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Christmas spirit lives

Residents find many ways to help others

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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Despite the economy and the focus on gift buying, Las Cruces are once again showing their generosity in a multitude of ways – large and small – as Christmas approaches.

One of the primary focuses has been providing the basics to the many in need, especially the homeless.

Lorenzo Alba, director of Casa de Peregrinos, said December has been a very good month for the emergency food bank through a constant stream of food donations, as well as monetary help for its operations.

“It’s always so humbling to me to see how this community always steps up when there’s a need,” Alba said.

That need is growing as the area is seeing more people needing help in the current economy, he said.

Fortunately, he said, there have been people responding to the call for more donations, from individuals to businesses holding food drives, such as the Nambé gift shop in Mesilla.

“It’s just been phenomenal,” Alba said. “And I’m having people come up to me every day to ask how they can help us out next year.”

Casa de Peregrinos is one of many nonprofit organizations throughout southern New Mexico getting food supplies through Roadrunner Food Bank, which is also trying to get at least \$5,000 in cash donations to get a matching grant from the Stocker Foundation.

Besides being well on its way to reaching that \$5,000 goal, Roadrunner Food Bank southern New Mexico representative Nancy Barnes-Smith said the food bank has received close to 3,000 pounds of food donations in December alone.

The three groups bringing in the most donations are New Mexico State University’s ROTC program, NMSU’s Social Worker Student Association and the local New Mexico Youth Softball Association, she said.

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Ashleigh Mellon, 4, receives a Christmas-sized hug from Santa Claus at the Breakfast with Santa event held at Mesilla Valley Mall Saturday, Dec. 17.

Technology, war changing WSMR

Commander says missile range is more than testing

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

Technology is increasingly more common in the battlefield while the future of government funding is becoming more unknown, said White Sands Missile Range’s new Commander Col. John Ferrari.

Speaking at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce annual military update luncheon Thursday, Dec. 15, Ferrari said the range’s people are working to keep the range a key player in conducting tests of the new technology while becoming a more efficient military installation.

Ferrari, who became the range’s commander Aug. 18, said it’s all the skilled and creative people who will be making the range successful in meeting the new objectives and roles. He also acknowledged the strong support the range gets from the local population.

“In the end, it’s all about people,” Ferrari said. “It’s the people of New Mexico and the people of this community that allow us to complete our national security mission.”

Along with WSMR, neighboring Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo and Fort Bliss in El Paso are seeing their missions change and expand. “We’re going to change, because we have to change, because the world around us is changing, too,” he said.

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‘Big Ed’ paves the way

Governor, senator, federal judge was once a Las Cruces attorney

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

A large man, Edwin Mechem was known as “Big Ed” during a long career that brought him from the land around Las Cruces as a surveyor to Santa Fe four times as governor and to Washington,

D.C., as a U.S. senator.

And now, U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce has introduced legislation to name the United States federal courthouse in Las Cruces after him.

“Edwin Mechem is an iconic and prolific leader, whose legacy should live on in the state of New Mexico,” Pearce said in the announcement of his legislation. “His service to our state as a U.S. senator, governor and federal judge deserves recognition. I am proud to introduce this legislation to honor his memory.”

According to Pearce, the judges

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2011 starts with Las Cruces sending another governor to Santa Fe, the first Hispanic woman governor in U.S. history



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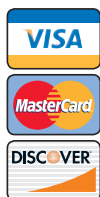
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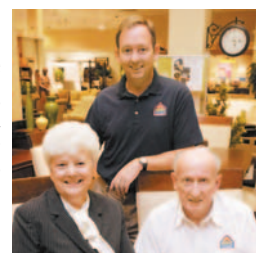
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Lighted decorations brighten the Christmas holiday season

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The owners of this house on Akers Street, below and left, were still outside working on a few more Christmas decorations Wednesday, Dec. 21. By using LED lights and a self-timer from 5 to 9 p.m., the electric bill is cheaper than it is in the summer, according to the owners. Each year they add more decorations both inside and outside, such as the cross this year.



The nativity scene, complete with baby Jesus, is on display on Nemesh Drive.



Decorated from top to bottom, this house located off City View Drive and Foothills Road is a big attraction for cars to stop and enjoy the decorations.

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Opinions



From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

The Christmas story

The timeless story of the birth of Jesus helps us reflect on love, peace and hope

The Christmas season is a wonderful time for families and friends to gather, share gifts and enjoy traditional celebrations. Many of us will be attending special Christmas church services where we will once again hear the wonderful story of the birth of Christ.

Because the story is so powerful and important in our local culture, we are pleased to take this opportunity to share with our readers the Christmas story as related in the New King James version of the Holy Bible.

Luke 2:1-20

Christ Born of Mary

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Glory in the Highest

Now there were shepherds living in the same country, shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told to them.

As we look forward to the New Year, Jaki and I, along with the entire Bulletin team, wish each of you and your family a safe and joyous Christmas holiday.



Letters to the Editor

Photos appreciated

We want to thank all who participated in and contributed to the first annual photography session for low-income families held at the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Sunday, Dec. 18.

The 15 young families were thrilled with the magnificent holiday pictures taken gratis by top Las Cruces photographers Nicholas Bañales and David Shaw. The photographs were gifted to the families within minutes, printed on-site by Crystal Bañales and beautifully matte-framed by Kate Mott, owner of MVS Studios, the art gallery and framing shop on Downtown Main Street

Carol Breitag, who is her own best advertisement for her salon and spa, Duncan Noble, cut and styled the sitters' hair and made each and every woman and child feel most glamorous.

We want to thank the friends who gave up their Sunday morning to transport the families who don't drive: Evelyn Madrid Erhard, Democratic candidate for Congress, District 2; Bob Hearn; and Douglas Hoffman.

We are grateful to the contributors of the photographic ink and paper: Mike Stewart of Staples and Scott McClanahan of Office Max.

And it wouldn't have been nearly as much fun without these helpers and "baby wranglers" (and yes, that's a professional term in the photo biz).

Mitzi Judd of Duncan Noble; Pat Bellestri-Martinez who assisted David Shaw; India

Hernandez; and Charlotte Lipson and Nancy Jaramillo, plus a special thanks to Emilio Gutierrez for the delicious tamales.

*Nicole Martinez
Community of Hope*

CanTree a success

Last week the Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces held its annual Christmas CanTree Drive and collected more than 1,100 pounds of food that was distributed to the Gospel Rescue Mission, El Caldito Soup Kitchen and Casa de Peregrinos.

It is at times like these, with the depressed economy on everyone's mind, that the spirit of giving truly shines through. The Las Cruces community stepped up to the plate and unselfishly gave, hoping to brighten the Christmas holiday of those less fortunate. For that gift of altruism, we are truly grateful.

Additionally, the Kiwanis would like to thank Curtis Rosemond and all of his employees at the Walmart on Walton Boulevard, for allowing us to collect food at their location. Without their help and the community's spirit of giving, the holiday season would be just another day on the calendar for some very deserving people in Las Cruces.

On their behalf, we thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts.

*Jim Pudlewski
Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces*

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Teddy, the march and a thought concerning reverse engineering

Bataan veterans worthy of Congressional Gold Medal

Jay Miller
Inside the Capitol



Teddy Roosevelt has long been a popular president. Recently, he has become even more so as President Barack Obama and presidential hopeful Gary Johnson have compared themselves to him.

In his effort to prod more tax money out of the rich, Obama has likened himself to Teddy the trust buster, going after greedy Wall Street robber barons.

For his part, our former Gov. Gary Johnson has taken a very different tack. He compares his adventuresome lifestyle to what Roosevelt termed his strenuous life of hunting, boxing, rowing and exploring. So far the comparison hasn't done Johnson much good.

He has combined many of his public appearances with athletic endeavors. It gets him some local notice wherever he happens to be but so far, the persona just hasn't caught on.

Johnson has been working the strenuous life angle for quite some time. Late in his second term as New Mexico governor, Johnson attended a National Governors Association winter meeting at which the U.S. Olympic ski team put on a demonstration.

Johnson convinced the team to allow him to take part. He skied off a ramp, doing a back flip in front of his fellow governors. In a recent interview with "Outside" magazine, he admitted it didn't do him much good with his fellow governors.

In other political news, U.S. Sen. Tom Udall has re-introduced legislation he first proposed as a House member in 2008 to honor the veterans who defended Bataan and suffered through the Death March 70 years ago.

Udall proposes a group Congressional Gold Medal for Bataan's brave defenders. In recent years, group gold medals have been authorized for the Navajo Code Talkers, the Tuskegee Airmen and the Women's Air Force Service Pilots.

Some 12,000 Americans were sent to the Philippines in mid-1941, before World War II began for the United States.

The Philippines were the last cog in Japan's grinding effort to rule the Pacific, including Australia.

Sure enough, the Philippines were attacked on the same day Pearl Harbor was hit. On the calendar, it appears as Dec. 8, but the difference is that pesky International Date Line.

The defenders soon were all pushed onto the peninsula of Bataan where they mounted a defense without which Japan could not have been stopped in the Pacific.

And they did it without logistical support. No one knew that President Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill had secretly agreed on a "Get Hitler First" strategy of fighting World War II. The Japanese were left to run rampant over everything they wanted from the Aleutian Islands to the South Pole.

The Bataan troops were constantly assured that more supplies and more troops were on their way. But they never came. The awful truth became obvious when Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for a base in Australia.

The weapons and ammunition that did arrive for New Mexico's 200th Coast Artillery was soon recognized as the duds discarded from the World War I artillery used in their training at Fort Bliss, Texas, a year before. Fortunately New Mexico's farm boys could fix anything with some bailing wire and a wrench.

Our guys were willing to hold out until the end but malnutrition, malaria and starvation coupled with no resources and no reinforcement forced those in command to surrender their troops. New Mexico's 1,800 have always insisted they didn't surrender.

They were surrendered.

So that's the story. The Bataan veterans made the ultimate sacrifice so the United States could mobilize and Europe could be won first. That certainly deserves someone's gold medal.

Our military is worried that Iran will reverse engineer the U.S. drone that fell into its hands. Don't they realize how hard reverse engineering is?

We've been working on it since 1947 when the Roswell Army Air Force Base announced it had captured a flying saucer. We had just captured the top rocket scientists in the world from Germany.

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“The Bataan veterans made the ultimate sacrifice.”

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



Keep the faith survival kit

President Carter's reign was called the time of malaise, defined as a feeling of discomfort. Present times might be described as a time of anxiety. Still hopeful, but with very little trust in the people we put in office.

The recession has hit everybody and each of us has to find a way to get through it. We cannot let the niggling dread of what our well-meaning but inept government has wrought bring us down. I'm guessing that there is a segment of our population that doesn't worry about our economic condition much. They are on both ends of the spectrum; those who live on a private or government pension, or welfare, who pay little or no taxes, and have no doubt the next check is coming ... and those who have money in the bank from inheritance or private investment, pay two-thirds of all the country's income tax, and are confident they can ride it out.

Then there are others. Most of us, I think. Those who have taken two jobs, moved into a smaller house, laid off employees with regret, are lending support to our friends and relatives, pay the rest of the income taxes, and keep listening to CNN to see when the next shoe will fall.

To you who have never quit trying, I offer a short list. It has helped me keep pointed in the right direction. I have never been a man who made goals. That sounds funny from a fellow who can tell you where he will be entertaining Feb. 24, or May 5. I pretty much live from today to my next performance road trip.

In the meantime I have cows to check, calls to return, things to fix, church, friends to visit, family, and routine responsibilities.

In my travels over the years I get to see my friends. They often say, "We should get together more often." But, to me, I do get to see and visit most of them every year or two. That's a lot considering the distance between our homes.

I can't imagine ever "retiring," as if this is a real job! During this recession many of us are being forced to face reality, the possibility of life-changing upheavals, and a cloudy future. Personally, all my responsibilities seem to be swirling and spinning in my mind like puzzles on "Wheel of Fortune." They keep popping up like brush fires which need tended immediately. You put it out and another one flares up.

I have given some thought about what is important to me to be able to survive the turmoil that roils around us. What I can personally do that will make a difference, while our leaders fiddle while Washington, D.C., burns:

- Keep the faith
- Do good works
- Keep your shoulder to the wheel
- Stay in touch with those you care about
- Listen ... first
- Be thankful for each day

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Americans are at the mall, Congress is out to lunch

Soldiers home from the war deserve our thanks

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



"They were American boys who by mere chance of fate had wound up with guns in their hands, sneaking up a death-laden street in a strange and shattered city in a faraway country in a driving rain. They were afraid, but it was beyond their power to quit. They had no choice. They were good boys. And even though they weren't warriors born to kill, they won their battles. That's the point."

— Ernie Pyle, 1944

The above quote could have described our forces in Iraq, though it was written in 1944 by Ernie Pyle. Were soldiers in France different than our forces today? I think not. The technology of war changed but not the tactics. The difference is all at home.

My friend Charlie sent me, "America is not at war, the military is at war. America is at the mall and Congress is out to lunch." Nailed it. In 1944, one person in eight served in the military. From a nation of 132 million, 16 million served directly while millions more worked in the defense industries.

In all but the first months of America's involvement in Iraq, our country has not paid the slightest attention other than when Bush was president there were protesters, who lost their voices when Obama was elected.

The Civil War song, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," celebrated the men coming home. There will be no anthem from Iraq. America will still be at the mall and Congress will still be out to lunch.

We always knew that America's involvement would end. There was no strategy to win in Iraq. In WWII, the strategy was to subdue the military and dislodge the leadership of the three Axis countries. In Iraq, we engaged until finally a

politician called the troops home.

Pyle never made it home in WWII; he was killed by an enemy machine gun while covering the last battle of the war. His memory is confined to those who still read his writing, an Albuquerque Elementary School and some historians.

To his generation he was very important, since he brought the voice of the men overseas home to America. Pyle's front line columns often had the names and addresses of men Pyle met at the front. Several hundred newspapers took Ernie Pyle's columns. It was no surprise that he won the Pulitzer Prize. When the men he mentioned came home there were many in their hometowns who had saved those Ernie Pyle columns.

New Mexico-born Bill Mauldin also spent most of his time at the front. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1944 for his cartoons, which were originally just in the G.I.-run Stars and Stripes, but

were later carried in several hundred newspapers in America. "Up Front" was the title of his 1944 book of war cartoons.

Mauldin wrote "Back Home in 1947" in which he told of the problems that warriors had coming home to America. Since we talk so much about the "Greatest Generation" it is important to read Mauldin to understand coming home was bittersweet for many who successfully won the war and survived. There were shortages of jobs and a general disdain for the military by an ungrateful society. Without Mauldin, we would not know.

What shall become of the troops who fought in Iraq? They will be almost as anonymous back home as they were in the war zone. The greatest loss to the American public is there were no Mauldins and Pyles covering the war this time. The closest was Evan Wright's "Generation Kill: Devil Dogs, Ice-man, Captain American and the new face of American War." But Wright was only there a couple of months in the very beginning and was on to new challenges that did not include a military fighting a war while America was at the mall and Congress was out to lunch.

For many years I have stopped those in uniform to say, "Thank you for your service to our country." To those military men and women who have come home from Iraq to an indifferent population I say, "Thank you for your service."

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Letter to the Editor

Say it your way

Aayyy. It is that time of the year again. I am talking about the dozens of emails and op-ed pieces that are so incensed and angry with having to hear and see "Happy Holidays" rather than "Merry Christmas."

Isn't it interesting given that this is the season for peace, joy and love they deteriorate into name calling and judgmental finger pointing?

Everyone, the ACLU, socialists, progressives, atheists, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, agnostics, the courts and, of course, Obama, except our mothers and the kitchen sink are responsible for this atrocity.

I prefer to use Happy Holidays and here is why: Merry means full of high-spirited gaiety, marked by fun, festive and pleasure. Somehow I can't visualize Mary

and Joseph celebrating the birth of Jesus by making merry, having a few drinks, singing, maybe a little dancing. But, I can see them being quietly happy.

Despite the difficulties of the trip to Bethlehem and the lack of appropriate lodging, their child was born healthy and they are together and safe.

One of the meanings of holiday is to commemorate or celebrate a particular event, for example a religious feast day. Thus Happy Holidays make more sense to me.

If Merry Christmas makes sense to you, use it. No one can deny you using it without your permission.

But please, is it too much to ask for a little respect at least during this very special season for people of differing opinions?

Happy Holidays, everyone!

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Many offices to close

Most of the City of Las Cruces will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2, 2012, to allow employees to be with their families over the holidays. Most Doña Ana County offices will also be closed Friday, Dec. 23, Monday, Dec. 26, Friday, Dec. 30, and Monday, Jan. 2, 2012.

Emergency services and law enforcement in the field will not be affected.

Scheduled closures include:

- All recreation centers including Frenger Pool, however, the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center will be open from 1 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, and from noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24.
- All city museums
- Solid Waste offices will be closed, however, there will be regular trash pick up Dec. 23, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 2012.

- Thomas Branigan Memorial Library
- RoadRUNNER Transit offices will be closed, however, bus service will continue as normal Friday, Dec. 23, and will run from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, and from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2, 2012.
- Senior Programs
- The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will be closed Sunday, Dec. 25, and Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012. The center will close at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, and Saturday, Dec. 31.
- The SCSWA Transfer Station and Amador Recycling Center will close at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24.
- The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is closed Dec. 25, and Jan. 1.
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Guest Column

Undo Citizens United ruling now

By **State Sen. Steve Fischmann**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin



FISCHMANN

Folks from both the political left and right are understandably furious. Our national wealth is increasingly concentrated in the hands of one percent of the population while the ranks of the poor continue to grow – almost 25 percent of our children live in poverty – and the middle class sees less opportunity in its future than at any time since the Great Depression.

Everywhere we look, the game appears to be rigged. Large corporations receive huge subsidies and often pay no taxes, while bad actors at banks and on Wall Street not only go unpunished for misdeeds that brought our economy to its knees, but continue to earn hefty bonuses. Sweetheart government contracts are uncovered everywhere we turn and most of the largess winds up in the hands of big campaign contributors. Money's corrupting influence on politics is impossible to ignore.

Working inside the system as a state senator, I can confirm that the game does favor wealthy interests. It's not just the huge giveaways that are outrageous; it's the Rube Goldberg contortions of law that have been put in place to protect them. You don't need

to read "Catch 22" to appreciate this sampling of doozies:

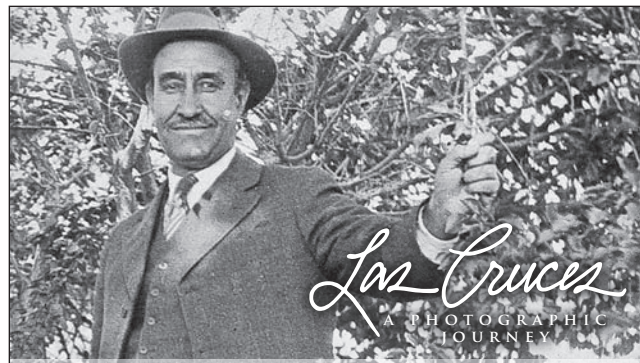
- Laws that prohibit disclosure of the size of specialized tax breaks to specific corporate taxpayers. Government can give your tax money away, but is mysteriously barred from telling us who's getting how much.
- A law prohibiting cash-strapped Medicare from negotiating reduced prices from pharmaceutical companies.
- Health care reform that purports to protect the public from private insurance abuses by requiring folks to buy private health insurance.
- Laws that leave consumers paying the hefty legal and administrative costs utility companies incur when they file to raise your rates – even when the request is substantially reduced.
- Underlying it all, campaign finance and lobbying laws so full of loopholes that big money is driving our politics more than ever before.

The question I have to ask is how much worse can it get when our own Supreme Court piles on by allowing corporate insiders to usurp our basic civil rights? By virtue of its recent Citizens United decision, the court effectively ruled that every elected office is up for corporate auction using your money.

Citizens United allows corporate managers to invest unlimited shareholder funds to promote political candidates of their choice. No shareholder or board approval is required. Finessed properly, management is not even legally required to report a political donation.

If you thought public officials were bought before, you haven't seen anything yet.

The court justified its Citizens United decision as protection of free speech. They seem to be confused about what free speech means. Most of us think the First Amendment is meant to insure that every individual is free to say what they want. The Supreme Court has ruled the First Amendment insures corporate insiders the right to use our invested money to promote their personal political picks for free.



Do you know who was the "father of the chile pepper"?
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Every one of us is invested in corporate America through the stock market, an investment fund, pension fund or as a citizen of New Mexico who benefits from investments by our severance tax fund. None of us signed a proxy asking corporations to support political candidates on our behalf. When corporate insiders spend investor money to support political candidates without investor approval, it is a blatant violation of our First Amendment rights.

I will be co-sponsoring a resolution in the upcoming New Mexico legislative session supporting a U.S. constitutional amendment that corrects the Citizens United fiasco. I will also support measures that protect us from corporate dominance of elections at the state level.

Let your elected officials know we want our elections and our government back. We must not stand idly by while a misguided Supreme Court allows multi-national corporations to commandeer our wealth, our laws and our individual free speech.

Steve Fischmann is the State Senator for District 37, Doña Ana and Sierra counties.



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- Advise the City of the need to update or revise the land use assumptions, capital improvements plan and impact fees; and
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Las Cruces may not feel quite as booming as it did five or six years or go, but if you travel around the country and the rest of New Mexico, you'll realize we are doing much better economically than most communities.

We are growing and, as we tout in the Bulletin's annual community guide, "Life is good in Las Cruces."

There is another inescapable fact, however.

According to the 2010 census figures, Doña Ana County is one of the poorest counties in New Mexico, and New Mexico is one of the poorest states in America.

Nationwide, 14.3 percent of Americans live below the poverty level. In New Mexico, one of the three poorest states, the percentage rises to 18.2 percent. In Doña Ana County, the figure is 24.8 percent.

Whatever you read into those statistics, there's something perhaps even more meaningful to note about Las Cruces and Doña Ana County: We are an incredibly

giving and caring community.

This week's issue of the Bulletin is full of photos and stories of individuals, organizations and businesses stepping up to help others in need.

I realize this is the giving season, but this community is giving back all year long. Every month there is at least one major fundraiser for a

“ ... we are among the richest in spirit. ”

different cause in the community. And almost all of them are successful.

The other day, I visited with Wanda Bowman, who operates Ashley Furniture HomeStore.

Each year, she has a project called "All I Want For Christmas." She invites families in the community to write letters explaining issues and hardships they have faced in the past year. For as many of

the families as she can afford, Bowman fulfills wishes.

I got a glimpse of some of the letters and caught a lump or two in my throat.

These are not letters from children upset they might not get the latest Mario Bros. game for their DS.

These are letters from families whose main breadwinners lost their jobs. People whose families have been stricken with life-changing illnesses. And many who are dealing with both of those issues, and more, simultaneously.

I just about lost it when I

read of the man who spent his last \$20 on a blanket in which to bury his youngest daughter.

Children sleeping on the floor. Families without a place to eat a meal.

Bowman is helping to change their lives.

"We were able to help 13 families this year," she said. "We've been blessed, so let us help bless someone else."

Her spirit is representative of many of the scenes

I've witnessed in Las Cruces this Christmas season. Even a simple drop of change in the Salvation Army bucket can make a difference.

In everyone's favorite Christmas movie, "It's a Wonderful Life," the main character, George Bailey, so eloquently played by the great Jimmy Stewart, is so far at the end of his rope he's contemplating suicide. Through the help of an intervening angel, his life is changed. He realizes how much of a difference he has made in the lives of others.

I don't think I'm spoiling the ending here, because everyone's seen the film a dozen times, but everyone rallies to give George the money he needs to avoid disaster. After all, he's given so much to them over the years. His brother Harry delivers a toast: "To my brother, George Bailey, the richest man in town."

In some ways, it feels like that in our community.

We may be among the poorest economically, but we are among the richest in spirit.

Let's keep taking care of each other, even when the holiday season ends.

Merry Christmas, Las Cruces.

Letter to the Editor

We need another Truman

Every time I hear the term "toxic" coming from local right wingers, it reminds me of President Harry Truman when he said: "I just told the (toxic?) truth and they thought it was hell."

Truman was elected president even when the national news media had printed in advance he had lost the election. Truman was a great president who finished out WWII completing the victory over Germany and Japan. A WWI veteran who served in the trenches in Europe, he was as dedicated, tough and in the political sense, he could kick as hard as a Missouri mule.

With the circus in town and the Republican Party picking up the spoils of an on-going political war now in its third year, the nation needs another Harry Truman.

Americans of all colors, creeds, ethnic and religious backgrounds must come together and make this happen in 2012.

Mexican-Americans are no different. We don't have to apologize to anyone in particular, but we do have a small population of hooligans going astray, plundering, gang fighting and maiming each other, and a middle and aged population who many feel don't care enough to make a difference.

It's these hooligans who leave decent hard working Hispanics and their communities a bad image. As if Hispanics, especially Mexican-Americans, are not already profiled adversely enough by the police, a dysfunctional prejudiced judicial, penal and jury system.

Check America's prison population and one can see the results.

My advice to these hooligans is why don't they confront a real enemy which is ignorance, arrogance, hypocrisy, bigotry and laziness. It takes real courage to hit the books, finish school and above all, to vote. Since the Republican Party has now declared the Hispanic vote is "up for grabs," let's pull a Harry Truman and make our "toxic" vote count, shall we?

Fermin-Fermon Torres

Nonprofit of the Year

NOMINEES

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico
- Child Crisis Center
- March of Dimes
- WSMR-Morale, Welfare and Recreation
- Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance
- La Casa Inc.
- LCPS Foundation
- Yucca Council-Boy Scouts of America
- Community Action Agency
- Casa de Peregrinos
- Dress the Child

The Chamber's Nonprofit of the Year award will be presented to one of the organizations that have been honored throughout 2011.

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

*For additional space, attach to a separate sheet of paper.

Nonprofit name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone number: _____
 Contact person in organization: _____
 Nominator: (no anonymous recommendations will be accepted) _____

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

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Coming Up

Las Cruces rec department seeks coaches

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

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

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

Knitting classes meet at library

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will host two knitting classes beginning in January 2012. Basic knitting for beginners will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012, and will continue for 10 weeks.

Adults over 18 are invited to join the class designed to give beginners and novices who have never knitted before a solid foundation in knitting. Students will develop a solid foundation in 10 weeks. Initial supplies will be provided.

Advanced beginner knitting class will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012. Adults over 18 are invited to join the class designed for those who have some knitting experience and want to learn to make a

garment. During the class, students will be advised on what they will need to purchase.

For more information or to register, call 528-4005.

Flag football tournament set in February

The City of Las Cruces is accepting registration at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., for the fifth annual Gridiron Classic, 4-on-4 adult flag football tournament. Registration is ongoing through Monday, Feb. 6, 2012.

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

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

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

Wisconsin Club meets Jan. 2

The Wisconsin Club will hold its monthly meet and greet from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, 2012, at the Ramada Palms Resort & Conference Center de Las Cruces, 201

E. University Ave. Welcome in the new year with fellow Wisconsinites. For more information, call 312-2088.

Bosque park lists events

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

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

For all hikes, bring binoculars, water, sunscreen and

wear hiking shoes.

Daily entrance fee is \$5 per vehicle. Annual day passes are available for \$40. All Events are free with a valid park pass.

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

For more information, call LuAnn Tafoya at 523-4398.

Celebrate New Year's at Amador Hotel

The Centennial Celebration at the Amador Hotel, 180 W. Amador Ave., will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012. The cocktail party will be a celebration of the New Mexico statehood centennial and will raise funds for the restoration of the building through the Amador Hotel Foundation (AHF).

The evening will include a champagne toast to the Amador, catering by Lorenzo's de Mesilla, entertainment, unveiling and the dedication of several rooms that have been restored and the unveiling of furniture donated by board member Pam Creek, who passed away in this year.

Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door.

Tickets can be purchased from any AHF board member, online at www.amadorfoundation.org, by calling 522-1232 or by mailing a check to: Amador Hotel Foundation, P.O. Box 1268, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

Native plant society events

The Native Plant Society of New Mexico, Las Cruces

Chapter has announced its events in January 2012.

- Kelly Allred will present "E.O. Wootton: Pioneer Botanist of New Mexico," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the Conference Room.
- Lisa Mandelkern will present "Five Basic Steps to Improve Your Digital Images," at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the Conference Room. Bring your laptops with photo-editing software (any type is fine), and a couple of photos you would like to work on (not necessarily plant photos).

For more information, call Carolyn Gressitt at 523-8413 or Al Krueger, at 532-1036.

Saturday Science Jan. 7

One day, an apple fell on Isaac Newton's head and since then we have understood that gravity keeps us grounded. It is also responsible for the way objects interact with each other. Find out how gravity affects the way the planets move around our solar system at this month's Saturday Science at the Las Cruces Museum of Art from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012.

Children will participate in demonstrations and build their own hover craft. Registration is required and the class is free.

During this one-hour session, students will learn how the planets orbit around the sun by demonstrating New-

ton's Laws of Motion. Museum educators will present demonstrations using simple objects to show a big idea. Participants will also defy gravity by constructing a small hovercraft and testing propulsion.

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Anyone needing accommodations for a disability to fully participate in this event please may contact the museum 48 hours before the event at 541-2137.

For more program information, call 522-3120.

Archaeology on moon is topic at museum

Join the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History and the Las Cruces Museum of Art for an evening lecture on lunar archaeology at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012. The lecture will be held at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St., in conjunction with the traveling exhibition "NASA Art: 50 Years of Exploration."

Beth O'Leary, cultural anthropologist at New Mexico State University, will present "Archaeology on the Moon: Preserving the Lunar Landing Site." O'Leary will lead a discussion on the importance, and difficulties, of preserving historic sites on the moon and preserving the historic moon landing sites for future generations.

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For more program information, call the museum at 522-3120.

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Las Cruces Bulletin staff help unload boxes of the centennial book "Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey" from a delivery truck Monday, Dec. 19.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jessica Grady



Las Cruces centennial books arrive in time

Local history book now for sale

The hardback, 288-page book, "Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey," arrived Monday, Dec. 19.

The \$60 book compiled and edited by the Las Cruces Bulletin staff covers the last 100 years of the region's history and is an official state centennial publication.

Bulletin staff will sell the books at

the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on Downtown Main Street Saturday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve. The books also are on sale at COAS Books locations and the Bulletin's office at 840 N. Telshor Blvd., Suite E.

The Bulletin offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holiday.

Citizen of the Year

The Chamber's Citizen of the Year award will be presented to local leader that has served the community and local businesses. The winner will be recognized at the Annual Banquet for their service.

Citizen of the Year: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Nominator: (No anonymous nominations will be accepted) _____

Please write brief paragraphs on the following criteria.

Give specific examples for each.

1. Participation in community activities and civic enterprises

2. Contributions and service for the welfare and betterment of the community

3. Leadership within the community

4. Cooperation with individuals and civic organizations

5. Previous awards

6. Support of the strategic vision of the Chamber

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

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Honor Flight flicks shown



World War II veterans salute the flags presented by the Mayfield High School Honor Guard Thursday, Dec. 15, at Cineport 10 at Mesilla Valley Mall. They then watched documentaries of the last two Honor Flights to the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. The past four years, 170 men and women veterans have made this trip at no expense to them through the Honor Flight organization. Honor Flight 5 will be open to any veteran from WWII and the Korean conflicts. Vietnam veterans in poor health will be considered for the October 2012 trip on a case-by-case basis. An application can be downloaded at www.honorflightnm.com. Guardian applications can also be found on the website.

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to spend time with our families.

Merry Christmas!

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Capsule or spacecraft?

Early astronauts insisted on having the ability to control Mercury craft in flight



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

By the end of 1958, Sputnik had gone up, Vanguard had blown up and Explorer I would soon go up.

Although the space race was in its infancy, NASA was already pushing toward manned flight. On Dec. 30, 1958, NASA's Space Task Group at Langley, Va., "completed the evaluation of industry proposals for design and construction of a manned spacecraft," said the 1963 NASA publication "Project Mercury: A Chronology." Less than a month later, on Jan. 26, 1959, "NASA completed contract negotiations with McDonnell for the design and development of the Mercury spacecraft."

"McDonnell Aircraft of St. Louis, Mo., was selected by NASA on Jan. 15, 1959, to develop and manufacture the manned satellite capsule," an undated McDonnell brochure documented. The capsule, "described as looking like a child's toy top," was "more than 6 feet in diameter at the base, stands nine feet tall, and weighs over a ton," the brochure said.

Later that year, on June 19, NASA organized the Mercury Capsule (spacecraft) Coordination Office, and the Capsule Review Board to "review, at regular intervals, action taken by the Capsule Coordination Office," Project Mercury said.

That the craft was even called a capsule irritated astronauts, Tom Wolfe said in "The Right Stuff."

"The term as much as declared that the man inside was not a pilot but an experimental animal in a pod. Gradually, everybody began trying to work the term 'spacecraft' into NASA publications and syllabuses," he wrote.

An early debate occurred over installing a window. "Pilots had windows in their cockpits," Wolfe said. "That was what it was all about: being a pilot as opposed to a guinea pig." The phrase "man in a can" became

commonplace, referring as well to Soviet Union flights that were wholly automatic.

Early designs incorporated the periscope for "a clear view of the earth below and to provide vital navigational information," said a March 17, 1961, news release from manufacturer Perkin-Elmer Corporation. A wide-angle lens that "extends and retracts through the capsule's skin" projected a 130-180 degree view of "an earth area up to about 1,700 nautical miles in diameter." A second lens could magnify any area.

