishing a fund with the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, visit the CFSNM website at www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794.



Art teacher Tyler Summerlin and student Halyn Rice accept a \$2,700 grant from Paul Heiberger, grant committee member for the Young Philanthropists, an organization with an established fund administered by the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, during the Young Philanthropists' grant ceremony held last year. The money was awarded to the Apple Tree Educational Center in Truth or Consequences to help fund its after-school middle school arts program.

“At the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, we want to provide the best outlet for giving. Simply setting up an appointment to learn more about switching from a private foundation to a public foundation can make a difference in future giving and outcomes,” Wagner Burn said.



The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the Southern New Mexico community now, and

in the future. Founded in 2000, the CFSNM offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of the foundation is that donors need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people in our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds, donors can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to their heart. Through our planned giving programs, donors can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of southern New Mexico for generations to come. The CFSNM can advise donors on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information, visit www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794.

Building Las Cruces Chamisa Village Phase II



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Gabriel Vasquez

San Diego-based Sundt Construction is building the \$22 million Chamisa Village Phase II residence center on the New Mexico State University campus, directly north of the Softball Complex. The architect is Steinberg Architects of Los Angeles. The second phase of the existing Chamisa Village will include four three-story buildings, housing 282 beds in 114 units – 87 two-bedroom units and 27 four-bedroom units. Other NMSU projects currently in the works include DACC East Mesa Phase VI, the Barnes & Nobles Bookstore at NMSU and a comprehensive NMSU campus chilled water improvement project.

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Beginning April 1, borrowers who obtain loans from mortgage brokers will most likely pay less for their mortgages.

A new rule known as the Loan Originator Compensation amendment to Regulation Z of the Federal Reserve's Truth in Lending Act was designed to prevent consumers from being guided into high-cost, risky loans that

add hundreds, and sometimes thousands of dollars, to the cost of obtaining mortgages. Here's how it works:

Loan brokers and some banks immediately sell the loans they originate to third parties, such as Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. Often times, the brokers and banks charge borrowers an interest rate that is 1.5 to 2.5 percent above the rate charged by the third party investor. The profit generated by charging the higher rate is commonly referred to as the "Yield Spread Premium." The higher the interest rate charged to the borrower, the more money brokers stand to earn. The mortgage company or bank originating the loan typically splits the profit with the loan originator who actually worked with the borrower.

Beginning April 1, the brokerage can earn a fixed commission from the third party, but

cannot tie the commission to the loan terms. Instead, originators will be required to be paid an hourly wage or salary, the cost of which will no longer be passed on to borrowers. Lenders who finance mortgages in their own names from their own resources (known as "warehouse-lending") and then sell their loans to third-party investors are exempt from the rule.

Lenders will also be prohibited from collecting fees from both the consumer and the lender, which is common practice today. If a mortgage broker is paid a commission by the third party, it cannot charge the consumer points or fees for application or processing. Borrowers will still bear the costs of other services, such as appraisals and surveys, however.

Lenders and government agencies have been tightening their qualifying rules in an

effort to reduce the number of loans that could potentially go bad, ultimately making it harder for buyers to qualify for mortgages. This welcome rule change does just the opposite, making it easier for buyers to qualify by reducing the costs associated with obtaining their mortgages. That's very good news, and will increase the chances that I'll soon ... See you at closing.

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

Senate bill pushes for smaller schools

New reform could put a dent in dropout rates

One thing that gets my blood boiling is the poor job our public schools are doing. We are failing our students and it is time to do something about it.

Currently, the graduation rate for New Mexico is 54.9 percent, compared to 68.8 percent nationally. We rank second lowest, ahead only of Nevada. In our state, high school dropouts earn only \$12,000 per year while college graduates earn \$30,000. Just this fact alone shows the incredible cost of high dropout rates. Add to this greater unemployment, higher crime rates, and other problems associated with dropouts, and the case is compelling for solving the dropout problem.

One reform that could have an impact on our dropout rates would be to reduce the size of our public schools. Senate Bill 2 would take a step in the right direction in this regard by providing incentives for school districts to build smaller schools –

with no more than 400 students for elementary and middle schools and no more than 900 students for high schools.

In fact, the small-school movement is gaining strength nationwide. A wide range of research supports the shift to smaller schools including studies by the Gates Foundation, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Department of Education. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan is among the advocates.

Here in New Mexico, a study by Think New Mexico has pushed hard for reform. They found that the graduation rate for smaller high schools

was 24 percent higher than for high schools in general in our state.

Smaller schools, in addition to being better at educating our children, are also less expensive to operate. Larger schools require more layers of administrators and more security, so they cost more. Better graduation

rates and lower operating costs – there is a lot to say for small schools.

While not requiring school districts to build smaller schools, Senate Bill 2 provides powerful incentives to do so in the form of a 10-percent credit against a school district's share of construction costs for small schools. The credit would also be available for renovations that convert large schools into smaller schools.

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Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

Most of the schools in Las Cruces fail to meet the standards set by Senate Bill 2 – Mayfield, Las Cruces and Oñate high schools, for example, do not. The yet-to-be-named fourth major high school near the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is scheduled to house 2,000 students. Going forward, Las Cruces schools will need to be smaller.

Economic growth is becoming more dependent on high-tech industries that require a highly trained workforce. Recognizing this, our competitors, both in other states and internationally, are putting more emphasis on education. We need to improve educational opportunities for our children if they are to remain competitive in the 21st century.

Chris Erickson is an associate professor of economics at New Mexico State University. His wife is a high school science teacher and his daughter attends Mayfield High School. The views expressed here are his own and may not reflect the views of the Regents or administration of NMSU.

Hispano chamber to host Reverse Trade Mission

Local event to take place March 18 at the convention center

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About two dozen Mexican investors will meet with local business owners and industry experts during the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces' Reverse Trade Mission Friday, March 18, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

According to the Hispano chamber, the objectives of the mission are to showcase the potential growth areas in the Las Cruces region to foreign investors; introduce foreign investors

to existing businesses in the area and provide an opportunity to expand their product lines and create joint-ventures; introduce foreign investors to entrepreneurs in the Las Cruces region; and to create new jobs in the Las Cruces area.

"This is a first for the Hispano chamber, but it's an event we plan to hold every year to remind foreign investors of the opportunities our area has to offer," said Peter Ibarbo, Hispano chamber board member and chair of the chamber's Economic Development Committee. "We are expecting 25 investors from Mexico to come to the area and tap into local resources and expertise in a mutually beneficial, business-to-business setting."

Investors will explore local industries related to hotel and tourism development, café and restaurant development,

product distribution center development, maquiladora supplier development, alternative energy infrastructure development and real estate development.

The day will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a lunch session for the investment delegation featuring welcoming remarks from John Muñoz, Hispano chamber president, and Ken Miyagishima, Las Cruces mayor. Introductions by Las Cruces Economic Development entities will be given by Kevin Boberg of the Arrowhead Center and Christine Logan of the City of Las Cruces Economic Development Department.

A pre-qualified business-to-business session with potential business partners and associates will take place from 2:30 to 5:25 p.m.

From 5:30 to 6 p.m., local attorneys will speak on tax and fiscal issues regarding bi-national business activities and business immigration visas.

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce has been invited to give the opening remarks for the 6 p.m. dinner, to be followed by a presentation on the Spaceport American supply chain by Wayne Savage, chair of the Commercial Space Committee for the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. Odes-Armijo Caster of the Albuquerque-based Sacred Power Co. will talk about solar energy initiatives and developments in New Mexico.

Individual ticket prices are \$17.50 for Hispano chamber members, which includes full access to business-to-business sessions and dinner, and non-member ticket prices are \$25 for access to the business-to-business sessions only, \$35 for business-to-business sessions and dinner and \$27.50 for dinner-only tickets.

To learn more or to purchase a ticket, call Ibarbo at 621-5240 or email peter@ibarbogroup.com.



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City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report Feb. 11-18

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico						
Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20110684	Fort Selden Builders	Darren Kugler	Comm/Alt	1685 N. Main St.	\$2,500	\$42
20110687	GMJ Enterprises	David B. Clemence	Reroof	602 Hansen Ave.	\$2,500	\$42
20110698	Carson Construction	Scott A. and Laurieanne R. Yurcic trust	Comm/New	1960 N. Solano Drive	\$19,000	\$140
20110695	Sweetwater Homes LLC	KB and Elizabeth J. Chang	Res/New	7522 Monte Verde Place	\$180,236	\$944
20110699	Can Do Construction	David E & Hong XU Doctor	Reroof	2724 Topley Ave.	\$2,500	\$42
20110656	Veloz Homes Inc.	Sonoma Ranch East II LLC	Res/New	2654 Tuscan Hills Lane	\$184,664	\$4,093
20110696	Sweetwater Homes LLC	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3597 Sierra Bonita	\$198,112	\$3,866
20110719	Fort Selden Builders	Pamela Ostlund Eastwood	Reroof	1712 Sequoia Ave.	\$11,500	\$96
20110722	Ireland Construction	Twilight Mission Espada LLC	Res/New	4123 Bella Sierra Court	\$230,092	\$4,171
20110721	Wendel D. Hall Drywall	Fernando P. and Lilia B. Lopez	Reroof	1204 Southridge Drive	\$7,400	\$71
20110708	Foam America Inc.	Tdlrgreen LLC	Reroof	3200 W. Picacho Ave.	\$22,000	\$157
20110723	GS Roofing	James L. and Peggy A. Hawbaker	Reroof	3412 Jupiter Road	\$7,000	\$69
20110742	Clayton Donnelly Roofing	Sondra L. Evans	Reroof	5944 Leaping Lizard Loop	\$6,805	\$68
20110741	Runna May Wang	Runna May Wang	Res/Alt	515 Poplar Ave.	\$330	\$30
20110756	A & M Roofing Co.	Norma L. Harris	Reroof	2675 Calle de Rose	\$8,398	\$77
20110762	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	7529 Sierra De Luna Place	\$186,960	\$1,787
20110763	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Ornithes Inc.	Res/New	7575 Sierra Alta Place	\$186,960	\$1,787
20110759	DJ Walker Construction LLC	Blair L. and Susan G. Amstutz	Reroof	3932 Marble View Drive	\$6,000	\$63
20110771	Coba Construction	Steve Lucero Peña	Reroof	1000 Marilissa Lane	\$6,500	\$66
20110770	Alp Renovation Group LLC	Samuel T. and Maureen Smallidge	Res/Alt	325 Phillips Drive	\$6,900	\$68
20110776	Progreen Superior Coating & Roofing Inc.	Patricia G. Hippo	Reroof	2043 Wagonmound Trail	\$7,000	\$69
20110739	Spirit View Homes	TG Tierra Grande Lp	Res/New	5014 Vista De Tierra Road	\$134,070	\$3,456
20110664	Progreen Superior Coating & Roofing Inc.	Jeannette Brutcher	Reroof	1925 Martha Drive	\$5,500	\$60
20110757	Lucas Robert Roofing	James R. and Christiana D. Eubanks	Reroof	2254 Bright Star Ave.	\$7,260	\$71
20110781	Erasmus's Roofing LLC	James A. and Esther Cronin	Reroof	3321 Highridge St.	\$6,160	\$64
20110787	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Ornithes Inc.	Res/New	7598 Sierra Alta Place	\$169,740	\$1,758
20110796	Thurston Equity Corp.	P I Holdings #1 Inc.	Res/New	4208 Franzia Road	\$170,068	\$4,068
20110794	Thurston Equity Corp.	P I Holdings #1 Inc.	Res/New	4212 Franzia Road	\$160,802	\$4,053
20110800	DJ Walker Construction LLC	Robert and Tracie Zessel	Reroof	138 W. Mountain Ave.	\$11,544	\$96
20110793	Johnny V. Valenzuela	Johnny V. Valenzuela	Res/Add	1475 N. Tornillo St.	\$6,000	\$63
20110795	Armando and Bertha Chavez	Armando Chavez and Bertha Chavez	Res/New	100 N. Nevarez St.	\$238,128	\$4,185

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Doña Ana County Building Permit Report Feb. 11-18

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico						
Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
36311	Nicolas Moreno	Nicolas Moreno	Res/Add	140 E. Hill Road	Clapp Addition	\$90
36315	Guadalupe Reyes	Guadalupe Reyes	Res/New	4790 Northgate Road	310 E-R #3	\$802
36318	YCF Construction	Glenda Vick	Reroof	9698 Dragonfly Ave.	N/A	\$90
36320	Flair Homes	Kenneth Wells	Res/New	1690 Koogle Road	N/A	\$536
36322	Douglas Coyle	Douglas Coyle	Swimming pool	5430 Superstition Drive	Summit Chase Unit 10A	\$94
36327	B & L Roofing	William Hawkings	Reroof	502 Blue Jay	Dill	\$110

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Serious shopping at the 'mom and pop' stores

Downtown, a one-stop shop for quality and convenience

"Entrepreneurs embody the promise of America: the idea that if you have a good idea and are willing to work hard and see it through, you can succeed in this country. And in fulfilling this promise, entrepreneurs also play a critical role in expanding our economy and creating jobs."

-President Obama, Jan. 31

With the return of the gorgeous sunny Las Cruces weather and the anticipation of spring, it's time to stroll down Main Street, with its lively streetscape and those beautiful rugged mountains as a backdrop, and appreciate the treasures our Downtown has to offer, from art to Zumba!

I hope you had the opportunity to listen to, or read in the Bulletin, Mayor Ken Miyagishi's very promising State of the City address in which he so aptly characterized Las Cruces as "a city on the move." He spoke with pride of the re-opening of Main Street to bring more people into our lively Downtown atmosphere, continued success of the Farmers & Crafts Market and the advantage of two vibrant historic neighborhoods flanking the Downtown area – all essential elements of Downtown revitalization.

The mayor also stated that, "More and more, our Downtown will join downtowns across the country that are rapidly becoming great places for residents to live, work and enjoy life together," a vision shared by many Las Cruces residents who continue to work together toward making this a reality. And we are on our way to achieving this dream, due to successful partnerships and assistance involving the City of Las Cruces, elected officials, local organizations and volunteers from our community.

Just last week, an important resolution passed through the state Legislature realizing the dream of Camuñez Mercado, a partnership between the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana Arts Council, Downtown Las Cruces Partnership and other vital sustaining partners, to provide a small business, visual, performing and culinary arts incubator in Las Cruces. Unique to New Mexico, the Camuñez Mercado project involves re-purposing the 1930s art deco-style building on Main Street – thus achieving three Downtown revitalization goals: No. 1, supporting local small-business concerns; No. 2, creating effective partner-

Laura Kindseth
Executive director,
Downtown Las Cruces
Partnership



ships; and No. 3, preserving a Downtown historic structure.

Las Cruces can be proud of and grateful for a successful collaboration among these groups along with backing from our legislators, state Sen. Mary Kay Papen and State Reps. Terry McMillan, Joni Gutierrez and Ricky Little for early and effective bipartisan support for this legislation; and our community voices in Santa Fe, Greg Smith representing DLCP, Larry Horan and Dolores Connor representing the City of Las Cruces and Allison Smith representing the Coalition of New Mexico Main Street Communities. We have a long way to go toward completion of the project, but with loyal support from our community and beyond, it will happen. Thanks to all who participated in this process!

The last, but certainly not least, important component necessary to accomplishing these exciting revitalization goals is the Downtown business community. Would Downtown even exist if not for the many dedicated Downtown business owners who remain truly committed to the concept of a traditional, old-fashioned, friendly Downtown commercial/retail/residential district? Let's not forget that these fine proprietors are not only the foundation of Downtown Las Cruces to be built upon, but they also provide many necessary goods and services for us Downtown.

Did you know that you can drop off the car for service, walk your child to school and grab a great cup of coffee while walking to your Downtown office? During the lunch hour, you don't even need to consume a great amount of time (not to mention gas) driving across town to complete those endless routine errands. For example, if you need to meet with your architect or engineer to discuss the new house plans; search a great bookstore (or the library) for that novel you are dying to read; pick up school or office supplies; tend to printing needs; stop by your accountant's office to get those pesky income tax returns out of the way; get a haircut or spa treatment; have an old photograph restored; go to your doctor or dentist appointment; mail a package at the post office; get advice from your attorney; do your banking; attend your music lesson (or have your instrument tuned up or repaired); pick up a loaf of scrumptious artisan bread; or shop for that one-of-a-kind gift – you can do it all Downtown!

Or would you rather just enjoy a fantastic lunch? With an assortment of choices Down-



Use the wayfinding arrows painted around Downtown to find your business of choice amid the Main Street renovation construction.

town, from lots of fine home-cooked Mexican food served in a festive and friendly atmosphere to a lovely fresh salad (and it comes with a view of Main Street); or an outstanding gourmet pizza (and if traditional style pizza is your preference you'll find many choices there, too!); a cozy café overlooking the entire Downtown; a charming Italian restaurant; or a good old-fashioned hamburger or hot dog – it's difficult to choose, but always delicious.

Just for fun, some day treat yourself to one of Downtown's remarkable museums or galleries; a piece of cheesecake (you deserve it!); or simply sit and enjoy the view. Not to be forgotten, (if it's Wednesday or Saturday) New Mexico's No. 1 favorite Farmers & Crafts Market is the place to gather to visit with friends and family and to find many local treasures, with everything under the New Mexico sun to choose from. And always remember your health and well being by topping off a busy day with a yoga session or fitness class located in Downtown Las Cruces.

I encourage everyone who has not yet had the opportunity to explore Downtown Las Cruces for unknown treasures and tasty delights – and to shop local first. It's fun, friendly and contributes to a healthy local economy. The excitement is building Down-

town, and will continue with your support, whether you are a consumer or business or property owner. We would love to talk to new entrepreneurs, too, about joining our steadfast group of entrepreneurs – the backbone of our nation's economy.

For more information about new business or volunteer opportunities, contact Delia or Laura at 525-1955. See you Downtown soon!

Downtown Las Cruces Partnership is a certified New Mexico Main Street Community. DLCP, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, has 350 members and volunteers who are the backbone of community involvement in the revitalization of Las Cruces.

The DLCP works closely with business and property owners, city government and interested individuals to plan and design improvements in Downtown Las Cruces. The reopening of Downtown streets, new streetscape, landscape and new civic plaza design are all part of DLCP's design activities Downtown. DLCP works closely with the private sector to create real estate that is ready for occupancy. Attracting new business is a top priority. The organization's focus is to restore a vital retail, restaurant, arts, culture and entertainment district Downtown. Since residents support retail, DLCP is working on mixed-use development that incorporates housing and retail development. DLCP partners with the Mesquite and Alameda neighborhoods to keep nearby residents closely involved. For more information, call DLCP at 525-1955.

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Chile advertising bill introduced

Rep. Andy Nuñez, I-Hatch, has introduced a bill to the state Legislature that seeks to curb false advertising of New Mexico Chile products. Dubbed the New Mexico Chile Advertising Act, the legislation is meant to prevent groceries, restaurants and roadside vendors from falsely claiming their Chile is grown in the state, if indeed it is not. The bill has been endorsed by members of the House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee, although some committee members are skeptical of how the bill will be enforced. The new advertising act would be administered and enforced by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. The bill, HB485, must now be approved by the House Judiciary Committee.

Local business to be honored in Santa Fe

The 13th Annual New Mexico Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Day in Santa Fe will take place Friday, Feb. 25, at the State Capitol Roundhouse and honor 21 firms as the

SBDC's "Outstanding Business Clients." The local business to be honored at the celebration is Little Rascals Feed & Supply Co, owned by Blas Aguirre. Little Rascals is a client of the Doña Ana Community College SBDC. Other regional businesses to be honored include All American Cleaners of Roswell, Olive Branch Coffee Inc. of Alamogordo and JBC International LLC of Chaparral. For more information, call the SBDC at 505-428-1624.

Rep. Maestas introduces tax-cutting legislation

State Rep. Antonio "Moe" Maestas, D-Albuquerque, introduced his second tax bill, House Bill 581, on the House floor Feb. 17. The legislation would allow start-up small businesses to claim a tax deduction for their first year of operation. Maestas also introduced House Bill 516 earlier in the week that would cut taxes to middle and lower income New Mexicans. The deduction created by House Bill 581 is an effort to encourage individuals to become small business entrepreneurs who can contribute to New Mexico's recovering economy. The Department of Taxation and Revenue would work with the Economic Development Department to determine the amount of the deduction awarded based on the number of individuals who file claims. Data from the economic impact would be compiled by both agencies for legislative review every four years. House Bill 516 amends the New

Mexico tax code to a progressive scale that would cut taxes for individuals earning less than \$96,000 a year. For more information, call 505-459-1702.

MVEDA hosts solar-work contracting briefing

As part of its "Business Connection Series," the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) will host a pre-bid briefing for solar developer SunEdison from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, March 7, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. The purpose of the briefing is to communicate the types of services that will be needed as SunEdison moves forward in developing a solar energy project on the city's West Mesa Industrial Park. Immediate needs for construction include: grading, access road work, surveyors, concrete work, trenching, underground boring, tracker systems, racking assembly, welding, fencing, re-vegetation, sanitation and water and temporary facilities. Local vendors in these specialties are encouraged to RSVP to MVEDA by calling 525-2852 or emailing biz@mveda.com.

Local nonprofit receives Daniels funding

New Mexico nonprofit organizations serving youth, seniors and the homeless are among the recipients of \$1.1 million in grants announced this week by the Daniels Fund. Major

recipients include A Peaceful Habitation & Aftercare Ministry, ACE Leadership High School, Aztec Boys & Girls Club, Bridges Project for Education, DreamTree Project, Fort Sumner Community Development Corp. and locally, Casa De Peregrinos. Bill Daniels, a cable television pioneer who was a former resident of Hobbs, established the Daniels Fund to operate the Daniels Fund Scholarship Program and the Daniels Fund Grants Program in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. Visit www.danielsfund.org for more information.

Master Gardener programs up and running

The recent blasts of Arctic weather may have set back the hands-on gardening plans for many New Mexicans, but classes in the Master Gardener program will be on track in the 10 New Mexico counties offering spring 2011 classes. The statewide program is coordinated through the New Mexico State University Extension Plant Sciences Department in cooperation with county Extension agents who organize the specific county programs. For help with your gardening issues or to inquire about the availability of the Master Gardener program in your area, call your county Extension office or visit the NMSU Master Gardener website at <http://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/mastergardeners>.

On the Agenda

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

Business on the Border

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance will host its next Business on the Border luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Arts, culture and history meet in designated cultural districts throughout the state. Lori Grumet, public services director for the City of Las Cruces, will present an overview of an Arts and Cultural District option. The meeting will begin with a hot entrée buffet followed by a brief update by MVEDA staff. Luncheon cost is \$20 per person, payable by cash, check or major credit card. Due to space limitations, reservations are required. RSVP to rsvp@mveda.com or by calling the office at 525-2852. The meeting is open to the public.

Date: Tuesday, March 1

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Contact: 525-2852

Solar Energy Zone public meeting

As a result of the Las Cruces area being identified in a federal "solar energy zones" study, a public-comment meeting on solar development 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. 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

Business incentives seminar

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance and International Business Accelerator will host a business incentives seminar from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, March 4, at the Santa Teresa Country Club, 75 Feathermoon Drive, in Santa Teresa. Learn about incentives that the State of New Mexico and the U.S. federal government have in place for manufacturing and logistics companies. The session will consist of an overview of incentives that apply to the southern New Mexico industrial base and how to access them. Companies are encouraged to register their accounting/financial people for this session. The event is free. RSVP to Adriana Castillo at 589-2200 or adriana@nmiba.com. The workshop qualifies for a CPE credit.

Date: Friday, March 4

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Location: Santa Teresa Country Club
75 Feathermoon Drive, Santa Teresa

Contact: 589-2200

Good Morning Las Cruces

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will hold its next Good Morning Las Cruces networking event from 7 to

10 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 S. Don Roser Drive. Only 49 spaces will be available for local businesses to promote themselves. The morning will begin promptly at 7 a.m. with a continental breakfast and special presentation by Davin Lopez, president/CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance. Lopez will address the economic development climate in Doña Ana County and the effects of the current legislative session on economic development. The cost for the event is \$15 for members or \$30 for nonmembers and includes the continental breakfast. For more information or to register, call 524-1968.

Date: Wednesday, March 9

Time: 7 to 10 a.m.

Location: Hilton Garden Inn
2550 S. Don Roser Drive

Contact: 524-1968

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This display case at the NASA White Sands Test Facility in Las Cruces shows two oxygen tanks and an extravehicular maneuvering unit suit arm that were damaged by leaking oxygen as part of test exercises performed by Jacobs Technology.



These rocket test chambers located at the NASA White Sands Test Facility are part of Jacob Technology's Jet Propulsion Systems test area.

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Jacobs secures new NASA contract

\$500 million project will support local test facility

Bulletin Staff Report

Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. announced Feb. 22 that it received a test, evaluation and support team (TEST) contract from NASA to be conducted at NASA's White Sands Test Facility in Las Cruces.

The award includes a three-year base period, with two one-year options, and represents a potential maximum value of \$500 million, if

all options are exercised.

"We are proud to continue our longstanding relationship with NASA, supporting its mission to pioneer the future in space exploration, scientific discovery and aeronautics research," said Jacobs President and CEO Craig Martin.

Under the terms of the contract, Jacobs is providing propulsion systems testing, propellants and aerospace fluids materials

and components testing, remote hazardous testing, hypervelocity impact testing, flight hardware processing, technical services, facility maintenance, communications systems and construction management in support of future manned and unmanned space exploration and research.

Jacobs, one of the world's largest and most diverse providers of technical, professional and construction services, runs several test

programs and laboratories at the White Sands Test Facility off of U.S. Highway 70. The company's partnership with NASA dates back to the Mercury Program; it has since increased dramatically within the last five years from 600 to more than 3,500 professionals solely dedicated to supporting NASA programs.

After NASA first announced it was doing away with the Shuttle Program last year, local speculation arose regarding the future of the Las Cruces NASA test facility.

For more information, visit www.nasa.gov or www.jacobstechnology.com/nasa.htm.

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OFA seeks business input

Obama program seeks to strengthen White House communications

Bulletin Staff Report

Organizing for America (OFA), an outreach program created by the administration of President Obama, is beginning an outreach campaign in Las Cruces that seeks the input of local business owners.

The goals of the outreach program are to establish relationships with business owners to foster future collaboration, facilitate the dissemination of information from Washington, D.C., regarding legislation and new Obama initiatives and to discuss concerns and ideas of local business owners to provide a more transparent line of communication with local businesses and the White House.