The McDonnell brochure said "a rigid, fiberglass couch, fitted into the capsule and tailored to the exact contours of the astronaut's body, will safely support the pilot during acceleration." In April 1958, Dr. Maxime Faget and his NASA "associates conceived the idea of using a contour couch to withstand the

high G-loads" during launch and re-entry, Project Mercury said. The next month, Langley's shops fabricated "test-model contour couches," which were "proved feasible on July 30."

"It was only thanks to a recent invention, the high-speed electronic computer, that Project Mercury was feasible at all," Wolfe said. "Engineers were already devising systems for guiding rockets into space, through the use of computers built into the engines and connected to accelerometers, for monitoring the temperature, pressure, oxygen supply, and other vital conditions of the Mercury capsule and for triggering safety procedures automatically – meaning they

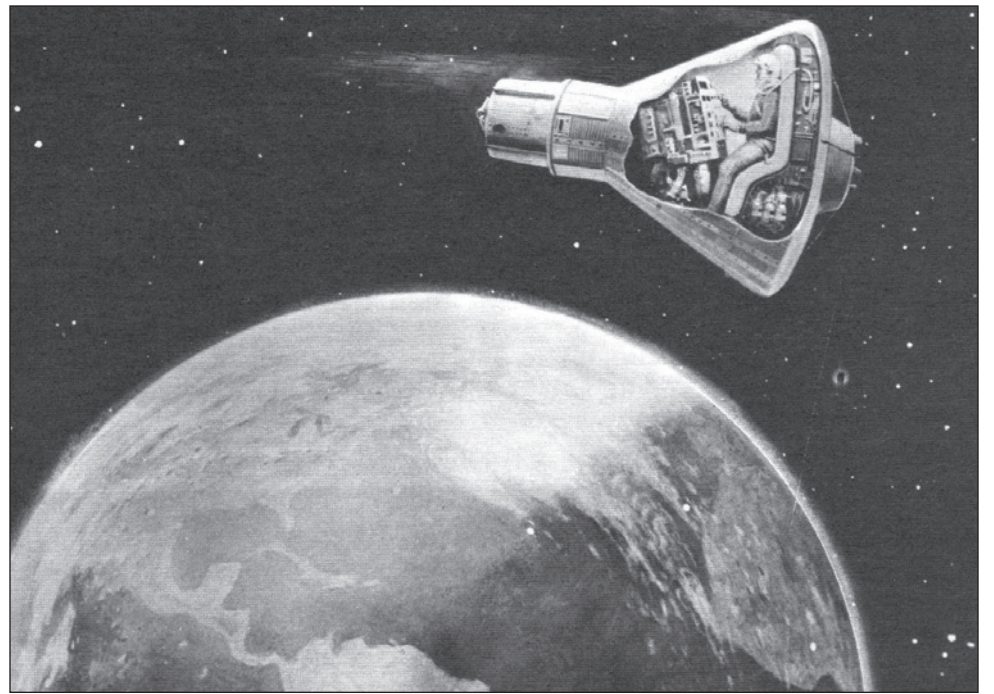
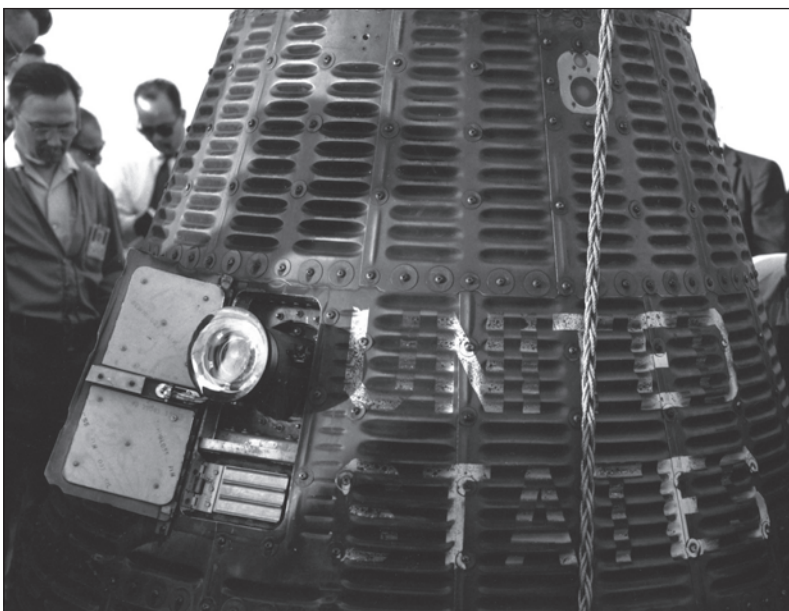
were creating, with computers, systems in which machines could communicate with one another, make decisions, take action, all with tremendous speed and accuracy."

The astronauts, however, all military and test pilots, argued for manual control. The McDonnell brochure said "the pilot" would have that "option," which most likely saved John Glenn's life during his 1962 mission's fiery re-entry. Sensors indicated a loose heat shield. "Moon Shot" (Turner/1994) said Glenn having control meant the difference between "being a passenger riding a fiery chariot to earth" and "a very busy pilot in full, immediate manual control of his machine."

“... it was all about being a pilot as opposed to a guinea pig.”

TOM WOLFE,
author "The Right Stuff"

The periscope is evident on this Mercury capsule. The date on this photograph, Feb. 1, 1961, most likely means this is the capsule in which the chimpanzee HAM rode on Jan. 31.



NASA photos

This early Project Mercury drawing shows the orbiting astronaut at work.

In his self-titled memoir "John Glenn," he described how, 90 minutes into the mission, the capsule began drifting. That caused automatic thrusters to repeatedly ignite, which "kept banging the capsule back and forth" and threatened fuel supply. Glenn "oriented the capsule manually" and, during re-entry, he said he "strained against almost eight G's to keep moving the controller" in order to "damp out the capsule's oscillations."

On July 22, 1959, "Project Mercury" said, NASA successfully tested "a boilerplate (mock up) spacecraft with a production version of the escape tower and rocket" at the Wallops Island Flight Facility, off the Virginia coast. The first unmanned launch, however, was what "Von Braun: Dreamer of Space, Engineer of War" called "a comic fiasco." The Redstone booster "rose a few inches, fell back on the launch ring, and tottered precariously in place. ... The Mercury capsule's automatic systems, meanwhile, thinking the launch was over, jettisoned the escape tower, which went roaring off in a cloud of smoke."

The chimpanzee HAM was the first

occupant of a launched Mercury capsule, on Jan. 31, 1961. Alan Shepard piloted the first manned mission on May 5, 1961.

On April 9, 1969 (the 10th anniversary of NASA introducing the Mercury Seven), the Grants Pass, Oregon Daily Courier published a United Press International news service story that said "only one of the seven pioneering Mercury astronauts who make up the 'royal family of space' stands much chance of setting foot on the moon." That was Gordon Cooper, the youngest, who might "command a lunar landing," UPI said. Alan Shepard and Deke Slayton were the only other two still in the corps, and their chances were nearly nil, according to the story. Ironically, Cooper never went. Shepard, though, hit a golf ball on the lunar surface during Apollo 14 in 1971, and four years later Slayton flew aboard the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project.

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Deadline nears to enter parade

Close to 100 floats entered in Jan. 7 centennial parade

Bulletin Staff Report

Friday, Dec. 23, is the deadline to enter a float into the Las Cruces Centennial Parade, to be held Downtown Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012.

Parade organizers say they will be willing to accept late entries if it helps them reach their goal of having 100 floats in the parade celebrating this first 100 years of New Mexico statehood.

"We are very close to getting 100 entries," said parade subcommittee chair Dolores Archuleta.

The parade is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. with floats organized by decade themes to reflect the history of the area and state.

A re-enactment of President Taft signing the legislation making New Mexico a state will start the parade on the front steps of the old city hall with Margie Huerta, president of Doña Ana Community College, acting as emcee for the opening ceremonies.

For 100 minutes, the parade will travel a route in Downtown Las Cruces that is meant to follow the historic Camino Real de Tierra Adentro,

The parade will also include a flyby at approximately 11:35 a.m. by an F-22 Raptor from Holloman Air Force Base. Also to be featured is Alvina Hailie, born in 1912 in Hillsboro, Kan., who is turning 100 during the centennial year. For that Saturday, the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market will extend its hours to 3 p.m. so paradegoers can shop after the event.

To register, visit www.mvcentennial.org and click on parade entry form.

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

Las Montañas charter in jeopardy

School must get finances in order by end of June

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

Las Montañas Charter High School is in danger of being shut down because its budget does not adequately cover the money it must pay out by the end of the school year, according to Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS).

As a result, the Las Cruces school board, at its Tuesday, Dec. 13, meeting approved its charter with a number of conditions – most significantly that the district's administration will assume fiscal control until the end of the school year – June 30, 2012.

If it fails to reach financial solvency by June 30, the school's charter will be no more, said Superintendent Stan Rounds. The district will not relinquish fiscal control until the school can show it has its finances under control, he said.

Charter schools have the choice to be chartered under a school district or by the state, though charter schools usually begin under a local school district. Alma d'arte Charter High School, for example, began under LCPS, but is now a state-chartered school and answers to the state Public Education Department.

Created by Families & Youth Inc. in 2007, Las Montañas is located in a rented building at 201 E. Lohman Ave. The school recently expanded to take up more space in the complex and one of the problems is the cost of rent. Las Montañas also has a technology-based approach to self-paced education using learning labs that includes vendor costs. Rounds said utility costs also are a challenge for the school's budget.

Rounds said Las Montañas has offered an austerity plan that included teaching staff taking furloughs, but the measures proposed weren't enough to correct the expected shortfall, he said.

With the help of LCPS administration, Rounds said Las Montañas could get its charter renewed on an annual basis, but that will be contingent on also accomplishing certain educational goals showing academic effectiveness, a high student attendance rate and a healthy graduation rate.

"The hope is that through time we can let go of financial

control," Rounds said. "Financial solvency is the only deliverable for this (school) year."

Rounds said the school's staff needed the extra time to work on improving its instruction. FYI is no longer the main support for Las Montañas, and the school has hired a consulting firm to help straighten out its fiscal problems.

Before approving the conditional charter, school board member Bonnie Votaw said she is deeply conflicted. Votaw said she supports the work done by the school, but is worried the school's problems could affect the district's fiscal standing with bond agencies.

School board Vice President Maria Flores said she wants the school to succeed because it serves a need in the community. She said she admires the mission and spirit of the school.

Richard Robinson, the first-year academic dean for Las Montañas, said he was willing to work with LCPS to fix a situation that he inherited. The school has made a number of improvements, but it is still a work in process, he said.

"I feel really good about the direction we've taken," Robinson said. "We want to survive because we provide a real service to the community."

In other business, the school board continues moving toward changing from an eight-period block schedule to a more standard seven-period day for the high schools.

Called 2-2-1-2, the proposed schedule would have classes start at 8:40 a.m. and end at 3:25 p.m., which is a little earlier than this year's schedule. Monday through Friday, classes would last a little more than 90 minutes, except for a fifth period of 46 minutes, referred to as a "skinny period." On Fridays, the seven periods have shorter times.

According to members of a committee that worked on making the change, the proposed high school schedule also provides for "zero hour" and eighth period offerings.

Although the district moved to make the change in order to find savings in the budget, many high schools have gone to seven-period days and found good academic results, said Nyeta Haines, former Las Cruces High School principal who was on the committee.

Haines said the proposed schedule also works well with the schedules of classes at Doña Ana Community College and New Mexico State University for students taking dual-credit courses. It also provides another 21 hours of instruction over the school year, Haines said.

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Anthony Delbozue is reunited with his wife Danielle and son Jadyne after a year deployment in Kosovo.



Vietnam veteran and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Drew Dix shakes hands with Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima.



Laura Todd takes a picture of her daughter Tiffany Todd and her cousin Matthew Morgan of the New Mexico National Guard as they welcomed him home from Kosovo Monday, Dec. 19, following a ceremony at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



Adrian Quiñones, 2, plays cars on his aunt's "Welcome Home" poster.

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Members of the Vista College Nursing Student Association Tuesday, Dec. 20, began sorting through donated food destined for two families and the Roadrunner Food Bank. Vista Director of Nursing Leigh DeRoos stands with students Joseph Chavez, Andi Cenicerros, Yvonne Kiehne, Rick Wilson, Kelly Cook, Marcelle Ruiz, Sonya Turner, Tonda Slavini, Suzanne Garcia and Ramona Nuñez. The families and the food bank will get the donations Friday, Dec. 23.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson



Christmas

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It was a conversation with Barnes-Smith that got the student nursing association at Vista College to start its own food drive, but when the group's president, Joseph Chavez, brought it before his fellow students, they wanted to do more. Along with donations for the food bank, they wanted to help out some families. With the help of Las Cruces Public Schools, the group has adopted two families with eight children and will give them the final donations Friday, Dec. 23.

Even though they are students themselves, and nursing students have enough challenges making ends meet, they took on the drive with enthusiasm, Chavez said.

"You see a lot of it – you see there a lot of people in need," said student Ramona Nuñez.

But the students are pursuing a career in nursing because they want to help people, said student Suzanne Garcia.

"We chose what we're doing because we want to help others," Nuñez said.

But there's even another chance for people to help out before Christmas.

As part of the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market's Christmas Eve shopping, people will have the opportunity to drop food items in donation bins located on Las Cruces Avenue from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24.

At the market, children can also visit with Santa for last-minute requests and photos. Also, there will be festive carols sung by Las Cruces High School's Swing Ensemble. The market will also be offering special holiday decorating craft classes and fun scavenger hunts.

Gospel Rescue Mission given \$10,000

One local organization that helps the homeless also got good news this week.

The Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission was selected as a winner of \$10,000 from Walmart in its 12 Days of Giving campaign. The Gospel Rescue Mission was nominated through Facebook and was one of nine nonprofits nationwide to get a \$10,000 award on the program's "ninth day of giving" – Tuesday, Dec. 20.

The "ninth day of giving" highlights organizations helping community members get back on their feet after setbacks, tragedies or disasters by providing counseling, financial assistance, education, childcare, food, shelter, clothing and other necessities, according to the Walmart Foundation.

"The nominations for the organizations we're supporting today were particularly compelling because they were written by people who benefited from the services the nonprofit provides," said Julie Gehrki, senior director at the Walmart Foundation. "These individuals might not have the financial resources of their own to support the nonprofit that helped them, but through this campaign found a passionate way to give back."



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Saving memories at the Free family pictures event

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Danny Gordils, 2, gets a free hair cut by Carol Breitag of Duncan Noble Salon and Spa on Sunday, Dec. 18, for the free family pictures taken at the Community of Hope.



Vanessa Rodriguez got her hair styled by Carol Duncan with Duncan Noble Salon and Spa.



The Gordils show off their new family picture, matte framed by Kate Mott, owner of MVS Studios.



Nicole Martinez, acting director, Community of Hope; David Shaw, photographer and his associate Pat Bellestri-Martinez; Nicolas Bañales, photographer; Charlotte Lipson; Crystal Bañales; Mitzi Judd, Duncan Noble Salon & Spa; Kate Mott, MVS Studios; Nancy Jaramillo; and Carol Breitag, owner, Duncan Noble Salon & Spa.

Tossing gifts for Toys for Tots

Photos by Nicolas Bañales



Abel Villalobos, Sheila Kirsh, Desiree Ruiz, Joey Hernandez and Ernesto Garcia from Radio of Las Cruces pose with the bevy of bears the crowd donated for the Sixth annual Teddy Bear Toss at the Aggie basketball double-header Monday, Dec. 19, at the Pan American Center.



Camryn Viramontes, 8, brought a Sophie Sings doll for the Doll Drop during the Aggie women's game. All toys collected were donated to Toys for Tots.

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Pitching in to give a Foster Children Christmas party

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Chris Kohn, Shari Cosentino of the state Children, Youth & Families Department, Debbie Almeraz, Emmanuel Almeraz, Luiz Nevarez, Gallegos and Mary Hamptin were among those helping to put on the Christmas party for area foster children.

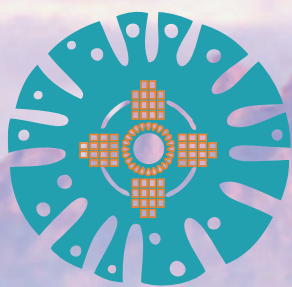


Doreen Gallagos, executive director of Mesilla Valley Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), gives gifts to a girl at a Christmas party held for foster children Saturday, Dec. 17, in Las Cruces.

The Doña Ana County District Attorney's Office collected presents to give to the foster children, which were picked up by CASA staff Thursday, Dec. 15. From the DA's office were Frank Zubia, Nicole Trevino, District Attorney Amy Orlando, Edward Arand, Gallegos of CASA, Suzanne Sandoval, Enedina Sanchez of CASA and Kimberly Ohnstad.

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WSMR

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High-tech testing will continue to be WSMR's main mission, he said, and so the base as an organization is looking for ways it can continue to offer value and find new funding. At its current level of operations, he said, WSMR's contribution to the local economy is estimated to be worth about \$1.8 million a day.

NewTec, a company that provides technical support to the range, alone employs about 520 people, said Charles Garcia, company president and CEO.

Personnel at WSMR also provide important analysis for the government, especially in the area of countering attacks and protecting systems and weapons from the effects of attacks, he said. That work includes testing building construction and materials to be able to withstand an explosion or finding new methods to detect bombs, he said.

The base has a strong medical community for the more than 900 employees, Ferrari said, who are not only there for the soldiers and the families stationed at the base, but they play a key role in occupational safety along with caring for those who may get injured in testing activities. He said the medical personnel also provides services to local veterans.

The range is home to the Navy's only commissioned naval vessel on land for testing systems before they actually go to sea, he said.

One of the most recent and significant changes for the base has been the addition of the 2nd Engineers Battalion, most of whom have just come back from Afghanistan. Members of the battalion have the dangerous job in war to find and disable or contain improvised explosive devices.

Ferrari remarked that most of the battalion is made up of young soldiers who volunteered for the service knowing they would certainly go to war and perform a hazardous job. They do that dangerous work because they trust the technology and engineering, he said.

"We're creating those systems that they're entrusting their lives with," Ferrari said

The main base covers 3,200 square miles of land, but "that's not even enough to do what we do" he said, so a few times a year, the range must ask surrounding ranchers for their help when the testing requires 5,000 square miles.

"We're even doing tests up in Cloudcroft," Ferrari said. "That's why we appreciate the graciousness of the people of New Mexico."

Where much of the past testing has been on missile systems, much of the future testing will be on the reliability of electronic technology in the field and protecting them from being jammed or disabled, Ferrari said. That also includes communications, which is critical to systems such as GPS, he said.

WSMR has a tradition of excellence it must maintain as it adjusts to the changing "fiscal environment," he said.

"We have to protect that brand image," Ferrari said "We do things here that can't be done anyplace else, anywhere."

Beside improving general efficiency, WSMR is training existing employees to be less specialized, he said. The challenge, he said, is to break the military paradigm of caring too much about organizational structure and focusing on accomplishing the mission with the workforce on-hand. That makes the quality of local education even more critical, he said.

"We'll get through this difficult financial environment together, because we will not get through this separate from each other," Ferrari said.



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White Sands Missile Range Commander John Ferrari visits with FirstLight Federal Credit Union President/CEO Karl Murphy before the start of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce military update luncheon Thursday, Dec. 15.

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Governor favors veteran proposal

Gov. Susana Martinez is backing legislation that would expand the definition of a veteran under state law in order to include more members of the National Guard and Reserve.

The state currently defines a veteran as someone who has served a minimum of 90 days consecutively on active-duty status. Martinez is calling for the definition to allow any Guard or Reserve member to be fully "veteran-eligible" after completing six years of Guard or Reserve status, making them eligible for all state veterans' benefits, in addition to VA health and education benefits, home loans, veterans' discounts and other programs.

CrimeStoppers

School break-ins

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

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

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



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

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

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

Martinez visits WSMR Navy ship

Gov. Susana Martinez, center, is briefed by NSWC Port Hueneme White Sands Detachment Officer in Charge Cmdr. Bill Harrell, right, on the capabilities of the White Sands Detachment and Desert Ship during her visit to the detachment Thursday, Dec. 15. Martinez toured the Desert Ship in conjunction with a visit to the White Sands Missile Range. The Desert Ship performs live-fire test and evaluation of Navy weapons encompassing missiles and guided munitions. Also pictured are Gene Harrell, background left, Abie Parra, background right, and Ryan Cangiolosi, governor's deputy chief of staff.



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Republican Gov. Ed Mechem of Las Cruces holds up a proclamation he signed in 1962, celebrating New Mexico's first 50 years of statehood.



Centennial

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of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and district judges in New Mexico sent a letter in 2002 to the New Mexico Congressional Delegation supporting this legislation. "We believe it would be a fitting tribute to Judge Mechem and to the State of New Mexico to have the courthouse bear his name," the judges wrote.

"In every job, from state representative to governor to senator to federal judge, he felt honored to give of himself in long, hard hours of work, deadlines, pressure and all aspects of service to his beloved state," Mechem's widow Josephine Mechem wrote to Congressman Pearce. "He brought tremendous integrity and a fine and valued intellect. But most important, his fundamental being was intertwined with New Mexico as was so evident in his devotion to its people, its land, its history and its future. There could be no better champion for New Mexico than him."

Mechem, who died in 2002 at the age of 90, was originally

from Alamogordo. He came to Las Cruces in 1930 as a student at New Mexico A&M – which is now New Mexico State University, a name change he got to see as governor two decades later with the passage of a state constitutional amendment.

He worked as a land surveyor for the U.S. Reclamation Service in Las Cruces from 1932-35. He was then able to transfer his college credits to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and graduated in 1939 with a law degree. He returned Las Cruces to practice and later took his law practice Albuquerque.

Mechem would go on to become an FBI agent from 1942-45 and a member of the New Mexico House of Representatives for one term in 1947. His next challenge was to run for governor as a Republican, despite the Democratic Party holding the office for the past 20 years.

"Pay to play is nothing new in New Mexico politics, so Mechem – who had a great reputation – ran against government corruption in his run for governor and he won," said Garrey Carruthers, another former Republican governor from Las Cruces.

New Mexico governors were elected to two-year terms when Mechem served, from 1951-54, 1957-58 and 1961-62. He was the state's only four-term governor.

In 1954, he ran for the U.S. Senate but was defeated by sitting Sen. Clinton Anderson.

In late 1962, long-time U.S. Sen. Dionisio "Dennis" Chavez died. Mechem, who had been defeated for re-election, was able to resign and have his gubernatorial replacement – Lt. Gov. Tom Bolack – appoint him to the vacancy.

Carruthers said he heard the story that Mechem didn't trust Bolack and wouldn't hand over his official resignation letter until Bolack signed the document sending him to the U.S. Senate.

Mechem served in the Senate until November 1964 – during which he voted against the Civil Rights Act of 1964 – and resumed his law practice after an unsuccessful run for re-election.

In 1970, he was appointed by President Richard Nixon as federal judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico, serving from 1970-82, but continued to serve as a senior judge from his home until his death.

Among his rulings, Mechem found age discrimination at the predecessor to Sandia National Laboratories and sex discrimination at the Albuquerque Police Department. He also ruled that handicapped children in Albuquerque were being denied free and appropriate public education, the Socorro County Jail had been indifferent to the medical needs of a prisoner who died in its custody and state game and fish laws were not valid on Indian lands.

In 2000, Mechem ruled the United States Fish and Wildlife Service needed to do a better job of considering the potential impacts of protecting the endangered silvery minnow. He had ordered the agency to redo the minnow's critical habitat designation.

He also ruled that only American Indians could sell wares under the portal of the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe. Most recently, he was presiding judge in a long-running water rights adjudication case that included Pojoaque Pueblo and the State of New Mexico.

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The hapless player went on to lose badly, but he had a lot more fun doing so.

Sometimes you get rocked out there. You lose some games you think you should have won.

For most people, the instinct is to try harder. Grit your teeth and up the effort. Start analyzing your opponent's game and try to figure how to gain an advantage – start thinking more.

But if Borg/Becker can teach us anything, there are times when thinking of something else, or nothing, may be more beneficial.

Both the men's and women's New Mexico State University basketball teams have been rocked for a few losses that could easily have been wins. Next week, both teams have big rematch games against the New Mexico Lobos at the Pan Am Center.

But no one on either Aggie team is thinking too hard about the Lobos.

After NMSU's win over Southern University Dec. 19, forward Wendell McKines said, "We have to stay within ourselves. We have to stay within our game."

When asked if he was thinking ahead to future opponents, he replied, "I let the game come to me."

The women's team broke an eight-game losing streak that same night, playing against a top Big West Conference team, California-Santa Barbara.

But according to sophomore guard Jasmine Rutledge, the Aggies went out and played their game. They weren't worried about UCSB.

"We stayed true to our identity," she said.

It seems to go against the grain to not get too worked up about losing. Former president Richard Nixon liked to say, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going" (Hmmm ... not sure that worked in his case).

Dr. Charlie Blanchard, a Las Cruces-based sports psychologist, once wrote, "When we try to do something special – try to 'make things happen' – that's when we get in trouble."

Sometimes the best offense is just to lie down in a hammock.

As football coach DeWayne Walker sometimes said after a tough loss, "We're just going to have to forget about that one."

So, don't overthink this holiday season. Forget about it. Merry Christmas.

Aggies rally past UCSB

Trakh: 'We can go out and win'

By **Jeff Barnet**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

After a dramatic come-from-behind 52-51 win over California-Santa Barbara Monday, Dec. 19, New Mexico State University women's basketball coach Mark Trakh expressed hope that this rebuilding year may, in the end, turn out to be a winning year.

The Aggies (2-9) broke an eight-game losing streak by defeating Santa Barbara, which went to the National Invitational Tournament last season and is considered one of the top three teams in the Big West conference.

The Aggies' next home game is against in-state rival University of New Mexico at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30.

"I think we can do more than go out and play, we can go out and win," Trakh said. "I want us to be .500 on the year, maybe better. I don't want to shortchange Kaitlyn (Soto), Erica (Sanchez) or Tabytha (Wampler). We can win."

The three seniors Trakh mentioned were all key to the Aggies' victory over UCSB. Wampler and Soto led all scorers with 14 points each, and Sanchez hit three 3-pointers down the stretch, including one that Trakh called "an NBA three."

"I knew she could do that," he said. "She's a microwave – heats up very quickly ... She won the game for us."

In the first half, NMSU jumped out to an 11-4 lead and also had a 10-4 run en route to taking a 28-25 halftime lead. However, a slow start in the second half put the Aggies in trouble, and Santa Barbara built up a 44-36 lead with less than eight minutes to play.

"That's one thing we have to work on," Trakh said, "We have to do better those first four minutes of the second half."

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales
New Mexico State freshman guard Simone Ruedin shows sophomore forward Chrissy Fletcher where to set up on offense during the Aggie's 52-51 victory over UC Santa-Barbara Monday, Dec. 19, in the Pan American Center.

Las Cruces Vaqueros hire new coach

Dill: Big Vaq Attack will go small ball

By **Jeff Barnet**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

Casey Dill, the new manager for the Las Cruces Vaqueros, said he plans to bring Old School baseball to the renovated Apodaca Park baseball stadium this summer.

"We're going to be playing Small Ball, '50s style," he said. "In this league, you need all the runs you can get."

The Vaqueros, who play in the Pecos League, a professional minor league with teams in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado, enter their third season in 2012. Dill has been manager and general manager for the Chico, Calif.-based NorCal Pirates, a summer collegiate team, for seven years and also an assistant coach at Chico State University, where he played as an infielder.

"I'm looking to put together a team of the best players out there," said Dill, who recently



DILL

held tryouts in Sacramento, Calif., and Carson City, Nev. "I'm looking for players who haven't had the opportunity to play professional baseball before. Untapped potential."

Dill said his goal is to coach baseball at the highest level possible. Joining the Vaqueros as their third manager is a step above the summer collegiate leagues, he said.

"We are going to put a team out there that the community can be proud of," he said. "The staff and baseball team will work with the community to create an exciting year in Las Cruces."

Dill said he already has many talented players committed to the Vaqueros. For a start, they'll have left-handed, power-hitting catcher Anthony Armenio, a graduate of Manhattan College in New York City.

"He packs a big punch," Dill said, "There

are a lot of short porches in right field in the Pecos League, and left-handed power-hitting catchers are rare."

The Vaqueros should be a good hitting team overall, he said, as the roster is filled with several players who hit over .300 in college ball.

However, good pitching is the name of the game, he said, and the Vaqueros have three solid starters in Mike Jackson, Mike McCravy and Josh Sparlin. Jackson, a right-hander, is the son of former major-leaguer Mike Jackson Sr., who pitched for several teams, including the San Francisco Giants and the Cleveland Indians.

McCravy, a left-hander, joins the Vaqueros from the Roswell Invaders.

"These are Pecos League veterans who give us a strong top of the rotation," he said.

Dill said he'd be bringing in right-handed starting pitcher Sparlin from the NorCal Pirates. Sparlin has five good pitches, all of which he can use for strikeouts, he said.

Dill was brought on by Vaqueros director of operations Miguel Salcedo, whom Dill called

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Aggies build momentum

New Mexico State is 8-4 after string of home games

By **Jeff Barnett**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State University men's basketball team has continued to fine-tune its game during a run of non-conference games leading up to the rivalry rematch with New Mexico at the Pan Am Center at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28.

The Aggies begin their quest for

the Western Athletic Conference regular-season title Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, when they travel to Ruston, La., to play Louisiana Tech.

NMSU is 8-4, after consecutive home wins over Western New Mexico (92-65), Southern (91-66) and McNeese State (82-62).

Asked whether the non-conference schedule was sufficiently preparing the team for UNM and WAC

play, center Hamidu Rahman said, "Playing against smaller teams is good to get our rebounding up and get confidence up, so when we play bigger teams, we know we can rebound like this."

Rahman had a great game against Southern Dec. 19, with a season-high 16 points on 7-for-10 shooting. He also had nine rebounds.

Wendell McKines also did well against Southern, scoring 20 points and grabbing a career-high 16 rebounds for his fifth double-double of the season.

"We are just taking it one game at a time," he said. "We respect all of our opponents. As for the Lobos, that's for us to decide on the floor."

While admitting he doesn't have a lot of control over the schedule, coach Marvin Menzies said he feels the recent stretch of home games has helped the team develop its timing and will give the Aggies momentum as they move into conference play.

At the same time, he was extremely cautious about saying anything about the UNM game.

"I have learned from these rivalry games to be prepared for anything," he said. "We need to concentrate on ourselves, concentrate on what we do well. And may the best team win."

The Aggies, whom McKines called "a second-half team," poured it on in the second half against Southern. The win was the 83rd career coaching victory at NMSU for Menzies, who now holds sole possession of fifth place for all-time wins among Aggie basketball coaches. Menzies surpassed Weldon Drew (82 wins) and trails Presley Askew (135).

"I think I am fifth out of five coaches," Menzies said with a laugh.

The win against Southern gave Menzies some concern, however. He



Renaldo Dixon takes the ball to the hole against Southern University. Dixon was 3-of-3 for the game, including a 3-pointer, and scored 7 points.



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Senior Wendell McKines drives the baseline against the Southern Jaguars Monday, Dec. 19, in the Pan American Center.

said that the guards – senior Hernst Laroche and freshman Daniel Mullings saw most of the time at guard and both posted 14 points for the night – were still not getting the ball inside to the big men and also gave up too many turnovers.

"They still need to know what the looks are – the first look, the second look and then execute," he said.

Menzies also said the Aggies need to shoot better from the perimeter. NMSU was 5-for-12 from the 3-point line against Southern. Bandja Sy (2-for-3) and McKines (2-for-5) were

the top 3-point shooters.

NMSU played a zone defense for a good part of the game, but Menzies said the goal for the Aggies is to be a "man-to-man team, a pressing team, attacking on the break."

After the UNM game, NMSU plays only two more non-conference games before the WAC conference play begins. The Aggies will host Arkansas Pine-Bluff at the Pan Am Center at noon, Saturday, Dec. 31, then go on the road against Cal State-Bakersfield 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, 2012.

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However, Trakh was impressed that the Aggies found a way to win. Considering the talent of Santa Barbara, an eight-point deficit was really like a 16-point deficit, he said.

Sanchez hit back-to-back 3-pointers with five minutes to play, igniting an 11-2 run that put the Aggies back in the lead at 47-46. Then, Soto hit another 3-pointer to increase NMSU's lead to 50-46.

Santa Barbara answered to make it 50-48, but Wampler drove in for a layup to put the Aggies up 52-48.

Santa Barbara hit a 3-pointer with 29.1 seconds to go to bring the game within one point, and the Gauchos' Melissa Zornig made a desperate attempt to hit a three at the buzzer.

"Our scouting report showed that she (Zornig) was actually better at hitting threes if you put a hand in her face," Trakh said. "So we just left her alone."

Aggie sophomore guard Jasmine Rutledge, who had six rebounds and zero turnovers in 27 minutes of play at guard, and Sanchez were both visibly confident after the win.

"We stayed true to our identity," Rutledge said.

Sanchez said, "We broke the streak. I think we can keep it going until we get to conference. I think these next five or six games, we can win a majority of them."

Trakh pointed out that NMSU has had several close losses, especially to New Mexico (54-53), UTEP (76-72 in overtime and Southern Utah (58-57).

"We could have had five wins by now," he said.



Simone Ruedin drives around a UCSB defender Monday, Dec. 19, in the Pan American Center.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales



New Las Cruces Vaqueros coach Casey Dill looks over a baseball field in Carson City, Nev., while recruiting for his new ballclub.

Casey Dill photo

Vaqueros

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one of the hardest-working people he has met in baseball.

Salcedo said his goal is to boost fan attendance in 2012. In their inaugural 2010 season, the Vaqueros averaged 200 fans per game, then saw that average dip to 150 in 2011. Part of the reason for that, he said, was the limited seating available at Apodaca Park. However, the baseball stadium on Madrid Avenue will soon be undergoing renovations that will expand seating capacity to 500, he said. In addition, he said, the infield will be improved.

Salcedo also said he will be working to involve kids more in the team through the Little Vaqueros Kids Club.

Vaquero players live in the homes of Las Cruces residents during the season, and Salcedo said he is looking for host families in 2012.

"Both our players and our host families say it's been a good experience, a positive experience," he said.

Salcedo said he is excited that this year the Vaqueros will have another in-state rival in the newly formed Santa Fe Fuego. He said he was just in Santa Fe for a tryout. Although the ideal age for a Vaquero is between 22 and 27 years old, Salcedo said there were several men in their 40s and 50s at the tryout.

"I don't think they realize just how good this league is," he

said. "I guess they were just living the dream."

Las Cruces will have another chance to live the dream when the Vaqueros hold tryouts here Thursday, March 1, and Friday, March 2, 2012. The Vaqueros open on the road May 10, then host the White Sands Pupfish in the home opener Saturday, May 12.

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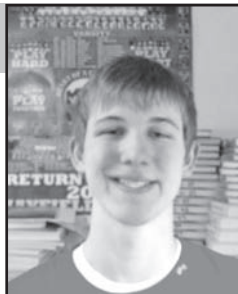


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DaeShianna McCants

DaeShianna McCants is a 15-year-old sophomore at Mayfield High School. She is a forward/center on the girls basketball team. McCants was a major factor in the Lady Trojan win on December 10th at the Albuquerque Academy Tournament Championship Game where she scored 25 points. McCants' friends and teammates say that she has a great personality but is quiet and reserved. She has lots of friends on and off the basketball team and is a dedicated student with a GPA of 3.0. Her hopes are to go to Duke University to either play women's basketball and/or study to become a social worker. She loves to watch men's college basketball when she isn't playing.



Colin Maughan

Colin Maughan is an 18-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. He plays forward/center on the Trojan basketball team, and is currently averaging nine points a game. Maughan's friends and teammates say that he has a great personality, is funny and makes friends easily. Maughan has many friends and develops great relationships with the people he meets. He is a devoted student with a 3.3 GPA and when he graduates from Mayfield High School, he hopes to move to Colorado in order to go to a school, majoring in a biology field. When he is not playing basketball, Colin loves to play battle video games and watch movies, with comedies and action movies being his favorites.

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Watch and learn

Good advice – but hard to execute with golf



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

A few weeks ago, Herb Wimberly and I taught our first and only Performance Golf School of the season at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. (The schedule was basically eliminated due to injury back in February.) We spent two solid days working on golf swings and fundamentals of the game.

Some of our students were young long-hitters who were challenged to hit it straight. Others were higher-handicap players who occasionally missed shots badly, costing them many strokes. And a couple of our students were basically beginners.

These were middle-aged individuals who just recently took up the game of golf and who wanted to do it right by learning how to swing a golf club. What struck both Herb and me was that, early on, these energetic golf wannabes had very little grasp of what was involved with a proper golf swing, but they did have a positive attitude. That's half the battle when learning golf.

I have played golf most of my entire life. I was basically taught as a youngster by my father and grandfather, who were both pretty good golfers. Just recently, I ran across a hole-in-one plaque that was presented to my late father for an ace on a 250-yard par-4 hole in Cleveland. Back in 1937, that was awesome.

While I haven't been a total beginner for many decades, I can relate. Plus, I have taught hundreds of beginners since I've been teaching golf as Wimberly's golf school part-

ner. As a sports psychologist, I have learned something about how to learn golf, which I'll share with you in this edition of "On the Green."

I'm a proponent of learning by imitation. That's imitation, not intimidation. It's how children learn. They watch; they learn. Hopefully our children are watching the right behavior and learning right from wrong.

Kids can learn to play musical instruments like crazy because they are sponges for training. And they can reproduce what they see and hear and practice.

Adults aren't so fortunate. We have outlived some of our natural sponginess. We get stuck easier. That's why it's much harder to learn a second language as an adult. The language acquisition mechanism is more worn. Digital electronics, such as smart phones, are similar to language in that the older we get, the harder they are to get the hang of.

But take heart. You can still learn golf, and play it well. Here are the learning strategies I think will get you there.

First, watch all the golf you can on television – men and women professionals. Watch the slow motion camera displays of their golf swings. Take notes. As the analysts talk about "spine angles" and "shoulder turn" and "strong grip" you may be lost at first, but after a while it will start to make sense. You can start to mimic the posture and the moves the really good golfers make.

Pay attention to how these superior players go through a planned routine before they take the club away, and do it every single time. Their target is precise and they stay focused. Note the way they line up each putt, and how little time it takes once they get set. To be

an accomplished golfer it takes an exacting mindset, an extraordinary amount of practice, and a lot of patience. It's kind of like learning to play a musical instrument well.

Next, read all you can. Learn the game. Learn the world of golf, including the jargon, the technology and the culture. It may be like a non-techie learning about computers and the Internet. With computers there's a whole language and a subculture involved; you have to talk the language and know what you're saying. You have to learn lots of skills to take advantage of the web. If you want to be a golfer – a good golfer – talk the talk of a golfer. Get comfortable with what golfers are doing and talking about.

The best way to "walk the walk" of a golfer is to get a coach – a golf instructor. Although how to pick a teacher is the subject of a future column, the point is to keep learning fundamentals.

That's what our students learn at golf schools – fundamentals. We really overload folks with information and instruction in a single weekend to get them so turned on by their rapid improvement that they continue with lessons with their local PGA professional. If you doubt that for a moment talk to someone who has gone to a golf school or a golf camp. Anywhere.

Still, it seems to me that the biggest challenge for beginner golfers, who want to build a solid, correct swing and game, is acquiring a sense of what a golf swing should feel and look like.

I emphasize the idea "sense," because the ability to discern the skeletal-muscular movements of any motor skill varies greatly from person to person. This falls into a realm that experts have called "kinesthetic intelligence."

It's like emotional intelligence for the body. Some humans are better than others at interpreting instructions about how to move their bodies to perform physical tasks. That being the case, learning the relatively simple movements associated with putting and

chipping (fine motor skills) requires fewer large muscles and gross motor coordination. Bear in mind that putting and chipping make up more than half the strokes of a full round of golf.

If you fall into the category of the kinesthetically challenged, take heart. Even klutzes can learn golf and play well. The secret is observational learning, and here's what to do. Pick an expert golfer you can identify with and imitate his or her swing. Perhaps you're a middle-aged woman and are just taking up golf. Watch Julie Inkster on the LPGA and imitate her swing.

When you constantly approximate a good golf swing – the swing of the person you have identified with – you're swing gradually becomes closer to something that will produce really good results. When you get an expert, like a qualified golf teacher, to provide feedback to you about whether you're doing it correctly, that is an even more powerful tool for you to crack the code to good golf.

For more experienced golfers, learning to give up bad habits and maladaptive maneuvers is perhaps an even bigger challenge. At the golf schools we consider accomplishing a simple grip change a big deal, because it's so hard for people to do it permanently.

As for major changes with swing method Herb advises that, once you get the hang of what to do (keep the backswing and downswing on the same plane, for example), it takes 500 good practice shots to make it stick.

Then there is the mental make-up, and the learning process it entails if you are to get it right. But that is the subject of columns to come.

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NM STATE UNIVERSITY

ATHLETE of the WEEK



Beth Cate

Junior, Swimming & Diving

Junior Beth Cate led the Aggies at the UNLV Invitational with a pair of individual victories. She won both the 200 IM (2:05.82) and the 400 IM (4:30.18). In the 200 IM, only .01 of a second separated Cate (2:05.82) and freshman Jessica Legge (2:05.83). She placed second in the 200 m butterfly, sixth in the 100 m butterfly and 11th in the 200 back. Cate was also on the 200-medley team that posted a third-place finish.



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Merry Christmas

Some poetic thoughts for the Aggies in the coming year



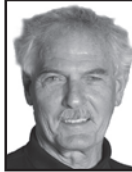
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Jack's Corner

"Jolly Old St. Nicholas,
lean your head this way,
don't you tell a single soul
what I have to say.
Christmas Eve is coming soon,
so you dear old man,
look close at my Christmas
list, help me if you can.
DeWayne needs a passing
rush,
fierce as it can be.
Rushers that get lots of sacks,
allowing no TDs.
Linemen and a cornerback
just to make it clear
got to get into a bowl
in the coming year.
Marvin wants a shooting
guard who loves to hit the
three, help him out dear
Santa Claus put it 'neath
his tree.
Jewelry is nice this year,
but Marv can wait 'til
spring, title time is coming
then, Santa bring the bling.

Women's hoops could spread
some joy with a little luck,
buzzer shots that go their
way bring endings that
don't suck.
Coach Trakh is shopping now
for a future cast,
help him Santa find the
girls to make the
winning last.
VB coach Michael "J"
has joy throughout his
house, he got a son to love
and teach who is quiet
as a mouse.
Setters and a libero could help
in the New Year,
if they can run and jump
high like Santa's reindeer.
Keep a watch dear Santa Claus
on the soccer team,
Coach Quinn has them
going places that they
haven't been.
He would like a longer season
by a dozen games
that get them in the NCAA
for some playoff fame.
Thank you for so many things
that have come my way,
Merry Christmas for one
and all is what I want to say.

My years at NMSU: the best of my life

Many friendships are my reward



**Herb
"Touchdown"
Taylor**
*Senior Associate
AD/Operations*

How does one inform others
regarding my 24 years in my present
position as Senior Associate Athletics
Director?

I have witnessed many changes
in our department while working
for six different presidents and four
different athletic directors, each one
concentrating on how to make this a
better university and improving our
athletics department.

We are a very diverse organiza-
tion with a major emphasis on gender
equity and Title IX. Our goal has been
to see that our student athletes gradu-
ate while receiving an opportunity to
excel in their chosen fields.

In my present position, I am the
sports administrator for football,
men's basketball, baseball and I super-
vise the departments' equipment staff.

Many improvements have taken
place over the past 24 years, and I am
very proud to have played a key role
in these improvements, while rep-
resenting the directors, in order for
New Mexico State to become a top

mid-major athletic program.

Some of these improvements are
a 5,000-square foot performance
training center, the remodel of the Pan
American Center, construction of the
Fulton Athletics Center, a track locker
room, the remodel of the stadium
field house, football meeting theater, a
state-of-the-art tennis center and new
baseball and softball facilities just to
mention a few.

In my position I also represent the
athletics director at athletic events as
the game manager to see that these
events operate under the rules of the
NCAA and Western Athletic Confer-
ence. One of my many duties is to
schedule future football games with
other opponents outside the WAC,
while also playing a similar role with
men's basketball scheduling as well as
baseball.

My athletic career spans a period
of more than 50 years as a teacher,
coach and administrator. I have also
worked in public relations, marketing
and fundraising.

I have made many friends along the
way and to me that is my reward for
all the years I have spent in athletics.

My 24 years at NM State have
been the most rewarding and gratify-
ing in my career.

Go Aggies!

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Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Jessica Legge
Freshman
Swimming and Diving

Freshman Jessica Legge
guided the Aggies to a
third-place finish at the
UNLV Invitational. She
finished in second place in
the 200 IM, 400 IM and

100 breast and third place in the 200-medley
and 800-free relays.



Wendell McKines
Senior
Men's Basketball

Redshirt senior forward
Wendell McKines directed
the Aggies with 20 points
and a career-high 16
rebounds for his fifth
double-double of the

season and 32nd of his career in the Aggies'
91-66 win over Southern University, Dec. 19.



Daniel Mullings
Freshman
Men's Basketball

Freshman guard Daniel
Mullings scored a career-
high 14 points in the
Aggies' win over Southern
University, Dec. 19. He
was 4-of-6 from the field

with five rebounds and four steals in his second
career game started.

Aggies improve record NMSU handles visitors



Freshman guard Daniel Mullings has
stepped up his play during the Aggies'
current homestand. He was 4-of-6
from the field with five rebounds and four
steals in his second career start against
Southern University. The Aggies are
shooting 44.8 percent from the field as
a team.

Senior center Hamidu Rahman
anchored the inside presence.
He ranks second on the team in
rebounding with 7.3 boards per
game. As a team, the Aggies have a
+6.8 rebounding margin.



Champion meets his match

'Knock out' is highlight of memorial

"No Doubt" Trout knocked out?

In an intermission exhibition match, undefeated WBA world junior middleweight champion Austin Trout got beat up for three rounds against Leroy "The Destroyer" Valdez. Valdez finished off Trout by knocking him out in the third round. Valdez, 10, fights out of Deming.

The match was part of the Las Cruces Police Athletic League's first annual Sam DiPace Memorial Explosion Dec. 17. The event was held at the Sammy Burke Youth Boxing Club in Las Cruces. Fighters from Las Cruces and around the Southwest competed in both male and female age divisions.

Trout, a former Las Cruces PAL boxer who was trained and mentored by the late Sam DiPace, was honored to put on a fun mock show for the crowd in attendance.

When the real boxing resumed, Edmund Guzman, 16, of Las Cruces PAL outpointed Julian Rodarte, 16, of Diamante Gym in El Paso, in the co-main event. In the main event, nine-time national champion Ayanna Vasquez, 17, of Las Cruces PAL outpointed Chastity Funseth of North East Gym of El Paso.

Proceeds from the event went to sponsor young boxers at the Las Cruces PAL gym in honor of the DiPace family.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

Ten-year-old Leroy "The Destroyer" Valdez of Deming, N.M., has WBA junior middleweight champion Austin "No Doubt" Trout pinned on the ropes in an exhibition bout at the Las Cruces Police Athletic League's Sammy DiPace Memorial Explosion event Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Sammy Burke Youth Boxing Club.

Sports Briefs

Kabongo: 'I am sorry for my actions'

New Mexico State University men's basketball sophomore guard Christian Kabongo issued an apology to Aggie fans, Dec. 19, for his behavior during the Aggies' Dec. 11 game at Texas-El Paso. Coach Marvin Menzies reinstated Kabongo for team practices Dec. 20.

"I am very sorry to all of New Mexico State University for my actions," Kabongo said. "I have apologized to (UTEP) coach (Tim) Floyd, and I let the emotions of a big rivalry game get the best of me. I am so thankful to coach Menzies and Dr. (McKinley) Boston for giving me the opportunity to learn from this and become a better person. I hope to be back soon to play for the team and school I love, and if there is anyone I offended, I hope you can give me another chance to prove myself."

Rugby clinic: For 'lifetime of wellness'

The Las Cruces Rugby Football Club will hold a camp to introduce the public to the game of rugby from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 20, 2012. This camp will be free and open to all ages.

The clinic will introduce the sport to new players interested in learning the basics while building skills and confidence that lead to a lifetime of physical activity and wellness. The camp will cover basic ballhandling skills and defense as well as pieces of play unique to rugby: rucks, scrums, and mauls. For more information, call Jonathan Saenz at 649-0561.

Ags named pre-season All-Americans

New Mexico State University baseball players Zac Fisher and Scott Coffman were named as pre-season All-Americans.

Fisher, a junior and designated hitter, was named to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association preseason All-American third team Dec. 15.

Fisher helped the Aggies to a 34-24 record last year and hit a team-leading .398 with 68 hits. He posted 16 doubles and 56 RBIs to go along with a team-high eight home runs.

"The attention is well deserved, and we are looking forward to Zac having a great season," coach Rocky Ward said. "He had a great fall with the bat and as a catcher, and I'm looking forward to him getting the full 56 games."

Coffman, a senior right-handed relief pitcher, was named a third-team selection for The Collegiate Baseball Newspaper 2012 Louisville Slugger pre-season All-American team Dec. 20.

Coffman, a native of Albuquerque, earned the honors for his 2011 season that saw him tie the school record with nine saves on the year. He is now second in the record books with 14 career saves.



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The Conroys brought with them much wisdom from their previous appointments at the University of Texas at Austin, University of Washington, and Texas Tech University. NMSU and the Las Cruces community are fortunate to have them continue to share their passion for education and athletics. When asked why they continue their involvement, they said, "The reason we donate is we are big fans of NMSU Athletics, and we know that these programs need our financial support to be successful." The Conroys encourage you to make a gift to the Aggie Athletic Club today to help provide the financial support that can enhance the student-athlete academic experience and build successful athletic programs.

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Newly selected Centennial High School coaches Al Rosen (volleyball) and Aaron Ocampo (football) were introduced Friday, Dec. 16, in the school gymnasium.

Centennial coaches bring championship experience

Ocampo and Rosen are proven winners

By **Craig Massey**
Las Cruces Bulletin

There was an odd mix of newness and familiarity Friday, Dec. 16, at Centennial High School.

The new school's large, impressive gymnasium was the site of an informal gathering to announce the hiring of its first two coaches.

Amidst some crates and stacks of boxes on the concourse of the gym, Principal Michael Montoya introduced two men who are no strangers to high school football and volleyball fans in Las Cruces.

Aaron Ocampo, the new football coach, comes to Centennial after 11 seasons as head coach at Manzano High School in Albuquerque. His Monarchs had become a playoff force in recent years, dueling with LCHS and Mayfield last year in the semifinals and finals, and meeting Mayfield in the semifinals this year.

Al Rosen, who led Gadsden High School to back-to-back 5A state volleyball championships in 2010 and 2011, was introduced as Centennial's first volleyball coach.

The soft-spoken Rosen admitted it was "bittersweet" to leave Gadsden for the job at Centennial.

"It was not an easy decision," he said. "I'll have a lot of great memories there."

Rosen said he was drawn by "the whole freshness and the challenge of building a program from scratch."

"It's just a great opportunity to build a winning tradition," said Rosen, who coached at Horizon High School in the Clint (Texas) School District before spending six years at Gadsden.

While Rosen's outstanding record on the court was obvious, Montoya said the coach had other qualities that made him the perfect choice.

"We really like his demeanor," said Montoya, who mentioned the coach's humility more than once. "His players had the highest GPA in the

entire school (at Gadsden). He has high expectations here. It's a great loss for Gadsden."

Ocampo said there were two main reasons why he applied for and accepted the football position at Centennial.

"The first is family," he said. "My wife (Eileen) is from here, and with two kids, it will be great for us to be in a smaller town close to their grandparents. It's just a good move for my family."

"Second, look at this school," Ocampo said, turning around to scan the gymnasium. "I'm

a competitor who loves to compete and the best schools in 5A are in Las Cruces. The way this community supports football and other extracurricular activities was definitely a draw. It seems special here."

The Centennial Hawks will start in Class 4A where they will go up against foes such as Deming, Chaparral and Santa Teresa. Ocampo's teams are known for their high-scoring offenses. He said in his 11 years as a head coach and one year as offensive coordinator at Manzano, he coached six all-state quarterbacks.

Centennial's student body will be made up of mostly sophomores and freshman

when it opens next August.

"I've never coached a team without any seniors," Ocampo said. "In 2013, we should have every starter back. This is an opportunity for kids to come here and play right away."

Montoya said Ocampo was one of four candidates interviewed for the job.

"All four of them were very qualified," Montoya said. "We had to decide who was the best fit. Knowing the type of school Manzano is, with its diverse population and how he was able to deal with that, it was intriguing. We loved his work ethic and how he brought about what he calls brotherhood."

Montoya said the other head coaching positions will be filled later this spring. He anticipated the basketball coaches would be hired by the end of March, at least two weeks after the current season ends.

“The way this community supports football and other ... activities was definitely a draw.”

AARON OCAMPO,
Centennial football coach

Rogers nabs more honors

Eight Aggies named to all-WAC team

New Mexico State University senior kick returner Taveon Rogers was named to yet another All-American team this week, his fifth All-American postseason honor and a school record. Phil Steele's College Football magazine named Rogers a second-team kick returner.

Rogers was also one of eight Aggie football players who were named to Phil Steele's College Football magazine's All-Western Athletic Conference team.

Rogers was named a second team wide receiver and first team kick returner on the All-WAC team. Defensive back Jonte Green and safety Donyae Coleman earned first-team All-WAC picks, while running back Kenny Turner and defensive end David Niumatalolo were selected to the second team. Center Mike Grady, tackle Davonte Wallace and defensive tackle David Mahoney all made third-team All-WAC.

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SportsSchedule

Las Cruces High School

Dec. 27-29..... Boys Basketball at Rio Rancho Tournament..... TBA
Dec. 28-30..... Girls Basketball at Las Cruces Public Schools Tournament..... TBA



Mayfield High School

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This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

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100yearsago

1911

• The City Board was pleased that bids for a city water works and sewerage system came in at \$55,753, nearly \$20,000 less than the \$75,000 budgeted for the work. Earlier, voters had approved a bond issue to fund the improvements.

75yearsago

1936

• Funeral services were held for Arlington W. Wright, 87, who died in his home. Internment was in Masonic Cemetery. Wright was an Indian fighter with the Fifth U.S. Cavalry and was believed to be the last surviving member of the troop that buried the remains of Gen. George Armstrong Custer's cavalry on the Little Big Horn.

• Coach Jerry Hines was taking his basketball squad along with his football team to California. The football team was to play Santa Barbara for their last game of the season, while the cagers would play four games, including a game against the world-champion Universal Pictures team. The football game would be the last in the careers of Hookey Apodaca, Lauro Apodaca, Lem Pratt and three others.

50yearsago

1961

• The New Mexico State Aggie men's basketball team defeated the University of New Mexico Lobos 76-72 in Albuquerque. George Knighton poured in 28 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. The game had been scheduled a night earlier, but the Aggie team was snowbound in Dayton, Ohio, and the game had to be rescheduled. Dave Brown, Allan Eckhoff and Gary Ward each pitched in 14 points.

• New Mexico State University President Roger Corbett was honored with the American Farm Bureau Federation's national award for meritorious service in the interests of agriculture at the group's 43rd annual meeting in Chicago. In speeches that received national attention, Corbett warned that colleges were graduating only half of the college-trained agricultural professionals needed yearly.

25yearsago

1986

• Members of the Fairacres Neighborhood Association hired a lawyer to push their complaints about the expansion of Big Chief Stone Inc. along U.S. Highway 70, west of Las Cruces. The residents of the area complained that the operation was causing dust, noise and traffic problems and that the county was not enforcing ordinances on the books.

• Union leader Cesar Chavez spoke to about



New Mexico State University Library Archives & Special Collections photo
The photo shows New Mexico A&M when most of the main buildings were clustered around the horseshoe, probably about 1940. In the distance, what is now southern Las Cruces, was mostly farmland.

25 Las Cruces at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Following the presentation, the group watched the film "The Wrath of Grapes." Chavez spoke to the gathering, recalling his work during the 1960s and '70s to improve working conditions for farm laborers. He also

asked the local audience for its support of a boycott of table grapes.

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NMSU range science class assists Spaceport America

Spaceport seeks natural landscaping

It was the last session of Laurie Abbott's fall semester rangeland restoration ecology class at New Mexico State University. The main item on the agenda was the presentation of final group projects, but the vegetation management plan component of this class was a bit different from previous semesters.

Abbott, an associate professor in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences, was asked to put her class to work solving a special problem for Spaceport America that she said actually falls somewhere between traditional rangeland restoration and desert landscaping.

Abbott was working with Chad Rabon, the general operations manager of the New Mexico Spaceport Authority, the state agency in charge of the nearly completed facility 50 miles north of Las Cruces. Rabon is also an NMSU alumnus with a bachelor's in agricultural economics and agricultural business. When he realized the project needed help making things grow around the spaceport's Terminal Hangar Facility, he naturally looked to his alma mater for assistance.

In contrast to the terminal's wall of glass that faces east toward the runway, the northwest and southwest sides of the building have sloping earthen berms integrated into the overall design. From the west, the structure is designed to blend in with the terrain, so the slopes need to be covered with native vegetation.

The berms were constructed from dirt that had been excavated from the nearby runway area and stockpiled. It was later hauled to the building site, where it was compacted, layer by layer, to the desired height and contour. The architects had assumed the original plant life would regenerate spontaneously, but that clearly was not happening.

Abbott and Rabon agreed that having the class tackle this problem would be a win-win situation. The students would get some hands-on experience related to the class content while contributing to a high-profile economic development project; in turn, NMSA would solve a vexing problem without having to invest a huge sum of money – good news for New Mexico taxpayers.

Abbott and her students arranged a site visit with Rabon on a Saturday in early November. The day was cold and blustery, so the group was happy to spend the first hour in the project's modular office building, gaining an overview of the Spaceport America enterprise and on the important role Rabon hoped they would play.

Rabon explained that the aesthetic consultant for the project, Foster and Partners, was the same firm that designed the Sydney

Opera House in Australia and City Center in Las Vegas, iconic structures known around the world. They are hoping this building will make a similar impact.

"The berms are going to be shown all over the world, and to probably the most high-profile people in the United States, who'll be coming through this facility," he told the students. "The fact that you get to participate at that level, playing an intricate part in something that is a major challenge for us right now, I would consider a pretty good opportunity for you guys."

According to Rabon, the spaceport's mission has three pillars: economic development in the region, tourism and education. He sees this project as a good chance for the students to put their knowledge of rangeland ecology to practical use.

"I appreciate everybody's effort, because part of the whole process here is to provide opportunities for the next generation within the state of New Mexico – and you guys are it," he said.

Rabon said the ideas the students come up with are likely to be applied beyond the berms. For instance, there has been significant impact from the construction process on the flatter areas beyond the berms. The entrance road that will bring astronauts and visitors to the facility runs through that area.

After the briefing, the students spent the next couple of hours inspecting the site, taking soil samples, inventorying the plant species in the area and discussing possible approaches to getting things to grow. In addition to a lack of vegetation, they found that shallow gullies from the monsoon rains were plentiful on the barren slopes. Erosion prevention would obviously need to be a consideration in their revegetation plans.

Abbott emphasized that the constructed berms are similar to a highly degraded site, from an ecological perspective, with challenges at both the biotic level – there's basically nothing growing on the berms – and at the abiotic level as the soil composition and the topography of the berms essentially makes them predisposed to ongoing erosion.

The situation provides a perfect opportunity for her students "to apply ecological principles to direct ecological succession in order to meet their land management objectives." In other words, to design a physical environment that efficiently captures what little water is available and retains the soil and its nutrients; and to identify plants that, once established, will maintain themselves in this harsh desert climate.

The Tuesday following the site visit, Rabon



New Mexico State University photo

Laurie Abbott, an associate professor in New Mexico State University's Department of Animal and Range Sciences, discusses plants that her rangeland restoration ecology students have collected near Spaceport America. Class members did a site visit in early November as part of a project to develop revegetation plans for earthen berms integrated into the main hangar and terminal building.

visited Abbott's class and answered questions prior to their brainstorming session and team selection. Plant samples were on display and a master plant inventory list was compiled.

Among the important questions the groups needed to consider were: Should invasive species such as mesquite be included in their plans, since they are present in the surrounding landscape? Should they rely on plants started from seed or containerized seedlings - or both? Native vegetation shouldn't need a permanent artificial water supply, but what about while the plants are getting established? Should they incorporate "microtopographic relief" adjustments, a bit of terracing or moguls or dips, for instance, to help the site retain water and to prevent further soil erosion? Which native plants and seeds are available at nurseries?

All seven student groups presented revegetation plan summaries to the class on the final day.

"I'm really jazzed about the work you guys have done over such a short time frame," Abbott told the students. "I think it has been a great opportunity for you to take what you are learning and apply it."

The most frequently mentioned plants in the students' recommendations included creosote bush, soap tree yucca, little-leaf sumac, four-wing saltbush and tobosa grass. The groups presented a variety of approaches to site preparation, erosion control, sources for the plants, and keeping the vegetation hydrated during the establishment phase.

"I was very thrilled with the proposals they came up with," Abbott said.



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NMSU ranch manager to retire

Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center to lose boss

In today's world, it is unusual for a person to spend 40 years in a single career, much less in a single position. New Mexico State University reports that only three employees have worked continuously for the Las Cruces campus for 40 years or more.

This month, Calvin Bailey, will become the fourth.

When the ranch manager position opened at NMSU's College Ranch in late 1971, Bailey, who had recently graduated from the university, knew the job was right for him. So did Bobby Rankin, an animal science faculty member

and the recently appointed supervisor of the facility.

"The position was offered and I took it," Bailey said. "My wife and I moved out here in 1971, the day after Christmas."

"Calvin was raised on a ranch and got a degree in animal science," said Rankin, who retired in 2000 after a 39-year career that included 14 years as department head of Animal and Range Sciences. "You know a lot of things that need to be done on a place, having grown up ranching, that you don't have to learn or ask somebody else about, so it worked out

wonderfully in Calvin's case."

Rankin was quick to give credit to a second member of the Bailey team.

"There was an extra bonus to hiring Calvin Bailey in that job, because his new wife, Debbie, came with him," he said.

Part of that had to do with the delicious meals she would fix for the ranch crew.

"It was easy to recruit college students and graduate students to come out and help with the branding and the calving and some with fencing simply because of Debbie, he said. "So I give her a lot of credit for Calvin's success in managing the ranch wonderfully for this length of time. We couldn't have done better on that selection."

The facility, now called the Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center (CDRRC), has been owned and operated by NMSU since 1927. The university assumed ownership of the 60,000-acre property through an act of Congress mandating that it be maintained in a way that benefits the people of New Mexico. The property is located north of Las Cruces. According to Bailey, it includes about half of the Doña Ana Mountains, and stretches east-west from the Jornada Experimental Range to the Rio Grande.

When the Baileys moved into the ranch house 40 years ago, Gerald Thomas was NMSU's president; nine other presidents have served since then. There have been five deans of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, and five heads of the Department of Animal and Range Sciences, the unit under whose auspices the ranch operates.

Calvin and Debra Bailey raised two children on the ranch, Scott and Rebecca. Now in their 30s, both have advanced degrees and are engaged in successful careers. Debra, who was a stay-at-home mom while the children were young, works as a nutritionist for the New Mexico Department of Health.

Amid the changes, some things have remained constant. As with any farm or ranch, the work never ends.

"My duties as foreman out here include the typical management of the ranch from day to day, anywhere from building fence to working on corrals and tending to livestock - cattle mainly," Bailey said.

As the facility's name suggests, research is a big part of what happens at the CDRRC. Significant work has been done over the years on developing cattle that are more suited to the harsh Southwest environment, as well as on understanding the Chihuahuan Desert rangeland, how to maintain it and how it is impacted by livestock. Bailey said around 130 cows are on the ranch now. Most are Brangus, a heat-tolerant breed that is five-eighths Angus and three-eighths Brahman.



New Mexico State University photo
Senior research assistant Calvin Bailey gathers hay to feed to the horses at the site of the Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center headquarters north of Las Cruces.

"Calvin has been a part of almost every animal or range science paper that's been written at the College Ranch," said Milt Thomas, professor of animal and range sciences who specializes in cattle breeding and genetics.

Thomas has worked with Bailey since arriving at NMSU in 1997. He stressed how much he benefitted, from his earliest time at the ranch, from Bailey's knowledge of the area, ranching and this ranch in particular. His comprehensive knowledge of the cattle at the ranch, their lineage as well as their individual behaviors, have been invaluable. Thomas said Bailey's observations have supplied a major portion of the data in various scientific investigations.

Thomas also applauded how Bailey has guided the many students and others who have worked at the ranch over the years.

"Calvin has trained a great number of people at the college ranch," he said.

Bailey received a President's Star Performance Award from NMSU President Jay Gogue in 2002. Thomas said everyone who wrote support letters for that award emphasized how much they had learned from him.

"He just has that uncanny ability to teach," Thomas said. "Not only did he train the students, I think most of the faculty around here would agree that he mentored a lot of us, too."

Bailey has lots of stories of his time at the ranch. Key characters include a cantankerous horse one of his hired hands kept getting thrown off of that was later reassigned to a brood mare role, and an ornery Charolais bull that flipped Rankin over a corral fence during a weaning operation.

Current CDRRC Director Derek Bailey (no relation) calls Calvin Bailey "an absolute guru" on cattle and on the terrain at the ranch.

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New Mexico State University students in a Spanish heritage class read books to dual-language students at César Chávez Elementary. The students wrote and illustrated the bilingual children's books as a class project.

New Mexico State University photo



NMSU students write bilingual school book

Spanish heritage class offers book as a way for kids to relate to their culture

In an age of smart phones, video games and social media, New Mexico State University is using the good old-fashioned book to help local 7-year-olds learn through stories that portray their cultural heritage.

Spanish as a heritage language students in the NMSU College of Arts and Sciences wrote and illustrated bilingual children's books and recently read them to second grade dual-language students at César Chávez Elementary.

"It's bilingual, but it's also cultural," said Spencer Herrera, an assistant professor in the Department of Language and Linguistics at NMSU. "It brings together the cultures of the United States and New Mexico."

The books were created with Christmas, birthday and family themes. Herrera said students from the heritage class read them aloud as was a way to encourage the Spanish immersion students to continue learning.

"These books represent things they are familiar with," Herrera said. "A textbook or any book of literature may talk about subjects that are foreign to them. When our students read the books they wrote aloud, the 7-year-olds right away recognized the themes."

Bilingual books written in the Southwest in-

clude text in both Spanish and English. Herrera, who is also the coordinator for the Spanish for Heritage Language Program at NMSU, said bilingual students can start a sentence in Spanish, but they'll sometimes finish in English.