Currently, OFA activists and staff are reaching out to business

“ We are working very closely with New Mexico's elected officials on this project ... ”

TIA UPCHURCH-FREELove,
 regional OFA field director

owners to make an initial connection for future communication, said Tia Upchurch-Freelove, regional OFA field director.

"We are also inviting small business owners to a national conference call on March 3rd with the Obama administration," she said. "We are working very closely with New Mexico's elected officials on this project as well and after holding small business forums in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, plan to hold additional events in the south."

The Obama administration has made it a top priority to give America's small businesses the support and incentives they need to grow and create jobs, according to the White House Press. Among some of Obama's job-growth initiatives are tax cuts for small businesses, including cuts for new investments, which have provided small-business owners capital to upgrade facilities and equipment; a payroll tax holiday for new hires; and a capital gains exclusion that spurs investment by raising small-business capital gains exclusions to 75 percent for investors who buy stock and hold it for five years.

Other Obama job-growth initiatives include the Small Business Jobs Act, signed into law September 2010, and the Startup America initiative, which was launched in January. For more information on these programs, visit progress.barackobama.com/smallbusiness.html.

To register for the 7 p.m. March 3 conference call, visit <http://my.barackobama.com/SBCconfcall>.

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Profile

Eldelisa Nava: Local advocate has a passion for business

Consultant works with people, communities to improve their life, business

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Raised in a traveling military family, Eldelisa Nava has seen her fair share of communities in need throughout the Southwest.

Beginning her volunteer work while in high school, Nava said she has always believed in giving back to the people who have surrounded her and enriched her life.

"As far back as I can remember, I have had a service mentality," she said. "I started volunteering with nonprofits in high school, and have continued working with nonprofits ever since."

Nava moved from Tucson, Ariz., to Anthony, N.M., in 1998, to take a position as a prevention specialist with Southern New Mexico Human Development Inc. She described Anthony, which borders the Texas state line in Doña Ana County, as a place "ripe for potential, full of opportunities waiting for the right people."

"For so long, Anthony has felt as the stepchild to the (area's) two largest cities," Nava said. "People

are poor and resources are limited. People come in and say they want to help, but nothing ever gets done, and then they're gone; or they use our community and leave. But we are optimistic about the future and the people of Anthony are very excited right now."

Nava, now an independent consultant with Pre-Paid Legal Services and a board member for the Women's Intercultural Center in Anthony, said she supports the current northern New Mexico Je-

mez Pueblo proposal to bring a new casino to the small border city, which was incorporated early last year.

"At first I was opposed to the idea simply because something like a casino brings with it more DWIs and possibly more crime, but if we get the resources to deal with that, the growth of the community is just too important to give up. I think ultimately, the casino will be a good thing," she said.

The Women's Intercultural Center in Anthony is a national award-winning center for empowering

women and encouraging entrepreneurship. Many in Anthony call it the "hub" of the city.

But Nava's volunteer efforts extend all across southern New Mexico, including in Las Cruces, where she volunteers for the Hispano and Greater Las Cruces chambers of commerce.

"It has been a good experience working with both of those organizations," she said.

Nava, who studied plant science at the University of Arizona, said because of her entrepreneurial spirit, she decided to shy away from her science studies to become self-employed. She not only actively assists both chambers in organizing events and committees, but has started her own business advocacy group, Masterminds de Las Cruces.

The group, a business referral service co-founded by Nava, Steve Chavira, Stephanie and Ross Bullington and Sasha Ogas, is a business referral network made up of almost 30 members, each from unique sectors and industries in the city.

"As we got to know each other, we realized our businesses were complementary to one another," she said.

"And as we started to help growing each others' businesses, people started asking what we were doing and we realized we could grow it into something bigger."

Membership to the group, at \$100 per year, guarantees industry exclusivity and the Masterminds network gives referrals to only group members, Nava said.

"We officially kicked off in January and we are still looking for more members," she said.

As a consultant for Pre-Paid Legal Services, a nationwide company that sells pre-paid legal advice and consultation for a wide variety of issues, Nava said she helps people and businesses in need – her passion.

"The reality is that the economy is going through difficult times, people are struggling with debt and consumer issues and real estate foreclosure," she said. "With Pre-Paid Legal, they're able to get help and work out those situations. Everything from divorce and child custody to small businesses that want to offer the service to their employees."

According to Pre-Paid Legal, it currently serves more than 1.4 million families in the U.S.



NAVA

Details

Eldelisa Nava
Consultant, Pre-Paid Legal Services

Family
Sons Balam, 9, Kinam, 6, and Itsin, 4

Education
Some college, University of Arizona

Organizations

- Women's Intercultural Center
- Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
- Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces
- Masterminds de Las Cruces

Contact

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Nava, a member of the Yaqui tribe, has three sons, Balam, 9, Kinam, 6, and Itsin, 4.

"Balam means 'jaguar,' Kinam means 'strength' and Itsin means 'youngest brother,'" Nava said. "I drag them around with me and bring them to events when it's appropriate. At school, I get told all the time they're very helpful, respectful and well-mannered."

To learn more about Nava or to inquire about Pre-Paid Legal Services, call Nava at 915-731-2533 or email eldelisappl@aol.com.

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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.

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

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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, 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 Blvd., 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.

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Submitted by:

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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

**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, 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.

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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, 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.

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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

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Attorney for the Petitioners
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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.

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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

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 seconds 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 Stawski, LLC
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013;
(505) 848-9500

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Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4,
2011

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 Doan 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
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20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013;
(505) 848-9500

10-1875 FCO1

Pub # 10407
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2011

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, SUNSETHILLS 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
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20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
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09-2856 FCO1

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Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4,
2011

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

Pub # 10409
Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4,
2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2011 Salopek GU Farms, Inc., 5090 Snow Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application no. LRG-3201-POD 3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill a Supplemental Well to Supplement Ground and Surface Water within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling well LRG-3201-POD 3 with a 4-inch casing to approximately 200 ft. below ground surface on land owned by the applicant at approximately X=1,479,481 Y=443,301 ft. (NMSF, Central, NAD83) within the NE1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 18, T24S, R02E, NMPM for the continued diversion of that amount of shallow groundwater, combined with surface water received from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 87.21 acres of land owned by the applicant within Pt. N1/2 NW1/4 and Pt. W1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 20, Pt. NE1/4 of Section projected 19, Pt. E1/2 SE1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 18, and Pt. S1/2 SW1/4 of projected Section 17, T24S, R02E, NMPM. Well LRG-3201 is located approximately 575 ft. northwest of the intersection of Rio Dorado Dr. and Rio Hondo Street, 4.1 miles southeast of Mesilla, NM. The proposed location for well LRG-3201-POD 3 is located approximately 2,650 ft. northwest of said intersection.

You are hereby notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance in this action on or before thirty (30) days after the date of the last publication, judgment will be rendered against you by default.

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 applica-

tion: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 10419
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY DOÑA ANA

CAUSE NUMBER
DM 2010 - 1861
JUDGE MURPHY

RAMON SAENZ, Petitioner

vs.

MARIA SAENZ, Respondent

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

PENDING PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO MARIA SAENZ

YOUAREHEREBYNOTIFIED THAT THE Petitioner has filed a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in the above entitled and numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico seeking dissolution of marriage.

Petitioner's attorney is:

RAMON SAENZ
who mailing address is:
850 HOLLY DRIVE
SPACE 63 - B
LAS CRUCES, NM
88005 - 1078

WITNESSETH THE HONORABLE JUDGE MIKE MURPHY, DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO AND THE SEAL OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, THIS 6 day of January, 2010.

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Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11,
2011

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

No. PB 2008-126
Judge Driggers

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF PHYLLIS
SELDERS, DECEASED.**

NOTICE OF HEARING ON

PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

**Phillip R. Larsen, Personal
Representative of the estate
of Phyllis Selders, deceased,
gives the following Notice:**

1. This Notice is being mailed on the date of filing this Notice to the following persons:

2. Phillip R. Larsen has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Phyllis Selders, deceased.

3. A hearing on the Petition of Phillip R. Larsen has been set for March 21, 2011, at 1:30 p.m., at the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico before the Honorable Douglas R. Driggers.

/s/ Phillip R. Larsen
Personal Representative
1138 Pueblo Gardens Court
Las Cruces, NM 88007

KENNETH L. BEAL P.C.
P.O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM 88004
/s/ Kenneth L. Beal
Attorney for the Personal
Representative

Pub # 10421

Dates 2/18, 2/25, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 28, 2011, Abelardo & Consuelo Martinez, 522 Sierra St, El Paso, TX 79903 filed application numbered LRG-14930-POD1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning use of well LRG-9234 located within the SW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 4, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and by continuing the diversion of amount of water to be determined by the courts supplemental to the surface rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) from a replacement well drilled to a depth of 160 feet and fitted with 6 inch casing and located in the SW1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 of said projected Section 18, where X=1,518,156 feet; Y=357,838 feet, NM State Plain coordinate system central zone NAD 83, on land owned by the applicant for the continued irrigation of 11.13acre(s) all of which is located within the Pt. SW1/4 of said projected Section 4 located on map LRS-16 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey Subfile No. LRS- 280170019.

Proposed change location of well LRG-14930-POD1 can be found 1 3/4 miles east of Hwy 28 on the south side of Vinton Road.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publica-



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tion of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

Pub # 10422
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-649

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

VINH Q. TRAN, Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 13, 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 4089 Calle de Luna, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 13, BLOCK J, DOS SUENOS ESTATES, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 23, 2004, IN BOOK 21 PAGES 84-89 OF PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 15, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$137,476.75 and the same bears interest at 7.875% per annum from September 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$6,673.75. The Plaintiff and the Crossclaimant have the right to bid at such sale and submit their bids verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The Crossclaimant may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash after first paying the judgment of the Plaintiff. 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, fixture 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

Pub # 10423
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-2143

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff,

LARRY D. GURSKY; and CARRIE F. GURSKY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 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 1220 Fourth Street, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land being the south half of Lot 6, and all of Lots 7 and 8, Block 4, Parker Place 2nd Amended as filed in January 6, 1951 in Plat Book 7, Page 12, Doña Ana County Records, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the southwest corner of the tract herein described, BEING IDENTICAL with the southwest corner of Lot 8, Block 4, of the aforementioned Parker Place 2nd Amended;

THENCE from the point of beginning N. 18 degrees 26 minutes 40 seconds W, 62.50 feet along the east line of 4th Street to the northwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod;

THENCE N 75 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds E, 129.85 feet to the northeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod;

THENCE S 18 degrees 26 minutes 40 seconds E, 62.50 feet to the southeast corner of the tract herein described marked by a found iron rod;

THENCE S 75 degrees 09

minutes 00 seconds W, 129.85 feet to the place and point of beginning, containing 0.186 acre of land, more or less, and subject to easements of record and such as may exist on the ground.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 1, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$70,190.96 and the same bears interest at 7.7900% per annum from September 4, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,906.22. 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, fixture 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

Pub # 10424
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 2011

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following legally-described trust real estate will be sold, pursuant to the power of sale as provided in the deed of trust recorded as instrument # 1016589, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, records, at public auction to the highest bidder at the main entrance on the east side of the county courthouse in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on May 27, 2011, at 10 o'clock a.m. of that day:

One tract of land in Doña Ana County situated west of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in Section 20, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF,

Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property,

also identified as parcel ID number 03-01981, with a street address of 6220 W. PICACHO, FAIRACRES, NM 88033.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 16th day of February, 2011.

Firstlight Federal Credit Union (Name of Trustor)
3105 Del Rey Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Buena Title and Escrow (Name of Trustee)
2802 Doral Court
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 521-8600

By: /s/ Adrienne Loera

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORPORATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16th day of February, 2011, by Adrienne Loera, Assistant Manager and Escrow Officer of Buena Title and Escrow, Trustee, on behalf of the Trustee.

/s/ Helena K. Lara
Notary Public

My commission expires:
April 10, 2011

Exhibit "A"

A tract situate west of the limits of the town of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, T.23S, R.1E, Section 20, in S 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 & W1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4. Said tract containing approximately plus or minus 4-1/2 acres of land as shown on survey subject to reservations, restrictions, easements and zoning of record, more fully described as follows:

A TRACT of land situate west of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico the S1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 20, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron rod found for the northwest corner of the tract herein described, whence the west 1/4 corner of Section 20, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears N. 0 degrees 04'E., a distance of 329.98 feet;

THENCE from the place of beginning N.89 degrees 59'E., 660.09 feet to an iron rod set for the northeast corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE S. 0 degrees 05'W., 150.80 feet to an iron rod set on the north right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 70-80 (FI-002-2(2)) for a corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE along said right-of-way line around the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 5829.58 feet, an arc length of 403.76 feet, through a central angle of 3 degrees 58' 06" and whose long chord bears S. 63 degrees 29'15"W., 403.68 feet to an iron rod set for the southeast corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE leaving said right-of-way line S.89 degrees 59'W., 299.04 feet to a U.S.G.L.O.

brass cap found for the southwest corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE N. 0 degrees 04'E., 330.89 feet to the place of beginning, containing 4.2461 acres of land, more or less.

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Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 2011

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following legally-described trust real estate will be sold, pursuant to the power of sale as provided in the deed of trust recorded as instrument # 0832047, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, records, at public auction to the highest bidder at the main entrance on the east side of the county courthouse in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on May 27, 2011, at 10 o'clock a.m. of that day:

A tract of land in Doña Ana County situated within the North 1/2 of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 2 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, Northeast of Las Cruces, containing 4.9896 acres of land, more or less, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF,

Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property,

also identified as parcel ID number 03-20292.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 16th day of February, 2011.

Firstlight Federal Credit Union (Name of Trustor)
3105 Del Rey Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Buena Title and Escrow (Name of Trustee)
2802 Doral Court
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 521-8600

By: /s/ Adrienne Loera

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORPORATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16th day of February, 2011, by Adrienne Loera, Assistant Manager and Escrow Officer of Buena Title and Escrow, Trustee, on behalf of the Trustee.

/s/ Helena K. Lara
Notary Public
My commission expires:
April 10, 2011

EXHIBIT "A"

A tract of land situate within the N. 1/2 of Section 14, T.21S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, Northeast of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described as follows to wit:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of this tract, WHENCE the E.1/4 corner of said Section 14, bears the following 3 courses and distances, S.0.0deg 02'30"E., 412.05 feet, N.89deg 31'53"E.,

1,586.51 feet. and N.89deg 32'00"E., 1,316.01 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning, N.0deg 02'30"W., 410.54 feet to the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N.89deg 29'30"E., 529.50 feet to the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.0deg 02'30"E., 410.90 feet to the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.89deg 31'53"W., 528.90 feet to the Southwest corner of this tract and point of beginning, containing 4.9896 acres of land, more or less.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following legally described trust real estate will be sold, pursuant to the power of sale as provided in the deed of trust recorded as instrument # 0832046, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, records, at public auction to the highest bidder at the main entrance on the east side of the county courthouse in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on May 27, 2011, at 10 o'clock a.m. of that day:

Lot 1A, of PICACHO CANYON ESTATES REPLAT NO.1, located in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on September 13, 2006 in Plat Book 21, at Page 779 as Plat No 4453, records of Doña Ana County,

also identified as parcel ID number 03-22675.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 16th day of February, 2011.

Firstlight Federal Credit Union (Name of Trustor)
3105 Del Rey Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Buena Title and Escrow (Name of Trustee)
2802 Doral Court
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 521-8600

By: /s/ Adrienne Loera

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORPORATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16th day of February, 2011, by Adrienne Loera, Assistant Manager and Escrow Officer of Buena Title and Escrow, Trustee, on behalf of the Trustee.

/s/ Helena K. Lara
Notary Public
My commission expires:
April 10, 2011

Pub # 10428

Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 2011

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following legally-described trust real estate will be sold, pursuant to the power of sale as provided in the deed of trust recorded as instrument # 0832048, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, records, at public

auction to the highest bidder at the main entrance on the east side of the county courthouse in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on May 27, 2011, at 10 o'clock a.m. of that day:

A tract of land in Doña Ana County situated within the North 1/2 of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 2 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, Northeast of Las Cruces, containing 11.738 acres of land, more or less, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF,

Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property,

also identified as parcel ID number 03-20289.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 16th day of February, 2011.

Firstlight Federal Credit Union (Name of Trustor)
3105 Del Rey Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Buena Title and Escrow (Name of Trustee)
2802 Doral Court
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 521-8600

By: /s/ Adrienne Loera

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORPORATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16th day of February, 2011, by Adrienne Loera, Assistant Manager and Escrow Officer of Buena Title and Escrow, Trustee, on behalf of the Trustee.

/s/ Helena K. Lara
Notary Public
My commission expires:
April 10, 2011

EXHIBIT "A"

A tract of land situate within the N. 1/2 of section 14, T.21S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, Northeast of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of this tract, WHENCE the E.1/4 corner of said Section 14, bears the following 3 courses and distances; S.0deg 02'30"E., 489.82 feet, N.89deg 31'53"E., 1,586.51 feet and N.89deg 32'00"E., 1,316.01 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning, S.89deg 27'22"W., 1,045.48 feet to the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N.0deg 04'30"W., 489.00 feet to the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N.89deg. 27'22"E., 1,045.76 feet to the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.0deg 02'30"E., 489.01 feet to the Southeast corner of this tract and point of beginning, containing 11.738 acres of land, more or less.

Pub # 10429
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 2011

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

No. PB-11-17 (Martin)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL F. DZIAK, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

To: CLARENCE M (BUD) DZIAK RICHARD F. DZIAK, JOHN DZIAK AND CHRISTOPHER DZIAK;

And **To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MICHAEL F. DZIAK, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL F. DZIAK, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.**

Clarence M. (Bud) Dziak has filed a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative, in which Clarence M. (Bud) Dziak seeks to be named Personal Representative. Hearing on the Petition will be held before The Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, Third Judicial District Court, at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.

Pursuant to 45-1-401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said Petition is hereby given by publication, once each week, for two consecutive weeks.

DATED: February 15, 2011

JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
575-524-0833

/s/Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub # 10430

Dates 2/18, 2/25, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-2889

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.
CAROLYN HUGHES, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 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

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be sold is located at 209 Casas Bella Court, Santa Teresa, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 68, CASAS BELLA DE SANTA TERESA, 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. 1246 ON NOVEMBER 14, 1984 IN BOOK 13 PAGE(S) 343 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 February 9, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$314,546.80 and the same bears interest at 6.3750% per annum from February 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,801.84. 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

Pub # 10431
Dates 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-10-2652

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

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 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 2065 O'Donnell, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

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

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 14, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$90,497.49 and the same bears interest at 5.750% per annum from December 16, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,397.14. 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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Pub # 10432
Dates 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18,
2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-2587

US BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION as Trustee for
JD ALT 2006-S2, Plaintiff,

vs.

TOM TALBOT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 30, 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 220 Mesa Vista Road, Anthony, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate about 4 1/2 miles southwest of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 7, 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 1/2 inch rebar set on the south line of a 30 foot wide road easement for the southeast corner of this tract, Whence the New Mexico Reference Monument No. 40 marked by a brass cap set in concrete bears N. 80 deg. 10' 30" E., a distance of 477.29 feet;

Thence from the place of beginning S. 80 deg. 10' 30" W., 167.92 feet to a 1/2 iron pipe found for the southwest corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the south line of the 30 foot wide road easement N. 9 deg. 49' 30" W., 258.08 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar set for the northwest corner of this tract;

Thence N. 79 deg. 16' 25" E., 167.94 feet to a 1/2 rebar set for the northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S. 9 deg. 49' 30" E., 260.72 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.000 acres of land, more or less, subject to a 30 foot wide road easement north of and adjacent to the south boundary line.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 14, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$172,042.75 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 \$3,146.27. 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

Pub # 10433
Dates 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT

No. PB 2011-14
Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF GENARO
DIMATTEO, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Genaro DiMatteo, deceased, and all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present their claims within two [2] months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned at: Edward DiMatteo, 302 Capri Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88005 or filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

/s/ Edward DiMatteo
302 Capri Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Pub # 10434
Dates 2/25, 3/4, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 25, 2011, Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority, P.O. Box 2646, Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-3338, LRG-5037, LRG-7575, LRG-7595 & LRG-7644 Combined with the State Engineer for Permit to Combine and Commingle Underground Water within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by combining water rights as recorded and on filed with the State Engineer in Files LRG-3338, LRG-5037, LRG-7595 and LRG-7644 for the combined diversion of 1,828.614 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater from the following wells described as follows:

Well
Location

LRG-3338
NW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 1, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-3338-S
SW1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 1, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-3338-S-2
NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 1, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-3338-S-3
NW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 17, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM

LRG-5037
X = 1,527,297 Y = 380,964
NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet

LRG-5037-S
X = 1,532,393 Y = 372,672 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet

LRG-5037 POD3
X = 1,528,638 Y = 373,481 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet

2 East
LRG-7575
NE1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM

LRG-7575-S
NE1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM

LRG-7595
NW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 11, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM

LRG-7595-S
NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW1/4 of Section 11, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM

LRG-7644
SE1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 14, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-7644-S
NW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

LRG-7644 POD3
SE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 21, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM

To be exercised therefrom for community type use including domestic, irrigation, municipal, industrial, commercial and related purposes on land owned by the unincorporated communities and individual customer members within the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority service area, as stated in the Declarations and as shown on maps on file with the State Engineer under File Nos. LRG-3338, LRG-5037, LRG-7575, LRG-7595 & LRG-7644, described as follows:

Subdivision
Section
Township
Range

All
21
25 South
2 East

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The application is seeking a permit to combine and commingle the water rights, formerly owned by Mesquite, Desert Sands, Vado, Berino, and La Mesa mutual domestic water consumer associations, now owned by the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority, to operate and maintain these former systems as one regional water facility within the aforementioned combined service area.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of

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

Pub # 10435
Dates 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 25, 2011, Manuel G Rios and Consuelo Rios, P.O. Box 255, Chamberino, NM 88027 filed application numbered LRG-4379-POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning use of well LRG-4379-POD1 located within the NE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 18, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, where X=1,510,953 feet; Y=381,946 feet, NM state Plain coordinate system central zone NAD 83 and by continuing the diversion of amount of water to be determined by the courts supplemental to the surface rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) from a replacement well drilled to a depth of 200 feet and fitted with 8 inch casing and located in the SW1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 of said projected Section 18, where Latitude :32°02'38.08"N; Longitude 106°40'10.76"W meet, on land owned by the applicant for the continued irrigation of 3.5acre(s) all of which is located within the Pt. SE1/4, of said projected Section 18 located on map LRS-13 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey Subfile No. LRS-280130939.

Proposed change location of well LRG-4379-POD3 can be found at 227 E. Lara Rd,

Chamberino, NM. The old well will be retained by other owner.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is 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.

Pub # 10436
Dates 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 2011

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

No. 10-0225

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF RUTH E.
TOMKINSON, 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 (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address:

845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces,

NM 88007.

Dated: February 16, 2011

/s/ Joanne Tomkinson
Personal Representative
P.O. Box 1073
Las Cruces, NM 88004
(575) 571-0988

Pub # 10437
Dates 2/25, 3/4, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 21, 2011, Alicia B. Stull, 1561 Tecolote Trl., Las Cruces, NM 88012, filed application numbered LRG-1721-POD 2 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-1721, located within the NW1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 24, T22S, R01E, NMPM on land owned by the applicant within the SW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 30, T23S, R02E, NMPM at approximately X = 1,476,579 Y = 463,153 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central, NAD83), and transferring the diversion of up 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater claimed for domestic and livestock use at the applicant's residence located within Pt. SE 1/4 of said Section 24. Wells LRG-1721 and LRG-1721-POD 2 are located approximately 750 feet west of the intersection of Tecolote Trl. and Del Rey Blvd., 1.5 miles southeast of Doña Ana, NM. Well LRG-1721 has been plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will

be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 10438
Dates 2/25, 3/4, 3/11

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 25, 2011, Phillip and Gale Rivera, 3025 McDowell Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-14139-POD 1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-14937 located on land owned by the applicant within the SW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 30, T23S, R02E, NMPM at approximately X = 1,476,579 Y = 463,153 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central, NAD83), and transferring the diversion of up 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater claimed for domestic purposes at the applicant's residence to existing well LRG-14139-POD 1 also located on property owned by the applicant within the SW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of said Section 30 at approximately X = 1,446,572 Y = 463,161 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central, NAD83). Move-from well LRG-14937 and move-to well LRG-1813-POD 4 are located at the applicant's residence, at 3025 McDowell Rd in Las Cruces. Move-from well LRG-14937 will be properly plugged.

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Pub # 10439
Dates 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 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:
I0100330-TM Rack Mounted Computer Servers

Bid Opening Date:
03/15/2011

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at <https://scicquest.ionwave.net/nmsu> to obtain a copy of this bid electronically and be registered for future bids for this commodity.

Pub # 10440
Dates 2/25, 2011



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:
I0099754-P NMSU - Agricultural Center

Proposal Due Date:
03/31/11

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) conference room on Espina and Gregg Street, Las Cruces, NM on Monday March 14, 2011 at 1:30 PM

Proposal documents will be available on Friday February 25, 2011 from Albuquerque Reprographics Inc., 4716 McCleod NE, Albuquerque, NM. Tel: 505-884-0862.

Pub # 10441
Dates 2/25, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 24, 2011, Willie Hernandez, PO BOX 20, Berino, NM 88024, filed application numbered LRG-11987-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-11987-POD2, located within the SE1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 05, Township 26 South, Range 03 East, NMPM at approximately X=1,512,210 Y=390,645 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) with 24" casing to an approximate depth of 140 ft. on land owned by the applicant, supplemental to existing well LRG-11987, located on land owned by the applicant, within the NE1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 of said Section 05, for the previously permitted 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 49.26 acres of land located within the Pt. SW1/4 of said Section 05. Proposed well LRG-11987-POD2 is located approximately 800 feet south of the intersection of Veterans Rd. and Montes Rd on the west side of Montes Rd. Existing well LRG-11987 is located immediately south of said intersection, west of Berino, NM.