"A lot of the students speak nothing but English with their parents and only Spanish with their grandparents," said Mayra Valtierrez, a teaching assistant and recent NMSU master's graduate. "The grandma is a big thing in heritage books so those kinds of themes were what we were looking at."

Valtierrez said she used team-based learning with the Spanish heritage class. In groups of four, the 16 students developed the books over the course of the semester after studying both bilingual and heritage books.

The idea for the project came after Herrera and Valtierrez attended a Linguistic Association of the Southwest (LASSO) conference in fall 2010 where using children's books as a teaching tool for classes was discussed.

"It's just great, because as students graduate, they move on. So I think this was a great project for the NMSU students, but it also was a great outreach project for César Chávez Elementary as well," Herrera said.

NMSU student lands national science prize

Double major working on synthetic molecule that holds medical promise

A New Mexico State University undergraduate student has received the 2011 McKnight Prize for her work with an NMSU professor to create a synthetic molecule that might advance new therapies and treatment for both cancer and neurodegenerative disorders such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease.

Emily Johnson, a senior with a double major in chemistry and biology, won the Sara and Frank McKnight award for her poster presentation, "Synthesis and Absolute Configuration of Palmyrolide A Aldehyde."

The award includes a \$2,000 stipend. She was one of five finalists selected from 150 students nationwide based on their advanced chemistry research, grades and recommendation letters from their mentors.

"The McKnight Award is nationally recognized, and the fact that Emily claimed first prize for chemistry based on our research really speaks volumes about the importance of the work, and the intensity of research Emily is responsible for as an undergraduate," said William Maio, the NMSU chemistry and biochemistry assistant professor who worked with Johnson.

"We are thrilled that she has received

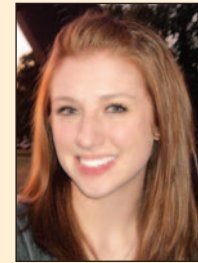
this national recognition for her work in Dr. Maio's laboratory," said Ralph Preszler, an associate professor of biology and the program director of NMSU-HHMI. "She is a great example of the wonderful things that can be accomplished when our teaching and research missions are brought together to provide undergraduate's the opportunity to conduct science."

Johnson, part of a student research team working with Maio to create synthetic versions of molecules that could be modified for human needs, presented her poster at the annual McKnight Biochemistry Retreat held Nov. 4-6 in New Braunfels, Texas.

"It will be an excellent addition to my CV for when I apply to veterinary or graduate school," Johnson said. "It is an award like this that also leads to fellowships at schools with outstanding research programs."

Johnson, who began her research in September 2010, has been accepted into the UT Southwestern SURF program for summer 2012, where she will research natural product isolation.

"It will be a little different than what she's used to, but I am certain she will do very well," Maio said. "Emily's career is off to a great start."



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Senior Activities



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

The center will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2, 2012.

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

AQUATICS CLASS

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

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

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

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

TRAVEL CLUB

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

- **Amtrak/El Paso to Alpine:** Two days and one night, Jan. 23-24, 2012 \$215 double, \$245 single.
- **Rockhound State Park/Adobe Deli Steakhouse**

day trip: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012. \$15. Day trip.

- **Tucson Casino:** Feb 22-24, 2012. \$225 double, \$295 single.
- **Cattleman's Steakhouse, Fabens, Texas.** Feb. 10, 2012. \$70.
- **Savannah/Jekyll Island:** April 13-23, 2012. Motor coach. Call for details.
- **New Orleans:** Nov. 10-18, 2012. Motor coach. Call for details.
- **Canada/New England cruise:** Oct. 10-20, 2012. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

STAINED GLASS

Beginning and advanced stained-glass classes meet at 8:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

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

AEROBICS CLASS

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

CORE EXERCISE CLASS

Core exercise classes are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

LINE DANCING

Beginning line dance classes for anyone over 50 are held from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. each Monday and intermediate line dance classes are held from

1:45 to 2:45 p.m. each Friday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Donations are accepted. For more information, call 528-3000.

HATHA YOGA

Yoga classes are from 8 to 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

T'AI CHI CLASSES

T'ai chi classes are from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

50+ WALKING GROUP

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

- Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012: Triviz multi-use path (at Kohl's)
- Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012: La Llorona Park
- Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012: Las Cruces Dam at Lohman Avenue.
- Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012: Downtown Main Street (Moose Lodge parking lot)
- Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012: Young Park pavilion
- Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012: Mesilla Valley Bosque, Avenida de Mesilla south to Calle del Norte, right across bridge, entrance to park on left
- Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012: Former Tee Time building at Del Rey and Telshor boulevards
- Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012:

Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., at the park
Call the Parks & Recreation Department at 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2182.

MEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

An 8-ball tournament for men ages 50 and over is held the last Wednesday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up is from 8 to 9 a.m. and play begins at 9:15 a.m. Cost is \$3 per person. Gift cards are awarded to first- and second-place winners.

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

THE THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month.

For more information, call Judy at 373-9309, Ann at 522-7240 or Bev at 523-6106.

CARD/TABLE GAMES

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

QUILTERS MEET

The Munson Quilters meet from 9 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Quilters over age 50 of all levels are encouraged to participate. On Fridays, the group works on quilts to be donated to local organizations.

CITY RECREATION

The City of Las Cruces offers recreation and fitness

classes at city recreation and community centers.

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

- **Aerobics:** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- **Yoga:** 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Pilates:** 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **Core/Floor Exercises:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- **Pickleball:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Fridays. Paddles may be rented for \$1.
- **Indoor Cycling:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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

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

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

- **Aquatic Fitness:** 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- **Safe Strength Gentle Cardio Water Workout:** 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays.
- **Water Fitness for Non-Swimmers:** 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.
- **Senior Aquatics Class:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays. Classes are drop in but seniors must be registered with Las Cruces Senior Services.
- **Aqua Fit:** 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays.
- **Aqua Zumba:** 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays.

- **Relax and Stretch:** 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 541-2782.

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

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

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

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

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

Classes in January 2012 are:

- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20: Village at Northrise, Hallmark Building, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway.
- Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24: Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. For more information, call 505-830-3096 or visit www.aarp.org.



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Remembering the homeless at the El Caldito Candlelight Vigil

Photos by
Nicolas Bañales

Luminarias, lit in memory of those homeless who have died, led people to the El Caldito Soup Kitchen at the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope for its annual end-of-year holiday candlelight vigil Wednesday, Dec. 21.



Arturo Mendoza, Gilbert Marquez and Mark Montoya pose next to the Christmas tree.



Gary Clute performed holiday classics on the guitar.

Neighbors We've Lost

DEATH NOTICES

ACOSTA

Edward Acosta, age 56, of Mesilla, New Mexico, died Monday, December 12, 2011. A visitation was held on Friday, December 16, 2011 followed by a rosary at Getz Funeral Home. The funeral service was held on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at Getz Funeral Home. Burial followed at San Albino Cemetery. Arrangements were by Getz Funeral Home. 575-526-2419

BICKHAM

Emily Tarr Bickham, 90, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away in her home Dec. 14th. Bickham worked in a Jeep factory during World War II and spent a career in the restaurant and service industry before retiring and moving to Las Cruces. Bickham was known for her unwavering honesty and compassion. She is survived by her sister Jimmie Mason of Amarillo, Texas; brother Ben Tarr of Las Cruces; her only son, Carl Heathman of Las Cruces; and only grandchild, Eugene Heathman of Ruidoso, New Mexico. Graveside services were held at Masonic Cemetery Dec. 19th. The family requests donations be made to Mesilla Valley Hospice. Arrangements are by La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891. To sign the guest book log on to www.lapaz-grahams.com

DURBIN

Vesta F. Durbin, 69, passed away Saturday, December 17, 2011 at her home. Arrangements are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

COLLINS

Mary Elizabeth Collins, 88, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Monday, December 19, 2011. A visitation will be held at Getz Funeral Home on Monday, December 26, 2011 from 4-6 p.m. A Graveside Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso, NM. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home. 575-526-2419

VEGA

Daniel Vega, 18, passed away Monday, December 19, 2011 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

MONTES

Robert John Montes, 37, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away Saturday, December 17, 2011. Arrangements are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

'Tis the season for the Christmas giving spirit

On Dec. 11, 67 neighbors from Mesa Grande Estates and Las Cruces for Nebraska held a holiday open house and collected food donations for El Caldito Soup Kitchen. Pictured are Paula Aquino, Gabe Chavez, El Caldito board president; Sophia Fanelli; Yolanda Dimas, El Caldito kitchen manager; Lori Plascencia; and Camille Fanelli.



Kendall Wallin with Wells Fargo of Las Cruces presents a check for \$500 to Casa de Peregrinos Emergency Food Bank's Executive Director Lorenzo Alba Jr.



Las Cruces Public Schools photo
Ray Jojola, White Sands Missile Range School liaison officer, holds up cards made by students at Highland Elementary School. The cards, cut and decorated like chile pods, are among the hundreds of that will be sent to troops around the world through the Holiday Mail for Heroes Program. Other schools that participated in the program included Booker T. Washington, César Chávez, Columbia, Conlee, Hillrise, Mesilla, and Sonoma elementary schools; White Sands Elementary and Middle School; Vista Middle School; Oñate High School; and the students and staff at the juvenile detention center.

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'Twas the column before Christmas



Samantha Roberts
Business Editor

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the town, Las Cruces were active, buying presents from around Main Street was busy; shoppers picked gifts with care, In hopes crafts from the farmers market would not go bare.

Hours were extended to calm people's fears, From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the market spreads cheer. Jewelry for mama, and dad spending cash, Families shop local, keeping the economy on track.

When all of a sudden, I remembered a matter, Grandma is coming, with cakes and a platter. Her stocking is empty, but that will not last, With stores nearby and plenty presents to stash.

Mesilla is close, five minutes to the west. A town center that's flowing with only the best. She wants something shiny that's chosen with love, An ornament from Nambé; a frame or a dove?

At Josefina's Gate, Kathleen is quick, Serving hot cider to all, that tradition did stick. And lununarias light the way for families to follow, Singing carols alike, erasing all sorrow.

Sing Frosty. Sing Rudolph. Sing of silent nights. Come bells that are silver and merry sleigh rides. Sing of winter wonders and herald angels that sing. "Joy to the World" and "Jingle Bells" ring.

But shopping is not done and now I must fly, To Big Daddy's Flea Market for more gifts to buy. Sorting through treasurers can be quite a trick. I dash out in haste to finish up quick.

I want something special and informative, too. A book about history that's solid and true. Alas to my surprise, there is such a thing. "Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey"; Oh, the joy it will bring.

As my tale nears the end, I remember once more, I have one place to go; my feet tired and sore. My Christmas feast is incomplete without pie, To Rendez-vous Café, I quickly rush by.

And back to the house, I'm greeted with glee, With family from afar, surrounding the tree. Generations spread from 90 to 1. Celebrating the birth of the unforgotten Son.

Though babies are crying and people are cramped, The house is filled with love, as everyone chants: "Love your neighbor, treat everyone right. Keep shopping local, and to all a good night."

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F&A adds more solar

Lowering costs of pricey plant

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As 2011 comes to a close, businesses are rushing to make end-of-the-year deadlines, including renewable energy certificates (REC) for solar that will change in 2012.

F&A Dairy Products will be expanding its solar systems, adding four 100-kilowatt units to the existing unit the dairy installed in May.

"The four additional units will fuel different parts of the complex and will be located next to the existing unit," said Bob Snyder, vice president of New Mexico operations for F&A Dairy.

Snyder said the dairy decided to add the additional solar now, so it could take advantage of incentives that will expire in 2011.

"RECs are at a peak right now," said Mellow Honek, a managing member of Sunspot Solar Energy Systems, which installed the panels at the dairy. "They are great right now, but they will still be good next year. The incentives are not going away, but will be changing.

"I would definitely recommend other people (add solar). It's a step in the right direction toward energy independence. And we have an abundance of sunshine here."

"We thought if we were going to do it, it better be this year," Snyder said. "The panels significantly offset the energy we use.

"Solar does create enough energy to make a difference."

Though the dairy uses too much energy to be entirely generated by solar, Snyder said the panels will help "take out some of the peaks."

"This is just to offset costs," he said.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

Mellow Honek with Sunspot Solar Energy Systems spoke to guests at F&A Dairy Products about the solar panels installed in May. F&A Dairy will expand their solar units fivefold in March 2012 to lower the plants costs.

"A dairy is a big place, and we use a lot of utilities to process the milk into cheese."

Honek said the amount of solar the dairy will have after construction on the additional panels is completed in March 2012 will be equivalent to 100 solar systems on mid-sizes houses.

"To my knowledge, the one 100-kilowatt unit the dairy has now is the largest commercial system on a privately owned building in New Mexico," Honek said. "The system after everything is completed will be five times that size."

Honek said installing all of the panels will take about 1,300 man hours.

"The dairy has been a great customer, and they are a perfect example of a company that is making an investment in a major resource we have here," Honek said. "Powering a portion of their plant using solar shows what is possible for businesses to do to reduce long-term energy costs."

The dairy doubled in size a little more than one year ago, and now employs

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Tasting room to open by NMSU

Mimbres Valley Brewing Co. Tap Room will neighbor Starbucks

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In mid-2008, Starbucks opened at 985 E. University Ave. in a plaza that bridged the gap between New Mexico State University and the surrounding community.

More than three years later, the coffee shop is getting a new neighbor – the Mimbres Valley Brewing Co. Tap Room.

The tap room will sell six to 10 draft beers from Mimbres Valley Brewing Co., which started brewing beer in Deming in 2010, with a sporadic "guest tap," said Bryan Reedy, co-owner of the brewery and venue.

"The guest tap will feature brewers from the area," Reedy said.

The pub-style bar will also serve local wines and wines that are made at Reedy's Deming site.

With an anticipated opening date of March 2012, Reedy said there is still a lot of work to be done to the 1,000-square-foot space.

"We will transform the space to a pub that is relaxed and laid back," said Reedy, adding that the tap room will also have TVs

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

The Mimbres Valley Brewing Co. Tap Room will open next to Starbucks on University Avenue in March 2012.

Dairy

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about 140 people.

"We are constantly making changes," Snyder said. "Our goal is to get both plants running to full capacity."

F&A Dairy distributes its products to Toucan Market and other distributors. Locally, Dion's Pizza is a purchaser of F&A Dairy products.

The future of dairy in New Mexico

F&A Dairy is one example of growth the dairy industry in New Mexico has seen over the past few years.

"Southern New Mexico is a major player

in the dairy market," said Jeff Witte, director/secretary for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA).

"Southern New Mexico dairies have an abundant milk supply," Snyder said. "Farmers are leaving California and coming to New Mexico and the Texas panhandle."

Milk production in New Mexico averages more than 600 million pounds per month, according to the NMDA. New Mexico currently has 173 dairy farms, with a large number of them in eastern New Mexico. There are 20 processing plants in the state.

"Dairy in New Mexico saw growth in the eastern portion of the state from 2008 to '09," said Robert Hagevoort, extension dairy specialist with New Mexico State University.

Hagevoort said cheese plants in Clovis, N.M., and Dalhart, Texas, spurred this growth.

"There are benefits in New Mexico for the dairy industry," Hagevoort said. "There is a lot of agriculture in New Mexico, so farms can grow the feed that dairies need, and they, in turn, can supply the farms with fertilizer."

"There is a natural free flow from each one."

Hagevoort said dairies also use marginal farmland so they don't compete with other crops. However, dairies are struggling with drought conditions, high feed costs and corn prices that are increased from ethanol demands.

"Depending on world economy, the future of dairy in New Mexico is still great," he said. "It all depends on larger economic factors beyond our control. Linking energy to food policies doesn't make any sense."

Details

New Mexico dairy industry

Overall total dairy production economic impact (2009)... \$1.6 billion

Overall total dairy processing economic impact (2009)... \$2.8 billion

Direct economic impact to the economy \$1 billion

Dairy percentage of gross receipts tax (July 2010-June 2011)..... 3.9%

Total employment generation 8,263 jobs..... \$335 million paid in salaries

Source: New Mexico State University Dairy Extension office

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Mimbres

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to watch major sports games.

Guests will also be entertained by small bands on certain nights as well as have the option of sitting on an outside patio.

Reedy said he chose the location because "it's a high-traffic, high-profile area."

"We looked at other places, but we like that it is close to the university," he said. "We also like that it was in an established area and neighborhood unlike Downtown, which is being revitalized."

Restaurants and businesses across from NMSU are part of the university's master plan that replaced lines of pine trees with a pedestrian-friendly area.

Though some of the details of the tap room are still undecided, such as exact hours of operation, Reedy said he does plan on

selling his beer to other restaurants and pubs in Las Cruces.

"We will have a limited menu, but also encourage people to bring food from other places," Reedy said. "We want people to grab a pizza down the street and bring it here."

"I will talk to surrounding local businesses and see the best times to be open. Ideally, I would like to be open seven days a week."

Jim Reedy, 2012 president of the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico and Bryan Reedy's father, will run the tap room while his son stays in Deming.

"I naturally fell into beer brewing," Bryan Reedy said. "I looked into bringing an experienced brewer to Deming, but it was hard to convince someone to come down here. So I started learning everything myself."

"It's a lot of work and a lot of education. I am learning something new every day."

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By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



Doña Ana Community College

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Doña Ana Community College's East Mesa campus is under its next phase of construction. The \$12 million expansion is part of the plan to make the area DACC's main campus. Construction is expected to be completed by Fall 2012.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Dec. 16	Eyemart Express	3050 E. Lohman Ave	521-5970
Dec. 9	Quick Care Clinic	3030 W. Picacho Ave.	524-8061
Dec. 2	Pic Quik	127 E. Amador Ave.	523-5611
Nov. 25	Lorena's Mexican Food	3961 E. Lohman Ave.	527-8206
Nov. 18	Dr. P.E. Chang's office	4420 E. Lohman Ave.	524-8061

Our numbers

On the 12th day of Christmas ...

- 12** drummers drumming
- 11** pipers piping
- 10** lords-a-leaping
- 9** ladies dancing
- 8** maids-a-milking
- 7** swans-a-swimming
- 6** geese-a-laying
- 5** gold rings
- 4** colly birds
- 3** French hens
- 2** turtledoves

And a partridge in a pear tree

Gas update

Monday, Dec. 19

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **fallen 0.9 cents** per gallon in the past week, averaging **\$2.92** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **fallen 4.3 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.23** per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in New Mexico during the past week, prices **Monday, Dec. 19**, were **15.2 cents** per gallon **higher** than the same day one year ago and are **8.6 cents** per gallon **lower** than a month ago. The national average has **decreased 13.4 cents** during the last month and stands **26.4 cents** per gallon **higher** than one year ago.

1. Sam's Club	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$2.77
2. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$2.79
3. Bradley's	920 El Paseo Road	\$2.83
4. Bradley's	1260 El Paseo Road	\$2.83
5. Pilot	2681 W. Amador Ave.	\$2.85

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com

Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

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Albuquerque	\$106.70	Southwest Airlines
Atlanta	\$265.10	US Airways
Austin	\$128.90	United Airlines
Chicago	\$155.40	Delta Airlines
Dallas/Fort Worth	\$119.70	American Airlines
Houston	\$151.70	US Airways
Las Vegas	\$149.90	US Airways
Los Angeles	\$132.40	US Airways
Phoenix	\$91.70	US Airways
San Antonio	\$122.40	US Airways
New York City	\$184.90	United Airlines
Washington DC	\$173.90	United Airlines
San Diego	\$160.40	American Airlines
London	\$800	American Airlines
Paris	\$795	US Airways
Rome	\$857.30	US Airways

Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective through Dec. 27 *Restrictions apply

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

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

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

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

Source: www.msn.com



Market Snapshot

For the week of Dec. 12-16, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
DJIA	12184.26	11866.39	-317.87	-2.6	2.5
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Death of Kim brings cost of extreme isolation into light

A globalized economy promotes necessary developments, but there are winners and losers



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

Globalization is a controversial concept. Many believe, with some justification, it has contributed to the decline of the American middle class as outsourcing puts downward pressure on U.S. wages.

The ongoing crisis in Europe, brought on from an excessive zeal for integration of economies at different levels of development, illustrates the limits to globalization.

Europe's crisis arises from a shared currency without a shared fiscal policy. Parts of Europe need to devalue relative to Germany and France, but can't because of the common currency. Meanwhile, the European Central Bank (ECB) can't do much as its mandate requires it to maintain price stability regardless of other goals. There is no integrated EU fiscal policy as each EU member operates independently.

In the U.S., regional economic crisis, such as Greece within Europe, is dealt with using national fiscal policy. A regional downturn sparks expanded federal programs locally. Moreover,

interregional migration is common mechanism by which unemployment is relieved. Can't find a job in Seattle? Move to Billings, Mont. After all, the citizens of Washington and Montana speak the same language and share the same national culture, making it easy for a worker to relocate. That's not true for a Greek who might consider migrating to, say, Germany to find a job.

Still, the benefits of globalization outweigh the costs. The problems in Europe, for example, come not from globalization per se, but from poorly constructed institutions. These are typical of newly formed transnational governments. The U.S. had similar problems under the Articles of Confederation during the early Republic. With time, the problems can be worked out either by moving back to a looser confederation without a common currency or forward to a more integrated political union.

In Doña Ana County, we are beneficiaries of globalization. Much of our local growth over the last decade can be attributed to increased activity at the Santa Teresa border crossing. The location of Foxconn just across the border in Geronimo has benefited our local economy. Beyond its direct impact, Foxconn has also attracted suppliers to our area. The Union Pacific intermodal facility is

being located to take advantage of the border crossing and will be an important driver of economic activity in the county during its construction.

Perhaps the most powerful argument for globalization is found by examining regimes that have rejected it. One of the most globally integrated nations is Puerto Rico, which has had a free trade agreement with the U.S. since its conquest during the Spanish American War. Compare the standard of living in Puerto Rico with that of Cuba.

An even more stark example can be found on the Korean peninsula. North Korea and South Korea had essentially the same level of economic development at the end of the Korean War in 1953. The recently deceased Kim Jong Il's isolationism reduced his people to abject poverty. Reports in the mid-2000s, which North Korea suffered a famine, had Koreans eating grass to survive. The typical North Korean, subject to deprivation during childhood, is several inches shorter than their more affluent South Korean cousins.

Imposed or voluntary isolation assure poverty. In addition to Cuba and North Korea, Myanmar, China, under Mao, Iran and Libya suffer similar fates. But with globalization are created winners and losers. Those least able to compete are left behind. A just society ensures the beneficiaries don't forget their less fortunate brethren.

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“ Still, the benefits of globalization outweigh the costs. ”

Pecans prices looking good

Woes are minimal for harvesters

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Doña Ana County pecan growers use an efficient mechanical system to harvest nuts, but the recent rains have thrown this mechanical process off schedule.

To harvest pecans, Mesilla Valley pecan growers need a level, dry and hard-surfaced orchard floor. They use a boom, which is activated by a tractor with an eccentric gear, to grip and shake the tree, dropping nuts to the orchard floor.

Another tractor sweeps up the fallen pecans and tree litter, dumping them into a trailer. Later, pecans are separated from the litter in a cleaning plant.

If equipment is moved into the orchard while the floor still is soft, nuts are lost in the equipment ruts.

Phil Arnold, a buyer with San Saba Pecans, said it has been a frustrating year for pecan growers – a hot, dry summer with a shortage of irrigation water as well as a freeze earlier in the year and now harvest delay and pecan thefts.

“The pecan prices are looking good,” he said. “But the growers are asking us not to give them out because they are having so much trouble with pecan thefts.”

San Saba requires identification of people who sell pecans. “We keep track because food safety regulations require our company to record where our pecans come from,” Arnold said. “If by chance we bought some contaminated pecans, we can check back where they came from. And we keep track of where the pecans came from to help stymie the theft problem.”

The snow pack runoff was poor last year. Pecan growers had to turn to ground water to irrigate their trees, but many of the smaller orchards don't have wells.

“It's been a frustrating year for pecan growers,” Arnold said. “They take care of their trees all summer, they had irrigation problems and now this delay in harvest.”

Until recently, the harvest delay hasn't hurt the quality of the pecans, said Greg Salopek with New Mexico Pecan Co.

“So far, the quality is looking good,” he said. “Overall, the market for December and Christmas is looking strong.”

It could take another week for the orchards to dry out, that is if it doesn't rain, said Greg Daviet, whose orchard is south of Las Cruces.

“Usually, at this time of year we're a week into harvest,” Daviet said. “But, right now, I don't think the harvest delay has

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hurt the nut quality.”

A continued delay could cause problems, according to Paul Koenig with Young Pecan Co. He is watching for embryo rot when the nuts start to crack, hull stick-tights and theft.

“Thefts are already happening in my orchard,” he said.

The company prediction for this crop is 58 million in-shell pounds.

“(That is) if we can get the pecans harvested in time,” Koenig said.

The Stahmann Farms Country Store, 6.5 miles south of Mesilla, is making New Mexico pecans known through its mail order business.

“We ship pecan gift packages from October to December – our peak season,” store manager Eva Valerio said.

The most popular gift items are pecan halves, chile dusted pecan halves and large pecan chocolate clusters in tins or baskets.

The gift packages are shipped throughout the U.S., Canada, Germany, Africa and to American military posts.

“We harvest 8 million to 10 million pounds of in-shell pecans a year in November and December,” Valerio said. “They are held in storage until shipped or sold at the Country Store.”

Doña Ana County has 25,600 acres of mature, pecan-bearing trees, the highest in the state. New Mexico’s 2010 pecan production was 66 million pounds, down slightly because of the early freeze.

Growers received an average of \$2.83 a pound to bring in a production value of \$187 million, the highest in the nation, according to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture.



Givers versus takers

‘Tax breaks for oil companies’

Jim Spence
Business Matters



A catchy phrase tossed around frequently in today’s pop culture is “tax breaks for oil companies.”

Instead of merely accepting the full implications of this phrase at face value, the realities of the contributions to government and society by oil companies should be fully understood.

There are many false notions about the companies that produce essential products we require for travel, warmth, nutrition and the manufacture of everything from appliances and computers to smart phones. Millions of uninformed people draw the incorrect conclusion that oil companies are somehow “on the take.”

For decades, our federal tax codes have been written in a way that narrows the definitions of various costs unique to the oil and gas industry. While the rules in the tax codes governing the timing of realizing costs such as depreciation and depletion are occasionally accelerated or decelerated, these items should never be viewed as “tax breaks.” They are schedules that apply to real business costs.

The oxymoronic term “tax expenditure” has become a phrase useful for manipulating the uninformed. Often, the use of this term is based on the bogus premise the government has unlimited

discretion over the process of accepting or rejecting various business costs. With this completely false assumption firmly in place, when legitimate costs are properly accounted for as expenses by oil companies, preachers in the man-made climate change religion’s hierarchy feel free to apply the false, but politically effective label of, “tax expenditure.” They do so to encourage their congregations to accept as a matter of faith that a taxpayer giveaway is taking place.

For a couple of decades, the new age

religion of man-made climate change has been the fastest growing faith on Earth. Unfortunately for America, religious fanaticism originating in this faith’s churches is the primary impediment to intelligent national energy policy. Ironically, at stake are massive government subsidies in the form of grants to these new age churches.

The annual availability of billions for man-made climate change studies has spawned devoted government grant-dependent church hierarchies in all 50 states. The preachers in these pulpits are politically adroit.

While simultaneously collecting cash from governments, this clever clergy refers to legitimate cost allocation provisions in the federal tax code as “tax breaks for oil companies.” Their devoted congregations are indifferent to oil business costs or basic accounting.

Having religiously attended publicly funded man-made climate change Bible schools, they have been systematically

conditioned to become true believers in the satanic nature of oil companies. The human history of religions repeats itself. All heretics are referred to as “deniers” and persecuted.

Strangely enough, preachers and members of these new age congregations do not seem to have the personal discipline to refrain from the acts of using fossil-fuel based products. Surely they must suffer from guilt, remorse, and self-loathing each day as they take actions to stay warm, eat, travel, and use their smart phones. Their repeated succumbing to temptation is reminiscent of Joan Jett’s classic rock song, “I Hate Myself for Loving You.” Step aside, Jimmy Swaggart!

Suddenly the religion of man-made climate change is under fire. Canada just rejected their favorite canonized scripture, the ill-conceived Kyoto Treaty. A Nobel Prize winning physicist, Dr. Ivar Giaever, recently left the church blaming anti-science fanatics. And despite the coddling and subsidizing of politically connected wind and solar businesses, the number of bankruptcies and related job losses is also a threat to the offering plates. Add to this the recent scandals of Climate-gate and suddenly there has been a marked resurgence of agnosticism. It seems the potential for growth in future devotions to man-made climate change bible study classes is suddenly less assured.

There is an “inconvenient truth.” It is inconvenient the tax revenue contribution math is so very simple. Wind and solar companies, the favorites of church fanatics, have always been huge net “takers” from taxpayers. And the supposedly satanic oil companies? They have always been huge net “givers.”

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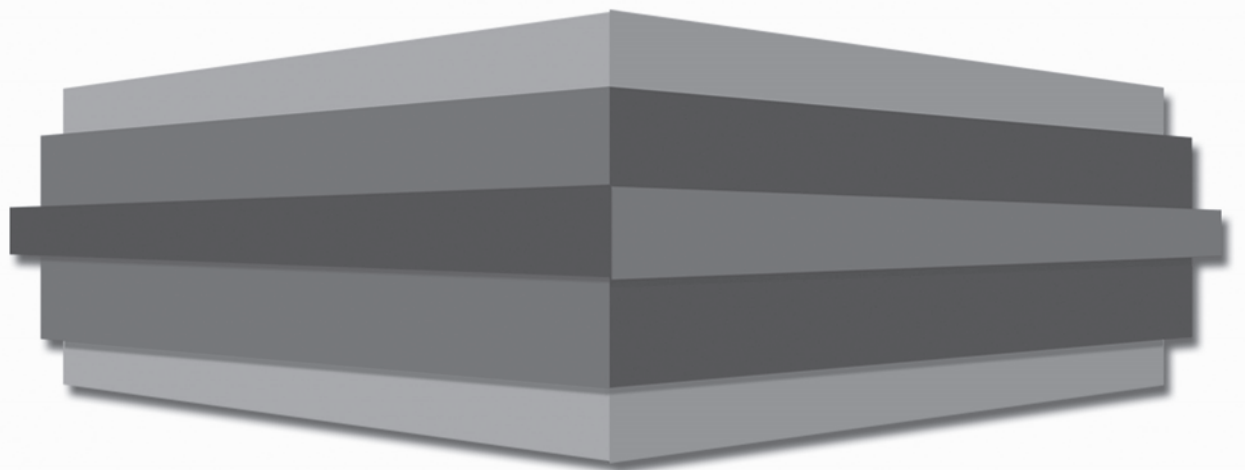


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End-of-the-year plans should include charitable giving

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

End-of-the-year giving means more than feeling good.

It means making a difference in the community, and many are taking a more active roll in giving.

The Giving USA Foundation announced giving is up 3.8 percent from 2009 to 2010, however, it hasn't increased enough to offset the dip in giving in 2008 and 2009 when those

affected by the economy refrained from giving as much.

The announcement showed that 35 percent of all donations, or \$100.63 billion, went to religious organizations. Fourteen percent went to the second largest sector – education.

Nine percent of donations went to human services charities; 8 percent went to health charities; 8 percent went to public benefit charities; 5 percent went to arts, culture and humanities charities; 5 percent went to international charities; and 2 percent went to

environmental and animal charities.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) is an organization ready and willing to make a difference in charitable giving in all sectors within southern New Mexico, and the end of the year is a good time to give.

Sebert and Barrett Brewer, husband and wife in Gila, N.M., are going to start 2012 with a new fund within the CFSNM that will impact Grant County.

"We met with the Community Foundation to start this fund because we've seen what a little bit of money and time and commitment can do," said Barrett Brewer, who was successful in starting the Island Education Fund in Maine with her husband.

Through that fund, the couple was able to raise money for a performing arts center. And now the fund presents annual gifts.

"We've been involved forever and monetary giving is part of that," he said. "It is who we are."

Currently, the CFSNM manages nonprofit and private endowments. Endowments are permanent funds that are created through a legal agreements, and then professionally managed by the CFSNM. Once an endowment is created, the principal lasts forever and continues to produce earnings, which can then be used to support its intended purpose. In addition to the portion of the funds used for the program, a portion of earnings is returned to the principal of the endowment and a portion is earmarked for management of the endowment. The CFSNM also manages scholarships, donor advised

funds and temporary funds, allowing donors several opportunities to find a cause that fits their charitable desires. Through the CFSNM, donors can contribute with cash, publicly traded stock, closely held stock, property, will and bequest assets, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, life insurance policies and IRA/retirement plans.

Through the establishment of temporary and permanent funds, organizations can accept charitable contributions to further their mission without going through all of the requirements of becoming a nonprofit. Establishment of funds can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to the

heart. Through 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 Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the Community Foundation offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of the foundation is that you need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the

lives of people throughout our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds you can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to your heart. Through our planned giving programs, you can honor loved ones or leave a

legacy that benefits the people of southern New Mexico for generations to come. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico can advise you on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information see our website at www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794. To donate, mail your check to CFSNM, 301 S. Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

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Time for New Year's financial resolutions

Once again, it's time to make some New Year's resolutions.

What types of resolutions might you consider? Here are a few suggestions:

Contribute more to your retirement accounts. To help yourself build resources for the lifestyle you've envisioned as a retiree, try to boost your contributions to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. You can do this if you get a salary increase and devote at least part of it to your 401(k).