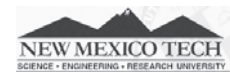
Pub # 10444
Dates 2/25, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 1, 2011, Kenneth Needham, 2449 Calle de Vista, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-1939-POD 2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-1939 on land owned by Kenneth Needham located within the SE1/4 NE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 21, Township 23 South, Range 01 East, N.M.P.M., and drilling new well LRG-1939-POD 2 with 16" casing drilled to a depth of 120 ft. on land owned by the applicant located within the SE1/4 NE1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 21 at approximately X=1,458,971 Y=472,232 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83), for the continued combined diversion of shallow groundwater and surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 26.37 acres of land owned by the applicant, the G and R Berlemann Revocable Trust,

Any person, firm or corpora-

tion, 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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Dates 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 2011



The Purchasing Department, NMIMT, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM is accepting Bids/Proposals for the purchase of the following:

"RFB #1102020 PTRC Sanitary Disposal Services"

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology are requesting sealed bids/proposals for the above reference RFB/RFP. To obtain a copy of the above referenced Bid/Proposal package is on the New Mexico Tech Purchasing Services Web Page at [http://www.nmt.edu/request-for-bid-\(rfb\)](http://www.nmt.edu/request-for-bid-(rfb)) or by contacting the Purchasing Services Department, NMIMT, at 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801, (505) 835-5888. Sealed Bids will be accepted until > March 11, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. MST for RFB # 1102020.

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Dates 2/25, 2011

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Lou Ann Youngblood and Gwen Berlemann located within Pt. NE1/4 of said Section 21 and Pt. NW1/4 of projected Section 22, Township 23 South, Range 01 East, NMPM, also identified respectively as USRS/EBID Tract Nos. 10-71A, 10-71B, 10-71C and 1 0-71D. Well LRG-1939 and proposed well LRG-1939-POD 2 are located approximately 1,400 ft. east of the intersection of Escondido Rd. and N. Fairacres Ln., west of Las Cruces, NM. Well LRG-1939 will be properly plugged.

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Pub # 10445
Dates 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 2011

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
IN THE PROBATE COURT**

No. 11-0033
Judge Alice Salcido

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF KATHLEEN
LURENE CLOVER, Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

/s/ SANDRA LEE CLOVER
Personal Representative of the estate of KATHLEEN L. CLOVER
10017 Contana Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-737-8091

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.
200 W. Las Cruces Ave., Ste. A
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-522-5009
575-522-5031 FAX
Attorney for the Personal Representative

By: /s/ Melissa J. Reeves

Pub # 10446
Dates 2/25, 3/4, 2011



**INVITATION
B/P/RFP (BID/PROPOSAL/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION)**

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Opening
Fixed Base Operator (FBO) Services and/or Private Hangar Development at the Las Cruces International Airport www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/bids/downloads/B10-11-512/	RFI 10-11-512	None	March 17, 2011 @ 4:00 p.m.
Solar PV Power Purchase Agreement www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/bids/downloads/P10-11-498/	10-11-498	Non-mandatory March 14, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m.	March 29, 2011 @ 4:00 p.m.
Financial Advisor Services www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/bids/downloads/P10-11-492/	10-11-492	None	March 29, 2011 @ 4:00 p.m.

Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Department, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

Copies of bid documents and additional information/clarifications regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Department by mail at P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004; by phone at (575)-541-2525; by fax at (575)-541-2515, by email at bidclerk@las-cruces.org; or physical address at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

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Rescheduled and ready to party
Saturday, March 5, at the convention center



Celebrate Mardi Gras and support theater

Annual ASTC event rescheduled for Saturday, March 5

By **David Edwards**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Mardi Gras is the last “fat” day before the supposedly lean season of Lent. A time to party before spending the six weeks leading up to Easter, denying those vices we like to indulge in so much during the rest of the year.

You might be saying “adios” to liquor, trying again to quit smoking or perhaps abstaining from using naughty words. Give up chocolate? Let’s not get crazy here. It is a time when we show we can be penitent and make a sacrifice for the Big Guy upstairs.

You might not have been aware that the period of excess known as “Fat Tuesday,” was tied to popular religion. Out here in the Southwest, we know about the 40 days of sacrifice, but it wasn’t until Mardi Gras became such a widely known celebration that we knew about getting wild right beforehand.

The American Southwest Theatre Company at New Mexico State University has hit upon a way that you can attend a great party, but not have to forego the pleasure of having fun the rest of the year. Go to its annual Mardi Gras celebration and you will support the NMSU Department of

Theatre Arts and another season of great plays.

“The proceeds from Mardi Gras support two of our programs,” said Tom Smith, Theatre Arts Department head. “The first is our guest artist program, which brings in local and national guest artists to work alongside the students in our productions. While here, the artists work on one of our productions, offer free workshops to the public and enrich the entire community.

“The second is our outreach program, which offers free school matinees to local students, study guides to teachers, theater workshops and special events.”

The Mardi Gras event has always been successful for ASTC because, according to Smith “we’re able to have an event that’s a little more adventurous than your normal fundraiser.”

This year, the party was originally scheduled for Friday, Feb. 4, but Mother Nature and El Paso Electric had something to say about it. With the unusual cold snap affecting the power grid, the ASTC board agreed to move the event to Saturday, March 5.

“In a way it was a blessing in disguise,” said event co-chair and ASTC board member Denise Welsh. “Hardly any people requested their money

back because they couldn’t attend, and others are able to come now that it’s been moved to a Saturday.”

Welsh, whose “partner-in-crime” is theater arts faculty member Claudia Billings, said everyone has been working hard to make sure people know the event has been rescheduled.

“I have been running around with a marker correcting the posters,” Billings said. “We are very excited about this year’s event, especially that it is going to be held at the new convention center. We think that will be an incentive for people to come. We outgrew our previous location (the NMSU golf course clubhouse) – we were sold out last year – so I called the convention center the Monday after the event, and even though they weren’t finished with the building, they booked us.”

“There is live entertainment – this year featuring magician Chris Mitchell and ZAT Music is providing a DJ,” Welsh said. “There will be plenty of hors d’oeuvres, a cash bar with special cocktails, wonderful silent auction items and raffle give-aways. Master of ceremonies for the evening will be KRWG’s Carrie Hamblen.”

The silent auction items feature a Mardi Gras blue marble mask sculpture by local artist Brian

Details

What

American Southwest Theatre Company’s Mardi Gras Gala

When

7 to 11 p.m.
Saturday, March 5

Where

Las Cruces Convention Center
680 E. University Ave.

Call

646-4515

Cost

\$30 per person
Table of 10 for \$275



Fallstead, a sofa table from Ashley Furniture HomeStore, a Japanese figurine, Waterford crystal chip and dip set, William & Sonoma cheese spread set, beautiful jewelry and much more.

This year’s Mardi Gras King and Queen contest will be held in conjunction with the costume contest to encourage attendees to dress up. Winners of the costume contest will be crowned the gala’s royalty. Photos of participants, even those not in costumes, will be available for \$5.

“We always tell people that dress at this event is a little bit naughty and a little bit nice,” Smith said. “You’ll see people in elaborate masks and tuxedos next to someone a little more bold and revealing, and everyone is having a great time. The

spirit of Mardi Gras has always been to bring together the community, to celebrate and let loose.”

ASTC is a nonprofit organization working with the NMSU Department of Theatre Arts whose goal it is to bring together a board of philanthropists who believe in the value of art and arts education to raise funds and bring incredibly talented theater artists to the community.

Tickets are \$30 per person and are available noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Hershel Zohn Theatre box office on the NMSU campus or by calling 646-4515. ASTC is also offering tables of 10 for \$275. Tickets may also be purchased through Ticketmaster. For more information, visit the ASTC website at www.theatre.nmsu.edu/astc.

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Featured Artist: Jean Buchanan

'I see it all as art'

Painter cherishes every aspect of life and it reflects in her artwork

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The room was covered with art – Southwestern buffalo, oversized paintings of the Organ Mountains in shades of blues and purples, intricate watercolors of American Indian elders – and everything New Mexico.

Artist Jean Buchanan is inspired by New Mexico and it is evident in her paintings. She said she draws off of the colors and atmosphere of the area and the indigenous Native Americans.

"I have lived, taught art and painted throughout Texas, New Mexico and Arizona," she said. "I always did my art, but I never felt the excitement like I do in the Mesilla Valley. The intensity of the light here is an important

factor. I like the relaxed lifestyle and the great interest shown here in the arts and artists.

"In Las Cruces, I recognize more. The colors are more pure. The lights are brighter and the brush strokes come more natural," she said.

Buchanan began her art at an early age and others around her recognized her abilities during elementary school.

"I knew I had something when my elementary school principal kept calling me out of class to illustrate the teachers' lessons, especially poetry on their chalkboards," she said. "Today, I painted the moon over Las Cruces using my fingers and white paint over water-soluble oils. I guess I'm back to finger-painting, although I use a host of painting materials today."

Buchanan was born in Pasadena, Texas, and has a bachelor's degree in art education from the University of Houston as well as a master's degree in art from Texas Woman's University. Buchanan's art has appeared in galleries throughout the Southwest and in collections in the United States, France and Germany. She

has also won the Purchase Award from the Texas Watercolor Society for her painting titled "Canyon Moon."

In addition to creating innumerable original paintings, Buchanan has taught art at San Jacinto College, the Museum of Fine Arts School and Rice University in Houston, Texas as well as El Paso Community College and the El Paso Museum of Fine Arts School. She now resides in the Mesilla Valley where she paints and sculpts, specializing in Native Americans of the Southwest.

"I deeply respect the old ones for their harmony with Mother Earth, especially the teachings of the White Buffalo Women," she said.

These teachings focus on a respect of all life and the importance of caring for Mother Earth.

While her paintings are one-of-a-kind, Buchanan said past teachers have influenced her work.

"I have been influenced by my Houston teachers George Shakelford and Robert Joy, and by the works of (John Singer) Sargent, (Georgia) O'Keeffe, (James Abbott McNeill) Whistler and (Arthur) Dove, among others."

Buchanan described painting as a solitary experience which puts her in a creative space, almost dream-like.

From student to teacher, Buchanan encourages everyone to appreciate life the way she does.

"I am grateful for every breath," she said. "Being in Las Cruces, I have a heightened sense of what is important. I am continually grateful, and try to project that onto my students."

Other benefits from creating art include responses from her critiques, she said.

"One of my favorite experiences with art



"Crown Dancer" by Buchanan represents her attention to detail and Southwestern history.

comes when I get an, 'Oh, wow' from a viewer," Buchanan said. "Those responses are music to my ears. I recently enjoyed the interaction with folks walking by in Mesilla when I painted the sign for Galeria Tepin in front of the store."

Though not just anyone can create such elaborate pieces as Buchanan, she believes there is an artist in everyone.

"I think we are all creators, not just with art but in other things," she said. "There is an artist in all of us – the person who hangs all their shirts in certain colors, such as the reds then the oranges and so forth. I see it all as art."

For information drawing and painting classes by Buchanan, call 524-2845.



New Mexico artist Jean Buchanan poses with "Las Cruces Moon with Crosses," a portrait that represents the City of Crosses.

Call to Artists

LAST CHANCE

'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 through 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.

ONGOING CINCO DE MAYO

Nopalito's Galería, in the historic Mesquite district, is extending an invitation to artists for submissions for its first Cinco de Mayo exhibition and festival celebrating culture. The festival and opening reception will be held Saturday, May 7, with food, music and a community art mural contest by local high school students. The exhibition will be on display from May 7-31, and submissions are due Friday, March 18. For more information, call Victor Gallegos at 520-6600 or email nopalitosgaleria@hotmail.com.

DOWNTOWN

It's Really happening

Upcoming Events

Fri-Sat Feb 25-26	Vagina Monologues Rio Grande Theatre, 7pm
Sat Feb 26	Storytellers of LC: Sharlene Wittern & Sarah Addison COAS Bookstore, 10:30am
Sat Feb 26	Magic Carpet Story Time Branigan Cultural Center, 11:30am-Noon
Sat-Sun Feb 26-27	The Prisoner of Second Avenue Las Cruces Community Theatre, 8pm, 2:30pm
Sun Feb 27	4th Sun. Movie - "Coco before Chanel" Branigan Library - Roadrunner Rm., 2pm
Thu Mar 3	Ani Ma'amin Rio Grande Theatre, 8pm
Fri Mar 4	Reception for Michael Naranjo: Retrospective "Sight Unseen" Las Cruces Museum of Art, 5-7pm
Fri Mar 4	One-Act Play Festival Black Box Theatre, 8pm

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AtTheMovies

Film looks into struggling school systems and culture

Deteriorating religions, schooling in 'Journey from Zanskar'

Review by **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

I watched "Journey from Zanskar" as a film that could be used as a direct challenge to the highly taunted and interesting, but already faded attempt to get people to pay attention to the United States education system via the impressive documentary film, "Waiting for Superman," released in 2010.

The noble effort, which oddly was also ignored by the Academy Award committee, examined the educational system of the U.S., a flailing system at best.

Were there police officers in your school back in the day? Probably not, and one has to seriously wonder why things in the U.S. have changed so much

over the years.

Frederick Marx's thought-provoking documentary "Journey from Zanskar" covers the trek of a monk, a few parents and a group of children who leave one of the most isolated places on Earth in order to attend school in a far-off city – one that doesn't need police officers, where the students aren't surgically attached to their cell phones and

where learning is something that these kids truly want to do.

The journey starts in Zanskar, a place that looks so barren and foreboding, one wonders why the original inhabitants stopped there, and how those that live there can continue to do so.

Local monk Geshe Lobsang Yonten is acutely aware that the younger generation of Zanskarian's are losing their culture, language and identity. As instructed by his Holiness – the Dalai Lama – the monk begins to piece together a journey that will put all in peril, but one that probably needs to be done before the impending arrival of a road that will change the culture and history of Zanskar forever.

To that end, he starts to arrange 15 children, along with some parents and helpers, to travel to Manali, a Buddhist temple where the children can choose to become nuns, monks or teachers.

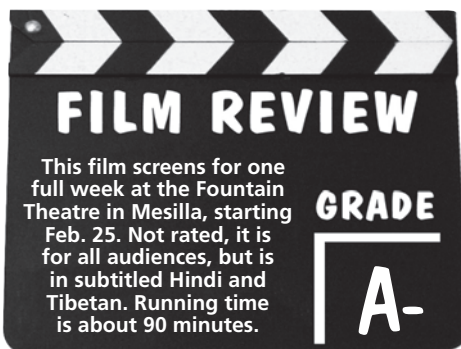
It is a noble effort to say the least, but travel arrangements and weather forecasting are not Yonten's strong suits. The group sets off across nearby mountain passes, some ranging to 17,000 feet in elevation, 3,000 feet higher than Zanskar, and, of course, roadless, without any of the popular accruals of winter travel in Tibet. Yaks are the only aides this strong Donner-party type group has, and it is not surprising that after a vaunted effort. They are forced to retreat back to Zanskar to wait out the weather or to formulate another plan.



With a lack of local presence in public and private schools, the Dalai Lama focuses on education in "Journey from Zanskar," playing at the Fountain Theatre.



A race against the clock, monks work to educate the children on Zanskar history.



With the completion of a road that connects Padum to Leh, economic growth descends in Zanskar.

Plan B is a longer mileage wise, – bus trip in a rickety old contraption that doesn't even have a heater. After a journey that includes snow blindness, closed roads, altitude sickness and an avalanche or two, the tiny intrepid group achieves their destination.

Besides an interesting and compelling story, narrated by Richard Gere, you can be sure that the cinematography excels, as do the attitudes and fortitude of those taking the trip.

The Mesilla Valley Film Society invited director Frederick Marx to New Mexico to talk about the film and those who took the journey.

The society was unable to reach a reasonable financial arrangement, and oddly Marx also refused to be interviewed by me for an article in the Bulletin, which is the first time that has ever happened to me in all my years of writing.

Nonetheless, "Journey from Zanskar" is a compelling film, and one that I still think about when I think of the sorry state of affairs in our local education system.

It's all about helping one another, Buddhist style, isn't it, Mr. Marx?

*Life is an incredible journey, is it not?
... jeffberg@lascrucebuletin.com.*

Do women belong in the mines?

'North Country' depicts discrimination, harassment and abuse

The CineMatinee for Saturday, Feb. 26, is "North Country" (2005, 120 minutes, rated R, partially shot in New Mexico). Nicki Caro and screenplay writer Michael Seitzman have turned the book "Class Action: The Landmark Case that Changed Sexual Harassment Law" into a superb fictionalized account of one of America's most groundbreaking sexual harassment lawsuits in a hard-hitting drama.

Josey Aimes (Charlize Theron) is no crusader; she's just a single mom in 1989 Minnesota who has fled her physically abusive husband and moved into the small home of her father Hank (Richard Jenkins) and mother Alice (Sissy Spacek). They both want her to go back home for the sake of her two children, but she refuses. The first question her dad asks after seeing her bruised face is "Did

he find you with another man?"

While working in a beauty parlor cleaning women's hair, she reconnects with Glory (Frances McDormand), an old friend who has a job as a union rep and a truck driver at an iron ore mining company – the same one Josey's dad works for. Determined to purchase her own house and give her kids the things she never had, Josey lands a job at the mine.

Josey is assigned to work with Bobby Sharp an old boyfriend from high school. Still holding a grudge against her from their past, Bobby is determined to make her life a living hell. Josey and the other women are subjected to crude sexual advances, sex toys in lunch boxes, humiliating names scrawled on the walls of their bathrooms and physical abuse.

The persecution intensifies as Sharp's irate wife confronts Josey at a hockey game and accuses her of seducing her husband. Soon this unfounded lie spreads among the whole community, and when Josey's son Sammy hears his mother called a whore, it drives a devastating wedge between them. He turns against her in the very moment when she needs support.

Watching this drama reach its climax in the courtroom, it is nearly impossible not to feel one's blood boil. For seeking justice in a community where everyone is frightened to challenge the status quo of patriarchy and chauvinism, Josey is rewarded with degradation and isolation.

There are many fine performances in "North Country," including those by Theron,

McDormand, Jenkins, Spacek and Woody Harrelson which help carry this tense drama to its unique conclusion.

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.

ArtsBriefs

One-man show at the Branigan Cultural Center

Las Cruces resident Dennis Lujan will present a one-man show at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., through March. The show will open in conjunction with Downtown Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4.

The show is a series of works Lujan has created digitally, and the work is like no other digital work shown in this area. There will be an artist's discussion at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 5.

Lujan is a Native American with family still living on the Taos Reservation. He has shown work across the country, won numerous awards and is known for the wide variety of media he has mastered. Having owned three different galleries in three different states, Lujan decided to focus on his art, and now works solely out of his home-based studio. The show is free, for more information, call 541-2155.

One-Act Play Festival March 4-13

No Strings Theatre Company presents a One-Act Play Festival from March 4-13 at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Students of Mark Medoff's playwriting class wrote the four plays that will be performed each evening.

Amy Lanasa directs "Tarrant County Jail" by Neal Adelman. Three men in a holding cell discuss the Boy Scouts, high school, women and fatherhood. The cast includes Shiloh Holloway as Earl, Eric Young as Dunbar, Zac Perez-Wright as Henry and Patrick McKinney Las the Guard.

Mark Medoff directs "Sandpiper" by Peggy Chapman. Nicole, an Ohio transplant with a lot of real and figurative baggage, moves into a San Diego condominium complex. Her exceptionally helpful, multi-talented neighbor Travis sets out with bruising enthusiasm to help her unload that baggage. A unique relationship embarks toward a titanic clash of wills. The cast includes Katy Taylor as Nicole, Brandon Brown as Travis and Marcella Salmon as Tanya.

"The Interview" by Mike Meginnis is

directed by David Edwards. A top-level Hollywood executive seeks a personal assistant for an even bigger movie mogul. Has he found the right person for the job? The cast includes Bob Diven as Doyle, Ted Aspen Sanchez as Orson and Gail Wheeler as Edie.

"Invisible Box" by Tracy Bowling is directed by Deborah La Porte. Two parents recovering from their teenage daughter's attempt at suicide quarrel over the meaning of her sudden descent into silence. It's when they learn to talk to each other that they discover she has ambitions beyond any of the possibilities they had imagined for her. The cast includes Tiffany Tyson as Mallory, Eric Young as Dan and Cindy Murrell as Ruth.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$10 regular admission, and \$9 for students and seniors over 65. For more information, call 523-1223.

'Ani Ma'amin' at the Rio Grande

Keshet Dance Company brings its most recent repertory work "Ani Ma'amin" Thursday, March 3, at the Rio Grande Theatre. "Ani Ma'amin" (Hebrew for "I Believe") is a unique interdisciplinary dance performance that explores the impact of the Holocaust on American Jews. Weaving together movement, poetry and video testimonies from Holocaust survivors and children of survivors, "Ani Ma'amin" opens a dialogue about diversity, tolerance and anti-Semitism in our history and in our present day lives.

Three new dancers, Kelsey Paschich, Alicia Nascimento and Kimberly White, have joined the cast this year. Paschich has danced and performed with the Moscow State Classical Ballet (Moscow, Russia), DCDC2 (Dayton, Ohio), Thodos Dance Chicago, River North Chicago Dance Company, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and in the Interdansa Dance Festival 2010. Nascimento trained with Philadanco's apprentice company and has danced with Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble in Denver and Grupo Corpo in Brazil. White returns



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from San Francisco where she was in the Alonzo King's LINES Ballet Training Program.

Founded in 1996, Keshet Dance Company is a professional company of dance artists committed to inspiring passion and opening unlimited possibilities through the experience of dance. Keshet unites professional dancers with the community through social programs to open unlimited possibilities regardless of economic, physical or social situations – connecting people with art to build a stronger community.

The Rio Grande Theatre is at 211 N. Main St. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the performance begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, and \$8 for students/seniors. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.keshetdance.org.

Mozart's 'Marriage of Figaro'

Doña Ana Lyric Opera (DALO), under the direction of New Mexico State University's Andrew Zimmerman, presents one of the all-time favorite Mozart operas – "Marriage of Figaro" Friday through Sunday, March 4-6. Friday and Saturday performances will be held at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday shows start at 3 p.m., at the Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. This is the perfect opportunity for opera-lovers to take advantage of an excellent production, with more than 90 percent of the cast seasoned voice students at NMSU. There are 11 lead roles and the opera is double cast. The role of Countess is played by Guo Ying who has recently won the prestigious Joan Sutherland award from the Bellini International Opera Competition in Rome. Megan Chavez, NMSU graduate with a degree in voice also plays the Countess. Masters in music degree holder, Ian Sidden will share the role of Count Almaviva with Ryan Allais. The choice role of Susanna is played by Emma Rosenthal and Eliza Woodyard, both local singers attending NMSU. The buffoonish Cherubino is played by Tara Khozein and Stephanie Sanchez. Finally, basses Daniel Sandino-Molloy and Revere Taylor share the role of Figaro.

A full orchestra will be directed by faculty member David Klement. Tickets are \$5 to \$12 and can be purchased at the Pan Am ticket office. For more information, call 646-2067.

FLOA Month wrap-up event

The City of Artist invites everyone to attend a special social event to wrap-up For Love of Art Month at the La Iguana Café, 139 N. Main St., from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25. Artists, supporters of art, patrons and the community are invited to enjoy the Baylor Canyon String Quartet, known for their acoustic classical bluegrass and folk music. Complementary wine tasting, a special appetizer menu and a City of Artists' exhibit will be held.

The City of Artists Promotional Association has concentrated on the mission to make art an economical reality for the entire community. President Susan Frary said the wrap-up party is a perfect opportunity to discuss the association's efforts in a casual, relaxed setting. For more information, call Pat Bonneau-White at 647-3546.

Art in Las Cruces



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"Celebrate" in front of City Hall, 700 N. Main St, by Bob Diven pays tribute to life, focusing on the gay, lesbian and transgender community. Diven submitted the design for a competition that was later modified for functionality and engineering purposes. Diven said he wanted the art to be a celebration of life as a whole. The artwork was installed in the fall of 2010 and is made of coated steel. The piece stands more than 12 feet high and features three figures – one male, one female and one neutral – supporting the roof of the shelter. A cutout in the central figure is in the shape of a heart.

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EventsCalendar

FRI. 2/25

10 a.m. Friday morning storytime, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-4499.

5 to 9 p.m. Wrap-up For the Love of Art Month, La Iguana Café, 139 N. Main St. The event is open to the public and the Baylor Canyon String Quartet will perform. Complimentary wine tasting and a special appetizer menu will be available. No cover. Call 647-3546.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. La Cella Bella cello quartet, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla. Pop/rock concert. No cover. Call 524-0390.

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.

8 to 10 p.m. "Swing into Spring," Las Cruces Event Center, 522 Idaho Ave. Bob Burns, Lauren Michaels and the Sophisticated Swing Combo present all the ballroom styles of dancing as well as show quality performances. Cost \$10. Call 525-9333.

SAT. 2/26

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.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Sharlene Wittern and Sarah Addison will be the storytellers at the Downtown location, and Gloria Hacker will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. This event is part of the Jennie Curry storyfest. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 526-8377.

11 a.m. to noon, Introducing Mountain View Market Essentials, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Learn about Mountain View Market's new private-label line of vitamins and supplements with Genevieve Mitchell. Free. Call 523-0436.

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

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

6 to 9 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

6 p.m. Rebecca St. James concert, First Assembly of God, 5605 Bataan Memorial West. Cost \$50-\$100. Call 525-8515.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center, Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, singles and guests are wel-

come to dance to the music of Mark Coker. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

SUN. 2/27

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 p.m. "An Afternoon of Gospel & Bluegrass," St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Steve Smith and Chris Sanders perform with Anne Luna. Free. 526-6689.

2 p.m. "Coco before Chanel," Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Free. Call 528-4014.

3 to 7 p.m. Open Mic, Blue Moon Bar, 13060 N. Highway 185. Free. Call 647-9524.

6 to 9 p.m. Oscar viewing party and fundraiser, Boba Café, 1900 S. Espina Ave. Reception, dinner, auction and Oscar ballots. Cost \$25-\$45. Call 312-8331.

MON. 2/28

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.



"Coco Before Chanel," starring Audrey Tautou as Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel will be playing Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

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. 3/1

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 7:30 p.m. The Great Conversation, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Learn about "Social Upheaval: The Middle East to Madison" with Randy Harris. Free. Call 523-0436.

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

WED. 3/2

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.

6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit meeting, Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative

ideas and good conversation are shared. To participate, bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625, email meadows@zianet.com or visit lascrucesstitches.multiply.com.

9 p.m. NMSU vs. Utah State men's basketball game, Pan Am Center on the NMSU campus. Cost \$8-\$31. Call 646-1420.

THU. 3/3

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

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6 to 9 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

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. 3/4

5:30 to 7 p.m. Literary open mic, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The event is sponsored by Sin Fronteras. Bring up to three poems or five minutes of prose to read. The host is Dick Thomas. Free. Call 521-9314

6 to 9 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

6 to 8 p.m. Peace Corps Information Session with Paty Hernandez, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Free. Call 523-0436.

6:30 p.m. Howling Coyote, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Open to acoustic musicians, singers, poets and storytellers. A full stage, sound and lights are provided by Skip Connelley. Join Howling Coyote's sixth anniversary during For the Love of Art Month. Free. Call 525-9333 or 915-799-5684.

SAT. 3/5

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.

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Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

GALERÍA TEPÍN hosts an exhibition "Carnaval Social" featuring the work of César Iván, a visual artist and musician, through Feb. 28. He works in various media including oil-acrylic painting, metal, wood, mosaic, murals, computer graphics and handmade calaca (skeleton) marionettes. Galería Tepín is located at 2220 Calle de Parian. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 523-3988.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "By George!" through Saturday, Feb. 26. "By George!" presents the exciting possibility for a wide variety of interpretations in the use of George Mendoza's fabrics. Mendoza's 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.

"I See Red," an intimate exhibit by the Southern Chapter of the New Mexico Watercolor Society, will run at Branigan through Saturday, Feb. 26. 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.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY will hold the annual "My Masterpiece" contest during February. "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. 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.

JOYCE T. MACRORE STUDIO GALLERY celebrates For the Love of Art Month with a group exhibition featuring Linda Gendall, Paul Lawrence, Joyce T. Macrorie, Or-Dima and Scott Weaver. The gallery is at 639 S. San Pedro St. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday by appointment only. Call 571-8349.

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. 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.

LAS CRUCES CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU hosts "Love in the Dream Garden" during February's Love of Art Month. 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.

OPENING

RIO GRANDE THEATRE GALLERIES will host paintings by Jim Wessels during March. His work is two-sided, depicting land and seascapes on one side and cosmic space scenes on the other. The exhibit will open in conjunction with the Downtown Art Ramble, with an artist reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4.

In October of 2010, Wessels was chosen to exhibit his works at the new City Hall, where he was presented with a certificate commending him for his part in the Masters Images Series by Mayor Ken Miyagishima. The galleries are at 211 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 523-6403.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY of the Unitarian Universalist Church presents "A City of Artists Creates" by members of the City of Artists Promotional Association during March. The show will

begin with an artist reception from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6, and run through Friday, April 1. The artists exhibiting include Pat Bonneau-White, Joanna Bradley, Martha Randell Brown, Rebecca Courtney, Penny Dunclee, Les Fairchild, Susan Frary, Caryl Kotulak, Jan Kosnick, Judy Licht, Carol Lopez, Sandra Marshall, Katja Mayfield, Hetty Smith, Kurt Van Wagner, Frances Vesoso and Phil Yost. The 17 artists will be presenting a total of 25 two-dimensional pieces in watercolor, mixed media, acrylic, oil, dyes on silk, stained glass, encaustic, digital prints and photographs. Sculpture art will be represented by work in welded steel, gourd art and segmented wood turnings.

The gallery is at 2000 Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. As of Tuesday, March 1, gallery hours will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Call 522-7281.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER will host "Color 2," the works of renowned artist Gabriella Denton Friday, March 4 through Saturday, March 26. A reception is to be held Friday, March 4, during the Downtown Art Ramble.

Denton, a native of Rome, is an award-winning artist who has taught painting and drawing and her works have been exhibited widely in galleries and museums. Denton's art is infused with color.

"Fabulous Fiber 2011" will be on display Friday, March 4 through Saturday March 26. A reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4, during the Downtown Art Ramble. Works shown in this exhibit are made out of many fibers such as yarn, paper and reeds. Objects are created by weaving, knitting, crocheting and basketry created by members of the area's Mesilla Valley

"Emotional Rescue - The Dream Catchers" will also be on display from Friday, March 4 through Saturday, March 26, at the cultural center. A reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4. The show is comprised of digital collage dream catchers and medicine wheels created by Las Cruces Dennis Lujan.



This two-sided painting by Jim Wessels will be on display at the Rio Grande Theatre.

Using digital grunge art, each collage conveys a message about the environment through a dream catcher. Lujan uses many materials that have been discarded as trash, such as rusty pipes, diamonds, old doors and carved marble as well as water. Through these images, the viewer sees what we experience within our surroundings.

The center is at 501 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2154.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY will feature local artists Rayma Claessen and Bobbie Widner during the month of March. Claessen is noted for her Organ Mountains and landscape paintings and will exhibit a miniature collection of Organ Mountains. Widner prefers to express her talent in subject matters from abroad, mainly France and Italy where she has studied. In addition, the 30 artists of the gallery offer art in many media, including original paintings, encaustics, fused glass art jewelry, photography, handmade cards, decorative gourds, stained glass, affordable prints and miniature paintings.

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.

THE MAIN STREET GALLERY will host 26 artists to create artwork for "ABC: Easy as 1-2-3" exhibit through the month of March. Show curator and artist Marie Siegrist personally selected the artists based on the excellence of their work and their wide range of media. The exhibit is

the plans and procedures of developing his variety of drawers. Samples of the vanner designs from the Chinese Pistachio tree will be on view to demonstrate its matching qualities. Brenner is a multi-talented artist and a cabinet maker by trade. 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 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 523-2950.

ONGOING

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA hosts "For the Love of Toys." 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 of a Native American theme, and 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.

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.

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.

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BLUE GATE GALLERY will feature a preview of a project in progress that will be shown in the "Knock on Wood" exhibit during the Downtown Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4. Don Brenner will be at the gallery to explain

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Galleries & Openings

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UNSETTLED GALLERY & STUDIO hosts 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.

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



"The Broken Window" by Dennis Lujan is part of the "Emotional Rescue – The Dream Catchers" exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center.

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. McLoughlin is well known for her whimsical paintings with cats, family and friends flying around her work in a dream like way. 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.

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.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER presents the first of six exhibitions of 2011, including Craig Cully, painting; Fernando Delgado, photography; Ed Freeman, photography; Charlotte Segull, drawing; and Leandra Spangler, handmade paper sculpture. The gallery is at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. Call 523-8713.

BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO presents "Winter Gifts of Art," an exhibition of abstract to traditional pieces presented by the City of Artists Promotional Association. Featured artists are Pat Bonneau-White, Rebecca Courtney, Joe Dominick, Penny Duncklee, Les Fairchild, Susan Frary, Jan Kosnick, JoAnn Alcala Milam, Hetty Smith, Kurt Van Wagner and Roberta Widner. The gallery is at 2825 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call 526-6126.



Madeline Stark of One of a Kind Knits in Santa Fe showcases her knitted and crocheted scarves, shawls and hats. She also had dyedwool knitting kits for sale at the Rag Rug Festival, held March 20-21, 2010, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Annual Rag Rug Festival scheduled for March 5-6

Event supports state's women and girls at the Farm & Ranch Museum

Bulletin Staff Report

The Rag Rug Festival & Design Collective will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 5-6, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Women who have been assisted by the New Mexico Women's Foundation will be there directly benefiting from sales of their work – from woven and crocheted rag rugs to jewelry, art and art-to-wear to hand-knitted, crocheted and sewn garments and accessories. Handmade books, home-dyed yarns, up-cycled furnishings and fashion and tote bags made out of recycled rice and flour sacks will also be available for sale.

This two-day festival is presented by NMWF supporting organizations and programs that create economic opportunities for New Mexico's women and girls – including recent immigrants from international refugee camps – and has done so for the past seven years.

"Cottage industries help women put food on the table," said Festival Producer and NMWF Board President Frieda Arth. "Participating in one of the foundation's three festivals, which are also held in Santa Fe and Farmington, has opened up a world of possibility for women across the state, giving them a chance to showcase the work they create by hand. It also helps advance the quality of life for these women,

their families and their communities.

"We're looking at the kind of work women have done through history, and whether they are working with traditional forms of weaving and using designs created on looms rich with cultural history, or fabricating and bringing their own ideas into fruition, there's a sense of camaraderie that's pervasive throughout these events that helps make them successful."

Some of these women, knitted together through NMWF, have formed nonprofit cooperatives and collectives that promote successful self-reliant community development, including Southwest Women's Fiber Arts Collective in Silver City, the Española Valley Fiber Arts Center in Española, Mujeres Sin Fronteras (Women Without Borders) in Santa Fe, Art For The Heart and Upcycled Fashions in Peñasco, Sew Right Inc in Albuquerque, La Cooperativa de la Frontera in Columbus and Creaciones Yuca (Yucca Creations) in Chaparral.

- Women in New Mexico earn 75 cents for every dollar men earn.
- In New Mexico, Hispanic women earn only 53 cents for every dollar white men earn. Native women earn 55 cents to that dollar.
- The average annual income for a woman over the age of 60 is \$6,000.
- Only seven percent of United States foundation funding goes to the two-thirds of the population who live in poverty around the world – women and children.
- 47 percent of New Mexico's children live in poverty.
- Bankers and economists advising the International Monetary Fund all agree on one strategy for the future – it pays to educate girls everywhere.

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Bulletin Restaurant Guide

A little old place where families eat together

Piggin' out BBQ style at the Rib Shack

By David Edwards
Las Cruces Bulletin

The folks at the Rib Shack know when they've got a good thing going. Owner Lindsey Golden took over the established business – then known as the Rib Cage – from the previous owner after working there a couple of days a week and becoming familiar with the operation.

After a new coat of paint and a new black-and-white color scheme, the restaurant was ready to re-open with its new moniker. The personal messages written on the inside walls praising the cuisine were also covered over. But Golden kept the tradition alive and now customers – some old ones and a growing number of new ones – can leave their kudos to the new regime. People don't know the place is open again, but the word is starting to get out.

Many of the recipes are the same Golden said, but he uses his own rub recipe and created a new sauce, which he feels is less spicy and concentrates on more flavor without so much heat.

The corn slaw, one of my favorite hold-overs, is still on the menu as well as beans, mac and cheese – is it possible for there to be a more delicious combination than barbecue and mac and cheese? – and the homemade potato salad (actually everything is homemade, but something about "homemade" potato salad just sounds right). There's even a daily homemade dessert, such as apple or peach cobbler.

The meat choices are beef brisket, pork ribs, pulled pork, smoked sausage and turkey legs. It comes in platters with two sides or you can get a brisket, pulled pork or sausage sandwich. Brisket, sausage and pulled pork are available by the pound or you can get a full rack of lovely pork ribs.

The meat is cooked over a mesquite wood fire, and the ribs and sausage are cooked the same day. The brisket and pork take longer and he starts those the night before. The brisket is split in half to make sure the rub gets on the inside as well as outside.

"A lot of people ask me 'What's good?' and I say 'Everything is good,'" Golden said. "They ask, 'What do you eat?' It depends – usually I just get me a sandwich. But the brisket is the main thing that always goes."

Being able to put any one of these delicious meats between two slices of bread is probably what got the Earl of Sandwich started thinking in that direction. Only the earl didn't have mesquite-smoked saucy goodness for the pay-off.

Golden came to Las Cruces six years ago from Nashville. He sold cars and worked as a marketing director for a health care firm.

"I had always wanted to run a restaurant," he said. "But I never really had an opportunity to get into it, until now."

Lunch buddy and I hit the place right at opening time and there was already someone else there. He decided on the pork ribs with beans and corn slaw for his

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side dishes – the potato salad wasn't quite ready yet (what did I tell you, homemade and fresh to boot). I ordered the brisket with an extra meat (which must surprise no one who knows me or reads these columns). Corn slaw and mac and cheese – another shocker – were my side choices.

The place is bright and comfortable and there are already plenty of comments written on the walls. "Best ribs since I left Arkansas!" Stuff like that.

The food came quickly and my brisket and sausage was piled on a slice of bread with some pickles and onions for garnish. The corn slaw was as good as I remembered. And the mac and cheese? Well, you can probably guess how I felt about it.

LB also enjoyed his ribs and sides and we began discussing whether they had barbecue in Poland (Jack's homeland). They don't, at least, not like this. Just think, what a waste with all that Polish sausage to cook up.

We also discussed whether either of us had ever had what we considered "bad" barbecue and concluded that we probably hadn't. That even bad barbecue was still pretty good. I have never met a barbecue that I didn't like really. I mean you slap some delicious pig or cow on a grill with flavorful wood smoldering underneath and flavor it with some spices and slather it with sauce and it's hard to go wrong. I know I am going back for a turkey leg and potato salad real soon.

The barbecue at the Rib Shack doesn't even come close to falling into that questionable gray area; it's clearly on the good side. In fact, you could even say it's Golden.



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Owner Lindsey Golden continued the tradition of customers leaving comments on the wall of the Rib Shack.

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Top 10 singles Tuesday, Feb. 22

- 1 **Born this Way**
Lady Gaga
- 2 **Forget You (explicit)**
Cee Lo Green
- 3 **E.T.**
Katy Perry featuring Kanye West
- 4 **Grenade**
Bruno Mars
- 5 **S&M**
Rihanna
- 6 **I Need a Doctor**
Dr. Dre featuring Eminem and Skylar Grey
- 7 **Firework**
Katy Perry
- 8 **Never Say Never**
Justin Bieber
- 9 **Rolling in the Deep**
Adele
- 10 **Forget You (radio edit)**
Cee Lo Green

Top 5 albums

- 1 **Sigh No More**
Mumford & Sons
- 2 **Never Say Never**
Justin Bieber
- 3 **My World 2.0**
Justin Bieber
- 4 **Need You Now**
Lady Antebellum
- 5 **21**
Adele

Source: iTunes

Featured concert: *Hymn for Her at High Desert*

Chasing the American stream

Tight and Waxing to perform at High Desert Brewing Co. in bluegrass concert

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

While their recording studio is a bit unconventional – an Airstream trailer – band members Lucy Tight and Wayne Waxing’s tunes are just right.

“Hymn For Her,” a band that hails from anywhere they can park their trailer will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. This stop is one of 60 on a country-wide tour.

“This tour is a groundbreaking endeavor,” Tight said. “(In our old band), all we did with our lives was tour, tour, tour. It’s different now with the little one. The tours include finding family things to do on the road – not sleeping until 1 a.m., going to a café for a few hours and playing a gig.”

Traveling and touring the country in their 16-foot 1961 Bambi Airstream, which they said comes complete with dog and baby, Tight and Waxing have journeyed coast-

to-coast singing and playing music. Between shows, the duo visits various campgrounds and friends’ driveways, where they set up their gear in their home/recording studio and rock out. Armed with two bullet microphones, a three-stringed broom handle/cigar box, banjo, dobro, bass drum, hi-hat and harp, this combo is said to “cause massive earthquakes wherever they play.”

Tight and Waxing recorded their entire new album “Lucy & Wayne and the American Stream,” released in 2010, from their Airstream trailer. It was mixed by Jim Diamond of the White Stripes.

“We’ve always admired the Airstream’s sleek beauty,” said Tight, adding that the vehicle’s timelessness and silver-bullet motion on the highway adds to the comfort of their “toaster on wheels.”

While their style has been described as, “minimalist pop that veers off in a thousand directions without losing focus,” each of the record’s dozen songs ends up in someplace unexpected, with banjo and artfully

placed power chords leading the way.

Tight plays the cigar-box guitar through distortion pedals, and nearly every song features modestly demented slide guitar and harmonica.

“We first met the cigar-box (guitar) in Memphis, Tenn.,” she said. “We saw a musician playing and rockin’ the instrument, who inspired us. There was a big storm in Memphis that knocked the wind out of a lot of trees and our band-mate offered to help chainsaw a few of them for Johnny Lowe, who created the Lowebow Cigar Box. As a parting gift, Johnny gave us our very own cigar-box guitar.”

With bluegrass overtones, the overriding impression of their music is a mixture. Songs on the album, such as “Fiddlestix,” “C’mon,” “Montana” and “Cave” among eight other bluegrass tunes, suggest that garage rock has moved into the trailer park.

Along with the March 5 concert, High Desert hosts live music from 8 to 11 p.m. every Thursday and Saturday night. For more information, call 525-6752.



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PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	World	Wash.	McL'ghlin	Need to Know (N)	Frontline (N) CC	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley																
CBS	3	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	The Defenders (N)	CSI: NY (N) CC	Blue Bloods CC	News	Letterman	Late																	
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Supernanny (N)	Primetime: What	20/20 (N) CC	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live																	
FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Kitchen Nightmares	Fringe "Subject 13"	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb														
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Who Do You	Dateline NBC (In Stereo) CC	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late																
CW	14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	Smallville "Fortune"	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	Boston	NBA	NBA Basketball: Thunder at Magic				NBA Basketball: Nuggets at Trail Blazers				SportsCenter CC															
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	Siena at Fairfield.	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) CC				SportsCenter CC				Live	Final	NBA	NFL Live												
USA	31	NCIS "Endgame"	NCIS CC	CSI: Crime Scene				CSI: Crime Scene				NCIS CC	NCIS "Endgame"														
TNT	32	Bones CC	Bones CC	*** "Air Force One" (1997) Harrison Ford. CC				*** "A Time to Kill" (1996) Sandra Bullock. CC																			
TBS	33	King	King	** "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005) CC				** "Meet the Browns" (2008) CC				"How Stella Got Her Groove"															
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Reba	Reba	Dane Cook	Comedy	Comedy	Dane Cook	Comedy	Dane Cook														
LIFE	39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	Mother	Reba														
FOOD	40	B. Flay	Best	Chopped	Diners	Diners	Food	Best	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Food	Best													
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	House	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters													
A&E	43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds														
HIST	44	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels														
TLC	45	Cupcake	Cupcake	Cupcake	Cupcake	Say Yes	Say Yes	Cupcake	Cupcake	Say Yes	Say Yes	Cupcake	Cupcake	Cupcake	Cupcake												
DISC	47	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska														
ANPL	50	The Tiger Next Door	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions														
FAM	51	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	The 700 Club (N)	Whose?	Whose?	Paid	90 Days!														
DISN	52	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	*** "Bolt" (2008) Premiere.	Fish	Take	Phineas	Hannah	Hannah														
NICK	54	Anubis	iCarly	Big Time Rush	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	G. Martin	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez														
AMC	57	"Godfather III"	*** "GoodFellas" (1990) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. CC	*** "GoodFellas" (1990) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. CC				*** "GoodFellas" (1990) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. CC																			
SYFY	59	"Dawn of the Dead"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) CC	Merlin (N) CC				Being Human				Stargate SG-1															
CNN	62	John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360 CC	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper														
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	Marijuana: Industry	Porn: Business	Surviving the Future	Mad Money	Porn: Business	Surviving the Future	Porn: Business	Surviving the Future	Porn: Business	Surviving the Future	Surviving the Future														
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Colorado	Lockup: Colorado	Lockup: Colorado	Lockup: Colorado	Lockup: Colorado	Lockup: Colorado	Lockup: Colorado														

SATURDAY MORNING												FEBRUARY 26, 2011														
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PBS	22	PBS NewsHour CC	Bob Build	Dinosaur	Thomas	Mr Rogers	W'dwright	Best of Joy	Fine Art	Sews	organic	Liv'g														
CBS	3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show	TV reporter Serene Branson. (N)	Busytown	Busytown	Doodlebop	Trollz (El)	College Basketball																
ABC	7	Sports	Reporter	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	Emperor	Replacemn	So Raven	So Raven	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.															
FOX	8	14	Real-Scrt	Profit	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Icons	Paid Prog.	House	Skin	Marketpl	Marketpl	Marketpl	Marketpl												
NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.	Faith Ave	Today Social networking. (N) (In Stereo) CC	Turbo	Sheldon	Magic Bus	Babar	Willa's	Pearlie															
CW	14	(3:00) Storm Track	Weather 24/7	Magi	Magi	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Sonic X	Dragon	Dragon															
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Total Gym	Lifelock	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger															
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC	SportsCenter CC	SportsCenter CC	SportsCenter CC	SportsCenter CC	SportsCenter CC	College GameDay (Live)	College Basketball																	
ESPN2	27	NBA	Final	Nation	NFL Live	NBA	Nation	Bassmasters (N) CC	SportsCenter CC	Year/Quarterback																
USA	31	Get Hot!	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Fairly Legal	"Benched"	Fairly Legal	Fairly Legal	Fairly Legal	"Believers"															
TNT	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Tabloid"	Law & Order "Fed"	Law & Order "Fed"	Men of a Certain Age	The Closer	The Closer	The Closer	Law & Order "Venom"																
TBS	33	Harvey	Harvey	Yes, Dear	(:40) ** "I Think I Love My Wife" (2007) CC	(:40) ** "Deliver Us From Eva" (2003) LL Cool J. CC																				
COM	35	Fat Loss	Take It Off!	Presents	"Van Wilder: Freshman Year" (2009) CC	** "Black Sheep" (1996) Chris Farley. CC	Scrubs																			
LIFE	39	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Sexy	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meaningful	"In God's Country" (2007) Kelly Rowan. CC																	
FOOD	40	Ultimate	Boy/Grill	Big Daddy	Giada	Day Off	Mexican	Ingrid. Fix	Paula	Paula	Secrets	Secrets														
HGTV	41	Kitchen	Bathtastic!	Sweat Equ.	Over, Head	Holmes on Homes	Disaster	Disaster	Crashers	Income	Designed	To Sell														
A&E	43	My Ghost Story CC	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House	Flip This House	Flip This House	Flip This House														
HIST	44	Heavy Metal CC	Clash of the Gods	Clash of the Gods	Clash of the Gods	Clash of the Gods	Clash of the Gods	Ancient Ink																		
TLC	45	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Home Made Simple (N)	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up														
DISC	47	KettleBell	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Paid Prog.	Dirty Jobs "Egg Farm"	Cook County Jail	Gang Wars: Oakland I	Cops & Coyotes																	
ANPL	50	(4:00) Puppy Bowl II	Puppies play. CC	Dogs 101	Dogs 101	It's Me or the Dog	Pit Boss "Smackdown!"	Pit Boss																		
FAM	51	** "Johnson Family Vacation" (2004, Comedy)	** "Nutty Professor II: The Klumps" (2000)	** "The Haunted Mansion" (2003, Comedy)																						
DISN	52	Charlie	Little	Movers	Chugging	Jungle	Manny	Agent Oso	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas														
NICK	54	Parents	Rugrats	Fanboy	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	T.U.F.F.	Penguins	Parents	Planet	Power	SpongeBob													
AMC	57	Bed	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Paid Prog.	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	*** "The Gunfighter" (1950) Gregory Peck.	Wyatt Earp																
SYFY	59	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Million \$	Twi. Zone	Invasion "Pilot"	"Princess of Mars" (2009) Antonio Sabato Jr.	Heatstroke																	
CNN	62	Saturday	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning	Bottom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom																	
CNBC	63	Acne	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hot Bodies of 2011	Oreck	People	Paid Prog.	Miracle	Paid Prog.	Get Hot!	Salad Chef														
MSNBC	64	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	The Runaways																

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PBS	22	Hometime	MotorWeek	NMSU	This Old House Hr	Garden	Garden	Cook	Avec Eric	Legislators	Lawrence Welk														
CBS	3	College Basketball	College Basketball	BYU at San Diego State.	College Basketball	Florida at Kentucky. CC	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.																	
ABC	7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	American Latino	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	ESPN Sports Saturday	Sports anthology. (N)															
FOX	8	14	AAA	Eco Co.	Paid Prog.	Traveler	'70s Show	Donate	Funniest	Funniest	Two Men	Two Men													
NBC	9	9	Pets.TV	3 Wide Life	PGA Tour Golf	WGC Accenture Match	Play Championship, Quarterfinals. (In Stereo Live) CC	Back Pain	Planet																
CW	14	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Into Wild	Wild Amer	Edgemont	Edgemont	Adventures	Adventures	WHAD	Edgemont	Funniest Moments													
WGN	15	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	The Unit "Bait" CC															
ESPN	26	College Basketball	College Basketball	St. John's at Villanova. (Live)	College Basketball	Kansas at Oklahoma. (Live)	College Basketball	Kansas at Oklahoma. (Live)	College Basketball																
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	College Basketball	Memphis at Texas-El Paso.	Countdown	NASCAR Racing																			
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU													
TNT	32	*** "Michael Clayton" (2007) George Clooney. CC	*** "A Time to Kill" (1996) Sandra Bullock, Samuel L. Jackson. CC	AF1																					
TBS	33	(10:55) ** "Why Did I Get Married?" (2007) Tyler Perry.	Jim	Raymond	Seinfeld	King	King	Diary-Black																	
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	** "School for Scoundrels" (2006) CC	** "Beerfest" (2006, Comedy) Jay Chandrasekhar. CC																			
LIFE	39	"Live Once, Die Twice" (2006) Kellie Martin. CC	"Secrets of the Summer House" (2008) CC	"Taken in Broad Daylight" (2009) CC																					
FOOD	40	Contessa	Contessa	Worst Cooks	Chopped	Pasta dishes.	Cupcake Wars	Iron Chef America	Challenge																
HGTV	41	Unsellable	Get It Sold	Curb/Block	Design	Colour	Bang, Buck	Candice	Sarah	Genevieve	Color Spl.	Designed	House												
A&E	43	Heavy "Ronnie; Debbie"	Heavy	Heavy "Sharon; Ashley"	Heavy "Kevin; Flor"	Heavy "Travis; Lindy"	Heavy "Ronnie; Debbie"																		
HIST	44	Exorcism: Driving Out the Devil	Cults: Dangerous Devotion	Cults. CC	Hooked: Illegal Drugs	Hooked: Illegal Drugs																			
TLC	45	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras													
DISC	47	Almost, Away	Desert Car Kings	Sons	Sons	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters													
ANPL	50	Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!													
FAM	51	** "Good Burger" (1997, Comedy) Kel Mitchell.	** "Richie Rich" (1994) Macaulay Culkin.	** "Vegas Vacation" (1997) Chevy Chase.																					
DISN	52	Phineas	Fish Hooks	*** "Bolt" (2008, Comedy) CC	Fish Hooks	Good Luck	Shake It	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Fish Hooks	Fish Hooks	Fish Hooks													
NICK	54	Big Time	Victorious	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Penguins	Fanboy	Fanboy	iCarly (In Stereo) CC													
AMC	57	(10:30) ** "Wyatt Earp" (1994, Biography) Kevin Costner. Portrait traces him from boy to lawman.	*** "GoodFellas" (1990) Robert De Niro.																						
SYFY	59	(10:30) "Heatstroke" (2008) CC	"Showdown at Area 51" (2007) Jason London.	"Living Hell" (2008) Johnathon Schaech. CC	Star Trek																				
CNN	62	Your Money	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Situation Room																	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Meaningful	Get Ripped	Get Rich	Paid Prog.	People	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.												
MSNBC	64	The Runaways	Conviction: Murder	With Friends	Cult Killer	Mindhunter	Taking the Bait																		