At the same time, try to "max out" on your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). For 2012, you can contribute up to \$5,000 to an IRA or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older.

Reduce your debts. Look for ways to cut down or consolidate your debts. It may not be easy, but it's worth the effort because the lower your debt load, the more money you'll have available to invest for the future.

Build an emergency fund. If you don't already have an emergency fund containing between six and 12 months' worth of living expenses, start building one soon. Keep the money in a liquid vehicle – one that's separate from your everyday checking and savings accounts.

Don't overreact to volatility. In 2011, the financial markets have been volatile, with big gains followed by big drops followed by big gains – a true roller coaster pattern. Try not to let large, short-term price movements influence your investment decisions. Many

of the factors that cause jumps or declines are not that relevant to long-term results – and as an investor, you want to focus on the long term.

Be aware of different types of risk. For many investors, "investment risk" strictly means the possibility of losing principal when the value of an investment drops. Consequently, to cut back on their risk in the face of a volatile market, they may sell off stocks and load up on certificates of deposit (CDs), bonds and other so-called "safer" investments. But each investment actually carries its own type of risk. For example, if you own CDs that pay a 2 percent return, and the inflation rate is 3 percent, you will lose purchasing power over time. And if you wanted to sell your bonds before they had matured, you'd have to sell them at a discount if the market interest rate had risen above the "coupon" rate of your bond because no one would pay you full price for them. Just be aware that no investment is "risk-free," and try to build a diversified portfolio that can lessen the impact of one specific type of risk.

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Buying a condo vs. a house

Diligent research can have long-term benefits

Gary Sandler's
Real Estate Connection



Buying a condominium is a great lifestyle choice for lots of people, from downsizing retirees to busy professionals who don't have time to worry about maintenance and yard work.

Many people tend to think of a condo as a house without a yard, but it's far more than that. In reality, it's a business partnership that's managed by the individual owners.

Typically, condo owners enjoy 100 percent ownership of the interior of their unit, from the first coat of paint on the walls inward. Each owner also owns a proportional share of the common area, which includes the exterior of the buildings, the grounds, parking areas, roofs, swimming pools, playgrounds, etc. In a 120-unit complex, each owner also holds title to an undivided 1/120th of the common area, often adjusted by the proportionate size of the individual units.

Owners are responsible for paying their share of the expenses required to operate the complex, which is where things can get sticky.

Let's say it costs \$3,600 per month to cover basic monthly expenses, such as maintaining the grounds, operating the pool, providing outside lighting and performing general maintenance. That amounts to \$30 per month per unit. But wait, there's more.

Let's also say that projections indicate it will cost \$120,000 to replace the roofs, resurface the parking areas and repaint the building exteriors after 10 years. To cover those expenses, the owners will have to set aside an additional \$100 per month per unit, resulting in a total condo fee of \$130 per month per unit.

In a perfect world, projections are accurate, and sufficient funds are set aside to cover daily and future expenses. That's not always the case, however. When expenses fall short of income, one of two things has to happen. Either the monthly fee is increased or a one-time, lump sum special assessment is levied upon each unit owner. So, how can a condo buyer determine true fiscal health of a condo complex before deciding to purchase?

First, ask if there been any special assessments levied during the past three years. Are there major maintenance or improvement projects anticipated in the next 12 months? If so, are there sufficient reserves to cover those expenses? Next, ask if there are any current disputes among owners or lawsuits the association is trying to resolve. Also, ask to see the current and previous year's budgets and year-to-date current expenses. Finally, review the balance sheets for several years. Balance sheets are snapshots of the association's financial condition at given points in time.

New Mexico law requires condo associations to provide all relevant financial information to prospective purchasers prior to closing a sale; so take advantage of the opportunity and review the info before making your final purchasing decision. Doing your due diligence will eliminate any unpleasant surprises after the sale.

See you at closing!

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Jeff Witte: Ag secretary packs in experience

Goals: Expand markets in New Mexico, help citizens

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In 1994, Jeff Witte took a job as the assistant director of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA), 18 years later, he returned to the department to lead the pack.

While attending New Mexico State University, Witte admitted he didn't know what career he wanted, but he knew he liked agriculture.

"I thought I might do agriculture lending," said Witte, who grew up on a ranch in northern New Mexico. "My roots and interests are in agriculture. I like to eat."

Witte served as the assistant director of NMDA from 1994 to 2003.

"I took care of day-to-day operations," he said. "That job gave me a good insight to the director's position because I really got to know the operations of the department, marketing and developing the agriculture industry."

"The NMDA has a big regulatory department, protecting consumers and retailers from pesticides, fertilizers, nurseries and so forth."

In 2004, Witte co-directed the Southwest Border Food Safety and Defense Center at NMSU. The center started a group to address food safety issues in New Mexico, and kept Witte on his toes.

"With the international movement for imports and exports, there are a lot of opportunities for things to go wrong," Witte said. "In one week, the average person eats foods from 30 different countries. I definitely had to stay one step ahead and there were a lot of challenges."

On May 16, Witte took office in his current position, director/secretary of the NMDA, a job he said has been "very gratifying."



Jeff Witte, director/secretary of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, took office in May. He brings knowledge from the New Mexico Farm Bureau and previous experience at the NMDA to his position.

"It's very rewarding to watch people become more successful in agriculture," Witte said. "We gave \$1,000 scholarships to fourth graders for growing their own cabbage. To see their eyes light up and their interest in agriculture increase was really great."

Perhaps one of Witte's biggest challenges is getting young people excited about agriculture to offset the aging population of farmers.

"The average age of a farmer is 59 years old," Witte said. "The younger generation of agriculture has a promising future, we just have to get more people involved."

Over the past 30 years, Witte said he has

seen agriculture in southern New Mexico shift and mature.

"Thirty years ago, the main production here were cows and calves," Witte said. "They were shipped somewhere else and brought back here to be consumed. The food production industry in the state is growing. The state has matured, and farmers are developing farmers markets to get their products to people."

"I have also watched the wine industry grow as well as seen southern New Mexico become a major player in the dairy market."

Witte said he uses his knowledge to find the best way to help New Mexicans, even though they may not know it.

"People don't realize it, but everyone is affected daily by something our offices has its hands on," Witte said, "from the protection of

Jeff Witte
Director/secretary

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petroleum to checking scales in the grocery market to make sure one pound is really one pound. We do a lot of unique things."

Perhaps the most unique aspect of the NMDA director/secretary position is it is selected by the NMSU Board of Regents, giving the board a significant amount of power over New Mexico agriculture.

In the future, Witte said he will focus on building new markets for New Mexico and increase existing ones.

"The Pecan (industry) is an international market and a permanent crop," he said. "It can't be rotated. I would like to see this market grow and develop because the demand for high quality nuts it out there."

"Right now, it just needs to keep raining. The equation to successful farming is take the best land and best farmers - which we have - add water and stir."

Witte stays active in agriculture outside of his job, supporting his children's 4-H activities and enjoying the land in New Mexico.

"My family and I love to camp in New Mexico," Witte said. "I love to elk hunt and trout fish in northern New Mexico."

Witte is a member of Infragard New Mexico; New Mexico Biosecurity Work Group with the U.S. Attorney's office; and is a founding member of AgriGard, a national workgroup that brings

together industry and law enforcement. He is also a member of the Association of Food and Drug Officials Food Protection and Defense Committee.

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Cheerful and merry at the Green Chamber Holiday Party

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Gary and Andrea Camuñez join the festivities during the second annual Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party at the Alameda House Thursday, Dec. 15.



Isabella Valdevit dons a mask for the festivities.



U.S. Congressional candidate Evelyn Erhard and her husband Tom



Don Kurtz and his wife Ann Gutierrez share a dance together at the holiday party.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201101555

**BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING, LP FKA
COUNTRYWIDE HOME
LOANS SERVICING LP,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**NELSON ARROYO AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
NELSON ARROYO, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2012 at 1:30 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 7 in Block A of EDGEWOOD NORTH SUBDIVISION NUMBER ONE, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Edgewood North Subdivision Number One, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico On April 18, 1966 in Plat Book 9, Folio 95.

The address of the real property is 1060 Jasmine Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 9, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$189,951.28 plus interest from November 30, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff

may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

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

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM00-03176_FC01

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-0307-CV-201101917

**BANK OF AMERICA,
N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY
MERGER TO BAC HOME
LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA
COUNTRYWIDE HOME
LOANS SERVICING LP,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**GLORIA BARRIO, FIRST
RESOLUTION INVESTMENT
CORP AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
GLORIA BARRIO, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2012 at 1:30 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A tract of land situate Northwest of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 17, T.26S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Tract 25-51A1D and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a nail found in a concrete post for the Northwest corner of the tract herein described, whence the Section corner common to Sections 8, 9, 16 & 17, T.26S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys bears N. 38°06'16" E., 3356.90 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning N. 81°07'39" E., 138.37 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S. 04°52'39" E., 1076.72 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the North line of Refugio Colony Grant for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the North line of Refugio Colony Grant, S. 89°09'04" W., 217.47 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the North line of Refugio colony Grant, N. 00°35'15" W., 1054.76 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.339 acre of land, more or less.

The address of the real property is 408 Barrio Rd, Anthony, NM 88021. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 7, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$123,599.94 plus interest from October 12, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

A tract of land situate Northeast of La Union, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 17, T.27S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of U.S.R.S. Tract 30-24A2 and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southwest corner of the tract herein described; whence a brass cap found at the Southwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 30-24A2 bears N. 58°06'00" W., 503.13 feet;

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with

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

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

Jeffrey Lake
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM00-03556_FC01

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-0307-CV-02011-02124

**WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL
NEW MEXICO, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**CLAY W. WARD AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
CLAY W. WARD, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2012 at 1:30 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A tract of land situate Northeast of La Union, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 17, T.27S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of U.S.R.S. Tract 30-24A2 and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southwest corner of the tract herein described; whence a brass cap found at the Southwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 30-24A2 bears N. 58°06'00" W., 503.13 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning, N.31°54'00" E., 100.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence S. 58°06'00" E., 320.50 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set on the West line of the Little La Union Lateral for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the West of said Lateral, S.24°49'33" W., 100.77 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the lateral, N.

58°06'00" W., 332.90 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.750 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Warranty Deed filed July 31, 1986, in Book 386, Pages 599-603, Doña Ana County records. A plat was prepared under Job#98-0512. Field Notes by Moy Surveying, Inc., License No. 5939.

The address of the real property is 447 Gabaldon Road, Anthony, NM 88021. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 15, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$107,687.33 plus interest from October 21, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.880% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2012 at 1:30 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 4, Block 14, COLLEGE PARK REPLAT NO.2, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on September 4, 1963, in Book 1 Page(s) 66 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1918 Gladys Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 8, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$136,595.95 plus interest from November 2, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.625% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201101800

**BANK OF OKLAHOMA
FINANCIAL, N.A. D/B/A
BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**KHODOR ELHAJJ AKA
KHODOR M. ELHAJJ,
BANAN SHAWAR AKA
BANAN S. SHAWAR
AKA BANAN ELHAJJ,
COMPASS BANK, MYC
ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSTRUCTION AND
G-S ROOFING INC.,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2012 at 1:30 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 4, Block 14, COLLEGE PARK REPLAT NO.2, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on September 4, 1963, in Book 1 Page(s) 66 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1918 Gladys Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 8, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$136,595.95 plus interest from November 2, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.625% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

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

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later

date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201101818

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**DEBRA ALDRICH AKA
DEBRA SUE ALDRICH AND
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF DEBRA ALDRICH AKA
DEBRA SUE ALDRICH, IF
ANY, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2012 at 1:30 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A tract of land situate northwest of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 22, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as part of U.S.R.S. Tract 25-92A, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron rod set for the northeast corner of the

tract herein described, whence the section corner common to Sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys bears the following three courses and distances: North 0°05'00" East, a distance of 996.01 feet to a point on the south line of Joy Drive (Doña Ana County Road No. A-062); thence South 89°45'00" East, a distance of 1017.50 feet to the northeast corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 25-92A; and thence South 88°38'04" East, a distance of 2627.98 feet to the section corner;

THENCE from the place of beginning and following along the center of a 50 foot wide road and utility easement South 0°05'00" West, 308.65 feet to the southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE South 86°56'05" West, 175.55 feet to an angle point;

THENCE South 86°48'00" West, 11.89 feet to the southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE North 0°03'00" East, 319.52 feet to the northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE South 89°45'00" East, 187.33 feet to the place of beginning.

The address of the real property is 2623 Quarterhorse Drive, Anthony, NM 88021. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 29, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$70,870.33 plus interest from August 18, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and

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

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201101981

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

v.

LARRY C. GARCIA, FIRST NEW MEXICO BANK, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LARRY C. GARCIA, IF ANY AND JODI-RAE MOORE, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT ON FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s) Larry C. Garcia and The Unknown Spouse of Larry C. Garcia, if any.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 241 Carr Street, Hatch, NM 87937, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lots numbered 25 and 26 of Martin Addition to the Town of Hatch, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Martin Addition to the Town of Hatch, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 13, 1944 in Plat Book 6, Folio 28.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By:
Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven Lucero

20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 28th day of November, 2011.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Deputy

NM00-03386_FC01

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Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-0201102570

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

v.

JULIE MOLINA AKA JULIE A. MOLINA, MELISSA MOLINA AKA MELISSA ANN MOLINA, CARLA MOLINA AKA CARLA JEAN MOLINA, JEFFREY PAUL MOLINA, CERTIFIED CONCRETE PRODUCTS, INC., ARTURO FLORES, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JULIE MOLINA AKA JULIE A. MOLINA IF ANY, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MELISSA MOLINA AKA MELISSA ANN MOLINA, IF ANY, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARLA MOLINA AKA CARLA JEAN MOLINA, IF ANY AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEFFREY MOLINA AKA JEFFREY PAUL MOLINA, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s) Arturo Flores.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 542 N. Highway 292, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: A tract of land situate west of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being U.S.R.S. Tract 9C-91 in Section 14, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian of the U.S.R.S. Surveys and being further described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at an iron rod found at the intersection of the east line of New Mexico State Highway 292 and the south line of the Longwell Lateral for the northwest corner of this tract, whence an iron pipe found on the east line of said Highway for the most southerly corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 9C-92C bears the following two courses and distances: S. 24° 53' 18" E. 296.58 feet, thence S. 31° 21' 33" E. 630.49 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning, along the south line of Longwell Lateral, S. 68° 33'

18° E. 216.62 feet to an iron rod set for the northeast corner of this tract;

Thence leaving said Lateral, S. 08° 57' 00" W. 75.00 feet to an iron rod set for the southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N. 83° 26' 00" W. 126.37 feet to an iron rod set on the east line of Highway 292, for the southwest corner of said tract;

Thence along Highway 292, N 24° 53' 18" W. 153.05 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.371 acres of land, more or less.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

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Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 28th day of November, 2011.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Deputy

NM11-01543_FC01

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Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-0201102411

HSBC BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-AR2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff,

v.

RICHARD P. CORLEY, CAROL K. CORLEY, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS) AND BANK OF THE RIO GRANDE, N.A., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s) Richard P. Corley and Carol K. Corley.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 4244 Capistrano Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 21, Block A, CAPISTRANO ESTATES, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 3824 on 9/29/2003 in Book 20 Page(s) 441-43 of Plat Records.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

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

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 16th day of November, 2011.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Deputy

NM00-05028_FC01

Pub # 11374
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-11-1410

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CHL Mortgage Pass-Through Trust 2006-HYB1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HYB1, Plaintiff,

vs.

BORIS MERZLAK; LANA NOIKOVA-MERZLAK; and SONOMA RANCH EAST SUBDIVISION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 4, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2479 Gila Bend Loop, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 9 in Block E of Sedona Hills Subdivision 3 at Sonoma Ranch East, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on August 20, 2004 and recorded in Book 20 at Pages 764-765, Plat Record.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above

Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 15, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$285,055.34 and the same bears interest at 3.250% per annum from October 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,436.64. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

Pamela Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 11375
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

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

No. CV-2011-1559

BOKE, N.A. dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

CHANDRA BAKER, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1616 Winton Circle, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 4, BLOCK 2, MCCLURE MANOR SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JUNE 20, 1984, IN BOOK 13, PAGE(S) 265-266 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 2:15 p.m. on January 13, 2012, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKE, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on November 28, 2011, in the principal sum of \$131,539.98, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through December 1, 2011, in the amount of \$6,576.96 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$18.02 per diem, plus late charges of \$220.23, plus escrow advances of \$1,465.40, plus fee and cost advances of \$750.00, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$950.00 and costs in the amount of \$753.97, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 5.00% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Special Master
2222 Parkwest Drive, N.W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87120
(505) 228-8484

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of P. d. D. S. O., A. L., R. A., and N. A., children, And Concerning Maria De Jesus Silva, Jose Reyes Alvarado, Alexandro Lara and Jesus Olivas, Respondents.

No. JQ-2011-08
Judge: Macias

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Alexandro Lara Montes and Jose Reyes Alvarado, Respondents.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused R.A., N.A., and A.L. children, and seeks legal custody of the children.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the District

Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the last publication date of this Notice. Unless you appear at the hearing on the petition in the above court, a judgment may be entered against you.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is: Linda Burson, P.O. Box 2135 Las Cruces, NM 88004, 575-373-6404

THIS PROCEEDING COULD RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE NAMED CHILD/REN.

Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

(Seal) Clerk of the District Court

by /s/ Peggy R. Brock
Deputy
Date: 11/22/2011

Pub # 11377
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

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

NO: D-0307-CV-02011-01405
Hon. James T. Martin

BANK OF NEW YORK, MELLON, f/k/a THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, BY ITS DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., AS SUB-SERVICER, Plaintiff,

vs.

RAMONA A. CHACON, AND DAVID GARCIA, AND GLORIA GARCIA, AS OCCUPANTS OF THE 1997 OAKWOOD 1149 MODEL MANUFACTURED HOME, SERIAL NUMBER HOTX09903435, Defendants.

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION SUMMONS - STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TO: DAVID GARCIA, RAMONA CHACON

Last Known Address: 117 E. Lisa Drive
Chaparral, NM 88081

You are hereby notified that the above named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above entitled court and cause, the object thereof being to repossess certain personal property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico and legally described as a:

1997 Oakwood 1149 Model Manufactured Home, Serial Number HOTX09903435 located at 117 E. Lisa Drive, Chaparral, NM 88081

You are further notified that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion in this cause on or before February 29, 2012, a judgment or other appropriate relief will be entered against you by default. Michael J. Craddock of Craddock Davis & Krause LLP, 3100, Monticello Avenue, Suite 550, Dallas, Texas 75205-3466, is the attorney for the Plaintiff, Bank of New York, Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee, by its Duly Authorized Attorney-in-fact, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., as

Sub-Servicer. You are directed to file a responsive pleading with the Court and send a copy to Plaintiff's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
CRADDOCK DAVIS & KRAUSE LLP

By:
/s/ Michael J. Craddock
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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

Pub # 11378
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 2, 2011, Frank Franzoy, PO BOX 641, Hatch, NM 87937, filed application numbered LRG-10835-POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well and Permit to Use Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-10835-POD3 on land owned by the applicant located within the NE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 27, T18S, R04E, NMPM and drilling proposed well LRG-10835-POD4 within the SE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 27, T18S, R04E located on land owned by the applicant, at approximately X=1,338,662 Y=625,366 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83), for the combined diversion of shallow groundwater and surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 95.42 acres of land owned by the applicant within Pt. W1/2 of Section 26, T18S, R04E and Pt. E1/2 of said Section 27. The supplemental component of the application seeks to use proposed well LRG-10835-POD4 for the combined diversion of shallow groundwater and surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 19.2 acres of land owned by the applicant within Pt. SE1/4 of said section 27 in conjunction with existing wells LRG-10835, LRG-10835-S and LRG-12959 (located within the SW1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 of said Section 27). LRG-10835, LRG-10835-S and proposed well LRG-10835-POD4 are located approximately 1,600 ft. southwest, 100 ft. southwest and 320 ft. southwest, respectively, of the intersection of Saratoga St. and Hwy 187. Well LRG-12959 is located approximately 1,730 ft. northwest of the intersection of Rancho Bonito Rd. and Carriage Hills Rd. on the west side of Carriage Hills Rd., approximately 1.0 mile west of Salem, NM. Well LRG-10835-POD3 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible,

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

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Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

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

No. CV-2011-2434
Judge James T. Martin, Jr.

SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.

MERION M. CRAIG, Defendant.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT TO DEFENDANT MERION M. CRAIG

You are hereby notified that Springleaf Financial Services, Inc., the above-named Plaintiff, has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled court and cause, the general object thereof being to collect upon a debt related to the alleged default on a Promissory Note by you executed in favor of Plaintiff American General Financial Services, Inc. on April 4, 2011. Unless you enter your appearance in this cause within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication of this Notice, judgement by default will be entered against you.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
MARTIN, LUTZ, ROGGOW, & EUBANKS, P.C.

By /s/ David P. Lutz
P.O. Drawer 1837
Las Cruces, NM 88004-1837
(575) 526-2449
(575) 526-0946 (FAX)
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Pub # 11381
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

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

Cause No. CV-2011-2808
Judge: Arrieta

MARGARITA GUZMAN, Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL DENNIS

GALLEGOS, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MICHAEL DENNIS GALLEGOS, AND ANY CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION PENDING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiffs have filed a Complaint to Quiet Title in the above-entitled and numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico seeking quiet title to the real property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 20, Block 4 of Ponderosa Mobile Home Subdivision Phase III B, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico as shown on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of said County on January 28, 1999 and recorded in Book 19 at Pages 235, plat books.

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

Plaintiffs' attorney is John A. Darden, The Darden Law Firm, P. A. whose mailing address is Post Office Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0578.

WITNESSETH the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, in the State of New Mexico and the seal of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County this 23rd day of November, 2011.

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT CLERK
By /s/ Nancy Heavner
Deputy

Pub # 11386
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2011-127

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

vs.

KENNETH E. DRESSER, and if married, JANE DOE DRESSER, (True Name Unknown), his spouse; and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (IRS), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 11, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 608 Missy Court, Sunland Park, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

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

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 29, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$154,032.90 and the same bears interest at 6.5% per annum from October 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,825.35. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption. Defendant United States of America (IRS) shall have a 120-day right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 11387
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011 & 1/6, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-2476

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, National Association, Successor in Interest to Washington Mutual Bank FA, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF MAE JOHNSON, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF MAE JOHNSON, Deceased; ROSS J. JOHNSON, Personal Representative of the Estate of Mae Johnson, Deceased; KIM R. JOHNSON, and if married JANE DOE JOHNSON (true name unknown), his spouse; and THE UNITED

STATES OF AMERICA, (IRS), Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) The Estate of Mae Johnson, Deceased; The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Mae Johnson, Deceased and Kim R. Johnson is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 3521 Hermosillo Court, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT 6 IN BLOCK B OF HERMOSILLO VILLAS SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JULY 12, 1984 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 13, AT PAGES 278, PLAT RECORD.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A.
4501 Indian School Road NE,
Suite 101
P.O. Box 3509
Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509
(505) 254-7767
FAX: 254-4722/4706

December 1, 2011
By /s/ Deborah A. Nesbitt
Deborah A. Nesbitt/Amber G. Cash
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 7th day of December, 2011.

JAMES DEMPSEY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By Nancy Heavner
(SEAL) Deputy

Pub # 11388
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-2406

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

vs.

EDWARD R. FRIETZE; and JOSIE D. FRIETZE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 11, 2012, at the

hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3901 Elks Rd., Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 15, Country Club Manor No. 1, in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 11, 1957, recorded in Book 1, Page 32, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 1, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$63,411.15 and the same bears interest at 6.125% per annum from May 17, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,553.83. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
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575-642-5567

Pub # 11389
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011 & 1/6, 2012

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

No. CV-2011-2664

BOKE, N.A. dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DEANE P. BAILEY, deceased, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,

INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. and DEBORAH A. WATKINS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DEANE P. BAILEY, DECEASED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the above Court on November 2, 2011, against the above-named Defendants. The general object of the Complaint is to foreclose a lien of Plaintiff against certain real property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3544 Roma Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 26, SANDHILL VILLAGE PHASE #2, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 6, 2004, IN BOOK 20, PAGES 533-536 OF PLAT RECORDS

and to foreclose the interests of the above named Defendants and any other parties bound by the notice of lis pendens in the Property, all as more specifically stated in the Complaint filed in this cause of action.

FURTHER, the above-named Defendants Unknown Heirs of Deane P. Bailey, deceased, are hereby notified that they have until thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice in which to file an answer or other pleading responsive to the Complaint and should said Defendants choose not to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment or other appropriate relief may be rendered against the above-named Defendants.

Richard M. Leverick of the law firm of Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C., whose address and phone number is 5120 San Francisco Rd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 858-3303, is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

JAMES H. DEMPSEY
CLERK OF THE COURT (SEAL)
By: /s/ Nancy A. Heavner
Deputy

Pub # 11390
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

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

No. PB 2011-119
Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNE MARY SCHROEDER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice

or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

/s/ WILLIAM SCHATZMAN
Personal Representative
3500 Paradise Lane
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Submitted by:
MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

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

Pub # 11391
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 9, 2011, Dennis J. Rogers, 225 E. Idaho #15, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-1177-2A into LRG-14178-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well and Place of Use in Doña Ana County within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin. The application proposes to transfer the diversion of 11.745 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater from an adjudicated water right used for the irrigation of 2.61 acres of land owned by DTJ Development, LLC, of which water rights have been conveyed to Dennis J. Rogers located in the SW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 33, T2S, R2E, NMPM from well LRG- 1177 located on land owned by William Smith within the SW1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 04, T24S, R2E to existing well LRG-14178-POD 1 located on land owned by Zohrab A. Samani within the SW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 26, T25S, R02E, at approximately X=1,498,410 Y=399,525 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the irrigation of 2.61 acres of land owned by Zohrab A. Samani in Pt. SE1/4 of said Section 26. Move From well LRG-1177 is located approximately 2,300 ft. west of the intersection of Rocky Rd. and Stern Dr. west of the dead end of Rocky Rd., west of Las Cruces. Move to well LRG-14178-POD 1 is located approximately 275 ft. northwest of the intersection of Rattlesnake Rd. and County Rd. B-010, approximately 2.75 miles west southwest of Vado, NM. Well LRG-1177 will be retained for other water rights.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Judgment for Plaintiff, entered on November 29, 2011 in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which, among other things, was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage against all secured real property by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$133,483.31 through November 29, 2011, on which post-judgment interest shall run at 8.75% per annum until satisfied in full, which the Special Master calculates to be a per diem of \$31.999421 for 44 days to the date of the Special Master's sale (the "Sale"), for total post-judgment interest of \$1,407.97, together with attorney fees incurred and costs of sale to the date of sale, and a reasonable Special Master's fee. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit his bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of his judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash at the sale.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights*; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the

hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

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

Cause No. CV 2011-1550
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS, Plaintiff,

v.

EMILIO ENRIQUEZ and GLORIA ENRIQUEZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 12th day of January, 2012, at 10:00 AM, at the east entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following real property located in said County and State:

Lot 1, Block 15, Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Subdivision (B), in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat Number 144A, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on June 2, 1911, and recorded in Book 4, Page 24, Plat Records.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Judgment for Plaintiff, entered on November 29, 2011 in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which, among other things, was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage against all secured real property by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$133,483.31 through November 29, 2011, on which post-judgment interest shall run at 8.75% per annum until satisfied in full, which the Special Master calculates to be a per diem of \$31.999421 for 44 days to the date of the Special Master's sale (the "Sale"), for total post-judgment interest of \$1,407.97, together with attorney fees incurred and costs of sale to the date of sale, and a reasonable Special Master's fee. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit his bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of his judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash at the sale.

Bidders, to the extent that they do not have a judgment permitted to be bid in lieu of cash, must bid cash at the sale. The successful bidder will be given until the close of the second business day following the determination of the winning bidder to supply to the Special Master cash, certified check, or cashier's check in the amount of the bid. Failure to

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do so will void that bid, and the Special Master shall either accept the next highest bid, or the Special Master may, in his sole discretion, telephone each bidder who attended the sale, using the telephone number each bidder submits at the sale, and communicate a new date and time for a subsequent sale, without republication of any further notice. Responsibility for reception of notice of any subsequent sale is on the bidder submitting the telephone number.

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

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

Submitted by:
/s/ Kelly P. Albers,
Special Master
650 Montana, Suite D
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Telephone (575) 527-9064

Pub # 11395
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011
& 1/6, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. CV-2011-2898
James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Debbie Ann Roberts FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Debbie Ann Roberts, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Debbie A. Roberts to Debbi Ann Alvillar, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 3 day of January 2012, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Debbie A. Roberts
8948 Erickson Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88012
575-496-9448

Pub # 11396
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 2011

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA), through its consulting engineer, has completed a draft 5-Year Business and Master Plan Update. SCSWA, created by the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, is a regional solid waste service provider for the City of Las Cruces and portion

of Doña Ana County.

The Draft 5-year Business and Master Plan Update includes:

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Characterization of Waste Management Area
- Summary of Existing Facilities and Needs Assessment
- Legislation & Regulatory Drivers
- Waste Flow Control
- Alternatives Development
- Alternatives Evaluation
- Final Recommended Alternatives and Funding

Copies of the Draft 5-year Business and Master Plan Update are available for review during working hours (7:00 am to 4:00 pm) at the following location and on SCSWA's web page:

South Central Solid Waste Authority
2865 W. Amador Avenue
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 528-3800
www.thescrappypages.com

Copies of the Draft 5-year Business and Master Plan Update are available for review during working hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) at the following locations:

City of Las Cruces City Hall
City Clerk's Office AND
Receptionist Desk
700 N. Main Street
Las Cruces, NM 88001
(575) 541-2000

Doña Ana County
Government Center
County Clerk's Office
845 N. Motel Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 647-7200

Thomas Branigan Memorial
Library
200 E. Picacho Avenue
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 528-4000

City of Anthony
City Clerk/Treasurer
320 Lincoln Street
Anthony, NM 88021
(575) 882-2983

City of Hatch
Clerk/Administrator
133 N. Franklin Street
Hatch, NM 87937

Your comments will be considered in the final decision by SCSWA on the 5-year Business & Master Plan Update. Interested persons may provide written comments by Thursday, January, 12, 2012 to the following address:

Patrick L. Peck
SCSWA Director
P.O. Box 1530
Fairacres, NM 88033

Pub # 11397a
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-0201102474

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

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

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s) Brenda Lum and The Unknown Spouse of Brenda Lum, if any.

GREETINGS:
You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 3756 Damonite Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

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

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 8 day of December, 2011.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:
Deputy
NM11-01694_FC01

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201102358

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

v.

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

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

GREETINGS:
You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located

at 142 Key Deer CT, Las Cruces, NM 88007-5236, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

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

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

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:
Deputy

NM00-03286_FC01

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-10-2652

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

vs.

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

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

Ana County, New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 14, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. Subsequent to the entry of the judgment, the Debtors made payments pursuant to a Forbearance Plan and partially satisfied Plaintiff's judgment. The amount now due on the judgment is \$100,105.34, plus interest thereon at the rate of 5.750% per annum from January 1, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$283.86. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at said 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 herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE 3rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF Doña Ana

NO. D-0307-CV-201102429

**Vanderbilt Mortgage and
Finance, Inc., Plaintiff,**

vs.

Charles Gonnell, Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

LOT NUMBERED 17 IN
BLOCK NUMBERED H OF

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 30, 2011, Innovative Communications Systems, PO Box 6160, Las

Cruces, NM 88006, filed application numbered LRG-506 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-506 located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 53.68"N, 106° 46'0.97"W NAD83, on land owned by Britta Armstrong, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 350 feet for 18-inch casing to be located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 38.31"N, 106° 45' 54.34"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.5362 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4 of Section 32, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM. The site for replacement well LRG-8 POD5 is located southwest of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 950 feet northeast of Alvarez Road and Egret Road. Existing well LRG-8 will be retained for other rights.

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 5, 2011, Ollie Mae Griffith and Columbus Jack Griffith III, 8454 Calle De Brazito, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed application numbered LRG-1261 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-1261 located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 12' 5.9"N, 106° 42' 44.6"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 220 feet for 16-inch casing to be located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 12' 6.0"N, 106° 42' 46.5"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 40.0 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 of projected Section 23, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM. The site for replacement well LRG-1261 POD2 is located northwest

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

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

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of Mesquite, NM and may be found approximately 250 feet west-northwest of the intersection of Harper Road and county road Calle De Brazito. Existing well LRG-1261 will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop,

Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 17, 2011, Robert Brooks, 35 Franco Rd., Vado, NM, 88072, filed application numbered LRG-15067-POD 1 with the State Engineer for

Permit Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-8432 located on land owned by Amaya Isaias, Jr. and Elisa A. Lopez within the NW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 28, T25S, R03E, NMPM and drilling new well LRG-15067-POD 1 on land owned by the applicant within the NW1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 29, T25S, R03E, NMPM at approximate Latitude/ Longitude N32d05m59.22s W106d39m07.40s (NAD83) for the continued diversion of shallow groundwater, combined with surface water received from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 11.49 acres of land owned by the applicant located in Pt. SE1/4 of said Section 29. Well LRG-8432 and the proposed location for well LRG-15067-POD

1 are located approximately 2,725 ft. and 1,120 ft. northeast, respectively, of the intersection of HWY 478 and Franco Rd., approximately 1.0 mile south-east of Vado, NM. Well LRG-8432 will be retained for other rights.