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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	Globe Trekker	NOVA (N) (In Stereo)	Nature (In Stereo)	Masterpiece Classic (N) (CC)	Art-Century	Spain	Europe	Rudy						
CBS	3	News	News	60 Minutes (N)	The Amazing Race	Undercover Boss	CSI: Miami (N)	News	Cold Case (CC)	Paid					
ABC	7	Oscars Red Carpet Live (CC)	The 83rd Annual Academy Awards (In Stereo Live) (CC)	Latino TV	News (N)	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live								
FOX	8	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Simpsons American	Simpsons Burgers	Family Guy (CC)	KFOX News at Nine	Seinfeld	Mother	Office					
NBC	9	News	News	Dateline NBC (CC)	Minute to Win It	Minute to Win It	Minute to Win It	News	Lopez	Nieman	Paid				
CW	14	(4:30) *** "Never Say Never Again"	"Master and Commander: The Far Side"	Access Hollywood	Ugly Betty (CC)	Brothers									
WGN	15	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	Replay	Monk (CC)	Monk (CC)	Monk (CC)					
ESPN	26	(4:00) SportsCenter	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Miami Heat.	NBA Basketball: Hawks at Trail Blazers	SportsCenter (CC)										
ESPN2	27	NHRA Drag Racing	Kragen O'Reilly Auto Parts Winternationals.	Bassmasters From New Orleans. (N)	Final	Boston	Poker	Poker							
USA	31	NCIS "Cloak" (CC)	NCIS "Dagger"	NCIS "Legend"	NCIS "Legend"	Royal Pains (CC)	White Collar (CC)	NCIS "Blowback"							
TNT	32	"Saving Private"	*** "The Patriot" (2000, War) Mel Gibson. (CC) (DVS)	Leverage (CC)	Leverage (CC)	"The Patriot" (2000)									
TBS	33	"Get Married?"	** "The Family That Preys" (2008) (CC)	(:15) ** "The Family That Preys" (2008) (CC)	** "Code Name: The Cleaner"										
COM	35	"Harold & Kumar Escape Guantanamo"	** "My Best Friend's Girl" (2008) (CC)	(:15) Tosh.0 (CC)	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama							
LIFE	39	"Seventeen and Missing" (2007) (CC)	"Taken From Me: Tiffany Rubin Story"	"Taken From Me: Tiffany Rubin Story"	Mother	Mother									
FOOD	40	Worst Cooks	Challenge	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Cupcake Wars	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America							
HGTV	41	Hunters House	Holmes on Homes	Holmes Inspection	Holmes Inspection	Holmes Inspection	Holmes Inspection	Holmes Inspection							
A&E	43	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	Larry	Swamp People	(:01) Ax Men (CC)	(:01) Ax Men (CC)						
TLC	45	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.							
DISC	47	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons							
ANPL	50	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	River Monsters "Killer Catfish" (CC)	River Monsters "Killer Catfish" (CC)	Fatal Attractions									
FAM	51	(4:30) ** "Happy Gilmore"	*** "Meet the Parents" (2000)	Robert De Niro.	Funny Home Videos	J. Osteen	Ed Young	Zola Lev	Take It						
DISN	52	Phineas Good	Wizards	Wizards	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards	Good				
NICK	54	Big Time	Victo	** "Baby's Day Out" (1994) (CC)	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny					
AMC	57	** "Pearl Harbor"	** "Pearl Harbor" (2001, War) Ben Affleck,	Josh Hartnett, Kate Beckinsale. (CC)	*** "The Longest Day" (1962, War)										
SYFY	59	(3:30) "Serenity"	*** "Casino Royale" (2006) Daniel Craig,	Eva Green. (CC)	*** "The Rocketeer" (1991) Bill Campbell. (CC)	JdgDredd									
CNN	62	Newsroom	Taliban	Piers Morgan	Newsroom	Taliban	Piers Morgan	Newsroom							
CNBC	63	Diabetes	Wall St.	The Facebook	Millions	Millions	Price of Admission	Surviving the Future	American Greed	Marijuana USA					
MSNBC	64	Caught on Camera	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw							

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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	World	Antiques Roadshow	Amer. Experience	Alan Simpson	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Mad	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0 (CC)	News	Letterman	Late		
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo) (CC)	(:01) Castle (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
FOX	8	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	House (N) (CC)	The Chicago Code	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb			
NBC	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Chuck (N) (CC)	The Cape "Razer"	Harry's Law (N)	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW	14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	90210 "Blue Naomi"	Gossip Girl (N)	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access			
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Chris	Chris	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb			
ESPN	26	College Basketball			College Basketball	Kansas State at Texas.	SportsCenter (CC)	NFL Live	NBA	SportsCenter (CC)					
ESPN2	27	Women's College Basketball			Tennis		SportsNation (CC)	Final	SportsNation (CC)	NASCAR					
USA	31	NCIS "Child's Play"	NCIS "Faith" (CC)	WWE Monday Night RAW (CC)	(:05) White Collar	Law & Order: SVU	Law Order: CI								
TNT	32	Bones (CC)	Bones (CC)	Bones (CC)	The Closer (CC)	HawthoRNe (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)							
TBS	33	King	King	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan	Lopez Tonight	Conan					
COM	35	(4:45) * "My Best Friend's Girl" (2008)	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	Comedy	Comedy	Futurama	Daily			
LIFE	39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	"Vacancy 2: The First Cut" (2009) (CC)	Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will			
FOOD	40	Iron Chef America	Unwrap	Candy	Diners	Best	Best	Good Eat	Good Eat	Frasier	Diners	Best	Best		
HGTV	41	Hunters House	House	Property	Property	Hunters	House	Hunters	First Pla.	First Pla.	Property	Hunters	House	Hunters	
A&E	43	The First 48 (CC)	Intervention (CC)	Intervention (CC)	Heavy "Jill; Johnny"	Heavy (CC)	(:01) Intervention	(:01) Intervention							
HIST	44	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers				
TLC	45	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Outra	19 Kids	19 Kids	Cake	Cake	Outra	19 Kids	19 Kids		
DISC	47	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	Gold Rush: Alaska	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	Gold Rush: Alaska	American Chopper	Gold Rush: Alaska				
ANPL	50	Untamed and Uncut	Wild	Wild	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	Wild	Wild	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive				
FAM	51	Pretty Little Liars	Pretty Little Liars	Greek (N) (CC)	Pretty Little Liars	The 700 Club (CC)	Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid					
DISN	52	Deck	Deck	Deck	Shake It	Good	Good	"Legally Blondes" (2009)	Deck	Deck	Fish	Fish			
NICK	54	Anubis	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	George	Lopez
AMC	57	"Demolition Man"	*** "Bad Boys" (1995, Action) Martin Lawrence.	*** "Bad Boys" (1995, Action) Martin Lawrence.	*** "Bad Boys" (1995, Action) Martin Lawrence.	*** "48 HRS."									
SYFY	59	Being Human (CC)	Being Human	Being Human (N)	(:01) Warehouse 13	(:01) Being Human	(:01) Moonlight	(:01) Face Off							
CNN	62	John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360									
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	Supermarkets	Biography on CNBC	Biography on CNBC	Mad Money	Biography on CNBC	Biography on CNBC							
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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PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	In Performance...	Frontline (In Stereo)	Independent Lens	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS (N) (In Stereo)	NCIS: Los Angeles	The Good Wife (N)	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	No Ordinary Family	V (N) (CC)	(:01) Detroit 1-8-7	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX	8	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	American Idol (Same-day Tape)	Raising	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb			
NBC	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	The Biggest Loser (N) (In Stereo) (CC)	Parenthood (N)	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late					
CW	14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	One Tree Hill (N)	Hellcats (N) (CC)	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access			
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb		
ESPN	26	College Basketball	Illinois at Purdue.	College Basketball	Vanderbilt at Kentucky.	SportsCenter (CC)	NFL Live	NBA	SportsCenter (CC)						
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	Baylor at Oklahoma.	NBA Coast to Coast	(Live) (CC)	E:60	Final	SportsNation (CC)	NASCAR						
USA	31	Law-SVU	*** "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom"	White Collar (N)	Royal Pains (CC)	Fairly Legal (CC)	White Collar (CC)								
TNT	32	Bones (CC)	** "Payback" (1999) Mel Gibson. (CC)	Southland (N) (CC)	Memphis Beat	Southland (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)								
TBS	33	King	King	Office	Office	Office	Office	Conan (N)	Lopez Tonight	Conan					
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Onion	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Futurama	Daily		
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	House	First Pla.	First Pla.	Selling	House	Hunters	Property	Property	First Pla.	Selling	House	Hunters	
A&E	43	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)		(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48							
HIST	44	Top Shot (CC)	Larry the Cable Guy	Larry	Larry	Top Shot (N) (CC)	MonsterQuest (CC)	Larry the Cable Guy	Larry	Larry					
TLC	45	19 Kids	19 Kids	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	William & Kate	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	William & Kate	William & Kate					
DISC	47	Pitchmen (N) (CC)	Dirty Jobs (CC)	Dirty Jobs (N) (CC)	American Auction	Dirty Jobs (CC)	Dirty Jobs (CC)	American Auction	Confessions	Confessions					
ANPL	50	Human Prey (CC)	Confessions	Confessions	American Auction	Confessions	Confessions	Confessions	Confessions	Confessions					

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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	American Masters (N) (CC)	Great Performances (N) (CC)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley															
CBS 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Survivor-Island	Criminal Minds (N)	C.M.: Suspect	News	Letterman														
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Middle	Better	Family	Sunshine	Off the Map (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live												
FOX 8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	American Idol (Same-day Tape)	Traffic	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb											
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Minute to Win It	Minute to Win It (N)	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno		Late											
CW 14		Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	Top Model	Shedding for	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access											
WGN 15		Funny Home Videos	Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb										
ESPN 26		College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	SportsCenter (CC)	NFL Live	NBA	SportsCenter (CC)												
ESPN2 27		College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	SportsCenter (CC)															
USA 31		NCIS "Jet Lag"	NCIS (CC)	NCIS (CC)	NCIS "Boxed In"	NCIS "Deception"	Fairly Legal (CC)	Royal Pains (CC)	"Blood Diamond"														
TNT 32		Bones (CC)	Bones (CC)	Bones (CC)	Bones (CC)	Bones (CC)	Southland (CC)	CSI: NY "Heroes"	CSI: NY (CC)														
TBS 33		King	King	Browns	Browns	There	There	Payne	Payne	Conan (N)	Lopez Tonight (N)	Conan											
COM 35		Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama Daily									
LIFE 39		Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	Gangsta Girls (CC)	Serial Killer	Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will										
FOOD 40		Iron Chef America	Flay	B. Flay	Chopped	Restaurant: Im.	Diners	Diners	Chopped	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.											
HGTV 41		Hunters	House	House	Property	House	First Pla.	Hunters	Holmes Inspection	Income	House	First Pla.	Hunters	Holmes									
A&E 43		Dog	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter	Dog	Bounty Hunter	Storage	Storage	Storage	Dog	Bounty Hunter	Dog	Bounty Hunter									
HIST 44		Modern Marvels	Ancient Aliens	Underwater Universe	Deadly ocean zones.	UFO Hunters (CC)	(:01) Ancient Aliens	Underwater Univ.															
TLC 45		Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried									
DISC 47		American Chopper	Sons	Sons	Sons	Desert Car Kings (N)	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	Desert Car Kings	Desert Car Kings	Desert Car Kings									
ANPL 50		I'm Alive (CC)	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	I'm Alive (N)	River Monsters	I'm Alive (In Stereo)	River Monsters	I'm Alive (In Stereo)	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters									
FAM 51		** "Legally Blonde" (2001, Comedy)	** "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003)	** "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003)	** "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003)	** "The 700 Club" (CC)	Whose? Whose?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid									
DJNS 52		Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Phineas	Deck	Good	Good	"Tinker Bell and the Lost"	Deck	Fish	Fish	Fish									
NICK 54		Anubis	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez									
AMC 57		(3:00) "True Grit"	** "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. (CC)	** "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. (CC)	** "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. (CC)	** "The Quick and the Dead" (1995) (CC)	** "The Quick and the Dead" (1995) (CC)	** "The Quick and the Dead" (1995) (CC)	** "The Quick and the Dead" (1995) (CC)	** "The Quick and the Dead" (1995) (CC)	** "The Quick and the Dead" (1995) (CC)	** "The Quick and the Dead" (1995) (CC)	** "The Quick and the Dead" (1995) (CC)	** "The Quick and the Dead" (1995) (CC)									
SYFY 59		Face Off	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters (N)	Face Off (N)	Ghost Hunters	Face Off (N)	Ghost Hunters	Face Off	Stargate SG-1													
CNN 62		John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper									
CNBC 63		The Kudlow Report	Marijuana USA	Cigarette Wars (N)	Cigarette Wars	Mad Money	Cigarette Wars	Mad Money	Cigarette Wars	Cigarette Wars	Cigarette Wars	Cigarette Wars	Cigarette Wars	Cigarette Wars									
MSNBC 64		Hardball Matthews	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)									

THURSDAY EVENING												MARCH 3, 2011											
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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	News	Field	Globe Trekker	Aviators	NMSU	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley												
CBS 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Rules	CSI: Crime Scene	The Mentalist (CC)	News	Letterman	Late												
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Wipeout (CC)	Private Practice	Grey's Anatomy	Private Practice	Grey's Anatomy	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live												
FOX 8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	American Idol "Finalists Chosen" (CC)	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb												
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late									
CW 14		Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	The Vampire Diaries	Nikita "Free" (CC)	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access											
WGN 15		Funny Home Videos	WWE Superstars	Mother	Mother	News	Snowed	Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars	Entou	Curb											
ESPN 26		College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)												
ESPN2 27		College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)												
USA 31		House	"Indiana Jones and Crystal Skull"	Fairly Legal (N)	White Collar (CC)	Royal Pains (CC)	Fairly Legal (CC)	Royal Pains (CC)	Fairly Legal (CC)														
TNT 32		Bones (CC)	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Miami Heat. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz. (CC)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz. (CC)									
TBS 33		King	King	"Anchorman: Legend of Ron"	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan (N)	Lopez Tonight (N)	Conan														
COM 35		Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama Daily									
LIFE 39		Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	** "Love and Other Disasters" (2006)	Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will											
FOOD 40		Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Extreme Sweets	Ice Briga.	Cakes	Chopped	Extreme Sweets	Extreme Sweets	Ice Briga.	Cakes	Hunters											
HGTV 41		Hunters	House	House	First Pla.	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling	House									
A&E 43		The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (N)	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48									
HIST 44		Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Swamp People	Ax Men (CC)	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Modern Marvels	(:01) Swamp People	Police Women	Babies Behind Bars	Police Women	Wild: Venezuela	Wild: Venezuela	Wild: Venezuela									
TLC 45		Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women									
DISC 47		American Chopper	Man vs. Wild (CC)	Man vs. Wild (N)	Wild: Venezuela	Man vs. Wild (CC)	Man vs. Wild (CC)	Man vs. Wild (CC)	Man vs. Wild (CC)	Man vs. Wild (CC)	Man vs. Wild (CC)	Man vs. Wild (CC)	Man vs. Wild (CC)	Man vs. Wild (CC)									
ANPL 50		Deadliest Towns	When Fish Attack	Croc Attack	Pig Bomb (CC)	When Fish Attack	Croc Attack	Pig Bomb (CC)	When Fish Attack	Croc Attack	Pig Bomb (CC)	When Fish Attack	Croc Attack	Pig Bomb (CC)									
FAM 51		(4:30) "Along Came Polly"	** "Meet the Parents" (2000)	Robert De Niro.	The 700 Club (CC)	Whose? Whose?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid									
DJNS 52		Hannah	Hannah	Hannah	Hannah	Shake It	Fish	Good	Good	Shake It	Wizards	Deck	Fish	Fish									
NICK 54		Anubis	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez									
AMC 57		"Quick-Dead"	** "The Brave One" (2007) Jodie Foster. (CC)	** "The Brave One" (2007) Jodie Foster. (CC)	** "The Brave One" (2007) Jodie Foster. (CC)	** "The Brave One" (2007) Jodie Foster. (CC)	** "The Brave One" (2007) Jodie Foster. (CC)	** "The Brave One" (2007) Jodie Foster. (CC)	** "The Brave One" (2007) Jodie Foster. (CC)	** "The Brave One" (2007) Jodie Foster. (CC)	** "The Brave One" (2007) Jodie Foster. (CC)	** "The Brave One" (2007) Jodie Foster. (CC)	** "The Brave One" (2007) Jodie Foster. (CC)	** "The Brave One" (2007) Jodie Foster. (CC)									
SYFY 59		Star Trek: Next	** "Star Trek: the Motion Picture" (1979) William Shatner.	** "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier" (1989)	Stargate																		
CNN 62		John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper									
CNBC 63		The Kudlow Report	Surviving the Future	Millions	Millions	CNBC Titans	Mad Money	Millions	Millions	Millions	Millions	Millions	Millions	Millions									
MSNBC 64		Hardball Matthews	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show (N)									

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the grey matter.

Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

BEGINNER

1			8			9	3	
9	5		2			6		
		4	7	9		1		
	7	3			1		5	
		2	6		9	8		
	8		5			6	3	
		1		5	2	3		
	9			8		7	4	
2	6			7				9

CHALLENGER

4			8		6			5
2	9			1			7	8
	2	7		3		1		
	6		9		1		8	
	1		5		8		2	
9	7			5		3	4	
3			1		7			2

EXPERT

2		1		9		6		
				8				
	3	4			2			
8		2				1		4
6								9
4				6			5	3
					1		9	6
						5		
			7	8	4			1

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

6	7	9	4	1	3	8	2	5
1	5	4	6	8	2	3	9	7
2	3	8	9	7	5	4	6	1
4	9	7	5	3	8	6	1	2
3	8	2	7	6	1	5	4	9
5	6	1	2	4	9	7	8	3
7	4	3	1	9	6	2	5	8
8	1	5	3	2	4	9	7	6
9	2	6	8	5	7	1	3	4

BrainGames



Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

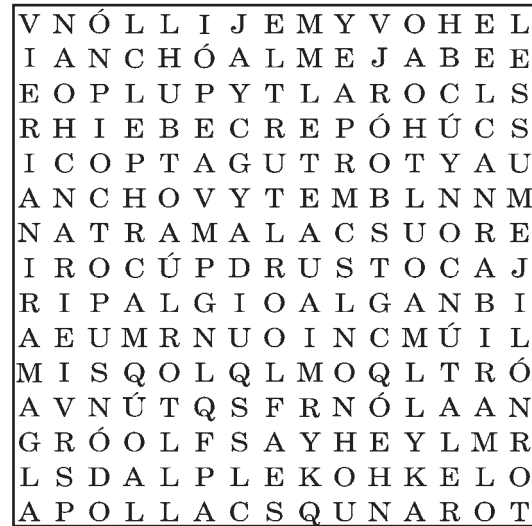
WAY UNDER THE SEA

ENGLISH

- ANCHOVY
- BARNACLE
- CLAM
- CORAL
- KELP
- MUSSEL
- OCTOPUS
- SCALLOP
- SEA FLOOR
- SQUID
- TUNA
- TURTLE

SPANISH

- ANCHOA
- PERCEBE
- ALMEJA
- CORAL
- ALGA MARINA
- MEJILLÓN
- PULPO
- VIEIRA
- LECHO MARINO
- CALAMAR
- ATÚN
- TORTUGA



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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 Labels
- 5 Alias, for short
- 8 Etna fluid
- 12 Type of dragon
- 13 "My ___ Sal"
- 14 European neighbor
- 15 Rich spread
- 16 Jedi, first name
- 17 Well-off
- 18 Meadow
- 19 Turkey seasoning
- 20 Grounded bird
- 21 Wood furniture
- 22 Painting style
- 26 Quixote or Giovanni
- 27 Swedish king
- 29 Dessert
- 32 Indebted to
- 33 Vocal piece
- 34 Capita or gallon
- 36 Hall of Fame slugger Mel
- 38 Fond Du ___, Wis.
- 39 Southern general
- 40 Crunchy red veggie
- 43 Speaker
- 47 Votes into office
- 48 Indigenous
- 49 African republic
- 50 Highest point
- 51 Brown at the beach
- 52 Nightmare street?
- 53 Energy measurement
- 54 Potash
- 55 Rum and rate starter
- 58 Harry Potter's mailman?
- 60 Gets hot under the collar
- 63 Greek god of the winds
- 67 Prisoner who escaped
- 68 Agitate
- 72 Cleopatra's undoing
- 73 Lord of the Rings bad guy
- 74 Expressions of understanding
- 75 Code or stool?
- 76 Pretty
- 77 Telegraph code
- 78 Stork family bird
- 80 Long
- 81 Mariner's compass direction
- 82 Ocean plant unit
- 83 Reasons
- 84 Over, for Wordsworth
- 85 For fear

DOWN

- 1 Cooking abbr.
- 2 Mechanism that measures a continuous variable
- 3 Sponge cake
- 4 Blabs
- 5 Greek assembly place
- 6 Afghanistan capital
- 7 Proof you were elsewhere, as in "CSI"
- 8 Rio Grande city
- 9 "The Naked Sun" author
- 10 Guanaco relative
- 11 Sigh of relaxation
- 22 Unprocessed
- 23 Rapper who sang "Who's that girl"
- 24 Soothing body and soul locale
- 25 Damage
- 28 Sentimental love song crooner
- 30 Stringed instrument
- 31 In a sideways direction
- 34 Folded like a fan
- 35 From Los Angeles to New York City
- 37 English afternoon break
- 40 Eye motion during dreams
- 41 Mo and baster starter
- 42 Rock and Roller who sang "Runaway": ___ Shannon
- 44 "Edward Scissorhands" director, first name
- 45 Female reproductive cells
- 46 Dinosaur's last name?
- 56 Woodland mushroom
- 57 Kelly Willis could sing one
- 58 Row boat equipment
- 59 Fly catcher
- 60 Posture affront
- 61 Coarse
- 62 Hosts an event
- 64 Lip related
- 65 Advantageous
- 66 Small shoots
- 69 Cowboy contest
- 70 Feudal lord
- 71 "Confessions" singer
- 76 Crow sound
- 79 Relaxed, in a way

ACTOR'S EGO

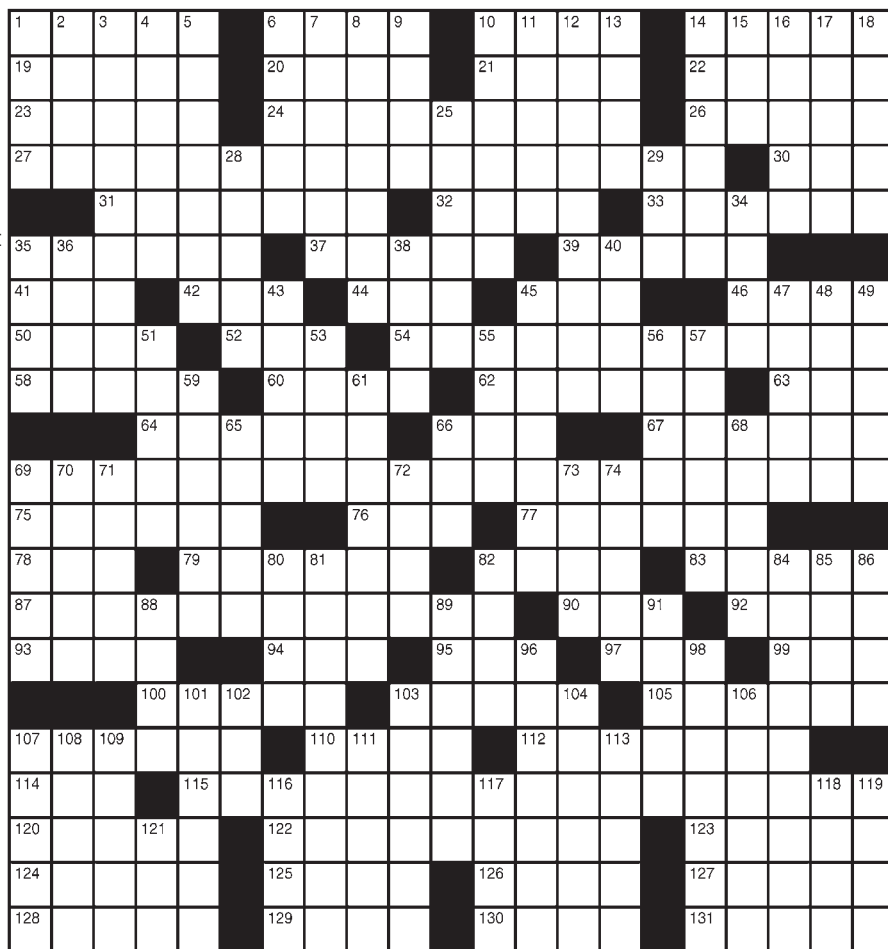
ACROSS

- 1 Plantation machine
- 6 Makes lace
- 10 Creative Coward
- 14 Puccini opera
- 19 Organic compound
- 20 Taj Mahal site
- 21 Actor Gross
- 22 Ferber and O'Brien
- 23 Soho so longs
- 24 Boorish acts
- 26 Closes in
- 27 Start of Will Rogers quip
- 30 "___ Gotta Be Me"
- 31 Demonstrates connections
- 32 Et ___ (and others)
- 33 Gin cocktail
- 35 Securely closed
- 37 Tightly packed
- 39 Hangman's knot
- 41 NL Braves
- 42 Yule mo.
- 44 Visualize
- 45 Moon vehicle, briefly
- 46 Verbalize an ache
- 50 Hand part
- 52 Scot Roy
- 54 Part 2 of quip
- 58 Eyelid woes
- 60 Mil. unit
- 62 "Twelfth Night" duke
- 63 Building wing
- 64 Double-breasted jacket
- 66 Hot time in Paris
- 67 Playground rejoinder to "am not"
- 69 Part 3 of quip
- 75 Stir to action
- 76 Upper limit
- 77 Member of a Saharan nomadic tribe
- 78 O.T. book
- 79 Sensual
- 82 One of the Simpsons
- 83 Religious denominations
- 87 Part 4 of quip
- 90 Sleuth Spade
- 92 Get to one's feet
- 93 Lucy's love
- 94 They: Fr.
- 95 Totality
- 97 Long of "The Broken Hearts Club"
- 99 Elongated fish

- 100 California/Nevada lake
- 103 Group of eight
- 105 "Broken Arrow" co-star
- 107 Give one's consent
- 110 Casa component
- 112 Having richer soil
- 114 Maglie of baseball
- 115 End of quip
- 120 Street talk
- 122 Netherlands city
- 123 Essential perfume
- 124 I wasn't there at the time, e.g.
- 125 Moonfish
- 126 Tiny amount
- 127 Volunteer's words
- 128 Explorer Polo
- 129 French father
- 130 Very dry
- 131 Proud mount

DOWN

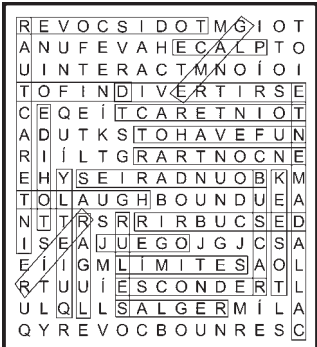
- 1 Fabric stuffing
- 2 Indian housemaid
- 3 Strictly speaking
- 4 Tooth covering
- 5 Mended shoes
- 6 Unspoken
- 7 Came to terms
- 8 Supporting pieces
- 9 Notorious marquis
- 10 Christmas in Roma
- 11 Pygmy antelope
- 12 Some makeup products
- 13 ___-majesty
- 14 Ashe Stadium sport
- 15 Poem of praise
- 16 Exemplar of slowness
- 17 Fashion by cutting
- 18 Advantage
- 25 Momentarily
- 28 Darth of "Star Wars" fame
- 29 Before now
- 34 Interoffice communique
- 35 Digs a trench
- 36 Coup d'__



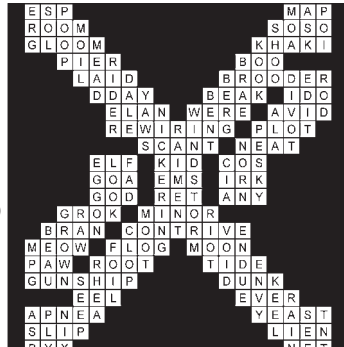
- 38 Clean and tidy
- 40 Former Atlanta arena
- 43 Greek island
- 45 Young or Swit
- 47 A customer lead-in?
- 48 Give permission
- 49 Hose material
- 51 Thanks, Pierre
- 53 Sugar source
- 55 Dog in Oz
- 56 Radio studio sign
- 57 Rich desserts
- 59 Medium-sized sofa
- 61 Thanks, Pedro
- 65 Chicago-based film critic
- 66 6th sense
- 68 Lawn tool
- 69 Shy
- 70 Cat___-tails
- 71 Banking holdings: abbr.
- 72 Milk: pref.
- 73 Yours and mine
- 74 Evil personified
- 80 Buckeye State
- 81 Astronomer's instrument
- 82 Very dry, as champagne
- 84 Tobacco product
- 85 Russian ruler
- 86 Medicinal fluids
- 88 "Women and Love" author
- 89 Break free
- 91 Home of the Heat
- 96 Stench
- 98 Beasts
- 101 Slowly, in music
- 102 Coop denizen
- 103 Kansas city
- 104 Conductor Antal
- 106 Sonnet part
- 107 Isolated Indian state
- 108 Type of lily
- 109 Verlaine poem, "___ de lune"
- 111 Bridal path end
- 113 Sportscaster Rashad
- 116 Hit the dirt
- 117 Cold, in Chile
- 118 Kind of duck?
- 119 Friendly or Savage
- 121 Peacock network

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

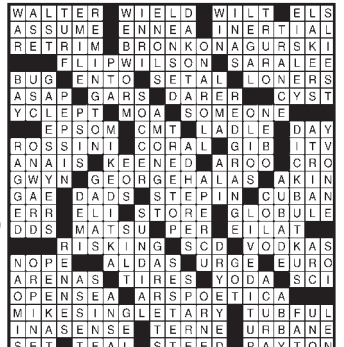
Word Salsa



Diagramless



Chicago to Canton



CRYPTOGRAM

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 W P Z W X I W J W M T E P
 X B U U B P ? R J T V H B R J X B U T
 N I C E R J D B U T M T F V
 H F E A A E W P R Z T Z N X R E B P D .

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

A crabby boss made this clear demand : I want employees with some patience and I want them now!



AtTheMovies

The 'Bourne Identity' sequel

Oh wait, they have already made that

Review by **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

There is a new disease going on. Symptoms include high-pitched screaming, obsessive poster hanging and stalking. Although peer pressure causes many to succumb to Bieber Fever, 13-year-old girls are at the highest risk for the worldwide influenza.

Luckily, I have been able to avoid the contagious disease, however, after spending 113 minutes watching "Unknown," Bieber Fever is looking better every minute.

Set in Berlin, "Dr. Martin Harris" (Liam Neeson) and his wife Elizabeth (January Jones) are Americans who have traveled to Germany for a medical summit. He, among other prominent medical professionals and a prince, are expected to attend the weekend-long event.

But upon their arrival, things instantly start to go wrong – Martin forgets his briefcase at the airport, and on a whim jumps back into the cab to reclaim his lost luggage. He calls his wife, but his cell phone does not have service, of course, and she cannot check into their hotel.

With Murphy's Law in full effect, Martin and the cabbie Gina (Diane Kruger) hit a refrigerator in the middle of the road. Neeson hits his head and the two are thrown into a river.

After saving his life, Kruger runs and leaves Neeson to fend for himself in a Berlin



After a cab accident, Dr. Martin Harris (Liam Neeson) and Gina (Diane Kruger) encounter an unexpected turn of events that cause Martin to question his entire life, including his marriage.

hospital, without a phone, identification and minor head trauma.

After coming to, Martin quickly leaves the hospital to find his wife – whom he hasn't seen for four days. When he arrives at the hotel he finds another man has filled his shoes and his wife does not recognize him. The new Dr. Martin Harris has identification and his

wife's attention, what is Neeson to do?

With documented head trauma and being in a foreign country – did I mentioned it's Thanksgiving so America is conveniently shut down until Monday? – Martin begins to desperately scour the city in hopes of recovering any evidence that proves he is the real Dr. Martin Harris – if that's who he really is.

Don't worry; I am not giving the entire film away. All of this action takes places in the first 10 minutes of the film, leaving Neeson 103 minutes to do what he does best – play the guy who wants answers and vengeance, yell at people while he is really close to the camera and run from the law.

I think his one-dimensional character is what made me dislike this movie. "The Other Man," "Taken" and "Unknown" all portray him the same way – an angry good guy who dresses well.

Although the movie's complex plot had the potential to be very exciting, it lost its thrill



It held my attention, but I never want to see it again.

Grade
B-

UNKNOWN

Starring: Liam Neeson, January Jones, Diane Kruger

Rated: PG-13

Running time: 113 minutes

Director: Jaume Collet-Serra

after the mystery was solved. The complexity of the script kept the audience on its toes, and I promise you won't be able to guess the outcome until the end. But once you have the characters figured out, there is nothing that makes you want to see it again.

To give credit where it is due, Kruger did a great job as the foreign cab driver and after Neeson is able to track her down, she and him become good friends.

Jones also does a great job. On surface she represents a reserved and put-together woman of society (as in "Mad Men"), but she has a few tricks up her sleeve and it was refreshing to see this side of her.

Other than the detective who assists Neeson in finding the source of his problems, there is not much to say about the other characters. Not because they were poorly done, but because they were in and out of scenes so much with zero character development that nothing is known about them.

Maybe because writer Oliver Butcher was so fixated on keeping everything a mystery he lost focus on the characters.

Not too good, and not too bad, "Unknown" gets an OK in my book.

“ Although the movie's complex plot had the potential to be very exciting, it lost its thrill after the mystery was solved. ”

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While Kruger helps Neeson get his life back, the duo snoops too far and ends up in trouble.



At The Movies


Picking the Flicks

Movie information from 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




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




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




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



Unknown 


Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Dr. Martin Harris awakens after a car accident in Berlin to discover that his wife suddenly doesn't recognize him and another man has assumed his identity.
Starring: Liam Neeson, Diane Kruger
Director: Jaume Collet-Sera




Big Momma: Like Father, Like Son 


Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Big Momma has backup – his teenage stepson Trent. Martin Lawrence returns as FBI agent Malcolm Turner and as Turner's deep-cover alter ego Big Momma.
Starring: Martin Lawrence **Director:** John Whitesell



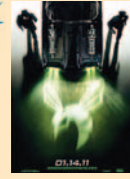
I am Number Four 


Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Three are dead. He is Number Four. An action-packed thriller about an extraordinary young man who is a fugitive on the run from ruthless enemies sent to destroy him.
Starring: Alex Pettyfer, Timothy Olyphant
Director: D.J. Caruso




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 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




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



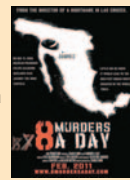
The Rite 

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




8 Murders a Day

Rating: Not rated
Plot Overview: A documentary about the Juárez drug cartel, led by Vicente Carrillo Fuentes, that has been in a turf war against the Sinolua drug cartel, led by Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.
Starring: N/A
Director: Charlie Minn




Drive Angry 3D

Rating: R
Plot Overview: A vengeful father chases after the men who killed his daughter.
Starring: Nicholas Cage, Amber Heard
Director: Patrick Lussier
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Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Rick (Owen Wilson) and Fred (Jason Sudeikis) are best friends who have a lot in common, including the fact that they have each been married for many years.
Starring: Owen Wilson **Director:** Bobby and Peter Farrelly
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New this week on DVD Tuesday, March 1

- 127 Hours**
Rating: R
Genre: Adventure, Drama
Starring: James Franco
Director: Danny Boyle
- Burlesque**
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Musical, Drama
Starring: Christina Aguilera, Cher
Director: Steven Antin
- Love & Other Drugs**
Rating: R
Genre: Comedy, Romance
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Anne Hathaway
Director: Edward Zwick
- Faster**
Rating: R
Genre: Action
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Billy Bob Thornton
Director: George Tillman Jr.
- What If ...**
Rating: PG
Genre: Drama, Family
Starring: Kevin Sorbo
Director: Dallas Jenkins


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- 1 Unknown** (Week No. 1) **\$25,453,015**
- 2 Gnomeo and Juliet** (Week No. 2) **\$25,415,717**
- 3 I am Number Four** (Week No. 1) **\$22,755,854**
- 4 Just Go With It** (Week No. 2) **\$21,581,024**
- 5 Big Momma: Like Father, Like Son** (Week No. 1) **\$18,735,026**
- 6 Justin Bieber: Never Say Never** (Week No. 2) **\$16,364,188**
- 7 The King's Speech** (Week No. 13) **\$8,063,897**
- 8 The Roommate** (Week No. 3) **\$4,468,309**
- 9 The Eagle** (Week No. 2) **\$4,333,044**
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Making big decisions

Natisha Hales
*Adventures
in Dieting*



The whole point of this weight-loss challenge was to motivate myself – and hopefully others – to get on our way to wellness. Since we started at the beginning of the year, I've been wishy-washy with my commitment and have fallen off the wagon a couple of times. The past week was one of those times – I'm a little embarrassed to admit it, but I gained 3 pounds in a week.

While I was ignoring my workout plan and eating whatever I wanted, my doctor's office called because it had been three months since I started the treatment in hopes of shrinking my fibroid tumors, and another anti-estrogen shot had been sent to me.

Since I received the injection in late November, I feel like they had shrunk somewhat, and while I have been struggling through the challenge, I've generally felt healthier overall. I was a little nervous about some of the potential side effects of the treatment, which included acne, mood swings and hot flashes.

Early on, the hot flashes were terrible, and would wash over me suddenly to the point where I ran outside into the cold just so I could try to cool down. I even positioned the fan in our office toward me. My mom just laughed at me, and I got a lot of the, "Welcome to my world" comments. I'm definitely not ready for that yet.

The acne has been minimal, but the mood swings hit often and hit hard. I felt bad for my daughter Maya sometimes, and it was all I could do to just sit and breathe through the emotional roller-coaster.

But I lived through it all and went to the doctor last Friday with high hopes that the fibroids had shrunk significantly, and I would have to endure just three more months of treatment and wouldn't have to deal with surgery.

The ultrasound seemed promising, as I was told they had shrunk by 10 to 15 percent. But she hadn't compared with the last ultrasound yet, and the doctor hadn't seen it.

When I was called in to hear the doctor's comments, I again was optimistic. It was the nurse who administered the injection in November, and I thought the doctor had suggested I go ahead for three more months. Her news wasn't as good as I thought it would be.

The doctor had reviewed the ultrasound and said there had been no change. I could either go ahead with the injection or select the surgery. Stunned, I had no idea what to say, and she suggested I talk it over with my family and give them a call on Monday.

The same thing happened with my sister Alyssa. Her treatment was unsuccessful, and she went in for surgery six months later. I talked it over with my mom and Alyssa – even preparing Maya, who was devastated – and we decided

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Senior Games kick off



Lia Krebs registers for the dance and talent competition of the Doña Ana County Senior Games with event coordinator Roger McCandless at the Senior Games Kickoff & Registration Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse. The event marked the official kickoff of Senior Games registration, which will be accepted through Wednesday, March 9. The Senior Games will run from March 15-April 30. For more information, call the Doña Ana County Senior Olympics at 541-5171.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Natisha Hales

More demand, less relief

Local health care keeps quality despite pressure

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In a recession that has caused many businesses to close shop, the health care industry has been forced to maintain its quality of care despite a higher demand for services and a reduction in funding.

New Mexico has its own set of unique issues – from behavioral health to preventive care – that seem to exacerbate a situation of which there is no immediate solution.

Amid similar issues across the country, New Mexico is ranked the highest in illegal drug and alcohol dependence and abuse and is third in suicides, said Kevin Burgess, CEO of Mesilla Valley Hospital, at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Medical Update Luncheon Thursday, Feb. 17. The state also experiences a crime rate that is 20 percent higher than the national rate.

Despite staggering statistics associated with mental health, Burgess reported that New Mexico spends just \$25.58 per capita on mental health care, which also is the least in the nation. The rural nature of New Mexico and the limited number of professionals in psychiatric care also adds to the burden, and while funding is limited, Mesilla Valley Hospital still strives to provide quality care.

"There is no funding, but we're still providing care," Burgess said. "We do what we have to do in the community."

As baby boomers begin to turn 65, 2.5 million Americans are expected to enroll or qualify for Medicare services by 2011, but funding

is limited, said Suzanne Quillen, CEO of the Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico.

"The health care industry is seeing reimbursement cuts as we see a demand for services," she said. "Since 2009 we've seen a 40 to 70 percent cut in Medicaid, depending on the services provided. That's huge, and it's happening (at the Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico, the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, Memorial Medical Center and MountainView Regional Medical Center). These are all factors that are starting to come our way."

Compounding the issue, more retirees are relocating to the area, giving the Southwest an unequal burden, she said.

"There has been pressure on some services," Quillen said. "People are living longer with chronic diseases, and there's a huge demand while reimbursements get cut. Practices are now closed to Medicare because they just can't afford it."

Not only are doctors denying the federally funding health care coverage, there is a severe shortage of physicians to even provide services, said Dr. John Andazola, director of MMC's family residency program. Since the program

began in 1996, 57 have graduated and "about half stayed" in the Las Cruces area, he said.

But the shortage is not due to the amount of applicants – 300 medical school graduates applied for the program in 2009, and 650 competed for the six slots in 2010. There's just no room to accommodate more.

The same rings true at the nursing level, said Pamela Schultz, the interim director for the New Mexico State University School of Nursing. The school offers psychiatric and mental health, clinical and community health nursing, as well as a doctoral nursing program. While there will be 100 students looking to start the nursing program in the fall semester, Schultz said the school will only be able to admit 16.

"The Legislature has cut funding... 50 percent, and that's over \$500,000," she said. "That money is

used for faculty salaries, so there will be fewer of us. No matter what you read about the nursing shortage, it's only going to get worse.

"But the quality of our students' education will not suffer. We'll work very hard to provide the best nurses, but there will just be fewer of them."

“ There is no funding, but we're still providing care. We do what we have to do in the community. ”

KEVIN BURGESS,
Mesilla Valley Hospital CEO

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Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce photo

Memorial Medical Center CEO Paul Herzog explains the impact of health care on the community at the chamber's Medical Update luncheon Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces.

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Though the future looks grim from the professional level to education, Paul Herzog, Memorial Medical Center CEO, said Las Cruces is in good shaped compared to other communities in New Mexico.

"We have two excellent acute-care hospitals, a long-term acute care hospital, a freestanding behavioral health hospital and the only inpatient hospice in the state," Herzog said. "We have excellent safety net care in La Clinica (de Familia), Ben Archer Health Clinic, MMC Family Practice, First Step and St. Luke's and two nursing schools. When you put all of that together, we're the largest employer in the city and the county."

Getting through the difficult times will require partnership among everyone in the health care industry and the business community, Quillen said. That is evident in organizations such as The Bridge, which was started in the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce with the idea of better preparing students to compete in a global workforce.

"We all come together to solve critical issues," Quillen said, "and health care is in the forefront of the service industry."

It's a healthy heart month

Several heart diseases common in furry loved ones

Bulletin Staff Report

February definitely has heart. It's the month we celebrate National Heart Awareness and Valentine's Day. For those reasons, February is a good reminder for owners to learn more about pet heart disease so that their pets can live a long, happy and healthy life.

Cats and dogs may be born with a congenital heart condition, or they may acquire a heart disease as they age. According to Dr. Crystal Hariu, cardiology resident in small animal medicine and surgery at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM), both congenital and acquired heart diseases may be related to structural defects or heart rhythm problems.

"For instance, a heart valve that did not perform properly, or becomes abnormal over time, may not function adequately and could cause problems," Hariu said. "Congenital and acquired heart diseases may also be related to a heart rhythm problem, meaning the rhythm at which the heart beats is too fast or too slow."

One of most common heart diseases for pets is heartworm disease.

"Despite its name, heartworm disease is caused by a parasite that primarily affects the lungs," Hariu said. "However, it often secondarily affects the heart and can be fatal."

Fortunately, heartworm disease is completely preventable. A veterinarian can prescribe a monthly medication that will prevent heartworm disease and its devastating effects.

As with other conditions, many of the heart diseases in cats and dogs are

hereditary.

"Certain diseases have known genetic mutations that can cause the problem," notes Hariu. "Other diseases do not have specific mutations worked out yet, but are known to be passed on through breeding."

Hariu recommends consulting with veterinarians prior to breeding because they can help owners make an informed and responsible decision. Any pet that has a congenital heart disease should not be used for breeding.

Any dog can be born with or develop heart disease; however, certain breeds are predisposed to a heart condition.

Hariu explains that chronic valve disease is one of the most common acquired heart diseases in middle aged to older small dog breeds and is prevalent in the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Dachshunds, Pomeranians, miniature Schnauzers and Chihuahuas. Dilated cardiomyopathy is another acquired heart disease that develops in middle aged large breed dogs like the Doberman Pinscher, Great Dane, Great Pyrenees and Irish Wolfhound. Arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy is an acquired heart disease with at least one known causative genetic mutation. It typically affects Boxers; however, Pit Bulls or English bulldogs can also be affected.

According to Hariu, the three most common congenital heart diseases seen in dogs are patent ductus arteriosus (PDA), subaortic stenosis (SAS) and pulmonic stenosis (PS). PDA tends to occur in small dog breeds, such as the Bichon Frise, Maltese and toy poodle; however, larger breeds like the German Shepherd are also predisposed. In

contrast, SAS typically occurs in larger breeds such as the Boxer, German Shepherd, Golden Retriever, and Newfoundland. Both large and small dog breeds are predisposed to PS and the most commonly affected are the English Bulldog, French Bulldog, Beagle, Boxer, Mastiff and Chihuahua.

Some common precursors of heart problems to look for in a pet are breathing difficulty, coughing, decreased exercise, weakness, lethargy and episodes of collapsing. If any of these signs occur at home, a veterinarian should be contacted for a full health evaluation.

If heart problems do exist, there are several procedures in modern veterinary medicine that can treat or ease the symptoms of heart disease.

"While some heart diseases can only be medically managed, some can be helped with non-invasive catheter based procedures or surgery," Hariu said. "For instance, PDA is a condition in which there is an abnormal connection between two heart vessels that should normally be separated. In many cases a catheter can be used to non-invasively place a device across this abnormal connection, effectively closing it."

"Some acquired heart diseases can also be helped with procedures," Hariu said. "For example, some heart rhythm problems in which the heart beats too slowly can be effectively managed by placement of a pacemaker."

Receiving yearly checkups with a veterinarian, maintaining a healthy and well-balanced diet, exercising regularly, and keeping pets regular on vaccines are the best ways to promote a healthy heart and the well being of a pet.

Tempted by the food of another

Columnist squeezed by a dilemma

In a few days, we will be about one-sixth of the way through 2011. This means we have had two months to keep, modify or even disregard our New Year's resolutions.

Like many folks, one of my resolutions was to eat more healthily and exercise more often. One would think employment in the New Mexico State University College of Health and Social Services would make it easy to keep with one's regimen. After all, I'm surrounded by nurses, community health educators, public health experts and social work professionals, all of whom know why I shouldn't eat or drink certain substances and who can find the needed resources when I deviate from a good diet or eschew exercise.

I must disclose that I don't hold anyone in the college responsible for last week's setback. It was simply my own fault.

This is what happened . . .

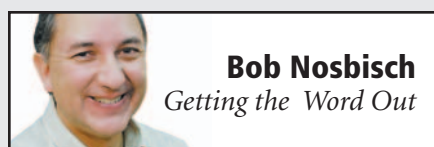
One day last week, a graduate student in our college sat before his oral examination committee. Dressed to the nines, this student looked confident as he was summoned into a little room by the academic committee, which assaulted and peppered him with questions about the knowledge he had gained as a graduate student. Poise and self-assurance could have been this student's middle names.

The student had brought in some food for his committee. Being consummate health professionals, the committee barely dented the two pizzas, hardly touched the two bags of cookies, seemed to ignore the bag of stone-ground white corn chips and appeared to be hip when not giving a flip about the Cheddar cheese-flavored dip that accompanied the chips. How do I know? After his oral exam, the student brought the leftover food into the office suite where I work and left it with one of my colleagues who thanked him, took the food into our kitchen and informed everyone that we now had lots of food.

Shakespeare's words should have entered my brain then. He wrote, "Tis one thing to be tempted, another thing to fail," "Temptation is the fire that brings up the scum of the heart," and "Tempt not a desperate man." Wow! "Scum of the heart!" "Desperate man!" These phrases alone should have nailed my feet to the floor, preventing me from diving into some pizza.

Not a chance.

A Chinese proverb says, "Temptation wrings integrity even as the thumbscrew twists a man's fingers." If Shakespeare's quotes about temptation did not convince me to eschew chips and dip, then a quote about thumbscrews should have done the job.



Wrong again.

The book of Proverbs says, "Good habits result from resisting temptation." One might think these six words would be enough to divert one's attention from cookies, but when the cookies are made with chocolate chips, who can resist?

So I unknowingly adopted the vaunted philosophy of M and M – Mark Twain and Mae West. Twain once said, "I deal with temptation by yielding to it." Decades later, Ms. West intoned, "I generally avoid temptation unless I can't resist it."

So I yielded to the temptation that I could not resist.

I thank this graduate student for supplying the food. It may not have helped me fight temptation, but it helped me overcome procrastination because I already have made my New Year's resolutions for 2012: I'm going to eat more healthily and exercise more often.

Bob Nosbisch is a senior program specialist in the NMSU College of Health and Social Services. The views expressed here are his own and may not reflect the views of the Regents or administration of NMSU.

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that surgery just seemed like the best option. I'm anemic, and I experience general discomfort all the time. I'm tired and have found it more difficult to keep things straight. My overall health has suffered, and I can pinpoint it to this issue.

Because I'm not in the best health, the idea of surgery is terrifying. Since it's something I have to do, I'm ready to do what it takes so that I can be at the best health and have the best recovery possible afterward.

This week's challenge

I missed the weigh-in Tuesday, since my daughter Maya was in the school spelling bee (she earned third place, by the way). But as Laura is so helpful with our weekly update handouts, it wasn't hard to catch up.

We've been doing what we can to eat healthier foods since we started, but what about all of the junk we've been eating before we made the commitment? Laura provided us with a questionnaire to determine whether we need to detox, and from now on we should avoid all products containing mineral oil, petroleum, sodium fluoride, collagen, paraffin wax, lanolin, soluble alcohol and phthalates. Instead we should opt for products based on all-natural botanical principles.

Bill asked each challenger if they had been keeping up with the plan they had made last week, and encouraged us to keep it up.

Email me at natisha@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Healthy Happenings



ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/ DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Other Dysfunctional Families support group meets at 2 p.m. Sundays at 903 Piñon Ave. This is a 12-step program for men and women who grew up in alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes. They meet in a mutually respectful, safe environment and acknowledge their common experiences.

For more information, visit www.adultchildren.org.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room. For more information, call 523-6240.

T'AI CHI CHIH CLASSES

Instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado holds T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement beginners classes from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays and classes for more experienced practitioners from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays in the fourth-floor Women's Resource Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4351 E. Lohman Ave. No registration is required. Cost is \$2, or free for Senior Circle and Healthy Woman members.

In addition, T'ai Chi Chih classes are taught from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday at Young Park, 1955 E. Nevada Ave.

For more information, call 526-3016.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at St. James Episcopal Church on the corner of St. James and South Main streets. For more information, call 647-5684.

CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, an activity support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St.

The group matches those in need of support with caring volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment. For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door. The group also has a big-book meeting at 2 p.m. Fridays at Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive.

YOGA CLASSES BY KAREN NICHOLS

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and upper teens at 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardín de los Niños. Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience. For more information, email Karen at karen_f_n@yahoo.com or leave a message at 882-4943.

T'AI CHI CHIH, YOGA CLASSES

Clear Mind Zen Temple, 642 S. Alameda Blvd., will offer T'ai Chi Chih classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays with certified instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado.

An introduction to Zen meditation is from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the temple.

A small donation is asked for each class.

For more information, call Harvey Hilbert at 680-6680.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Las Cruces Chapter Parkinson's Support Group meets at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call Kay Laurel Fischer at 522-4047 or Bill Wallace at 680-2520.

APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Aphasia Support Group is a community group for social conversation, support and education about aphasia. The group meets at 4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call 521-6400.

CITY RECREATION SCHEDULE

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

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

- Aerobics: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- Yoga: 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Spinning: 6 to 7 p.m.