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

of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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

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

No. PB 2011-000120
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF JOHN N.
KRUMRINE, II, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

/s/ JANE LAWSON-BELL
Personal Representative
of the Estate of JOHN N.
KRUMRINE, II
229 Monroe St.
Philadelphia, PA 19147

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

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

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

Doña Ana Soil and Water
Conservation District
(SWCD)

Open Meetings Resolution No.
2011-OMA (abridged version)

The Doña Ana SWCD board of supervisors met in regular session on December 8, 2011, at 10:00 AM and resolved that:

Regular meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM in the conference room of the EBID offices, at 530 S. Melendres. The agenda will be available at least 24 hours prior to the meeting from the district office at the USDA NRCS office at 2507 N. Telshor, Las Cruces, NM. Special meetings may be called upon 3 days' notice. Emergency meetings may be called upon 24 hours' notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage requires less notice. Notice of the date, time, place and agenda are posted on the outside door at the USDA NRCS office, submitted to the Las Cruces Sun-News and Las Cruces Bulletin for publication in the community calendar, mailed to broadcast stations and newspapers which have made a written request for notice of public meetings, and sent by electronic mail to individuals who have requested such notice. For emergency meetings notice of the date, time, place and agenda is provided by telephone to broadcast stations and newspapers that have made a written request for notice of public meetings. Notices of meetings, as well as corresponding agendas, shall also be posted on the SWCD's website, at www.daswcd.org. Meetings of the Doña Ana SWCD are open to the public except as permitted by the Open Meetings Act.

Passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Doña Ana SWCD board of supervisors.

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/s/ Joe Delk, Chair

Pub # 11406
Dates 12/23, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB 2011-127

IN THE MATTER of the
Estate of ERNESTO E.
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The attorney for the personal representative is William L. Lutz of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggog & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 16th day of
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/s/ Rudy T. Misquez
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Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011



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

VEY FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

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

BURN CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC. Counter-
Claimant,

v.

VEY FINANCE, LLC.,
Counter-Defendant,

BURN CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC., Cross
Claimant,

v.

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

BURN CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC., Third Party
Plaintiff,

v.

LOGOS DEVELOPMENT,
INC., et, Third Party
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON
FORECLOSURE

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Vey Finance, LLC was awarded a Judgment on October 13, 2011, in the amount of \$749,558.11, as of July 10, 2010, with pre and post judgment interest on the sum of \$590,203.23 at the rate of thirteen and one half (13.5%) per annum until paid.

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/s/ John A. Darden, III
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
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Best movies of 2011

FILM SOCIETY BOARD MEMBER JEFF BERG SHARES HIS FAVORITES

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An eventful year
2011 marked important anniversaries and events



It was a good year

2011's top films cover a wide range of genres

By **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Another year at the movies. Couldn't quite bring the total amount of movies I watch per year down much, especially since I've launched a "side" business of doing "Made in New Mexico" film presentations around the state.

The following titles are in no particular order, although the five or so I considered the best are followed by an asterisk to let you know that those titles were a cut above the rest.

But now, on with the show.

Not really a Western, not really a pioneer's or a hero's story, "Meek's Cutoff" hit a spot somewhere outside genre by offering a mocumentary look at what it might have really been for the often ignorant and poverty-stricken people who headed west in the 1800s.

Certainly one of the best foreign films I saw this year was the German thriller "The Robber*." Based on the true story of a long-distance runner who robbed banks on the side, the tautness of the chase, the pacing and minimalist story made this a seat-grabber.

Two slightly more mainstream titles made my list this year, the believable and expertly acted "50/50" and "The Descendants*."

"50/50" was the story of a young man stricken with cancer and his life following his diagnosis. Not at all maudlin and very well directed, the film made me cry twice, even though it has a slightly contrived ending.

"The Descendants," starring George Clooney, skillfully twisted together a fine dramatic story with bits of humor defined by supple acting and a fresh story of a man taking care

of all sorts of family matters and all of the changes that come with it.

Silent or nearly silent films made a mini comeback this year. Although still awaiting release, I was able to see advance screenings of "The Fairy" and "Holidays by the Sea," two charming and very funny French films.

"The Fairy" follows a fairy trying to grant a man his wishes while also trying to have a relationship with him. "Holidays" is the story of several French families vacationing seaside, and the foibles of such an enterprise.

"The Artist," the new silent that has been garnering lots of publicity, is also very unique and fun.

“The Descendants,” starring George Clooney, skillfully twisted together a fine dramatic story with bits of humor ... ”

Romance had a place in my heart in 2011, with the dry and harsh love story of a young, homeless Irish woman who insinuates herself into the home of a man who has just lost his wife, in the gloomy but excellent film, "Nothing Personal."

"Jane Eyre*" was a wonderful surprise. Even though I had to fess up that I had never seen any of the earlier versions, let alone read the book, this handsome production won me over with its intriguing acting, camerawork and directing.

Two other love stories held my attention – the lovely animated film "Chico and Rita," a tale of two Cuban musicians separated by their career goals in 1950s Cuba, and "Names of Love," wherein the main character, a flighty libidinous young liberal lass, decides to undertake the task of changing the minds of right-wingers by seducing them with her, ahem, female charms and wares.

Not quite love stories, but tales that include love that I enjoyed this year included Woody Allen's biggest box office hit ever, "Midnight in Paris," and "Beginners" with Ewan McGregor, who tries to balance his own life while dealing with his Dad who has just come out of the closet at age 70.

Movies with children or young people as major plot devices were numerous this year, and included "Tree of Life*," Terrence Malick's film experience about a '50s Texas family dealing with life and loss, "Vincent Goes to Sea," a marvelous little film where three young adults escape a hospital and head for the sea to undertake a deceased loved one's last request, "Dear Lemon Lima," a little seen charmer about a young Native Alaskan woman and her attempts to win back the heart of her first true love. So simple, yet so believable. "Le Havre" is a newly released French film about a curmudgeonly old shoeshine man whose life is turned around by a sick wife and a young African boy on the run from immigration authorities.

On the dark side, there was "We Need to Talk About Kevin," an unrepentantly grim film starring Tilda Swinton as the mother of a young man who has slain a number of classmates.

"Margin Call," while confirming what I thought I knew – corporate investors don't have a clue as to what they are doing – scared the pants off me with its callous story line about a corporation that is about to be "outed" in a different way.

"Tyrannosaur*," just now hitting some theaters in metro areas, wins the prize for harshest film of the year. It follows an angry alcoholic man who meets a "Christian" woman, feigning happiness in her religious household with her abusive husband.

There were lots of documentaries this year. "El Sicario" and "Deaf Jam" top the list. "Sicario" is a monologue in a Juárez motel room by a former cartel hit man who has quit the business and found religion, while "Deaf Jam" is the strong and vibrant story of a young deaf poet from New York who is working to have poetry by deaf writers incorporated with that of hearing writers.

Guilty pleasure of the year? By far it was "Tucker and Dale vs. Evil," the oddball tale of

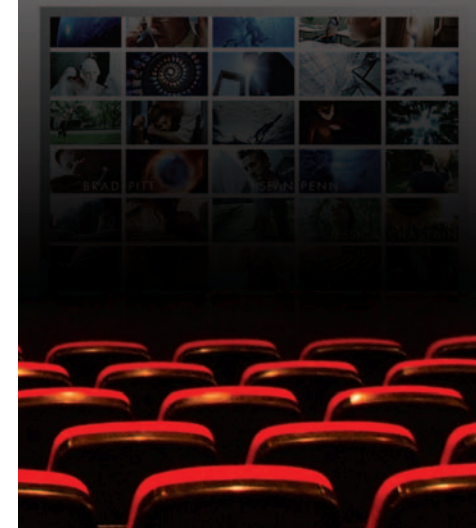
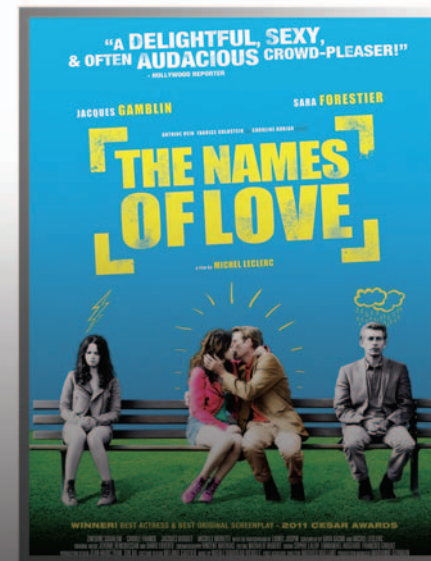
two good ol' boys who are mistaken for serial killers by a bunch of handsome teenagers. Cliché-shattering and great fun.

Lastly, the worst movies I saw this year, I saw in the same week. The dreadfully boring and pointless, but critically lauded, "The Turin Horse" is encapsulated by the cliché of "just because you can make a film, doesn't mean you should." I think the film was about an old man and his daughter who live in a routine ensconced by silence in a very rural area. It was so boring.

"All's Faire in Love" sounded like a sweet little film, but was anything but. An interesting premise, two young people meet and fall in love during a summer Renaissance fair, is completely undone by a horrible story, moronic characters and bad acting.

See you in the dark!

Jeff Berg is a film historian and board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. Catch his weekly reviews in the Arts & Entertainment section of the Las Cruces Bulletin.



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Featured artists: *Cally Williams and friends*

Start the new year with friends

'Friends – Art – Food' comes to Tombaugh Gallery

Bulletin Staff Report

With friendship linking a group of six Las Cruces artists, the Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces will open "Friends – Art – Food" Saturday, Dec. 31.

The various works of Cally Williams, Michelle Arterburn, Kathryn Holmes, Jessica Kurtz, Elaine Querry and Steve Hornung will be on display through Jan. 27, 2012.

The theme of friendship is evident in collaborative works while other pieces show the strength and talent of the individual artists. The members embrace a wide range of media, including painting, pottery, weaving, silk painting, jewelry, photography and printmaking. Meeting socially twice a year at Williams' studio, the group shares ideas and have been represented at local, state, national or international galleries and arts events.

Williams is a potter who creates plates, cups and bowls. She said she hopes to enrich the daily lives of their users.

"My collaborations with friends have given me the chance to explore new ideas. These are great fun, exciting and always surprising," she said.

A native of Denver, Arterburn said she knew she wanted to be an artist even as a child. Despite engineering degrees at the University of Colorado and the University of Arizona, that goal never diminished. While her livelihood was in civil engineering, Arterburn began taking studio art classes at night and art history classes during her lunch hour. Now completing her 11th year as a full-time artist, she is enjoying success as a multi-media artist. Her studio time is split between watercolor painting, designing porcelain/stoneware jewelry and photography.

Exhibiting her work in the Las Cruces area for the past 15 years, Holmes is a watercolor artist who said she draws her inspiration from the landscape, including images from her backyard garden.

She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Colorado and a master's degree in early childhood education from the University of New Mexico.

Kurtz said she has always been a tactile person, so weaving was



"Rainbow" by Michelle Arterburn will be on display at the Tombaugh Gallery during January.

a natural art form for her to take up 10 years ago. Her favorite yarns are rayon and rayon chenille because of their luxurious feel and drape. She said she likes to use novelty yarn for its texture, metallic yarn for its sparkle and beads to embellish her work. She said weaving has taught her greater patience and led her to be more aware of colors, shapes and patterns around her.

Querry is a photographer who works in a variety of photographic processes – traditional black and white, cyanotypes and emulsion transfers – and paints some of her black-and-white images. Since moving to northern New Mexico in 2006, she has begun using a digital camera and has digital color work to add to her repertoire. Querry has been a working photographer for more than 30 years, first as a photojournalist and for the past 20 years as a fine art photographer.

Hornung thinks of his jewelry as small sculptures with the very important component of color. He said he has always been fascinated by the properties of titanium, which allow colors to be "grown" on the surface without any pigments – only the interaction of light with the clear oxide layer in much the same way as colors form on a soap bubble. As he worked on titanium surfaces, he became interested in chainmail and woven wire jewelry. He said is always investigating new patterns, designs and color combinations.

There will be an opening reception for the show from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at the gallery, 2000 S. Solano Drive, inside the Unitarian Universalist Church. Normal gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. For more information about the show, call 522-7281.

Details

Friends – Art – Food

The work of six Las Cruces artists
Opening reception

When

4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31

Where

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2000 S. Solano Drive

Cost

Free

Contact

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The Music Scene

Top 10 singles Tuesday, Dec. 20

- 1 **Sexy and I Know It**
LMFAO
- 2 **We Found Love**
Rihanna featuring Calvin Harris
- 3 **It Will Rain**
Bruno Mars
- 4 **Good Feeling**
Flo Rida
- 5 **The One That Got Away**
Katy Perry
- 6 **Set Fire to the Rain**
Adele
- 7 **Paris**
Kanye West and Jay-Z
- 8 **Someone Like You**
Adele
- 9 **5 O'Clock**
T-Pain featuring Wiz Khalifa and Lily Allen
- 10 **Red Solo Cup**
Toby Keith

Top 5 albums

- 1 **TM: 103 Hustlerz Ambition**
Young Jeezy
- 2 **Christmas**
Michael Bublé
- 3 **21**
Adele
- 4 **The Dreamer, The Believer**
Common
- 5 **Beyond Magnetic EP**
Metallica

Source: iTunes

Featured artist: *Clay Mac Band*

'The first step is the two-step'

Days Inn hosts country-western New Year's party

Bulletin Staff Report

Las Cruces can two-step into the new year by dancing to the country sounds of the Clay Mac Band starting at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at Eddie's Bar & Grill in the Days Inn & Suites, 901 Avenida de Mesilla.

The band, which got its start in Las Cruces,

is led by the brother-sister team Dana Bivens and Clay Mac. The entire family – including their parents and other siblings – have had an ability to sing and play instruments, so music has always had a presence in their lives.

New Mexico natives raised in northern New Mexico, the Clay Mac Band formed while the siblings were in college at New Mexico State University during the late 1960s, early '70s. Taking to the road, the Clay Mac Band has traveled throughout the region, stopping in other communities in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. They've also traveled to Idaho, Wyoming, California and Tennessee, but hit stardom when they booked an eight-week gig at the Union Plaza in Las Vegas, Nev. They were also featured acts for the World Bar-B-Que Cookoff in Houston.

Through its run, the Clay Mac Band has played backup and warmed up with more than 50 major country artists.

On New Year's Eve, the band will return to its roots when it headlines the New Year's party at the Days Inn & Suites.

The band will begin performing at 9 p.m., following a dinner buffet at 7:30 p.m.



The Clay Mac band, led by Clay Mac, will headline Days Inn & Suites' New Year's party Saturday, Dec. 31.

Tickets for the party are \$20 to \$25, and the dinner buffet is \$20. Packages are available for singles and couples ranging from \$120 to \$150, including access to the party, dinner buffet, party favors, a hotel room for the night and breakfast.

For tickets or more information, call 524-8603.

Details

Two-Step into 2012

When
7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31

Where
Eddie's Bar & Grill inside the Days Inn & Suites
901 Avenida de Mesilla

Cost
\$20-\$150

Contact
524-8603

Le Chat Lunatique returns to Rio Grande

Albuquerque-based band inspired by 1940s Paris

It's been two years since Las Cruces saw the likes of Le Chat Lunatique, and the Doña Ana Arts Council believes that's two years too long. The group will take the stage at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

Made up entirely of Albuquerque residents, Le Chat Lunatique is primarily a jazz band, but with a twist. They claim their forte is filthy, mangy jazz, the result of a mutual love for the great Hot Club of France – a gypsy swing group from 1940s Paris, which included the combined genius of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grapelli – fused with Western swing and Latin rhythms to create a formidable groove that is wholly fresh and uncompromising.

The proof, however, is in the performance. "The best thing about this quartet's hot, Parisian swing-style jazz is how immensely listenable and, well, fun it is," the Albuquerque-based Weekly Alibi reported.

Local I.Q. agreed, stating, "Picture a well-heeled gypsy band puffing Gauloises in some saloon with French dancehall mam'selles kicking up their gams, and you'll be prepared for this ensemble's tight and talented act."

From its earliest gigs, Le Chat Lunatique has offered swinging originals with ear-snagging hooks and stories to tell – well-constructed little gems that propagate earworms for ongoing pleasure. Devilishly clever lyrics offer insight into l'amour ("falling in love is like eating tacos"), a louche paean to a doting millionairess



Le Chat Lunatique will take the stage at the Rio Grande Theatre Jan. 14.

("Buy me a Cadillac, buy me a yacht/ Buy me everything that I haven't got"), minatory observations on fate ("the bus of God will run you over"), and the inevitable bitterness of a broken heart ("Miss Lady ... please do me the courtesy of drinking in some other gin joint"). The band's repertoire also features original arrangements of tunes that stretch from kindergarten favorites ("Frère Jacques") to pop hits ("Straight Up") to swing anthems ("Minnie the Moocher") to Reinhardt classics ("Blue Drag"). Every single tune is more than covered – it's completely "Le-Chat-ified."

The Rio Grande Theatre is located at 211 N. Main St. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at www.riograndetheatre.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 523-6403.

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Galleries & Openings

ONGOING

GALERÍA TEPIN will host a sale of Mexicano, Chicano and Latino art and books to celebrate Christmas and the upcoming 2012 new year.

The sale will run through Jan. 8, 2012. Featured in the sale will be Papel Picado by Master artist, Catalina Delgado Trunk, who grew up in Coyoacán, México, and is considered to be the Picasso of Papel Picado, one the world's top artists. Delgado Trunk recently gave a workshop of Papel Picado in Mesilla and will return to offer a workshop at the book festival in April 2012.

The gallery is located at 2220 Calle de Parian. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sundays. Call 523-3988.

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA hosts "Layers," an exhibit of paintings by local watercolorist Melanie Stone Jack. Jack has exhibited locally since 2006. She has paintings in collections in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Kansas and New Mexico. The exhibit will continue through Jan. 14, 2012.

The gallery is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Call 524-0003.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY shows the work of Harvey Daiho Hilbert. The exhibit will run through Jan. 7, 2012. The gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Call 640-3502.

CUTTER GALLERY continues to exhibit works of three fine artists in December – watercolors by Robert Highsmith and clay Indian folklore pieces and Clay Santos by Richard and Susi Bergquist.

The gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-0658.

LUNDEEN INN OF THE ARTS shows several new sculptures by Tomi LaPierre during The Insighters' Holiday Art Exhibit and Sale through Jan. 31, 2012.

The gallery is located adjoining the Lundeen Inn of the Arts boutique hotel at 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Call 526-3326.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE GALLERIES display the personal work of photographer/filmmaker Steven Kaeppler in the El Paso Electric Gallery through December. The gallery is located in the lobby of the Rio

Coming soon

Friends – Art – Food

Tombaugh Gallery
2000 S. Solano Drive.
522-7281
Opens Saturday, Dec. 31

Ruth Ann Sugarman and Yvonne Postelle

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery
2470-A Calle de Guadalupe
522-2933
Opens Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012

Mixed Nutz

Rokoko Gallery
1785 Avenida de Mercado
405-8877
Opens Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012

Bobby Johnson, Kachina Mythmaker

Rio Grande Theatre galleries
211 N. Main St.
523-6403
Opens Friday, Jan. 6, 2012

Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 523-6403.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

features local artists Roberta Leavelle Widner and Phil Yost. The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Call 522-2933.

UNSETTLED GALLERY

celebrates the holidays with "The Border Artists & Friends Go Ornamental." Much of the artwork offered in this special event will be small in size, but big in concept and designed to be hung.

The gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Call 635-2285.

LA IGUANA hosts artists from Truth or Consequences. The exhibit is part of a regional show where artists from Las Cruces travel to T or C to display their work beginning Jan. 14, 2012, at the Grapes Gallery, and T or C artists display their work in Las Cruces.

La Iguana is located at 139 N. Main St. Call 523-8550.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

hosts "It's All Symbolic: The State Symbols of New Mexico." The exhibit reviews the icons, images and emblems that help make New Mexico stand out from all the others. The exhibit will be on display in the museum's north corridor for about seven or eight months.

The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Cost \$2-\$5. Call 522-4100.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

of the Unitarian Universalist Church hosts its second annual juried craft exhibit in time for the holidays. The exhibit will run through Dec. 30. This juried show includes contemporary craft work of a high standard of workmanship.

The Tombaugh Gallery is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Call 522-7281.

QUILLIN STUDIO AND GALLERY

will have holiday cards, stocking stuffers and gifts of art through December. The gallery is located at 317 N. Main St. behind COAS Books. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 312-1064.

MVS STUDIOS

features pottery by Russell Mott and work by Kathryn Holmes, Guenevere McMahon, Sherry Doil-Carter and Michael Ponce, as well as jewelry by Ginny Wolf and Laverne Stinnett.

MVS Studios is located at 535 N. Main St. Call 524-3636.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

presents "Don Omar Castro: A Final Farewell" through the photography of Robert Kaiser. The exhibit concludes Saturday, Dec. 31. In the exhibition, Kaiser celebrates the life of Castro through photographs of his funeral. Castro was a legend in the world of rodeo riding in Mexico who died Sept. 5, 2009.

The center is located at 501 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2154.

THETHEATREGALLERY

opens "Kicking Nature Up a



"Charros," a photograph by Robert Kaiser taken at the funeral of Don Omar Castro, is on display at the Branigan Cultural Center.

Notch," a gourd exhibit by Karen Currier, through Feb. 15, 2012.

The gallery is located in the lobby of the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. The gallery will be open an hour before performances and by appointment. Call 523-1223.

LAS CRUCES CITY HALL

will display the work of 12 senior amateur artists for the seventh annual "Creativity is Ageless" art show displayed throughout December.

City Hall is located at 700 N. Main St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 528-3000.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

displays "Glitteropolis!" Art collective Meow Wolf travels into Las Cruces to unveil the magical and visceral art experience filled with oddity, surreality, glam and glitz. The show will run through Feb. 18, 2012.

The NMSU Art Gallery is located in D.W. Williams Hall on the NMSU campus. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Call 646-8036.

ADOBE PATIO GALLERY

will feature 18 area artists for its "Fall Exhibition." Artists featured for the exhibition work in a variety of media and styles, and were chosen for the show based on the popularity of their images. Gallery director and artist Carolyn Bunch hand-picked the show, which will run through Dec. 31.

The gallery is located at 1765 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 532-9310.

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

features artwork from students attending Lynn, Mesa, Sierra, Vista, White Sands and Zia middle schools in the annual LCPS Middle School Art Exhibit, which continues through Feb. 3, 2012, in the lobby gallery of the LCPS Administration Building. The administration building is located at 505 S. Main St., Suite 249, in

the Loretto Towne Centre. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 640-3463.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

displays its New Mexico Centennial exhibit, featuring the state's largest collection of statehood memorabilia of past events, including the 40th, 50th, 60th and 75th celebrations. The exhibit will be on display in the museum's Legacy and Traditions galleries through Sept. 16, 2012.

Also on display is "Art of the Plains: The 27th American Plains Artists Annual Juried Exhibit and Sale."

The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Cost \$2-\$5. Call 522-4100.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

displays "NASA | ART: 50 Years of Exploration" through Jan. 21, 2012. As NASA turned 50, the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) launched a national tour of "NASA | ART 50 Years of Exploration," featuring 74 works from artists over five decades.

The museum is located at 491 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2137.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

displays the photographic exhibit, "The Mechanic Arts." through Feb. 15, 2012, in the Milton Gallery on the fourth floor of NMSU's

Branson Library. The exhibit, organized by University Archivist Martha Shipman Andrews, commemorates the 2012 sesquicentennial of the passage of the first Morrill Act, creating the land-grant institutions of higher education.

The Branson Library is located on the International Mall on the NMSU campus. Hours vary by semester. Call 646-5028.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

displays more than 100 pieces of original student artwork from the Las Cruces and Gadsden public schools in the first-floor corridors. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, photographs and drawings. The artists range from elementary students to high schoolers.

The government center is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

features "Toys: The Inside Story." The exhibit includes 12 different hands-on stations illustrating the simple mechanisms commonly found in toys and lets visitors create their own toy-like combinations of gears, pulleys, linkages, cams and circuits. The exhibit runs through Jan. 8, 2012.

The museum is located at 700 S. Telshor Blvd. inside Mesilla Valley Mall. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-3120.

EventsCalendar

FRI. 12/23

10 a.m. Holiday story time, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-4499.

SAT. 12/24

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS

Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Pat Gill will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Sonya Weiner will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 526-8377.

11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

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.

SUN. 12/25

Merry Christmas!

MON. 12/26

10 a.m. Yarn Junkies meeting, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Meet to exchange knitting ideas. Free. Call 522-4499.

TUE. 12/27

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6:30 p.m. Every Other Tuesday: One Piano, Many Voices, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Pianist Donny Prosis will present original works, and will be joined onstage by vocalists and fellow musicians for a modern

Playbill

Coming Soon

The Sisters Rosensweig
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Main St.
523-1223
Cost \$7-\$10
Opens Friday, Jan. 20

salon/jam session. Free. Call 523-6403.

7:45 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango Group, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Beginners, singles and couples over 21 are welcome to join. Cost \$5-\$10. Call 642-1699.

WED. 12/28

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, along Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit meeting, Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative ideas and good conversation are shared. To participate, bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625.

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Balanced Living Book Club, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Led by life coach Siddeeq Shabazz. Free. Call 510-459-2671.

THU. 12/29

9 a.m. to noon, Fiber Club, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class, My Place Jewell 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Special holiday dance party.

Dance to live music of the High Society Orchestra. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 526-6504.

FRI. 12/30

10 a.m. New Year's story time, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-4499.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music featuring Anthony Pacheco, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

SAT. 12/31

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Douglas Jackson will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Sarah "Juba" Addison will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 526-8377.

11 a.m. to noon, Story Time featuring Thomas the Tank Engine, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. free. Call 647-4480.

11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

7:30 p.m. Naughty New Year's Burlesque Show, Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Presented by Desert Dolls Burlesque. Cost \$10. Email desertdolls5050@gmail.com.

8 p.m. to 2 a.m. New Year's Eve Grand Opening, Passion Ultra Lounge, 201 E. University Ave. Includes hot and cold buffet, champagne toast and nacho and posole bar. Cost \$35. Call 496-7488.

9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. New

Open late



The Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on Downtown Main Street will extend its hours to accommodate last-minute Christmas shoppers. The market will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24.

Year's Eve Masquerade Ball 2011, De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. Includes hors d'oeuvres buffet, dessert bar, party favors and champagne toast. Cost \$10-\$20. Call 521-1099.

SUN. 1/1

11 a.m. Mesilla Valley Film Society double feature, Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" and "Blackthorn" will be shown. Separate admissions. Cost \$5-\$7 per movie. Call 524-8287.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Growers Market, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road. Featuring local vendors. Free. Call 523-0436.

Noon to 4 p.m. Uptown Craft and Growers Market, inside Mesilla Valley Mall near movie theater entrance, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Shop for local arts, crafts and produce. Free. Call 650-7414.

2 to 4 p.m. Bluegrass and folk music jam, Doña Ana Community College commons area, 3400 S. Espina St. All players are welcome. Park behind building on Gregg Street. Free. Call 526-5174.

MON. 1/2

10 a.m. Yarn Junkies meeting, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Meet to exchange knitting ideas. Free. Call 522-4499.

5 to 7 p.m. Wisconsin Club Meet and Greet, Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. Free. Call 312-2088.

TUE. 1/3

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Overstock Book Sale, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. All hardcover mystery and fiction books are two for \$1. Volunteers also will raffle a getaway package to Truth or Consequences. Free admission. Call 649-5591.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning bellydance class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

7:45 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango Group, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Beginners, singles and couples over 21 are welcome to join. Cost \$5-\$10. Call 642-1699.

WED. 1/4

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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.

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A therapist needs 'Special Treatment'?

Call girl and psychologist search for their realities

Review by **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

So, how different is the work of a psychologist than that of the work of a prostitute?

Excuse me?

That's the basic premise proposed in "Special Treatment," a unique and sometimes oblique drama, starring Isabelle Huppert — one of the few other women on the planet I would date if she would have me — in still another dark drama, although this one does have moments of comic levity.

Huppert stars as Alice, a high-priced call girl who was once wanting to work as an art historian and whose lavish apartment houses some wonderful antiques. Alice's business, such as it is, has morphed into entertaining clients who require or request detailed role playing.

Mostly older men with odd but harmless fetishes — dominatrix, suburban housewife, schoolgirl — Alice accommodates them with cool abandon, often not even needing to participate in sexual activities with her odd clientele, most of whom should actually be seeing a therapist instead.

She encounters Xavier, a somewhat hulking, but interesting psychiatrist, whose services she seeks out for her own emotional repair.



Isabelle Huppert plays a high-priced call girl searching for reality in "Special Treatment," now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

As it turns out, he is also in need of some professional counseling, but not exactly the kind Alice would normally provide. Rather, he needs respite from his shrewish wife and demanding patients.

What he really wants from Alice is what she is seeking herself, but can't find — her own reality. So used to playing the "roles," this competent, strong, intelligent woman finds that her soul is melting away along with her identity outside her profession. Nearing 50, she is tired of the business, but unsure of what to do next.

Xavier, bedraggled by his marriage, is also unsure of what he wants from Alice when he first visits as a client. She requires a minimum of 10 sessions, paid in advance, so it is really no mind to her that he is as insecure about what he is doing as she is about what she wants.

Unable or unwilling to work with her because of his attraction, he refers her to a colleague, Pierre, who mostly works with hospitalized patients. Pierre is pointed in his analysis of Alice.



Soon a gentle but cautious romance begins between Alice and Xavier, both of whom are needy, but not in a clingy disruptive way. Xavier's wife has taken her leave, opening still another door for him.

"Special Treatment" is topped with compassion and a strong story. Ravaged in lesser publications by "serious" critics calling it clichéd and noting other points that only the most advanced, fussy-pants cinephile would note, the film is a great look at those who help, no matter what their profession.

I loved this movie, and it's not just because of Ms. Huppert.

Jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com wishes you special treatment for whatever holiday, if any, you celebrate! Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. These reviews are his opinion and do not reflect that of the board or the film society.

Closed

There will be no CineMatinee Saturday, Dec. 24. Merry Christmas!

Call to Artists

'BECKY'S NEW CAR' AUDITIONS

No Strings Theatre Company will hold auditions for "Becky's New Car" by Steven Dietz, directed by No Strings Theatre Company's Artistic Director Ceil Herman. Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

"Becky's New Car" is a witty play about a middle-aged woman who is tempted to flee her own life. It has been described as a thoroughly original comedy with serious overtones, a devious and delightful romp down the road not taken. Performances are March 9-25, 2012, with an option to extend to April 1, should audience response warrant.

Needed are two women (40s-60s), one woman (20s) and three men (40s-60s). The role of Chris Foster is precast. Auditions will be cold readings from the play. A perusal copy of the script will be on reserve at the reference desk at Branigan Library.

The rehearsal schedule will be Sundays through Thursdays and some Saturday daytime rehearsals, all to be arranged according to actors' schedules. For more information, contact the director at nstcbt@zianet.com or 523-1223.

ONE-ACT FESTIVAL

The Las Cruces Community Theatre is seeking submissions for the 2012 One Act Festival to be held March 8-11. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances begin at 2 p.m.

The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012. Submissions should be sent to Kathi-Jane Alvarado at 8925 N. Valley Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007 or emailed to southam97@gmail.com. Directors of plays chosen for the festival will be notified Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Submitted plays should run no longer than 45 minutes. Props and set pieces should be minimal and fit in an offstage storage area no larger than 8-foot-by-8-foot. No special lighting will be available except for a spotlight.

The director will provide a spotlight operator if needed and have access to the costume shop as well as any props and set pieces on LCCT premises. Other special props and set pieces will be supplied by the director. The stage will be bare and a black curtain will be upstage from the performing area. Each show must be able to set up and taken down in five minutes. LCCT will provide a small budget for purchase of some props and these props become the property of LCCT after the festival. LCCT will purchase scripts, pay royalties for performances and keep all proceeds from admission fees.

Submissions must include a copy of the play as well as a cover letter stating the director's name, contact information, title of the play, publisher of the play, number and gender of characters, royalties for the play and a brief synopsis of the play. Unusual costumes, props or set pieces not commonly found in the theatre's inventory must be listed if the director wishes LCCT to provide these items. However the acquisition of unusual items will ultimately be the responsibility of the director. For more information, call 523-1200.

ROKOKO GALLERY SHOW

Rokoko Gallery seeks art pieces or creations for a group show called "Mixed Nutz." Artists are encouraged to submit pieces inspired by the idea of nuts or nuttiness. All interpretations and medias welcomed. Entries are due at Rokoko Gallery by Jan. 8, 2012. The entry fee is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information, call 405-8877.

ASTC AUDITIONS

The American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC) at New Mexico State University Theatre Arts announces auditions for its spring 2012 productions. Needed are men ages 18 to 25 and women ages 18 to 30. Auditions will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus, with callbacks scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 22. Those interested may sign

up for an audition slot on the callboard in the Hershel Zohn Theatre lobby.

All actors are asked to prepare one contemporary monologue running no longer than 60 seconds. Female actors are asked to also prepare 16 bars of an uptempo Broadway or 1960s pop song to be sung a cappella. For more information, call Production Coordinator Mike Wise at 646-5418.

PROJECT IN MOTION AUDITIONS

Project in Motion announces its auditions for 2011 apprentices. The troupe is looking for one male aerialist and one female aerialist. Apprentices train with the company for approximately one season before becoming full company members. They learn aerial fabric, corde lisse (rope) and single-point trapeze along with other apparatus and various roles. Apprentices receive pay for performances when available and receive payment as company members if they are accepted into the company. All levels of apprentices may audition. The audition will consist of a relatively easy warm-up class and climbing on various apparatus.

If accepted into the apprentice program, applicants sign an apprentice agreement and train three times a week with the company. A fun creative environment and several performances a year with travel are to be expected of company members.

To register for an audition slot, call 208-4413.

NEW DESERT HARMONY SINGERS

The New Desert Harmony Singers have openings for male and female singers for their 2012 summer concert series. The 2012 summer show is titled "Jukebox Saturday Night" and includes many big band favorites such as "Let's Dance," "Stompin' at the Savoy," "In a Sentimental Mood," "Dream," "They Can't Take That Away From Me" and more. Many songs include great male and female solo

opportunities. Auditions will continue into January 2012. Audition times are from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. The New Desert Harmony Singers are well known for only performing popular music and doing high-energy shows with the NMSU contemporary dance theater. For additional information, call Dave Kinkaid at 650-4417.

CO-OP ROCKS!

Co-op Rocks!, a free and all-ages monthly arts celebration at Mikey's Place — A Workshop for the Arts, is seeking visual artists to display work in any medium for one-day events. Co-op Rocks! takes place every third Saturday of the month. Entry forms are available for download at www.sumartfest.org, and are due by the 14th of the month prior.

Sponsored by Mountain View Market Co-op, SumArt and Mikey's Place, Co-op Rocks! has featured the work of more than 50 local and regional artists and crafts-makers at its monthly shows since June 2010. Dozens of bands from Las Cruces and across the country have played the Co-op Rocks! stage.

LAS CRUCES ARTS FAIR

In its second year, the Las Cruces Arts Fair is the newest juried fine arts and crafts event in the Southwest. Artists participating are exposed to fine art aficionados from New Mexico, Texas and the New Mexico-Texas borderland. The 2012 Las Cruces Arts Fair runs March 16-18. Artists are invited to participate in the juried art show. For more information, visit www.zapplication.org/index.php.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, has openings for interested artists and photographers to display their work. For more information, call 522-2933 or stop by the gallery to pick up an application.

Santa Claus visits during the AVANCE bookfair

Photos by Nicolas Bañales

Andres Atencio-Villegas, 5, whispers what he would like for Christmas to Santa Claus as Christian Aman, 5, sits on Santa's lap during the AVANCE bookfair at Barnes & Noble Booksellers Wednesday, Dec. 14.



Santa sits with Kaedon Torres, 3, who is too shy to sit on Santa's lap, but finally gave his message. AVANCE is a program that provides a "free, healthy and safe child educational development center" for both parents and children.



Mckenna Nicole Barnes, 4, proudly tells Santa that she turns 5 right after Christmas, and she would like a pair of shoes that can tie themselves for Christmas.

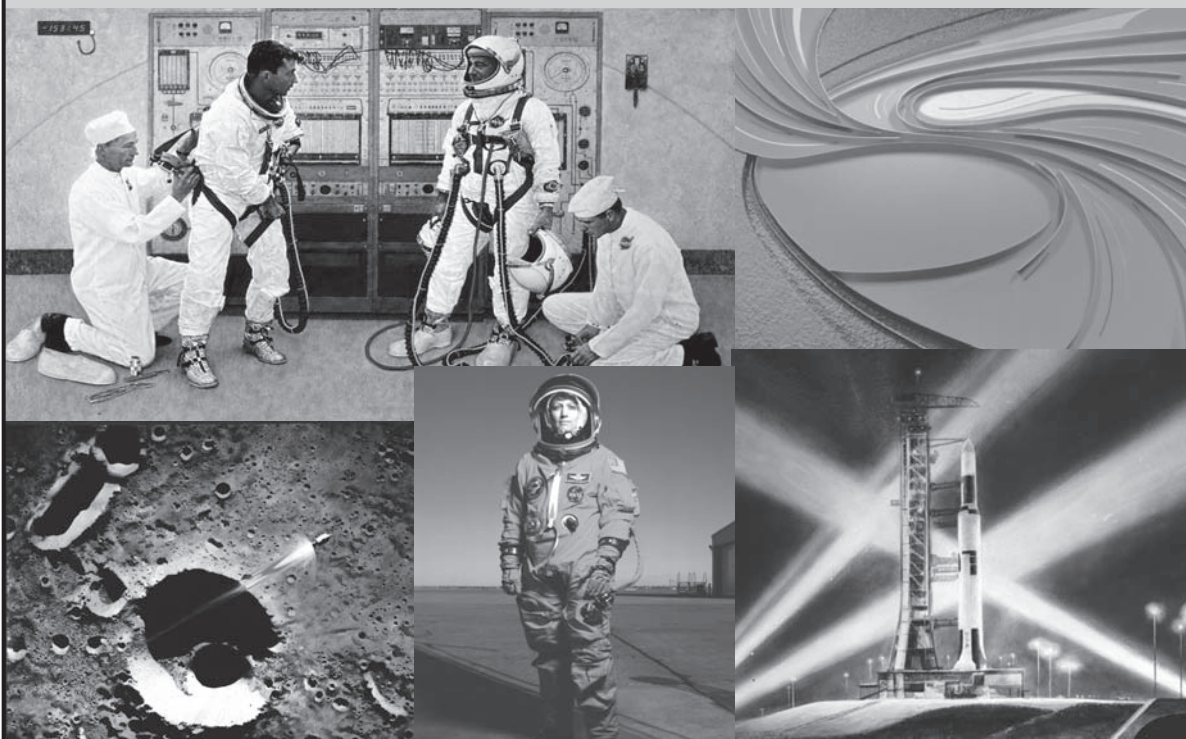


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Pictured at top L to R: Norman Rockwell: Astronauts Grisson and Young, Tina York: Fluid Dynamics
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Ultra lounge brings new ambiance

Passion to hold grand opening on New Year's Eve

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With a lava bar that changes color as it's touched, glow-in-the-dark drinks and LED effect lighting that will change the entire ambiance of a room, the creators of Passion UltraLounge promise Las Cruces it's nothing like any other lounge they've seen in town.

Leasing the former sports bar from the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces Hotel and Conference Center, business partners Jamie Dougil, Tim Girard and Mike Coronado had a chance to turn their vision into reality. Inspired by larger metropolitan areas, they said it was time for Las Cruces to have its own upscale lounge.

"I want this place to be free of the anxiety that you find in other bars (in Las Cruces)," said Girard, who was a police officer in the area. "(At Passion), people can go to an upscale place and relax during the week and on the weekend. They can have a good meal and even stay the entire night. We want to keep business here."

Once the lounge opens to the public on New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31, there will be no remnants of the former sports bar. The area has been completely remodeled.

Taking a different approach to lounges in the area, Passion is "like three businesses in one," said spokesman Rudy Romero. The space will serve as a café during the day, serving wraps and sandwiches, then transform into a fine-dining establishment serving

gourmet dishes with a Southwestern flair for dinner.

Heading into the late evening, the ambiance will change into a nightclub with appetizers, cocktails, a dance floor and VIP sections.

Two rooms set off from the main dance floor will offer exclusive service with a separate experience. The "white room" will include all white furniture, including throne-like seating along the walls. With LED effect lighting, the entire room can change colors, wired to respond to the music.

"One minute this room can be blue and the next it can be red," Dougil said.

The adjacent red room is inspired by contemporary Asian

influences with a fog machine and a "mini laser-light show" in the ceiling.

Each room will be available for party rental with bottle service, Romero said.

"It's a place where you can have dinner, then stay and have cocktails," Girard said.

While the lounge is already modern, Girard and Dougil said they will continue to keep up with the trends by attending the Restaurant and Bar Convention and returning with new ideas to keep the lounge fresh.

"It will be great venue with a great atmosphere," Dougil said. "I want to get this place back to the most popular venue in town."

Passion's grand opening will also serve as a New Year's party from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. For \$35 per person, tickets include a buffet dinner, champagne toast and a nacho and posole bar. For tickets,

Details

Passion UltraLounge Grand Opening New Year's Eve Party

When

8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 31

Where

Passion UltraLounge
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New café fills you up for less than \$5

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With his new café, Ernest Hernandez is bringing fast, delicious comfort food to the heart of Las Cruces.

Named after the bar that once stood across the street – but only for its location, Hernandez said – the Welcome Inn Café opened its doors to the public several weeks ago.

Though the building's exterior doesn't necessarily look like a restaurant, the interior is warm and inviting, with bright colors and friendly staff – Hernandez's family, including his wife Leticia, mother-in-law Rosa Briones and the Hernandezes' two children Iris and Nicholas.

Hernandez also works nearby as manager of Finish Line Auto Sports. His job location is actually what gave him the idea to open the Welcome Inn Café.

"We were always hungry and always broke," he joked. "So I wanted



Ernest Hernandez welcomes patrons to the Welcome Inn Café, a new Downtown eatery, with his children Nicholas and Iris.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Natisha Hales

to have a place for people who only have a few dollars and 10 or 15 minutes. You can eat in five minutes for five bucks."

If you don't even have five minutes to spare, you can call ahead so your order will be ready. Those who would like to stay longer than five minutes can enjoy free Wi-Fi and coffee during their meal.

Hernandez already had a corn roaster he purchased for special church events, so he decided to offer the same popular snack at his new café.

"That's something you can find only at a fair or event like that," he said. "I decided to have my own little place so people can have roasted corn year-round."

In addition to corn, the Welcome Inn Café also serves quick, filling foods including chili dogs, nachos and other quick snacks, including snack cakes and chips.

To drink, there are the usual sodas and tea as well as homemade lemonade.

Though you can build your own nachos and chili dogs, nothing on the menu costs more than \$3.

I tried the nachos supreme – a Styrofoam to-go box filled with

tortilla chips, then topped with chili beans, a nacho cheese sauce, lettuce, tomatoes and jalapeños. The cheese sauce was flavored with bacon and green chile – yeah, it doesn't get much better than that.

Because he'd like to keep the menu simple, Hernandez said he doesn't plan on expanding the menu much more than adding quesadillas and other quickly prepared finger foods.

He does plan on expanding the café's hours as business continues to grow. Currently, the little eatery is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"I'm starting a little bit different," he said. "This isn't a franchise type of company; I'm taking baby steps. What makes us different is the food and price, and it tastes better than those other chain companies."

It's still baby steps, since Hernandez opened just recently. But so far, he said, the response has been great.

"Now that people are seeing it, they're starting to like it," he said. "I knew economy-wise that it wasn't the best time to open, but I know by the summer it will be good."

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Celebrating the holidays at the Mesquite historic district Winterfest

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Numerous luminarias spiral around Klein Park during the neighborhood celebration.



DJ D rocks Klein Park during Winterfest.



Mrs. Claus, Las Esperanzas President-elect Freda Flores, Santa Claus and Vice President-elect Lauris Gallegos pose at the Mesquite Street historic district's Winterfest celebration Friday, Dec. 9.

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FRIDAY EVENING		DECEMBER 23, 2011													
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	Wash.	McL'ghlin	Need	Inside	Mormon	Christmas-Olaf	World	T. Smiley			
CBS	3	CBS News	Jeopardy	Wheel	A Gifted Man	CSI: NY	Blue Bloods	News	Letterman	Late					
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Shrek	Christ	Prep & Panda	20/20	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	Kitchen Nightmares	Fringe	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny		
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Chuck (N)	Grimm	"Pilot"	Dateline NBC	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late		
CW	14	14	Funny Home Videos	"Til Death	"Til Death	Olive-Reindeer	Reindeer	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access			
WGN	15	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futura	
ESPN	26	26	NFL Kickoff (N)	Countdown	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)			
ESPN2	27	27	College Basketball	Countdown	NFL Kickoff (N)	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball			
USA	31	31	NCIS "Skeletons"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "See No Evil"	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene			
TNT	32	32	Law & Order	Law & Order	** "A Christmas Carol" (1999, Fantasy)	** "A Christmas Carol" (1999, Fantasy)	** "A Christmas Carol" (1999, Fantasy)	** "A Christmas Carol" (1999, Fantasy)	** "A Christmas Carol" (1999, Fantasy)	** "A Christmas Carol" (1999, Fantasy)	** "A Christmas Carol" (1999, Fantasy)	** "A Christmas Carol" (1999, Fantasy)			
TBS	33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne			
COM	35	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Dunham	Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos	Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos	Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos	Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos	Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos	Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos	Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos			
LIFE	39	39	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted			
FOOD	40	40	Diners, Drive	Ba.	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Disney Holiday	Diners	Diners	Diners			
HGTV	41	41	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters			
A&E	43	43	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared			
HIST	44	44	Modern Marvels	Invention	Invention	Invention	Invention	Invention	IRT Deadliest Roads	Invention	Invention	Invention			
TLC	45	45	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Weddings of 2011	Say Yes	Say Yes	Weddings of 2011			
DISC	47	47	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush (N)	Gold Rush (N)	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush	Gold Rush			
ANPL	50	50	Fatal Attractions	Kati Kim	Fatal Attractions	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!			
FAM	51	51	"Nat'l-Christmas"	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"			
DISN	52	52	Good	Good	Good	Good	Shake It	Good	Jessie	Jessie	"The Search for Santa Paws"	Phineas	ANT	Good	
NICK	54	54	Sponge.	Sponge.	Kung Fu	Sponge.	'70s	'70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	70s Show	'70s	
AMC	57	57	"We Were Soldiers"	** "Young Guns" (1988, Western)	Emilio Estevez	** "Young Guns II" (1990)	Emilio Estevez	** "Young Guns II" (1990)	Emilio Estevez	** "Young Guns II" (1990)	Emilio Estevez	** "Young Guns II" (1990)			
SYFY	59	59	"Batman Forever"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)	Sanctuary (N)	Sanctuary (N)	Sanctuary (N)	Sanctuary (N)	Sanctuary (N)	Sanctuary (N)	Sanctuary (N)	Sanctuary (N)			
CNN	62	62	E. B. OutFront	The Frontlines	Piers Morgan	The Frontlines	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	The Frontlines	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	The Frontlines			
CNBC	63	63	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed			
MSNBC	64	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	Lockup Boston	"Inside L.A. County"	Lockup Wabash	The Squeeze						

SATURDAY MORNING		DECEMBER 24, 2011											
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
PBS	22	PBS NewsHour (N)	Builder	Dinosaur	Thomas	Mr. Rogers	W'dwright	Best of Joy	Fine Art	Sews	Sewing	Liv'g	
CBS	3	3	Tummy	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo)	Doodlebop	Doodlebop	Busytown	Busytown	The NFL Today (N)			
ABC	7	7	Reporter	Storms	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	J. Hanna	Ocean	Explore	Culture			
FOX	8	14	Walk Fit	Tummy	Fat Loss	Paid Prog.	Eco Co.	Secrets	House	Paid Prog.	Cook	Paid Prog.	Cook
NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Today Athletes without limits; Michael Bublé. (N)	Turbo	Sheldon	Magic Bus	Babar (El)	Willa's	Pearlie (El)		
CW	14	14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Magi	Magi	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Dragon
WGN	15	15	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI			
ESPN	26	26	SportsCtr	NFL	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	Sunday NFL Countdown (N) (Live)						
ESPN2	27	27	SportsCenter	Sport Sci.	NFL	NFL Live	Outside	The Sports	SportsCtr	Fantasy Football Now (N) (Live)			
USA	31	31	FREE Bras	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NCIS "Frame-Up"	NCIS "Family Secret"	NCIS "Hiatus" (N)		
TNT	32	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Leverage	Rizzoli & Isles	The Closer	"Deck the Halls" (2011)				
TBS	33	33	Earl	Earl	Earl	Jim	** "This Christmas" (2007)	Delroy Lindo, Idris Elba.	** "Last Holiday" (2006, Comedy)				
COM	35	35	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	(:08) ** "First Sunday" (2008)	Ice Cube	(:12) ** "Waiting..." (2005)	Ryan Reynolds, Anna Faris	My Cousin				
LIFE	39	39	Paid Prog.	WEN	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	Chris	Chris	"Holiday Baggage"	
FOOD	40	40	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Chopped			
HGTV	41	41	Disaster	Disaster	Income	Kitchen	Property	Property	Yard	Yard	Crashers	Crashers	Bath
A&E	43	43	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House	Sell: Extreme		
HIST	44	44	Heavy Metal	Ax Men	Ax Men	Ax Men	Ax Men	"Under Fire"	Ax Men	"Overboard"	Ice Road Truckers		
TLC	45	45	Sexy	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed			
DISC	47	47	Paid Prog.	Sexy	Butt Lift	Take It Off!	American Guns	American Guns	American Guns	American Guns	American Guns		
ANPL	50	50	Wild Amazon (In Stereo)	The Crocodile Hunter	Cats 101 "Kittens"	Hercules Saves Christmas	Pit Boss	Planet Earth "Jungles"					
FAM	51	51	Drummer	Drum II	Cranberry	Puff...	Dr. Seuss' Dr. Seuss	Pinocchio's Christmas	Xmas	"Rudolph & Frosty's Christmas"			
DISN	52	52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas		
NICK	54	54	T.U.F.F.	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Power
AMC	57	57	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	** "Young Guns II" (1990, Western)	Emilio Estevez	Lonesome Dove				
SYFY	59	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Vacuum	Twi. Zone	** "The Postman" (1997)	Kevin Costner. A man inspires survivors of an apocalypse.				
CNN	62	62	Sat. Morn	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning	Bottom	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)				
CNBC	63	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Oreck Vac	Sexy Face	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Grt Pillow
MSNBC	64	64	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)	Weekends With Alex Witt	Live news coverage. (N)								Invisible People

SATURDAY AFTERNOON		DECEMBER 24, 2011											
		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	22	Hometime	MotorWeek	Coach	This Old House Hr	Garden	Garden	Cook's	Cooking	Mexican	Lawrence Welk		
CBS	3	3	NFL Football	Denver Broncos at Buffalo Bills. (N) (Live)	RECLAIM	CarMD	Monster Jam	No Sleep?	Lose 30lbs				
ABC	7	7	Health	Food	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Heal Power-Juicing	Meals!	Skin	ESPN Sports Saturday (N)			
FOX	8	14	NFL Football	New York Giants at New York Jets. (N Subject to Blackout)	NFL Football	Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys. (In Stereo Live)							
NBC	9	9	Pets.TV	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	PGA Review	Golf ADT Skills Challenge, Day 1. (Taped)		Paid Prog.	MagicJack		
CW	14	14	Tai Chi	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Danger	Go for It!	Ani. Tails	Ani. Tails	Exploration	Exploration	Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Moments
WGN	15	15	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI				
ESPN	26	26	Golf	SpoCenter	SportsCenter Special (N)								
ESPN2	27	27	Timber	Timbersports Series (N)	Timber	NBA Basketball From Dec. 10, 2010.	Countdown to Tip-Off	NBA Basketball (N)					
USA	31	31	NCIS "Hiatus" (N)	NCIS "Escaped" (N)	NCIS "Driven" (N)	NCIS "Cover Story"	NCIS "Bury Your Dead"	NCIS "Family" (N)					
TNT	32	32	"Deck the Halls" (2011)	** "The Legend of Zorro" (2005)	(:15) ** "Sahara" (2005)	Matthew McConaughey	Men Blk 2						
TBS	33	33	Holiday	** "Call Me Claus" (2001)	Whoopi Goldberg	King	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Big Bang	Big Bang	
COM	35	35	(10:18) *** "My Cousin Vinny" (1992)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Jeff Dunham Christmas	(2:55) ** "National Lampoon's Van Wilder"						
LIFE	39	39	"Holiday Baggage"	*** "The Christmas Hope" (2009)	** "Home by Christmas" (2006, Drama)	"Home-Holiday"							
FOOD	40	40	Cupcake Wars	Next Iron Chef	Challenge	Guy's Disney Holiday	Iron Chef America	Chef Hunter					
HGTV	41	41	Home Strange Home	Holiday, Inc.	Holiday Block Party	Celebrity Holiday	American Christmas	White House					
A&E	43	43	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Dog	Dog	Dog the Bounty Hunter			
HIST	44	44	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People			
TLC	45	45	Penn & Teller Tell a Lie	Penn & Teller Tell a Lie	Penn & Teller Tell a Lie	Cmas Lights	Invasion: Lights	Crazy Christmas Lights					
DISC	47	47	American Guns	American Guns	American Guns	Sons of Guns	American Guns	Sons of Guns	American Guns	Sons of Guns			
ANPL	50	50	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth "Deserts"	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth "Caves"					
FAM	51	51	Rudolph	Rudolph & the Island of Misfit Toys	Mickey Ch	Winnie	Jack Frost	Landing	Prep &	Rudolph's Shiny Year			
DISN	52	52	Phineas	Fish Hooks	Jessie	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards	"The Search for Santa Paws" (2010)	Fish Hooks	Pixie	Shake It	
NICK	54	54	SpongeBob	Victorious	"Merry Christmas, Drake & Josh" (2008)	Big Time Rush	Parents	SpongeBob	Victorious	Victorious			
AMC	57	57	(10:00) Lonesome Dove	Lonesome Dove (Part 2 of 4)	Lonesome Dove	Gus reunites with an old flame.	Lonesome Dove						
SYFY	59	59	Postman	*** "Serenity" (2005)	Nathan Fillion, Gina Torres	** "Outlander" (2008)	James Caviezel, Ron Perlman	Red Planet					
CNN	62	62	Your Money (N)	Giving	Giving	CNN Presents	CNN Presents	CNN Presents	CNN Presents	CNN Presents	CNN Presents	CNN Presents	
CNBC	63	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wealth	FREE Bras	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wealth
MSNBC	64	64	The Runaways	Murder on Lovers Lane	Treasure Hunt	Scenes From a Murder							Lockup Boston

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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	Urban Nutcracker	Nature	Masterpiece Classic	Vatican City	Best Fest	European	Equitrek						
CBS	3	News	News	60 Minutes	CSI: Crime Scene	The Good Wife	CSI: Miami	News	Without a Trace	Paid					
ABC	7	NBA Basketball	Hollywood Cel	Grinch	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	News (N)	News	Insider	Betty						
FOX	8	Futurama	Futurama	Burgers	Cleve	Simpsons	Fam. Guy	American	News	Simpsons	Big Bang	Mother	Office	Mother	
NBC	9	Football Night	(:15) NFL Football	Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers.	(N)	Sports	News (N)	Road	Nieman	Paid					
CW	14	** "Bee Season" (2005)	Richard Gere.	** "The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising"	TMZ (N)	Ugly Betty	Brothers & Sisters								
WGN	15	30 Rock	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	Chicago	The Unit	Monk	Monk	Monk	Monk	Monk	
ESPN	26	(4:00) SportsCenter	NBA Basketball: Magic at Thunder												
ESPN2	27	NFL Ftbl	College Basketball												
USA	31	"Indiana Jones"	** "Elf" (2003)	Will Ferrell.	(:28) ** "Elf" (2003)	(8:57) ** "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989)									
TNT	32	(4:15) ** "Forrest Gump" (1994)	Leverage (N)	"Journey to the Center of the Earth" (2008)	Leverage	"Spider-Man" (2002)									
TBS	33	"A Christmas Story"	** "Shrek the Third" (2007, Comedy)	** "Shrek the Third" (2007, Comedy)	** "Call Me Claus" (2001)										
COM	35	** "Just Friends"	(5:57) ** "Bad Santa" (2003)	(7:59) ** "Zack and Miri Make a Porno" (2008)	Tosh.0	Work.	Futurama								
LIFE	39	"Nothing Like"	"12 Men of Christmas" (2009)	"Dear Santa" (2011)	Amy Acker.	(:01) "12 Men of Christmas" (2009)									
FOOD	40	Next Iron Chef	Cupcake Wars	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Chopped	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America							
HGTV	41	House	Hunters	Hollywood at Home	Homes	Hunters	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	
A&E	43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds							
HIST	44	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	
TLC	45	To Be Announced	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	
DISC	47	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	
ANPL	50	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	
FAM	51	"Home Alone 2"	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	"National Lamp. Christmas"	J. Osteen	Ed Young	Z. Levitt	Prince							
DISN	52	Bee	"Good Luck Charlie"	Buttowski	Fish	Shake It	Jessie	ANT	Random	"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005)					
NICK	54	iCarly	Sponge.	70s Show	70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	
AMC	57	(3:00) "El Dorado"	** "Rio Bravo" (1959)	John Wayne, Dean	Martin.	** "El Dorado" (1967)	John Wayne, Robert	Mitchum.							
SYFY	59	Face Off	Face Off	Face Off	Face Off	Merlin	Merlin	Merlin	Merlin	Merlin	Merlin	Merlin	Merlin	Merlin	
CNN	62	The Frontlines	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	P.M. Christmas	The Frontlines	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	
CNBC	63	Diabetes	Wall St.	Walt: The Man Behind the Myth	The Facebook	Big Mac: Inside	American Greed	CNBC Titans							
MSNBC	64	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Sex Slaves: UK		Sex Slaves	Sex Slaves	Sex Slaves	Sex Slaves	Sex Slaves	Sex Slaves	Sex Slaves	Sex Slaves	Sex Slaves	

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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Secrets-Divine	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Broke	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0	News	Letterman	Late		
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Rudolph's New Year	You Deserve It	House	House	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny	
FOX	8	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	House	House	House	House	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny	
NBC	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Still Standing	Fear Factor	Rock Center	Rock Center	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late	Late		
CW	14	Funny Home Videos	"Til Death	"Til Death	** "The Education of Charlie Banks"	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access	Access		
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	News	NBA Basketball: Bulls at Warriors	Sunny	Futurama						
ESPN	26	Monday Night Countdown (N)	NFL Football	Atlanta Falcons at New Orleans Saints.	(N)	(Live)	SportsCenter (N)	(Live)	NFL PrimeTime (N)						
ESPN2	27	College Football	Poker-Eu.	Poker - Europe	Poker - Europe	SportsCtr	Sport Sci.	SportsCenter (N)	NBA	NFL					
USA	31	"National Treasure: Book of Secrets"	WWE Monday Night RAW (N)	(:05) ** "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2002)	Aces										
TNT	32	Law & Order	The Closer	The Closer (N)	Rizzoli & Isles	The Closer	Rizzoli & Isles	CSI: NY							
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan	Office	Office	Conan		
COM	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Work.	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	South Park	
LIFE	39	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	One Born Ev.	Mother	Reba	(:01) Wife Swap	(:01) Wife Swap	(:01) Wife Swap	(:01) Wife Swap	(:01) Wife Swap	(:01) Wife Swap	
FOOD	40	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	Love It or List It (N)	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	
A&E	43	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Intervention	Intervention	"Linda"	(:01) Hoarders	(:01) Hoarders	(:01) Hoarders	(:01) Hoarders	(:01) Hoarders	(:01) Hoarders	
HIST	44	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	
TLC	45	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Candy	Candy	Cake Boss:Next	Candy	Candy	Candy	Candy	Candy	Candy	Candy	
DISC	47	Storm Chasers	Storm Chasers (N)	The Earth Wild	Raw Alaska (N)	The Earth Wild	Raw Alaska	(N)	The Earth Wild	Raw Alaska	Storm Chasers	Storm Chasers	Storm Chasers	Storm Chasers	
ANPL	50	The Haunted	The Haunted	The Haunted	The Haunted	The Haunted	The Haunted	The Haunted	The Haunted	The Haunted	The Haunted	The Haunted	The Haunted	The Haunted	
FAM	51	(4:00) "Richie Rich"	"Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"	The 700 Club (N)	Whose? Whose?	Paid	TriVita								
DISN	52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Shake It	Good	Jessie	Austin	Random	** "A Bug's Life" (1998)	(In Stereo)	Jessie	Jessie	
NICK	54	Victo	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	70s Show	70s Show
AMC	57	"League-Own"	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	
SYFY	59	Being Human	Being Human	Being Human	Being Human	Being Human	Being Human	Being Human	Being Human	Being Human	"Rise: Blood"				
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	
CNBC	63	The Coffee Ad.	Supermarkets	The Facebook	BMW: A Driv.	Pepsi's Challenge	Target: Inside	Billions Behind Bars							
MSNBC	64	Predator Raw	To Catch a Predator	To Catch a Predator	To Catch a Predator	To Catch a Predator	To Catch a Predator	Predator Raw	Predator Raw	Predator Raw	Predator Raw	Predator Raw	Predator Raw	Predator 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)	News	The Botany of Desire	Four species.	Frontline (In Stereo)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS "Defiance"	The 34th Annual Kennedy Center Honors	News	Letterman	Late					
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Suburg.	Body of Proof	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX	8	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	Glee	New Girl	Raising	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny		
NBC	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	The Biggest Loser (In Stereo)	Parenthood "Nora"	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late					
CW	14	Funny Home Videos	"Til Death	"Til Death	"Keith" (2008, Drama)	Elisabeth Harnois.	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access	Access			
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama		
ESPN	26	College Football	College Football	Belk Bowl - Louisville vs. North Carolina State.	(N)	(Live)	SportsCenter (N)	(Live)	NBA	NFL					
ESPN2	27	College Basketball					SportsNation	NFL Live (N)	NBA	NFL					
USA	31	"Pirates-Dead"	** "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" (2007)	Johnny Depp.	** "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest"										
TNT	32	Bones	NBA Basketball	Boston Celtics at Miami Heat.	(N)	NBA Basketball	Utah Jazz at Los Angeles Lakers.	(N)	Inside the NBA (N)						
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Office	Conan		
COM	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	South Pk	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	"Jackass No. 2"	
LIFE	39	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	One Born Ev.	One Born Ev.	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	
FOOD	40	Chopped Cham.	Chopped Cham.	Chopped Cham.	Chopped Cham.	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	First Pla.	My	Property	Property	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Property	Property	House	Hunters
A&E	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
HIST	44	MonsterQuest	Pawn	Pawn	Bigfoot: The Definitive Guide	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Pawn	Pawn	Bigfoot: The					
TLC	45	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	All-Stars	All-Stars	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	All-Stars	All-Stars	All-Stars	All-Stars	All-Stars	All-Stars	
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs	The Best	The Best	Dirty Jobs (N)	Swamp Loggers (N)	Dirty Jobs	Swamp Loggers	The Best	The Best	The Best	The Best	The Best	The Best	
ANPL	50	Wild Russia "Arctic"	Yellowstone: Battle for Life	Wild Russia "Arctic"	Yellowstone: Battle for Life										
FAM	51	"Willy Wonka & Chocolate"	** "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005)	The 700 Club (N)	Whose? Whose?	Oreck	Paid								
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Shake It	Good	Jessie	Austin	Wizards	"Adventures of Sharkboy"	Wizards	Jessie	Jessie	
NICK	54	Ninjas	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	70s Show	70s Show
AMC	57	"Patch Adams"	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express" (2004)	** "The Polar Express								

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	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS 2	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	Nature (In Stereo)	NOVA (In Stereo)	NOVA (In Stereo)	NOVA (In Stereo)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS 3	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS: Los Angeles	Criminal Minds	CSI: Crime Scene	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC 7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Suburg.	Family	Happy	Revenge "Intrigue"	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX 8	14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	Raising	Raising	New Girl	New Girl	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny	
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	All Night	Whitney	Harry's Law	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late		
CW 14		Funny Home Videos	"Til Death	"Til Death	"According to Greta"	(2009) Hilary Duff.	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access		
WGN 15		Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama		
ESPN 26		College Football	College Football: Bridgepoint Education	College Football: Bridgepoint Education	College Football: Bridgepoint Education	College Football: Bridgepoint Education	College Football: Bridgepoint Education	College Football: Bridgepoint Education	College Football: Bridgepoint Education	College Football: Bridgepoint Education	College Football: Bridgepoint Education	College Football: Bridgepoint Education	College Football: Bridgepoint Education	College Football: Bridgepoint Education	
ESPN2 27		College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	
USA 31		"He's Just Not"	** "Funny People"	(2009) Adam Sandler. Premiere.	** "He's Just Not That Into You"	(2009)	** "He's Just Not That Into You"	(2009)	** "He's Just Not That Into You"	(2009)	** "He's Just Not That Into You"	(2009)	** "He's Just Not That Into You"	(2009)	
TNT 32		Law & Order	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	Leverage	Rizzoli & Isles	Southland	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	
TBS 33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Office	Conan		
COM 35		30 Rock	30 Rock	Chap	Chap	Chap	Chap	Chap	Chap	Daily	Colbert	Colbert	Colbert		
LIFE 39		"Julie & Julia"	** "The Holiday"	(2006) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet.	To Be Announced	(:01) ** "The Holiday"	(2006)	To Be Announced	(:01) ** "The Holiday"	(2006)	To Be Announced	(:01) ** "The Holiday"	(2006)	To Be Announced	
FOOD 40		Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars	Chopped All-Stars	
HGTV 41		Hunters	House	House	Income	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	
A&E 43		Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	
HIST 44		(4:00) Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	(:01) Ancient Aliens	(:01) Ancient Aliens	(:01) Ancient Aliens	(:01) Ancient Aliens	(:01) Ancient Aliens	
TLC 45		Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Cheapskates	Toddlers & Tiaras	Cheapskates	Toddlers & Tiaras	Cheapskates	Toddlers & Tiaras	Cheapskates	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	
DISC 47		Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns	Moonshiners	Sons of Guns	Moonshiners	Sons of Guns	Moonshiners	Sons of Guns	Moonshiners	Sons of Guns	
ANPL 50		River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	
FAM 51		*** "Casper"	(1995) Christina Ricci.	*** "Elf"	(2003) Will Ferrell. Premiere.	The 700 Club	Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	
DISN 52		Jessie	Jessie	Austin	Austin	Shake It	Good	Jessie	Austin	Random	Good	Shake It	Phineas	Wizards	
NICK 54		iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	70s Show	
AMC 57		"Ocean's Twelve"	*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	
SYFY 59		Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	
CNN 62		E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	
CNBC 63		The Kudlow Report	Biography on CNBC	60 Minutes on	American Greed	Mad Money	60 Minutes on	Biography on CNBC	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	
MSNBC 64		Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	