- Tuesdays and Thursdays Pilates: 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - Zumba: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays
- For more information, call 541-2563:

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

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

The following class is held at Club Fusion Teen Center, 101 E. Union Ave.:

- Zumba: 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- For more information, call 541-5181. All classes are \$2.
- For more information, call the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department at 541-2550.

FEDERATION OF THE BLIND MEETS

The Mesilla Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind meets from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. For more information, call Nato at 571-2604.

GAY COMMUNITY CENTER GROUPS

The Las Cruces Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Questioning/Queer (GLBTQ) Center, 1210 N. Main St., is open from noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The center offers gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender members of the community counseling, support groups and networking activities. For more information, call the center at 635-4902, email info@newmexicolgbtcenters.org or use the group-specific contact information listed below.

- Pride on Main Al-Anon is a 12-step support group and fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics that meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. The group is open to all with a focus on the GLBTQ community.
- A GLBTQ youth support group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. For more information, email Eloy at eacastro@nmsu.edu.
- A support group for parents, guardians, other family and friends caring for or raising a GLBTQ youth meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Share camaraderie while learning new skills and receiving support and advice on raising a GLBTQ youth.
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays. The group is a 12-step program for anyone dealing with sexual compulsion.
- A LBTQ women's group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month. The group provides an opportunity for

LBTQ women to get know and support each other. For more information, email Dawn at dmbates@nmsu.edu.

- A men's group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group is an opportunity for men in the community to get together and support each other. It is an inter-generational group with discussions and activities designed by the group members. For more information, call Nato at 635-4902.
- Bisexuals' support group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. For more information, email Dawn at dmbates@nmsu.edu.

ZUMBA EXERCISE

Zumba exercise classes are available at 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 for one hour. For more information, call 680-6515.

FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A family caregiver support group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Café España in the Hotel Encanto

de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Co-facilitators with many years of experience in senior care issues will be on hand.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Las Cruces, a group for breastfeeding mothers and mothers-to-be interested in breastfeeding, has two monthly meetings. The daytime meeting is at 10 a.m. the first Friday of each month at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Downtown Mall.

The nighttime meeting is at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. The meetings are currently held at the home of leader Renee Beltran.

Contact Renee at 635-6683 or reneeelbeltran1@comcast.net for directions or any other inquiries specific to this meeting.

CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively known as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as 1 million Americans have IBD and both illnesses are similar. They are marked by an abnormal response by the body's immune system and include chronic inflammation of the intestines. There are no cures and management of the

diseases includes medications, diet and surgery.

The Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group meets from 3 to 5 p.m. the second Sunday of each month in the Community Education Room of MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (www.ccf.org).

For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, call Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

CENTRAL STUDENTS COLLECT PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

Students at Central Elementary School have begun their annual "Pennies for Patients" fundraising drive, which will continue through Monday, Feb. 28.

Students are collecting change from family, friends, teachers and out of their own pockets for the 2010-11 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients campaign. The money collected will go to help children who are fighting blood-related cancers.

Students and staff at Central Elementary School hope to raise \$1,000 for this year's campaign.

For more information, call Renee Perry at 527-9496 or email rperry@lcp.k12.nm.us.

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Mesilla Valley Hospice is excited to announce that Dr. Mark Abramson has completed and received the American Board of Family Medicine Certificate of Added Qualifications in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. This qualification is an honor and we are so proud of Dr. Abramson and his accomplishments. His skills will only continue to enrich Mesilla Valley Hospice in providing the most comprehensive and compassionate hospice care in Doña Ana County.

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De-escalating potential danger

Four categories assist kids and adults

This week, I'll go over four categories of things you may need to say to a person who is so upset they're contemplating getting physical. There are also situations to say nothing, just pivot and watch the person until they storm off. I suggest you practice saying the following things to an imaginary dangerous person so they will come to you more quickly in the heat of the moment. In an actual confrontation, trust your instincts about which verbal strategies to use.

The first category we'll call "giving directions." For example, yell a loud, simple command. "Stop" and "back off" have been tested on people in prison and found to be good choices that don't escalate the situation. You need to yell with a voice that can be clearly understood, but that will shock the person. Self-defense authors say it's the same voice you use for your puppy peeing on the carpet or your toddler playing with an electrical socket. If this attacker is a predator testing to see if you are a good victim, this may be enough to deter them. If they've been looking for you personally to beat up, you can hope for a slight hesitation if your voice is shocking enough.

Another form of "giving directions" can be used with a predator pretending to need your help so he or she can get close to you. Pretend to believe their story and suggest for them some logical action that moves them farther from you, such as, "Wait in your car, and I'll call the police" or "There are more people

who can help you in that store, go ask them." If they take your suggestion, maybe they are telling the truth. If they don't, you know you are being "interviewed" for victim potential.

I call the second category "cheer them up." Imagine, for example, the other person believes they have good reason to be mad at you. Maybe the two of you just had a car accident or you bumped into them causing them to spill a drink on their shirt. Resist any urge to immediately tell them the accident was their fault, not yours. Let the truth come out after everyone has calmed down. In my self-defense classes, the students practice saying, "That would make me mad, too" as an opening line for this type of situation.

This same strategy can be used with an angry person who is clearly mad at someone else, but taking their anger out on you. After saying, "That would make me mad, too," wait for them to speak and proceed to do what you can to turn the argument into a conversation, while always being ready in case they do strike you.

The third category of is "creating a scene." This means yell to make everyone in the area look at you. They may come to your aid or the attacker may decide not to continue his behavior in front of such an audience. It is less likely, but also possible that the attacker may run toward you, trying to cover your mouth. That's why you are ready in your self-defense stance.

Members of my self-defense classes

Marcy Shoberg

The Art of Self-Defense



practice creating a scene. Adults yell, "This man is assaulting me. He is wearing..." I borrowed that directly from IMPACT Self Defense of Santa Fe. Kids yell, "I'm in danger, someone help!" Whatever you choose to practice yelling, remember that although you are facing the dangerous person, you are actually speaking to anyone who is within earshot.

The fourth and final category is mainly for adult women. Picture someone aggressively propositioning you. Your first instinct may be to be too polite or blush and giggle. I know that's my first instinct. This creep does not deserve your politeness. He does not actually wish to be your boyfriend. He wishes to enjoy scaring you. Only be polite enough to avoid escalating the situation. I suggest you practice saying either of the simple lines - "That's inappropriate" or "I'm not interested" - so they will come to you easily if you ever need them.

My next article, the final in this series, will cover words from others that should ring alarm bells in your head.

Marcy Shoberg is owner of Gold Medal Taekwondo, 519 Boutz Road, which teaches sport and traditional taekwondo, as well as self-defense, to preschoolers, kids, teens and adults. She is also director of Las Cruces Self Defense, which specializes in teaching no-nonsense, reality-based self-defense to women, children and men. Shoberg can be reached at 526-4429 or gmtkd@zianet.com.

Pet Briefs

Statewide spay/neuter site launched

Animal Humane New Mexico operates on the front lines of the state's pet overpopulation epidemic. To further the goal of reducing dog and cat euthanizations, Animal Humane has launched spaynm.org, a statewide spay and neuter resource.

The goal of the website is to aggregate spay/neuter information and resources that are available to state residents - especially those that are low-income.

The online experience is designed to be user-friendly. The main feature of spaynm.org is the user's ability to type in a New Mexico county and locate clinics that will perform low-cost spay/neuter services.

Program Manager Kim Snitker says low-cost spay/neuter services are a proven method of reducing pet euthanizations.

"I have been working on spay and neuter projects for the past ten years. I got involved when I realized that the only solution available to most cities was to euthanize the dogs and cats that couldn't find homes," Snitker said. "I used to hear people say: 'No-birth is the first step to stopping the endless euthanasia.' We as a community created the problem of overpopulation and we as a community must solve it."

Animal Humane has been

working with the city of Albuquerque to increase spaying and neutering and decrease euthanizations. In 2009, 10,833 dogs and cats were euthanized and last year, the number dropped to 9,699 - a decrease of 1,134. Since 2006, euthanizations have fallen 37 percent in Albuquerque.

The launch of spaynm.org came just before Spay Day USA on Feb. 22. The nationally recognized day is devoted to the continued need across the U.S. to spay and neuter pets.

The next step for the spaynm.org program is to develop relationships with other organizations that work with low-income individuals and families and get the word out about the website. More information is online at spaynm.org or on Animal Humane's website at animalhumanenm.org. Those who do not have access to a computer can use the program by calling 855-772-9669.

Safe Haven seeks donations

The Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary Thrift Store is seeking donations of large items such as furniture, working appliances, rugs and housewares. Proceeds from the sale of these items pay for the upkeep and veterinary care of the animals and the sanctuary that are awaiting adoption into new homes. For more information, call 541-4942.

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Learning about healthier options at the Senior Trek to Healthy Fitness

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A full house of seniors learns about muscle movement at the Senior Trek to Healthy Fitness presented by New Mexico Senior Olympics Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center.



Gregory Charlton, medical director with the Sonno Sleep Center, gives a talk about the importance of sleep and ways to improve sleep.



Romi Means, a registered nurse with New Mexico Department of Health Community Wellness, gives a talk about healthy eating habits for senior citizens.



Lois Powell participates in strength-building exercises.



Steve Butler gets his blood pressure checked by student nurse Shelby Hughes.



Manuela Hernandez gets a diabetes screening.



A group of seniors participate in leg-strength exercises.

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Senior Activities



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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.

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.

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. Thursday 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 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 advanced 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 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:

- **Cloudcroft Mardi Gras in the Clouds:** Saturday, March 5. \$28 per person.
- **Bisbee/Kartchner Caverns:** March 22-23. \$210 double, \$235 single.
- **Las Vegas and Hoover Dam:** April 11-15. \$385 double, \$410 single.
- **Albuquerque/Gathering of the Nations:** April 28-30. \$280 double. \$305 single
- **Mount Rushmore and Black Hills of South Dakota:** May 14-22. \$769

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- **Hawaii Cruise:** Nov. 5. 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.

SWINGING DANCERS

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 Southwest Tax Coalition is offering free tax preparation from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon Fridays through April 14 at 3880 Foothills Drive. Evening hours are from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition, taxes will be prepared from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Women's Intercultural Center, 303 Lincoln St. in Anthony, N.M. For more information, call 527-8799.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

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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CITYWIDE GOSPEL CONCERT

The Good News Jail and Prison Ministry presents a citywide gospel concert at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Calvary Chapel Three Crosses, 4301 Bataan Memorial West. Admission is free, but a love offering will be accepted to benefit the chaplaincy of Doña Ana Detention Center. Come hear groups from area churches and testimonies of the power of God to change lives, even behind bars. For more information, call 647-7636.

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 School's \$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.

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Making a difference at *Make A Blanket Day*

Photos by Chris Mortenson



Lyla Ullman, 4, helps her friends and family pull out fabric to be cut at the Project Linus Make A Blanket Day event Saturday, Feb. 19, hosted by Grace Covenant Church.



Raf Chavez sews patches with a Singer Featherweight sewing machine that is older than she is, she said.

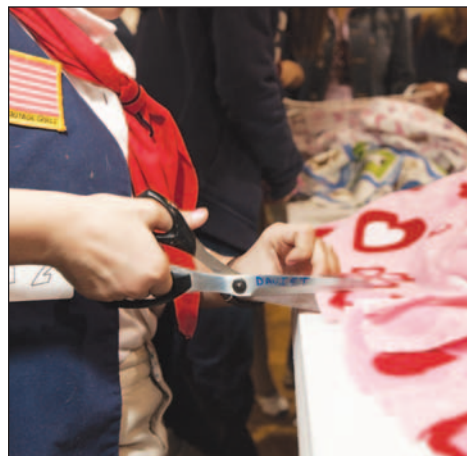
Liz Daviet, 10, a member of American Heritage Girls, reaches in for her door prize at the Make A Blanket Day event.



Kiaya Baron, 7, of American Heritage Girls, gets help cutting fabric for blankets from her mom Molly Baron.



Rainy Reveling measures fabric squares that will be turned into a blanket for a lucky boy.



An American Heritage Girls member cuts fabric that will be turned into a blanket and donated to a kid in need.



Frankie Lerner makes a line patch that will be sewed on to make a blanket.

Church News

Continued from previous page of life, ceremonial practices, spiritual growth and prophesy at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. The lecture will also address the reasons for current world events. Donations will be accepted. For more information, call 649-4419 or 512-921-1941.

ANNUAL SPIRITUALS CONCERT

The Voices of Bethel of the Bethel Second Baptist Church, 405 E. Hadley Ave., will present its 18th annual Voices Sing Spirituals concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Special guests will be the New Mexico State University Gospel Choir and University Methodist Bell Ringers. Anita Blackburn of Hill Baptist

Church will be the guest musician.

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.

TEACHERS IN SERVICE MEETING

Teachers In Service Inc., an evangelical, nonprofit Christian organization that works internationally with teachers and schools for missionary children, will hold a meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, in the Roadrunner Room of the Thomas Branigan

Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The meeting will discuss recruitment and professional development activities for schools of missionary children. Those interested are encouraged to attend. For more information, visit www.teachers-in-service.org.

UNITY CLASSES

Classes available at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, include a prosperity discussion at 9 a.m. Saturdays; "The Book of Revelations" book study from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays; "Film for Today" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

JOURNAL WORKSHOP

"Journal to the Self," a

four-session workshop to discover the writer within you, will meet from 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17 and 21, at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Certified instructor Rita Popp will teach personal journal techniques for self-development and creativity. Students will write together in a safe, non-judgmental setting. The fee is \$130 and includes a workbook. To sign up or for more information, call 526-1317 or email ritapopp@msn.com.

BLUE MASS

The Knights of Columbus will host a Blue Mass at 6 p.m. Monday, March 7, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Dioceses of Las Cruces Bishop Ricardo Ramirez will celebrate the eighth

annual Mass. The Blue Mass honors community members who have served in protecting, such as law enforcement, firefighters, military, emergency services and land security personnel. Their families are also invited to attend.

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. Friday, March 11. Tickets cost \$6 per person. For more information, call 524-8564.

ST. PAUL ENCHILADA SUPPER

The Music Ministry of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 Griggs Ave., will host its Spring Enchilada Supper from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 11, in its

fellowship hall. Tickets are available through the church office or at the door and are \$6.50 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. The meal will include red enchiladas or chicken pot pie, beans, slaw, bread, dessert and drink. Take out is available. For more information, call 526-6689.

EASTERN STAR FUNDRAISER

Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star will host its annual corn beef luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at the Aztec Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. The dinner will include corn beef, cabbage, carrots, onions, potatoes, rolls, dessert and drinks. The proceeds will go to support local charities.

Finding

Beauty in the details

Sedona Hills Parkway home features
ornate accents with spectacular views



See featured home on pages E2-3

Featured home: 2137 Sedona Hills Parkway

Photos by Francisco Tafoya

The home at 2137 Sedona Hills Parkway features a Tuscan villa-inspired design.



The green granite-covered island adds warmth to the bright kitchen.



Cultured stone surrounds the fireplace in the living room, which also includes rounded windows.



Marble encases the jetted bathtub in the master suite.



Venetian plaster columns separate the formal dining room from the open living room.



Ornate details fill the master suite, which includes wrought iron accents against a terracotta color.

Ornate style reflects Tuscan

Detailed craftsmanship makes owner's dream home a reality

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Beverly Glaze decided to build her family a home, she focused on the details – from decorative baseboards to intricate wrought-iron accents.

Her venture began with finding the right lot that combined spectacular views with privacy, all of which she found at 2137 Sedona Hills Parkway.

“When you stand out back, you can see the whole city,” she said, adding that the view won’t ever be blocked by another home. “And from the front, you can see the mountains. It’s the best of both worlds.”

Hiring Alex de la Peña of DLP Building to build the home in 2008, Glaze, who holds a degree in interior design, was involved in the creation of the residence from the ground up to ensure it evoked the style and feel she desired.

“I wanted it to be a Tuscan villa,” she said, adding that the home contains touches of the Mediterranean. “The mood I was trying to

convey was peaceful and serene, but like you’re in another world.”

A flagstone path with curved stairs is set beside the rock and native plant landscaping, and leads to ceramic tile that takes guests to the wrought iron and glass front door tucked behind two columns. To meld the inside with the outside, Glaze continued the tile indoors.

The cream-colored tile surrounds an ornate mosaic of squares, circles and angles that covers the foyer floor. Designed to wow, the tall foyer ceiling features a dome ceiling painted tan with a fine, iron-like design that complements the hanging chandelier.

Focusing on repeat elements, such as arches, curves, square details and fine finishes, Glaze said she wanted the home to feel cohesive.

“What I was trying to do was make it really unique,” she said.

Venetian plaster was used on columns leading into the living room. This detail can be found throughout the 2,682-square-foot home.

“The Venetian plaster really brought the Mediterranean feel to the home,” Glaze said.

A fireplace decorated in cultured stone resides in the corner of the living room, which also features high ceilings and spot lighting. The showstopper of the room is the round wall of continuous windows that highlight the view of the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course and Organ Mountains.

The dining room is also separated by columns and features dark laminate flooring. Several square windows light the room. A unique feature of the area is the oval tray ceiling with wrought-iron poles going across.

“The wrought iron brings more richness to the rooms,” Glaze said.

Glaze said all of the wrought-iron elements throughout the home match – from the wrought iron bed frame to the wrought iron found outside.

“Everything looks so complete and the same,” she said.

At the center of the home is the kitchen. Dark granite lines the countertops as a green shade of the stone covers the island, which also includes a cooktop and prep sink. Filled with light, another ornate chandelier hangs over the island, at the center of four small skylights.

“My favorite area is the kitchen,” said Glaze, adding that the space has a gourmet feeling to it.

On one side of the kitchen are two of the three bedrooms found in the home. A barrel ceiling covered in bricks takes guests to the area, which also includes a small desk space and bathroom that includes dark granite countertops and a tiled shower.

The bedrooms include walk-in closets as well as unique architectural and style aspects, such as built-in shelves that curve into the ceiling, crown molding and faux wood details.

“It’s a great house for entertaining, because you can find your own private space at the same time,” she said.

The other side of the home, beside a round wall covered in stone and nichos that contains a seating area, is the master suite. The bedroom features the same wrought iron ceiling found in the dining room, but this time covered in a terracotta color. Another fireplace encased in

Details

Featured home

2137 Sedona Hills Parkway

Square footage

2,682

Acres

.21

Bedrooms

Three

Bathrooms

Two

Fireplaces

Three

Price

\$519,000

Special features

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Ceramic tile used in the interior continues to the covered patio. Beyond the stone fireplace is a swimming pool and detached spa.

cultured stone rests beside the door to the patio.

For the master bathroom, Glaze selected marble as her stone of choice. Not only does the material cover the countertops of the two sinks and vanity, it can also be found on the floor and around the jetted bathtub. Venetian plaster surrounding the freestanding shower completes the room.

This wing also includes another, larger office area as well as access to the two-car garage, which houses the home's tankless water heater. The home is looped for a water softener and features smart wiring.

Outside, a fireplace faces the covered patio. Flagstone leads to a lagoon-shaped swimming pool, which features a current to swim against, and a separate spa. An outdoor kitchen and fire pit area offer more entertainment options.

“It’s not just a house, it’s a home,” she said. “It’s not just walls to me, it has life. You can feel it when you walk in. It has a feeling of being complete. Everything just comes together.”



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Serendipity and the paper towel

Accidental creation becomes tool for household cleaning

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Sometimes the stars align and magic takes place. Such was the case with the invention of the paper towel.

While a seemingly simple object, according to www.wisegeek.com, the paper towel was invented after Scott Paper Co. President Arthur Scott was faced with an unusual dilemma – a railroad car full of toilet paper was cut too thick, making it unsuitable for its designated purpose.

Turning the crisis into an opportunity, Scott cut the unusable paper into sections, transforming the material into personally portioned towels. Although it wasn't well received by consumers at first, it soon caught on, and now the paper towel can be found in just about every kitchen or bathroom.

Created from paper fibers, the disposable product is loosely woven to allow water to travel through it, making it ideal for drying hands, wiping windows, dusting furniture and containing spills or household items.

While you can use it for all your cleaning needs – from wiping down countertops to picking up dripping messes – the paper towel has several other uses, some you may find surprising.

1. Filter coffee: The next time you run out of coffee filters, don't fret. You can make your own in a flash, thanks to paper towels. Using a strong towel, trim the edges so it properly fits in the basket. Fill it with the coffee grounds and brew your coffee as usual. This is a great substitute until you have time to run to the store.

2. Clean corn better: Those threads of silk that cover an ear of corn can be a pain to remove. Clear them away easier with the help of a paper towel. Simply dampen a single sheet and rub it along the ear after the husk has been detached. The towel will pick up the bits of string, preparing the corn to be cooked.



3. Save a ruined cup of tea: If the bag containing those soothing tea leaves breaks, causing a mess in your hot water, save it with the help of a paper towel. Use the paper towel to create a tightly woven strainer. Cover the mug with a sheet and tip the liquid into another cup. The towel will filter out the bits and let the brewed beverage pass through, saving your drink from being thrown down the drain.

4. Get rid of wax splatter: Dripping candle wax doesn't have to ruin your tablecloth or carpet when you have paper towels around. Place a sheet over the waxy spot and press an iron set on "low" over it. The iron will re-melt the wax and the paper towel will absorb the substance, removing it from your delicate fabrics and fibers.

5. Strain grease: When cooking up a batch of broth, you may notice a layer of unwanted grease floating around. Remove the grease with the help of a paper towel. Put a large, empty pot into your kitchen sink and place a colander or sieve lined with paper towels inside it. Carefully pour the broth over the paper towels and into the large pot. When you're done, lift out the colander, taking the paper towels with it. Although the broth will seep through to the pot, the fat will be caught in the paper towels,

allowing you to easily throw it away.

6. Soak up oil: Also when cooking, paper towels can be used to soak up oils and fats, helping your final dish be healthier. Just fold a sheet unto a rectangle and dip it into your pan as you're cooking. Whether it's hamburger meat or chicken breast, this is a great trick for any at-home chef.

7. Help your produce stay fresh: Limp and discolored vegetables can ruin any dinner. Help your veggies stay fresh longer by lining your produce drawer with paper towels. The fibers will absorb moisture, which causes your fruits and vegetables to rot. Another paper towel trick is to cover a newly created salad with a few wet sheets. This will help keep the contents fresh and crisp until you're ready to serve.

8. Stop frozen bread from becoming soggy: Although buying bread in bulk might save you money, you may end up with a freezer full of soggy wheat. To stop this from happening, place a paper towel in each bag of bread before placing it in the freezer. When you take the bread out to enjoy, the towel will absorb the moisture produced when it thaws.

9. Keep a drain clean: Peeling carrots and potatoes can be a messy task, which is why you should turn to paper towels. Set a towel in the

sink over the drain. As you peel, the towel will catch the droppings, but still allow you to run water to rinse off the produce. When the task is complete, simply bundle up the towel, and vegetable pieces with it, and toss it in the trash.

10. Make mess-free bacon: While nothing beats griddle-cooked bacon, you can produce equally delicious strips in the microwave with the help of paper towels. Layer two towels on the bottom of your microwave and lay the slices of bacon side by side. Cover the pieces with two or more sheets and cook on high in one-minute intervals until you've achieved your desired crispness. This usually takes three to four minutes. The towels will soak up the grease, making clean-up a breeze.

11. Test old seeds: Have you stumbled upon an old packet of seeds, but you aren't sure if they're still good? Before planting the old seeds, test them with paper towels. Dampen two sheets and set a few seeds on them. Cover the seeds with two more damp towels. Over the next two weeks, be sure to keep the towels moist and check the seeds. If at least some of the seeds start to sprout, then plant the batch in your garden. If not, toss them out.

12. Clean a sewing machine: To ensure your freshly oiled sewing machine won't leave grease on your fabrics, give it an extra cleaning with a paper towel. Thread the machine and stitch several lines up and down the paper. Make sure any leftover residue is gone before beginning your next sewing project.

13. Improve old can openers: After time, your can opener will collect gunk on its cutting wheels, making it difficult to use. Clean away those particles with a paper towel. Simply close the wheel on the edge of a paper towel and give the handle a few cranks. The towel will remove the debris as the wheel cuts through it.

14. Make your cast iron rust-free: A common problem for cast-iron cookware is rust. Stop rust from taking over your pots with the help of paper towels. After the pan has been cleaned, line its bottom with a paper towel to absorb moisture. Be sure to line the lid as well, and store it separately.

15. Use to store fresh herbs: Paper towels can be used to store a variety of herbs. For those that need water to start perky, wet a towel and wrap it around the bundle before placing in a plastic sandwich bag. For those that need to stay dry, cover them in a dry towel before placing them in the baggie. This will help collect excess moisture.

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The life of Care-A-Vanners

Couple dedicates their retirement to helping Habitat for Humanity

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

While some think of retirement as the time to work on their golf game and explore new hobbies, others see it as an opportunity to help others.

Through Habitat for Humanity International, about 50,000 retirees have taken on the challenge of being a Care-A-Vanner, a person who travels the nation to lend a hand with various local building endeavors.

"For me, it's like seeing retirees discover a purpose, a reason to get up in the morning," said Nancy Hoag, who is a Care-A-Vanner with her husband Scott. "It's a really good feeling to wake up and know someone else is counting on us."

After they met in Montana, Scott Hoag said his career with the U.S. Department of Natural Resources Conservation Services took he and his wife all over the country, including Albuquerque.

He retired in 2000 while they were living in Virginia. To help fill the time, he worked with the local Habitat for Humanity chapter. After the couple moved back to Montana, Scott Hoag continued his work with the nonprofit.

"Some people started talking to us about Care-A-Vanning," Nancy Hoag said.

While Nancy Hoag, a freelance writer, said she "didn't have a volunteer's heart," that all changed after her first home dedication ceremony.

"Seeing the recipient just grabbed my heart," she said, adding that most of the homes constructed by the nonprofit are for single mothers, whom she can relate to since she was also a single mother.

Selling about 75 percent of their possessions and purchasing a fifth wheel RV, the couple set out in April 2008 to be Care-A-Vanners, and "have been on the road ever since," Nancy Hoag said.

Having worked on 39 homes in nine different states, from Washington to Florida, the Hoags said they have met a wide variety of people, including former FBI agents and truck stop waitresses.

"You meet people from all over," Scott Hoag said. "We've been to so many places, we now know two or three people on each new build site."

While Scott Hoag had some construction experience, thanks to his ranching background, Nancy Hoag said she was clueless when it came to her first job. Thanks to the other Care-A-Vanners and Habitat volunteers, she said she has been taught a variety of skills over the years.

"Now, I do it all but roofing," said the former English teacher. "You just have to show up and let them teach you a few things."



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Beth Sitzler

Shirley and Lowell Harrison, a Minnesota couple who have volunteered as Care-A-Vanners for six years, help tile a Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity home off Santa Fe Street.

People can do a lot more than they think they can."

This year marks the third time the Hoags have ventured to the City of the Crosses, where they have worked on six Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity homes this building season.

"We've helped on 10 to 12 homes in Las Cruces at various stages of construction," said Scott Hoag, adding that they take on whatever task needs to be completed when they arrive, whether it's laying tile, hanging sheet rock, hammering shingles or painting doors.

"Our first draw to Las Cruces was working under wonderful supervision (of Don Stover)," said Nancy Hoag, adding that the longtime MVHFH builder is on a leave of absence. "All of us are here because we really love him. We're going to keep rolling on while he is gone."

Although they are put to work, Scott Hoag said they also have fun with the other Care-A-Vanners and volunteers by playing cards, going out to dinner and having impromptu potluck. While the friendship is a draw, the couple said it isn't the only reason they show up time after time.

"It's all about the kids," Nancy Hoag said. "It's hard being a single mom or dad, but it's even harder being a kid without a home."

"The kids whose parents get a Habitat home do better in school," Scott Hoag said. "They have a much different feeling about their self."

With 1,400 Care-A-Vanners currently in the field and 10 to 30 new members added each month, the couple said more communities need to get involved to help Habitat for Humanity – such as buying property and providing materials



After three years of Care-A-Vanning, Nancy and Scott Hoag have been to nine states. Currently finishing a six-week stint in Las Cruces, the Hoags and other Care-A-Vanners are important to the work of Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity.

– so volunteers have more opportunities to serve.

Traveling with the seasons, Scott Hoag said they have signed up to help Habitat for Humanity chapters around the country through September. Going to about 10 locations a year, after the couple leaves Las Cruces in a week, they will stop in Texas, Alabama and Virginia.

For more information about Care-A-Vanners or volunteering with Habitat for Humanity International, visit www.habitat.org. For more information about MVHFH, visit lascruceshabitat.org.

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Featured Realtor: Janina Carlona

'I found something I really like to do'

Newcomer finds her calling in Las Cruces real estate market



By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

While the slow economy has hurt some in the housing industry, others have seen it as a time to begin a new venture in the field.

After years of interest, self-proclaimed "lookie loo" Janina Carlona decided to follow her dream and she became a Realtor in August 2010.

"It was always something in the back of my mind," she said. "Something nagged me to try it."

Originally from Connecticut, Carlona said she has worked with the public all of her life. She spent several years employed with Bilco in architectural sales and technical support, which allowed her to interact with contractors, architects, homeowners, builders and the general public.

Carlona said after living on the East Coast, she and her husband Frank were ready for a change.

"My brother lived here since 1996," she said, adding that they would visit on a yearly basis. "We fell in love with Las Cruces immediately."

Her mom moved to the City of the Crosses in 2003, and the couple soon followed in 2004.

She found herself working with the public again, but this time at the records department of the Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility.

"I was with the prison for five years," she said.

After years of attending open houses and helping friends search for their dream residences, Carlona said it was "do or die" time. She earned her real estate license and went to work for Steinborn & Associates Real Estate.

"I thought it was time to move on," she said. "I like real estate much better."

Entering the market

During a time when some in real estate are leaving the business, Carlona said the past few months have given her the opportunity to succeed.

"I figured that if I can do it and make it now, I can make it at anytime," she said, adding that she is using the slower market as a chance to become educated about industry and everything it entails.

"We've been fortunate to not have been hit as hard as other parts of the country."

While home sales and construction have begun to increase, she said many Realtors, old and new, are adjusting.

"Some might not be used to it, but right now, this is all I know," she said. "It can be challenging."

The biggest obstacle so far, she said, has been building up her client base.

"I'm not originally from here and I was pretty secluded in my last job," she said. "I'm working on getting my name and face out there."

To become better acquainted with the public, Carlona said she spent Christmas Eve handing out magnetic calendars with her business cards attached as well as door hangers, in addition to being a member of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

"I do fun things," Carlona said.

She said through Steinborn & Associates Real Estate and her assigned mentor – who

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gives her advice and works as a go-to resource – she has been able to quickly learn the process, including the extensive amounts of paperwork.

"I have received a lot of support for my co-Realtors within the agency," she said, adding that all of the agents view each other's homes and help one another. "I've met a lot of nice people outside of Steinborn, too."

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Newcomer Janina Carlona represents the home at 4115 Cree Court, located in the Arrowhead Estates.

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Thanks to her customer service background, Carlona said she has found enjoyment in assisting others.

"I really like to help people find a new home," she said. "I know how it felt when I bought my first home, and I want to share that same feeling with others."

Jumping in with both feet, Carlona said she has already closed a couple of contracts, including the sale of commercial land.

"I bring a lot of my East Coast with me," she said. "Give me a project and I'm full speed ahead. I'll go, go, go until I find you what you want."

"I have a very strong work ethic. When I say I'm going to do something, I do it. I give the best service to my clients as possible."

She said she is also currently working toward her Graduate Realtor Institute certification, and while it usually takes a Realtor a few years to achieve, she said she hope to have it completed in seven months.

"I want to show that I'm competent, dedicated and knowledgeable," she said.

Carlona said that although she is relatively new to the business, she has several things to offer potential clients.

"Sometimes when you're new, you have to put more into it because you have more time and don't have too many listings," she said. "I'm trying to prove myself, because I don't have referrals and my reputation to fall back on. I have to build up my connection base and reputation."

Part of the reputation she is building for herself includes integrity.

"I give my honest opinion. I'm not going to do something to just get a sale," she said.

Weaving other interests

While real estate has kept the newcomer busy, Carlona said she has been able to explore her other passion – hand spinning. A hobby she was introduced to her by a friend in Connecticut, Carlona began as a weaver in 1996 before transitioning into making her own yarn and knitting projects.

Along with a local friend, she volunteers



Carlona, who joined Steinborn & Associates Real Estate in August 2010, also represents this home at 4648 Mesa Rico.

The home on Mesa Rico includes fine details, such as tile surrounding the jetted bathtub

to teach a hand spinning class at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum on Tuesdays.

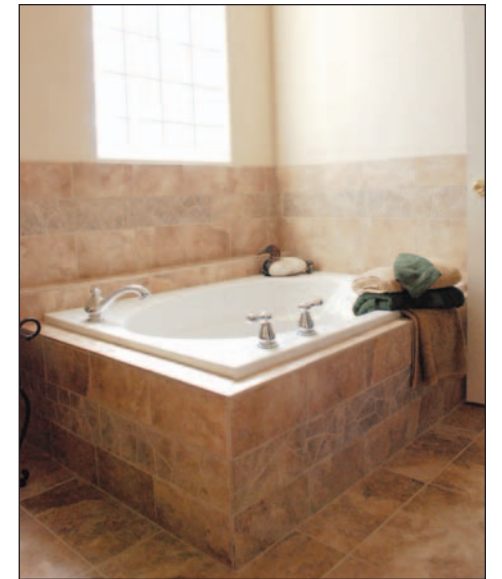
"It's allowed me to connect to the public and also give back to the community," she said, adding that she is a member of the Southwest Regional Spinners.

As she learns to better navigate the real estate market, Carlona said she is also looking into contributing in to her fellow Las Cruces in other ways.

"When I learn more, I'm going to choose a project to help the community," she said. "I like to give back when I can."

In addition to reaching out to the community, she said she would like to continue to build her real estate clientele and look at more educational opportunities.

"I'm full of energy and I'm out there to succeed," she said. "I hope to do very well in real estate. I found something I really like to do."



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What's frosting got to do with it?

Specialty knife creates smooth line, decorative swirls

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Dollops of buttercream, layers of margarine, whirls of whipped cream – nothing enhances an already tasty cake like frosting.

Created in the 1600s, frosting was originally a glaze used to give a cake moisture and shine. The thick substance we have come to know today as frosting was introduced in the 1800s with the intention of being both decorative and flavorful, adding creaminess to the sometimes spongy dessert.

In addition to adding another layer of flavor, frosting helps seal in the cake's moisture. To get a perfectly frosted cake, at-home and gourmet chefs alike rely on an icing knife.

What is it?

Different than a regular cutting or spread knife, the icing knife is specially designed to take on the sometimes difficult task of applying frosting.

Also known as a frosting spatula or palette knife, this kitchen utensil features a unique bend in its blade, which is either serrated or

blunt. The bend allows the user to properly apply the icing at any angle. When used correctly, the knife will create smooth, unbroken lines.

To select your ideal icing knife, start with the handle. While wood and plastic handles are available, a non-stick surface will allow you to use the utensil even when your hands are wet.

Also important when selecting your knife is the size of the blade. A longer blade, usually about 11 inches, will make frosting the top of the cake a breeze, while a medium-sized knife, about 6 inches, will give you more control when decorating the sides.

How does it work?

While it takes some practice to master, the icing knife is easy to use once you get a hang of it.

First, before frosting, let the cake or layers of cake cool on a wire rack, which takes about five minutes. If you skip this step, the warmth of the cake will melt the frosting. Also be sure to brush away any loose crumbs to ensure the surface is as smooth as possible. If the cake is bumpy or uneven, cut it so it's level.

Next, scoop a generous amount of frosting onto the knife. Start at the center of the cake and spread the icing outward toward the edges. Be sure to use a hefty amount of the frosting so the knife doesn't touch the cake itself, causing it to tear or create crumbs.

The amount of frosting used depends on the size of your cake or cake layers, however, a typical cake

*Featured gadget:
Icing knife*

requires 1/2 cup for the top.

Stop spreading the frosting within 1/4 inch of the edge. After the top is frosted, either apply the next layer or ice the sides.

To frost the side of the cake, first distribute a thin layer of the sugary confection to seal in crumbs. Add more frosting and spread it over the uncovered ridge on the top of the cake. Use your remaining frosting to cover the top of the cake and sides to create an even layer of icing. You can either use the icing knife to create swirls in the frosting or give it a smooth finish by dipping the blade in hot water.

For a decorative look, add sprinkles, candy or piping to your dessert creation.

Where can it be found?

A popular kitchen accessory, the icing knife can be found at most cooking-supply stores, including Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

How much does it cost?

Depending on its size, material and brand, an icing knife can cost between \$7 and \$12.

Helpful hint

The uniquely shaped tool isn't just for cakes. Use an icing knife to make quick work of other tasks that involve applying a spread, such as making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.



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Rekindling that passion

Business coach explains a key to success to BIA-SNM members

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With the economy affecting many businesses and nonprofits, Steve Chavira of Quantum Consulting Services spoke to the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico about the importance of passion during the organization's monthly luncheon Thursday, Feb. 17.



CHAVIRA

The professional business coach with more than 25 years of sales and marketing experience told BIA-SNM members to incorporate success into their daily lives, they must first rekindle their passion.

"Passion is that deep seated drive," he said. "When you're passionate about something, you're driven to do better. We've got to be passionate about what we do."

Chavira began the interactive presentation by asking members to rise and sit down according to how long they've been active in the association. When completed, Eddie Binns of Binns Construction was left standing with about 50 years of membership participation.

"(I've been a member) for many reasons, first the camaraderie and education," he said.

"It gives us a voice at a political level, so we're not speaking as individuals, but as an organization."

Chavira said passion such as Binns' is needed to succeed, however, that passion tends to wane over time due to a number of factors, including stress from everyday life.

"It doesn't go away, but it dies down," he said.

A loss of passion can have

several effects, Chavira said, including becoming complacent and growing stagnant.

There are some ways, however, to rekindle that passion, Chavira said. For example, BIA-SNM members who have been feeling a little lack-luster about the association, Chavira said they need to think about what first brought them to the organization.

"When you started to get active, you probably joined a committee," he said.

Next, he suggested reaching out to others not involved in the association.

"Find a new member to bring in and guide them to membership in the BIA," he said. "Remind them why you became a member. That passion will be conveyed to them and will help them understand why they should become a member."

He added that by helping them get involved and encouraging them to participate – essentially acting as a mentor – will help reconnect members to what it was that originally drew them in.

Also, Chavira said to talk to long-standing members to hear about their experiences, knowledge and passion.

"Members come and go," he said. "The number of members may wane, but the passion of the members needs to be maintained. If you communicate that passion, it will always come back."

"Passion is important to this type of organization. You can't communicate your passion if you don't know or remember what your passion is. You need to figure out what brought you here and go back to that."

“Passion is important to this type of organization.”



Be on the look out for larger swarms of termites.

Termites terrorize local homes

Insects chew their way through homes and businesses

Termites can be a home and/or business owner's worst nightmare. According to the National Pest Management Association, termites cause more than \$5 billion in property damage each year across the United States.

Even more disturbing is the fact that damage caused by termites is not usually covered by homeowners' insurance policies. On average, termites cause \$7,900 damage to a home before they are detected.

These invisible destroyers cause major damage and mostly swarm during the spring and fall months. Due to the harsh winter this year, and the predications from last year's termite infestations, New Mexico may see a large swarm of termites within the next few months.

A typical colony can be home to 350,000 termites that can find a way into your home, whether it is made of wood or concrete. You usually don't see termites or the damage they cause until it's too late.

Additionally, immigrant termites from Africa and Asia invade each year, chewing through homes and office buildings. These termites hide in plants and other materials that are shipped internationally. Often, they simply infest a container, swarm and come to land.

The U.S. is home to numerous species of termites, but the most common are the Subterranean and drywood termites. Generally, these types of termites swarm during the day after a rainfall.

Tips and precautionary measures on the termite checklist include:



Barry Murray
The Bug Guy

- Remove all dead trees, decaying plant mounds and materials, dust pilings and wet wood as they are sources of food.
- Seal all leaky pipes to eliminate water supply.
- Replace cracked floorboards because they are common entry points.
 - Regularly check the basement, attic or crawl space for termite damage.
- Seal and check window sills, joists, support posts, basement window frames, wood porches, cracks in cement and expansion joints all over the interior and exterior surfaces of the house foundation for any termite droppings or wings.
- Have a pest expert perform an annual inspection.
 - By taking the necessary precautions, you can help prevent your home from becoming a termite's best friend.

“... New Mexico may see a large swarm of termites within the next few months.”

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, Ariz.-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.

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Is your home in hot water?

Five tips for selecting the right type of hot water heater

Bob Pofahl
Build Green, Build Better



After the record-breaking snowstorms we experienced here in Las Cruces four weeks ago, I have come to a much greater appreciation for electricity and water, especially hot water.

Hot water is one of those things that is easy to take for granted until you have to go without it. It has also historically been one of the big energy guzzlers in the home.

If you're looking to upgrade an appliance in your home to save energy, your hot water heater is a good option.

As with any feature in your home, there are so many different types of hot water heaters from which to select. It can be overwhelming to know what to choose or where to start.

Know your options

Tip No. 1 in selecting your next hot water heater is to know your options. What is right for your home 10 years ago, might not be what's right for your home today. Educate yourself on the options before you start the selection process.

There are four main types of hot water heaters that work well in Las Cruces.

Conventional storage water heaters are the most common water heaters you see in home. A conventional storage water heater is a large tank, often found in the garage or a closet inside the home. It offers a ready reservoir of hot water that is continually heated by either gas or electricity.

The advantage of a conventional storage water heater is that it is often the least expensive option. However, it is also often the least energy-efficient type of water-heating system.

Demand (tankless or instantaneous) water heaters have been a very popular alternative to conventional water heaters. Demand water heaters heat water directly without the use of a storage tank, so they are much more energy efficient.

Heat pumps are an option that can be used to heat and cool your home, as well as your water. Heat pump water heaters work by using electricity to move heat from one place to another instead of generating heat directly for providing hot water.

You can purchase a stand-alone heat pump water heating system with a water storage tank or you can also retrofit a heat pump to work with an existing conventional storage water heater.

Solar water heaters are cost-effective, energy-efficient and environmentally friendly water heating systems that use the

sun's heat to provide hot water.

Now that you know a little bit more about the types of water heaters, here are four additional tips that can help you in evaluating what kind of water heater is right for you.

Select the right fuel source

The next tip for selecting your ideal hot water heater is to evaluate the fuel type or energy sources available. The fuel you use will not only affect the water heater's annual operation costs, but also its size and energy efficiency.

The first thing that you need to find out is what types of energy are available in your home and which is most cost efficient. There are several commonly used energy sources heating your hot water: gas, electric, solar and geothermal.

Natural gas and electricity are the most common energy sources and are both available in most new homes. Typically, gas is the best option if you have a conventional hot water heating system.

If electricity is your option for hot water heating, then a heat pump system will be more cost effective than a conventional unit.

Solar hot water heaters are the most environmentally friendly and abundant source of fuel to heat your water.

Consider the size

Size is another criteria for selecting your hot water heater. To provide your household with enough hot water and to maximize efficiency, you need a properly sized water heater.

If you have a large family or use a large amount of hot water in your home, a solar hot water heater might be the best option for you. Whereas if you use very little hot water, a demand system will be a better option.

Energy efficiency

Once you have determined the energy source and the size of your water heating system, you should look for the most energy-efficient system that fits those specifications. To maximize your energy and cost savings, you want to know how energy efficient a water heater is before you purchase it.

Evaluate the costs

The final tip in selecting your next water heater is to evaluate the costs of the system and compare those costs with other energy-efficient models. Make sure to look at both the up-front as well as the long-term costs and savings.

If you are primarily looking for the most environmentally



friendly choice, solar hot water is the best option. Las Cruces is an ideal location for using solar energy to heat your water. However, solar hot water systems have a much higher up-front cost, which won't pay off for every homeowner.

For more information on any of these tips, visit the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Savers website at www.energysavers.gov/your_home/.

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Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales New Homes	3	2	4

Closed Sales Existing Homes	8	13	10
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Pending Home Sales (All)	186	161	200
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	141	112	98

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$159,950	\$135,850	\$160,210

Median Price Existing	\$176,000	\$165,000	\$145,000
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,065	1,061	1,217

Real Estate Agents	392	406	450
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"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

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Making healthful wraps to go

Snappy dish makes a great light meal

I love wraps! They make super “sandwiches” for those on the go, for light meals and for lunchboxes. Make ’em super healthy. Pack up the bundles with fresh veggies, lean meats or seafood and then give them a powerful punch by adding a favorite salsa. These wraps taste dangerously high-cal but they’re bikini-weather safe. Buen apetito!

Teasin’ Tuna

- 1 (5-ounce) can tuna in water
- 2 tablespoons light or fat-free mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup salsa, your favorite
- 2 tablespoons shredded carrots
- 1/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup mixed greens
- 4 (6-inch) whole wheat tortillas

Mix together first five ingredients. Place mixture into four tortillas and top with Cheddar cheese and mixed greens. Roll tight and cut on a diagonal. Makes 4 servings.

Simply Delightful Poblano Basil Chicken

This can be served at room temperature or microwave just until cheese begins to melt. Simply yum!

- 4 tablespoons salsa
- 4 tablespoons prepared light or fat-free ranch salad dressing
- 4 (10-inch) tomato basil tortillas
- 2 (4-ounce) boneless skinless chicken breast halves, grilled and cut into strips
- 12 slices cucumber
- 4 slices tomato
- 1/2 cup poblano pepper, julienned
- 4 slices pepper jack cheese

Spread 1 tablespoon of salsa and 1 tablespoon of ranch dressing over each tortilla. Place the chicken, cucumber, tomato and poblano pepper down each center. Top with 1 slice of cheese. Fold ends of each tortilla over filling and roll up. Makes 4 servings.

Savory Grilled Salmon Salsa with Chipotle-Lime Sour Cream

- Chipotle-Lime Sour Cream:
- 1/2 cup low-fat or fat-free sour cream
 - Juice of 1 medium lime
 - 1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds, toasted and ground
 - 1 chipotle pepper, canned in adobo



Healthful wraps are spiked and made sassy with a spoonful or two of your favorite salsa or pico de gallo.

- sauce and squeezed of extra liquid
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients in a small mixing bowl and stir thoroughly. (Note: Sour cream will keep in the refrigerator for about a week in an airtight container.)

Salsa:

- 1 large ripe tomato, cored and diced
- 1/2 red onion, peeled and diced
- 1/2 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1/2 green bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 serrano pepper, seeded and minced
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
- Juice of 1 medium lime

In a bowl, combine tomato, onion, red and green peppers, serrano pepper, cilantro and lime juice in a bowl and mix well. Set aside.

Grilled (or broiled) salmon:

- 1/2 pound boneless salmon fillet
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 4 (6-inch) flour tortillas or flavor of choice

Lightly coat salmon with oil and season generously with salt and pepper.

Grill (or broil) fish, skin side until well seared on bottom, about 2 to 3 minutes. Turn

and grill just until fish is warmed through, but dark pink and creamy inside, about 2 to 3 minutes longer. Remove skin and cool slightly.

Working over the bowl of salsa, use your fingers to break salmon into chunks. Using a fork, gently fold salmon into salsa. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper and additional lime juice, if desired.

Grill (or microwave 10 seconds or until just warm) each tortilla, flipping until warm and slightly browned. Spoon 1/4 cup salmon salsa and 1 tablespoon sour cream down the center of 1 tortilla. Fold one end in, and roll up tightly. Cut in half (or into quarters for appetizers) and serve immediately. Makes 8 servings.

A-Plus Asparagus and Avocado

- 24 asparagus spears
- 1 ripe avocado, pitted and peeled
- 1 tablespoon fresh-squeezed lime juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 cups long-grain white rice, cooked cold
- 3 tablespoons plain nonfat yogurt
- 2 tablespoons salsa
- 3 (10-inch) whole wheat tortillas

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Chile Knights



- 1/3 cup fresh cilantro leaves
- 2 tablespoons red onion, chopped

In a medium-sized saucepan over high heat, bring 2 inches water to a boil. Place the asparagus in a steamer basket, cover and steam until just tender, approximately 5 minutes. Remove the asparagus and immediately rinse in cold water to stop the cooking process. Drain thoroughly.

In a small bowl, mash the avocado, lime juice and garlic into a coarse purée.

In another small bowl, stir together the rice, yogurt and salsa to mix well.

Heat a large dry frying pan (not one with a nonstick surface) over medium heat. One at a time, heat the tortillas in the hot pan until softened, approximately 20 seconds per side. Lay the tortillas flat on a clean work surface. Spread the avocado mixture equally among the tortillas. Top each with an equal amount of the rice mixture, asparagus, cilantro and onion.

Fold in both sides and the bottom of each tortilla up over the filling; then roll to close. If made in advance, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to 1 hour. Return to room temperature before serving. To serve, cut each wrap in half (or in quarters for appetizers) diagonally. Makes 6 servings. (Recipe adapted from “The Mayo Clinic Williams-Sonoma Cookbook: Simple Solutions for Eating Well” by John Phillip Carroll, The Mayo Clinic, 1998.)

Savory Avocado Cream Cheese

- 1 medium avocado, peeled, pitted and chopped
- 1 large tomato, finely chopped
- 1 small cucumber, finely chopped
- 2 spring onions, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 2 (6-inch) tortillas
- 4 tablespoon low-fat whipped cream cheese
- 4 small leaf lettuce, shredded
- 1 pinch salt, and freshly ground black pepper

Mix together the avocado, tomato, cucumber and spring onions. Add a few drops of lemon juice and stir well.

Lay the tortillas on a work surface and spread 2 tablespoons of whipped cream cheese over each one. Add a sprinkle of shredded lettuce and avocado mixture evenly over the tortilla. Fold in the two opposite sides of the wrap slightly so the filling is enclosed, then roll up tightly. Slice in half just before serving.

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Still dealing with the winter storm hangover?



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Quickly test if your plant is still alive by scratching the outer bark with your thumbnail until you see green.

Tips on determining if that plant is dead or just damaged

Gary Guzman
Gardening Guru



Well it seems this past winter storm has taken more of a toll than originally thought. As each warm day passes, one can notice additional plants in distress.

In my own landscape, all the palms, star jasmine, hardy dwarf pampas grass, viburnum tinus, pittosporum, xylosma and pyracantha were all damaged beyond repair. It will take several more weeks of very warm weather to determine if my oleander will come back.

My best guess is that most of the palms in the area are dead. Again, this is my own guess, so let's hope I am wrong. Here at the nursery, all palms were lost, along with about half of the nursery stock on hand.

Only time will tell if certain plants in your landscape will make a full recovery. We all may see effects of this past storm for years to come.

There is a possibility that new growth this spring on "surviving" vegetation may end up dying later on in the heat of the summer. This is due to damage underneath the outer bark. The new growth emerges due to stored nutrients in the plant tissue, in some cases offering a false sense of security.

The effect on dormant plants and trees is yet to be determined. It may not be until late April or May before this issue is answered. A quick "test" method for these is to scratch off the outer bark with your thumbnail, and a "green" color should readily appear underneath. If you have trouble finding the green color, that branch, limb or entire plant or tree may be dead. In some cases, certain plants or trees can be cut back to ground level, and can make a complete comeback from the root crown. A eucalyptus tree is a good example of this.

The likelihood of this winter phenomenon happening again in this region is slim, but not impossible. It could happen next year or 50 years from now.

If replacement is inevitable, here is a short list of some evergreen plants and trees that seemed to have weathered out this past winter blast.

Italian cypress, spartan juniper, Hollywood juniper, Wichita blue juniper, magnolia, Arizona cypress and arborvitae are some good choices for height.

For medium-sized plants, the use of yucca palms, boxwood, taxus, cherry laurel, juniper, Pride of Houston yaupon holly and mugo pine will be suitable.

Acoris, Japanese dwarf juniper, blue rug juniper, youngstown juniper and red yucca are good ground cover or small replacements for extreme cold temperatures.

The recent winter storm seemed to have very little or no effect on the plants listed above. Again this is just a short list, there are many other plants available that can take the sub-freezing temperatures as well.

If you have plants that you know are dead, the next couple of months are a great time to replace them. Keep in mind if you let the plants begin to rot, they may attract other insects into the area. If you are concerned about another hard freeze, you can always remove the dead plant now and replace it later in the season.

Gary Guzman, owner of Guzman's Color Your World Gardening Centers, can be reached at gary@lascrucesbulletin.com



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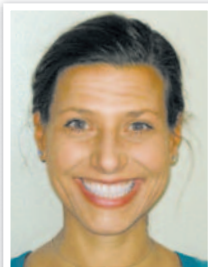
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