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	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS 2	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	News	Travel	Globe Trekker	Fronteras	Wonders-West	Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley				
CBS 3	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Rules	Person of Interest	The Mentalist	News	Letterman	Late			
ABC 7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Charlie Brown	Person of Interest	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX 8	14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	Bones	Bones	Bones	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny		
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Commun	Parks	Office	Whitney	Office	All Night	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late	
CW 14		Funny Home Videos	"Til Death	"Til Death	The Vampire Diaries	The Secret Circle	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access		
WGN 15		Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama	
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FAM 51		(4:30) "Cheaper by the Dozen"	** "Sweet Home Alabama"	(2002) Josh Lucas	The 700 Club	Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	
DISN 52		Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Shake It	Good	Jessie	Good	Shake It	** "Bolt"	(2008)	Phineas	Wizards	
NICK 54		Parents	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	70s Show	
AMC 57		"Quick-Dead"	*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	
SYFY 59		** "Dark Water"	(2005) Premiere.	Three Inches "Pilot"	(N)	** "House of Wax"	(2005, Horror) Elisha Cuthbert.	100 Feet	100 Feet	100 Feet	100 Feet	100 Feet	100 Feet	100 Feet	
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MSNBC 64		Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

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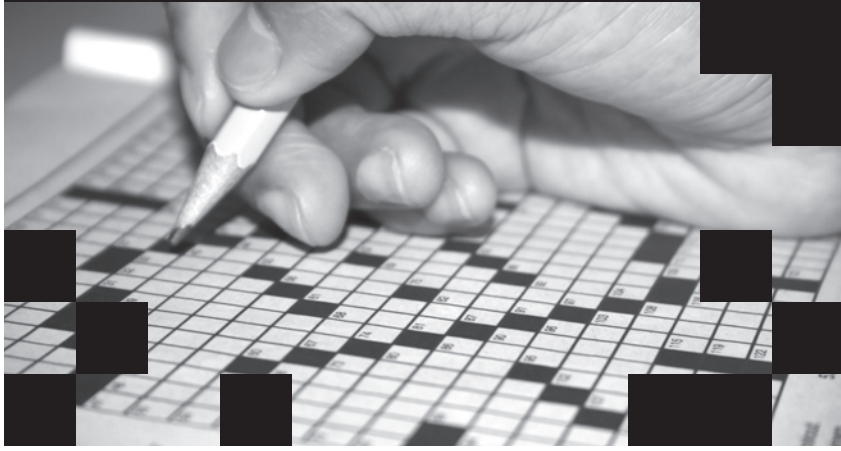
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BrainGames



Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

YOUR NINE TO FIVE

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|----------------|----------------|
| ENGLISH | SPANISH |
| ATTORNEY | ABOGADO |
| BIOLOGIST | BIÓLOGO |
| GUARD | GUARDIA |
| HOTELIER | HOTELERO |
| INTERPRETER | INTÉRPRETE |
| LOCKSMITH | CERRAJERO |
| MAYOR | ALCALDE |
| MODEL | MODELO |
| SECRETARY | SECRETARIO |
| SOLDIER | SOLDADO |
| THERAPIST | TERAPEUTA |
| WRITER | ESCRITOR |

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Crossword Puzzles

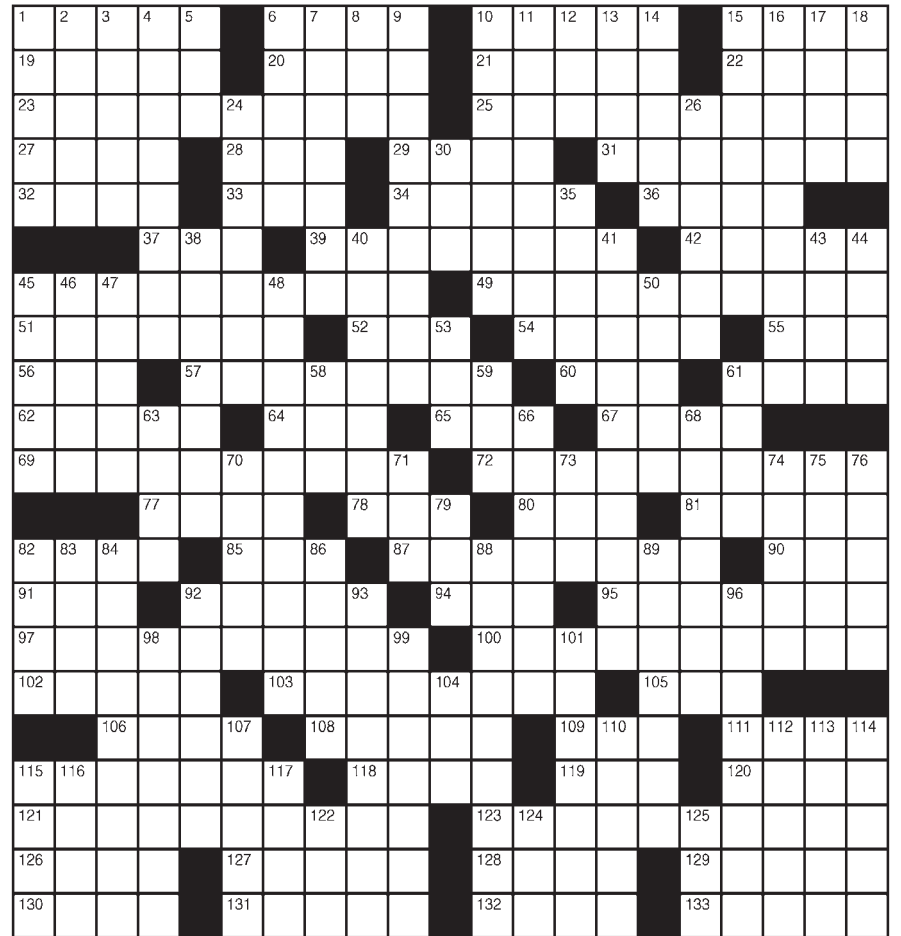
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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.

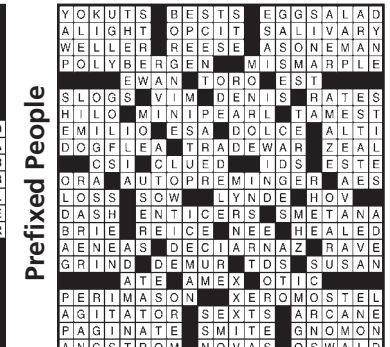
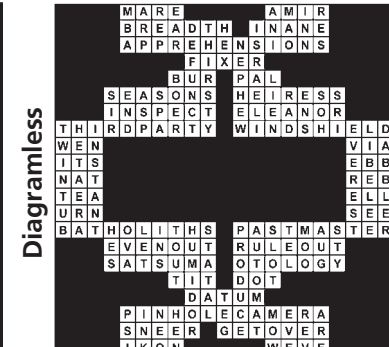
- ACROSS**
- Running animal on shield
 - Earned
 - Circus cries
 - Took the final available help path
 - "Absolutely!"
 - Finished working: abbr.
 - Platter for serving food
 - Present time
 - Car accessory
 - To this day
 - Separation into + and - particles
 - Jack-in-the-pulpit, e.g.
 - Eastern European
 - Clinton, abbr. e.g.
 - Ornamental flower holder
 - Goblet feature
 - PC action
 - Coming into being
 - Pinot tasting area
 - N.O.Saints chant - "Who's ___?"
 - Cleans up, in a way
 - Can you dig it?
 - Medicinal clean out agents
 - Accepting without question
 - On the other hand
 - Radar image
 - Out
 - Linda ____, Supergirl's alias
 - Relaxer
 - Spore producer
 - Throat, for one
 - Dump
 - Be a pain
 - Bit of physics
 - Assuages
 - Original name before marriage
 - Stead
 - Timber problem
 - Always, in verse
 - Unit of pressure
 - Can be mislaid
- DOWN**
- Computer monitor, for short
 - "___ the glad waters of the dark blue sea": Byron
 - Finish, with "up"
 - Ex-Yankee Guidry
 - Compass doodle
 - ___ power
 - Golf bag item
 - GQ competitor
 - Magazine contents
 - ___ list
 - Store, as corn
 - Shaping into a circle
 - Deadly opiate
 - Attitude
 - Like some humor
 - Manhattan section
 - Branch dwelling reptilian
 - Blast
 - Caesar's hello
 - Anderson's "High ___"
 - Can't be discussed
 - Convened
 - Intimidate
 - William Tell's canton
 - Bolivian export
 - Add years to one's life
 - Writer's point
 - Chain letters?
 - When it's broken, that's good
 - Fishermen
 - Perceiving
 - Be off
 - Time div.
 - Capt.'s guess
 - Small songbird
 - Comes in cubes
 - Hall-of-Famer Hubbard
 - Astute
 - Mushroom
 - "Seinfeld" gal
 - Reception
 - Something excellent
 - Venom source
 - Low-tech missile
 - Lt.'s subordinate
 - Distill
 - 4:1, e.g.
 - Leg part
 - Attendee
 - Deviation
 - Neighbor of Ger.
 - Debate position
 - North Sea feeder
 - "Eureka!"
 - Blubber
 - Corner piece
 - "Didn't I tell you?"

BLACK TO BLACK

- ACROSS**
- Cornered
 - Charlie Chan's comment
 - ___-wip (dessert topping)
 - Address for a lady
 - Saclike cavity between joints
 - Kid's punishment, perhaps
 - Facilitates
 - Rounds and clips
 - Harry the magician
 - Drupe
 - Hodgepodge
 - Soaked
 - Ramble
 - Total takes
 - Camp shelter
 - Bear in Barcelona
 - John and Tyne
 - Kathryn of "Law And Order: CI"
 - Barcelona uncle
 - Glowing brightly
 - Noted chair designer
 - Picnic staple
 - Romaine, e.g.
 - Gathers greedily
 - Clearasil target
 - Japanese P.M. Fukuda
 - Gun lobby letters
 - Levin or Gershwin
 - Begins, slangily
 - Sales pro
 - Sporty car roof
 - Canvas coating
 - Mamie's man
 - NYC arena
 - Arcturus or Antares
 - Setting sun phenomenon
 - Portable torch
 - ___ number one!
 - Butter holder
 - Mentalist Geller
 - Philanthropist
 - Industrial pollutants: abbr.
 - ___ out of (decline)
 - Bullfighter
 - Sugary suffix
 - Rope-a-dope poet
 - Jetson's dog
 - Nighty-night spot
 - Dispossessed tenant
- DOWN**
- Navigation beacon
 - Do domestic duty
 - Center of central Florida?
 - Web surfers
 - Greek letter
 - Kind of frost
 - Virgil's shepherdess
 - Coll. student's figure
 - One of Henry VIII's six
 - Mimicries
 - Hindquarters
 - Cold and wet
 - Royal role for Liz
 - Tabula rasa
 - Dark color
 - Like Santa's cheeks
 - Chinese province
 - German "a"
 - French title
 - French seasons
 - Little sticks
 - Becomes pudding
 - Tracker's trail
 - Brothers' keeper?
 - Very fine netting
 - Egghead
 - Fancy haberdashery item
 - Talk, talk, talk
 - Chips in
 - Night bird
 - RR stop
 - Went too far
 - Retail transactions
 - What I'll do if I'm wrong
 - British mil. honor
 - ___ Xiaoping
 - Grenoble's river
 - Chocolate candy treat
 - Cause for a smile
 - Friend in Marseille
 - Witty remarks
 - Actress Kurtz
 - Precede
 - Single grain
 - Of the sun
 - Roger McGuinn song
 - Most vague
 - Eschews neutrality
 - Eliel Saarinen's son
 - Become unhinged
 - Odin's wife
 - Harder to find
 - Czar's decree
 - Opposite of an elementary particle
 - Profundity
 - Male turkey
 - Reggae's cousin
 - Letters on a rubber check
 - Threesome
 - Puts in stitches
 - Attached with stickum
 - Early TV series, "The ___ Family"
 - First-year students
 - Crude shelter
 - Football coach Parseghian
 - Thousand bucks
 - Old Testament prophet
 - Wooden tableware
 - Go up and down
 - Washed out
 - Cut short
 - Head honcho
 - Aligned
 - Perfects by repetition
 - Blow away
 - Come by
 - One-time Jazz center Greg
 - Sound of hoofbeats
 - Cheers
 - Brennan and Heckart
 - Football coach Parseghian
 - Pakistan ruler (1977-88)
 - City in northwestern Iran
 - Meat pastes
 - Texas shrine
 - Right-hand page
 - TV weatherman Al
 - Large lot
 - Conspiracy
 - Dilatory
 - Tropical blackbird
 - Tell whoppers
 - NCAA acronym



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS



CRYPTOGRAM

M N P N T G N D A O Q D N Q R R J
 Y X K Q G R N Q Y M V Y P X T T X Y
 T X Y K B . F B J ? G N P Q V O N
 A K ' O K B N X Y R J T X Y K B F A K B
 Q M A Y A K .

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 Mickey Mouse is happy as a lark on his usual Christmas transportation, mice skates.



At The Movies

Delve into a complex world

‘Sherlock Holmes’ film is packed with action

Review by **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

While most of us have known the stories of Sherlock Holmes to portray a brilliant, reserved, venerable detective who could solve any crime, director Guy Ritchie reveals a stark contrast to previous portrayals of the British mystery man in “Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows.”

Although Ritchie has said the sequel to 2009’s “Sherlock Holmes” is influenced by Doyle’s “The Final Problem,” it’s not necessarily called an adaptation of his work.

Regardless of how well the story is tied to its origins, Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law are amazing actors, and they lend a necessary credibility as Sherlock Holmes and his sidekick, Dr. Watson.

Downey has brought Holmes into the 21st century to appeal to audiences of the new millennium. There’s more action and less pondering by the fire. More action even comes from Watson, originally portrayed to American audiences as a faithful companion who trudges on with no complaint to a sarcastic, feisty (and extremely attractive) medical practitioner. He’s also a war veteran, so he’s no stranger to combat.

While some critics have argued this new Sherlock Holmes action figure doesn’t have a place in film, others are saying Ritchie did a major amount of research in his “adaptation.”



Dr. Watson (Jude Law) and Sherlock Holmes (Robert Downey Jr.) maintain an excellent chemistry in “Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows,” the sequel in Guy Ritchie’s recently developed adaptation of the London detective story.

Ritchie is known for his interesting, complex films, such as “Snatch” and took plenty of hits for putting his then-wife Madonna in “Swept Away.” He has lots of talent, and no one wants to see him fail. Even amid “controversy” surrounding where this present-day Holmes came from, Ritchie fails to fail.

In the sequel, action scenes are evident from beginning to end, as the movie begins with a suspenseful sequence where Holmes and Watson interfere with a satanic rite by Lord Blackwood (Mark Strong). The detective uses his mental capacity to envision how he’ll physically incapacitate his opponent in a slow-motion “Matrix” kind of way. Blackwood is arrested and sentenced to death by hanging, but threatens, “Death is only the beginning.”

The darkness of the film continues in dreary, depressing, industrial, crime-laden 19th-century London.

Treading the fine line between genius and insanity, Holmes is investigating an unrelated series of crimes, and believes them to be connected to Professor Moriarty (Jared Harris), who gives Holmes’ genius a run for its money. Moriarty is indeed up to something, but what it is, Holmes can’t

quite get a handle on.

In his investigation, Holmes encounters his old flame Irene Adler (Rachel McAdams). All movies need an element of romance, and despite Watson finding lasting love with Mary (Kelly Reilly), it’s the romantic link between Sherlock and Irene that the audience craves. Even if Downey has to carry both of them through it with his acting skills. McAdams, I feel, wasn’t meant for this role.

Watson’s marriage finally puts an end to his rooming with Holmes, and ends an era in the long-lasting friendship. But with all that ensues, Watson isn’t able to get out of his crime-solving career just yet.

The pair works together to beat Moriarty at his own game, bouncing around Europe and uncovering clues Moriarty has left behind, bringing along a new character, gypsy Madam Simza Heron (Noomi Rapace), who has a bigger role than McAdams. Meanwhile, Moriarty is playing a different game, trying to break Holmes by hurting those closest to him.

Is the sequel less impressive than the first?

The introduction of a new Sherlock Holmes to the world was fascinating in itself, and “A Game of Shadows” sequel provides a different fascination as the story continues, maintaining Holmes’ wit, great chemistry between Watson and Holmes and lots and lots of action.

By the looks of things – and the belief all good films come in trilogies – there’s more to come.

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Film Review

SHERLOCK HOLMES: A GAME OF SHADOWS

Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law

Rated: PG-13

Running time: 129 minutes

Director: Guy Ritchie

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AtTheMovies

Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

The Sitter

Rating: R
Plot Overview: A comedy about a college student on suspension who is coaxed into babysitting the kids next door, though he is fully unprepared for the wild night ahead of him.
Starring: Jonah Hill, Ari Graynor
Director: David Gordon Green



New Year's Eve

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: The lives of several couples and singles in New York intertwine over the course of New Year's Eve.
Starring: Sarah Jessica Parker, Jessica Biel
Director: Garry Marshall



The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: The Quileute and the Volturi close in on expecting parents Edward and Bella, whose unborn child poses different threats to the wolf pack and vampire coven.
Starring: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson
Director: Bill Condon



Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson join forces to outwit and bring down their fiercest adversary, Professor Moriarty.
Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law
Director: Guy Ritchie



Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chip-Wrecked

Rating: G
Plot Overview: While aboard a cruise ship, the Chipmunks go overboard and end up marooned in a tropical paradise.
Starring: Justin Long, Matthew Gray Gubler
Director: Mike Mitchell



Hugo

Rating: PG
Plot Overview: An orphan who lives in the walls of a train station is wrapped up in a mystery involving his late father and an automaton.
Starring: Asa Butterfield, Chloë Grace Moretz
Director: Martin Scorsese



Young Adult

Rating: R
Plot Overview: Soon after her divorce, a fiction writer returns to her home in small-town Minnesota, looking to rekindle a romance with her ex-boyfriend, who is now married with kids.
Starring: Charlize Theron, Patrick Wilson
Director: Jason Reitman



The Muppets

Rating: PG
Plot Overview: With the help of three fans, The Muppets must reunite to save their old theater from a greedy oil tycoon.
Starring: Amy Adams, Jason Segel
Director: James Bobin



Arthur Christmas

Rating: PG
Plot Overview: On Christmas night at the North Pole, Santa's youngest son looks to use his father's high-tech operation for an urgent mission.
Starring: James McAvoy, Jim Broadbent
Director: Sarah Smith



Happy Feet Two

Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Mumble and his family and friends discover a new threat to their home – one that will take everyone working together to save them.
Starring: Elijah Wood, Robin Williams
Director: George Miller



Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: The IMF is shut down when it's implicated in the bombing of the Kremlin, causing Ethan Hunt and his new team to go rogue to clear their organization's name.
Starring: Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner
Director: Brad Bird
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The Adventures of Tintin

Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Tintin and Captain Haddock set off on a treasure hunt for a sunken ship commanded by Haddock's ancestor. But someone else is in search of the ship.
Starring: Jamie Bell, Andy Serkis
Director: Steven Spielberg
OPENED WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21



The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

Rating: R
Plot Overview: Journalist Mikael Blomkvist is aided in his search for a woman who has been missing for 40 years by Lisbeth Salander, a young computer hacker.
Starring: Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara
Director: David Fincher
OPENED WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21



We Bought a Zoo

Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Set in Southern California, a father moves his young family to the countryside to renovate and re-open a struggling zoo.
Starring: Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson
Director: Cameron Crowe
OPENING FRIDAY, DEC. 23



War Horse

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Young Albert enlists to service in WWI after his beloved horse, Joey, is sold to the cavalry. Albert's hopeful journey takes him out of England and across Europe as the war rages on.
Starring: Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson
Director: Steven Spielberg
OPENING SUNDAY, DEC. 25



The Darkest Hour

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: In Moscow, five young people lead the charge against an alien race who have attacked Earth via our power supply.
Starring: Emile Hirsch, Olivia Thirlby
Director: Chris Gorak
OPENING SUNDAY, DEC. 25



New this week on DVD Tuesday, Dec. 27

Final Destination 5

Rating: R
Genre: Horror
Starring: Emma Bell, Nicholas D'Agosto
Director: Steven Quale

Apollo 18

Rating: PG-13
Genre: Science Fiction, Suspense
Starring: Warren Christie, Ryan Robbins
Director: Gonzalo Lopez-Gallego

The First Grader

Rating: PG-13
Genre: Drama
Starring: Naomie Harris, Tony Kgoroge
Director: Justin Chadwick

Love Crime

Rating: Not rated
Genre: Suspense, Crime
Starring: Ludivine Sagnier, Kristin Scott Thomas
Director: Allen Corneau

Brighton Rock

Rating: R
Genre: Drama, Crime
Starring: Sam Riley, Andrea Riseborough
Director: Rowan Joffe

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- 1 **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (Week No. 1) **\$40,020,000**
- 2 **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (Week No. 1) **\$23,500,000**
- 3 **Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol** (Week No. 2) **\$13,00,000**
- 4 **New Year's Eve** (Week No. 2) **\$7,420,000**
- 5 **The Sitter** (Week No. 2) **\$4,400,000**
- 6 **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (Week No. 5) **\$4,300,000**
- 7 **Young Adult** (Week No. 2) **\$3,650,000**
- 8 **Hugo** (Week No. 4) **\$3,625,000**
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'Look, Daddy, it's snowing'



Bob Nosbisch
Getting the Word Out

In December 1976, I was 20 years old, working in a military personnel office at Bitburg Air Base, West Germany. After a tour of duty in Utah, this was my first overseas assignment.

Like many other young guys in the military, I wore a mask of bravado, showing that I could get through Christmas without getting emotional or homesick, even though my family was on the other side of the world.

Many of my fellow airmen had returned to the U.S. to celebrate Christmas or other holidays with their families. Others had taken off for the German or Swiss Alps for some great skiing.

Since I had just arrived in Germany two months ago, my savings of annual leave and money were quite depleted, so I wasn't going anywhere.

A few days before Dec. 25, one of my colleagues, Joe Kindler, asked me what I was doing for Christmas. Before I could answer, Joe said, "Aleta and I would like to invite you and Andy over for Christmas. We'll pick you up." Aleta was Joe's wife; Andy Anderson was a work colleague.

Something pierced my veil of bravado and instead of pretending I had plans, I said, "That's very nice of you and Aleta, Joe. I'll be happy to share Christmas at your house."

Now that nearly 35 years have passed since Christmas 1976, I still do not remember what we ate, but I do fondly recall Joe and Aleta's kindness by taking two guys out of the barracks and sharing a Christmas meal with them, asking for nothing in return.

Fast forward to December 1999. After attending Christmas Eve church services, some friends and their children came to our house. While Daniel, Kelli and Erica played with our children, Laura and Dylan, in one of the rooms, the adults visited in another room. Suddenly, our adult laughter was interrupted by, "Mr. Nosbisch! Mrs. Nosbisch! Laura doesn't feel good! We think she's sick!"

The six adults looked down into the faces of four grim-faced elementary school children who were concerned that one of their friends was sick.

We went back to check on Laura. With flushed cheeks and sad eyes, she obviously looked as if she did not feel well. After taking her temperature, I told our friends they were welcome to stay, but I was taking Laura to Prompt Care.

By the time Laura and I arrived at Prompt Care, several other sick children and their parents or other caretakers were already there. After signing in and taking care of paperwork, we waited.

As we waited, I thought, "What a way to spend Christmas Eve – father and daughter in Prompt Care. This is special."

After a nurse checked out Laura, a doctor briefly examined her and then wrote a prescription. As Laura and I

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Never too early to start

Local businesses gear up for relay

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Local participants in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life are getting serious about fundraising for the annual event, set to take place Aug. 24-25, 2012.

Rebecca Benavidez, manager of Denny's, is proactively getting her team members and employees motivated to gear up for the cause, even though the walk is months away.

"It just makes sense, to start early and get everyone pumped and committed to strive to find a cure," Benavidez said.

If you drove down Main Street past Denny's the night of Friday, Dec. 16, you may have already seen this in action, as several employees were standing with signs advertising the cause and asking for your help by coming in for dinner or donations.

The night marked the first of many Benefit Nights of Denny's, where 10 percent of all ticket sales generated in the restaurant will go toward the American Cancer Society's research to find a cure.

Dec. 16 marked a special place in Benavidez's heart, because it was her mother's birthday. Benavidez lost both of her parents to cancer at an early age.

Benavidez said she has rounded up about four people to do the relay with her thus far, which is already a good start.

More than \$200 was raised the first night, and the next event will be held 4 to 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2012.

This year's Relay for Life event chair Yoli Diaz, has formed her team, the "Can Clan," which plans on meeting a fundraising goal of \$10,000.

"Keep an eye on us though, we may just exceed this goal," Diaz said.

Diaz, a volunteer for the Relay for Life, also has personal motivation for being dedicated to the cause, as her father died from lung cancer, and her oldest son is a three-time survivor of



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

Cita, Leticia Soto, Yoli Diaz, Rebecca Benavidez, Jo Ann Lara, Tony Lara, Shirley Daniels and Tina Vigil Fischer pose for the first Benefit Night Friday, Dec. 16, Denny's will host throughout the year to raise funds for the Relay for Life event in August.

melanoma. Two of Diaz's cousins, both members of the Can Clan, are breast cancer survivors.

"Not only do I want to see a cure found, I want a cure found in my lifetime," Diaz said. "I have big reasons to fight cancer."

Upcoming fundraisers the Can Clan will host include luminaria donations, bingo events and car washes.

"Luminaria donations are a beautiful symbol of honoring our survivors and remembering our loved ones lost to cancer," Diaz said.

According to Diaz, this early start gives existing teams and volunteers more time and opportunities to reach bigger and better goals.

Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, the "soft kickoff" at Memorial Medical Center will be held, an event that invites the existing teams and participants to kick off the Las Cruces Relay For Life.

"The main purpose of the kickoff is to recruit new teams and to retain returning teams that did not sign up at early bird registration,"

Diaz said.

To learn more about how to register to participate in the Relay for Life, visit www.relayforlife.org or call Diaz at 649-0598.

Details

Relay for Life kickoff

When
Friday, Jan. 20

Where
Memorial Medical Center
2450 S. Telshor Blvd.

Contact
Yoli Diaz, 649-0598

New directions for health insurance

One size no longer fits all

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

United Healthcare, a national insurance company, recently released a health insurance package designed to benefit small businesses and to suit a multitude of employees' needs.

New for the state of New Mexico, the multi-choice plan is available for businesses with up to 50 employees and offers up to 16 different health care options, each with different coverage levels, deductibles and premiums.

"The one-size-fits-all idea doesn't work anymore," said Chad Zechiel, vice president of sales for small businesses of United Healthcare.

The future of health care coverage has been somewhat unstable with so many changes flowing down the ranks from Washington, D.C., and consumers are demanding more affordability and accessibility.

Traditionally, many small employers only offer one health care plan for all of their

employees, Zechiel said, and that's just "not efficient."

"It drives choice at the employee level, which hasn't been done in the past," Zechiel said. "Technically, if a company has 10 employees, they should be able to offer 10 unique plans."

These new individualized plans may be a glimpse into the future of health care coverage in America.

With big changes expected to roll out to states over the next few years under the health care reform law, several states, including New Mexico, have been given federal grants to help form the mandatory affordable insurance exchanges.

The exchanges, which by law must be fully operational by 2014, are designed to be a marketplace of sorts for consumers and businesses to be able to competitively choose which health care plans best fit their needs.

When the federal grant of \$34.2 million was released to New Mexico in September, Gov. Susana Martinez said in a statement that health insurance markets must be "built on the fundamental principles of real consumer choice,

true market-based competition and value."

It's no secret that it's becoming increasingly difficult for small business owners to obtain health insurance for their employees when they face such a complex, and usually, expensive system.

Offering unique and individualized health care, however, can be a key to keeping employees happy.

"A middle-aged employee with a family of four may have very different health needs than a single twenty-something employee, and that's what we're trying to get at," Zechiel said.

Sherrye Butler, vice president of HUB International Insurance Services said the multi-choice product is a "win-win for both the employee and the employer."

"This option allows the employer to define the amount they are willing to contribute to the cost of health insurance and the employee can choose the plan that best fits their financial needs," Butler said.

Even though United Healthcare just released the plan in New Mexico, Zechiel said it has been very successful in other states.

In the spirit of giving



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Christiansen

Albertsons Store Director Doug Heavner gives the director of juvenile justice and prevention programs at Families & Youth Inc. Brian Kavanaugh, a check for \$10,000 Friday, Dec. 16. FYI was awarded the grant through the Albertsons Community Partners Challenge. The funds were awarded to support the FYI-AmeriCorps Safe After School Program (SASP). SASP is a partnership with Las Cruces Public Schools, where members provide academic assistance and enrichment programs to elementary school children through LCPS.

Ribbon cutting



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler

The Healing Tree Holistic Center and Salon co-owner Ricardo De La O holds a proclamation as his mother and co-owner Grace De La O cuts the ribbon during a Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces ribbon cutting ceremony Friday, Dec. 16 at the business located at 2000 E. Lohman Ave. The center offers a holistic approach at modern day ailments while embracing the healing traditions of the Native American, Chinese, German, Swedish and Mexican healers.

Christmas

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left the building, she looked up, smiled weakly, and said, "Look, Daddy, it's snowing."

Sure enough, a light snow was falling on Las Cruces. I looked at my watch. It was 12:10 a.m. Dec. 25.

As we drove to a local pharmacy, I thought, "What a way to welcome Christmas Day. Here I am with my sick 9-year-old daughter, and snow is falling in Las Cruces. This is truly memorable."

The kindness of Joe and Aleta Kindler in 1976 and the doctor and nurse 23 years later brightened up two of my Christmases in different ways.

To those of you who brighten up your communities by giving of yourselves and making your communities better places in which to live, "Thank you."

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a prosperous 2012!

Bob Nusbisch is a senior program specialist with the New Mexico State University College of Health and Social Services. This article does not necessarily reflect the views of the NMSU administration or NMSU Board of Regents.

Local dentist chosen as examiner for academy

Gilbert one of 20 on elite dentist's team

Dr. Brian Gilbert of Bright Star Dental has chosen to participate as an examiner for the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry's annual Accreditation Examinations in Madison, Wisc.

Gilbert was one of 20 accredited cosmetic dentists from across the country selected to be part of an elite team facilitating the process of evaluating dentists from around the world who are applying to become accredited members of the Academy.

The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD) is dedicated to advancing excellence in the art and science of cosmetic dentistry. The AACD has matured into the world's largest organization for cosmetic dental professionals and now includes more than 6,000 dental professionals from 70 countries worldwide.

With the formation of the accreditation credential, the AACD began offering the most stringent and respected postgraduate certification in cosmetic dentistry to both dentists and

laboratory technicians.

"It is an amazing and humbling process to be a part of," Gilbert said. "In reviewing the cosmetic dentistry cases submitted by doctors from literally all over the world, we are not only evaluating their work, but learning from their incredible skills in the process."

Gilbert, the first accredited dentist from New Mexico, was accredited by the academy in 1996. Currently, Gilbert is the only accredited member of the academy in Las Cruces and the El Paso region of west Texas.

At present, there are less than 400 dentists worldwide who have achieved Accredited Member status.

Gilbert has been in practice in Las Cruces for 22 years. His practice, Bright Star Dental, provides general dental care as well as cosmetic dental procedures.

Gilbert and his staff host a free dental care day each February, give scholarships to graduating high school seniors going into the health care fields each May, sponsor a fundraising



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event for the Gospel Rescue Mission each summer and host the annual Halloween Candy Buyback each November.

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Healthy Happenings



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 Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room. For more information, call 523-6240.

CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, an activity support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St. The group matches those in need of support with volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment. For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A family caregiver support group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Café España in the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Co-facilitators with many years of experience in senior-care issues will be on hand.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Adult Children of Alcoholics/Co-Dependents Anonymous meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs Ave. The one-hour meetings are intended to help those who have been raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional family situations deal with their issues and move on to a healthier, happier life through a 12-step program. For more information, call 647-5684.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door. Overeaters Anonymous is also offered at noon each Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 105 Saint James St., in the library. For more information, call Wayne at 647-5684. The group also has a big-book meeting at 2 p.m. Fridays at Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive.

HIV SUPPORT GROUP

A Las Cruces HIV Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. The group offers advocacy and support for

both those infected with or affected by the HIV virus, and focuses on the rebuilding of community, outreach, education, self-advocacy and wellness.

For more information, call Seth at 621-0681.

WATER AEROBICS CLASSES

Water aerobics classes will be held at 1 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday in a shaded outdoor pool at The Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Cost is \$3 per session or \$35 monthly. For more information or to register, call Pam at 382-8218 or sfundandfeathers@aol.com.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Housing Authority of Las Cruces, 926 S. San Pedro St. Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation.

For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

CITY RECREATION SCHEDULE

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

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

- **Aerobics:** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Yoga:** 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Pilates:** 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Core/floor exercises:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- **Zumba:** 7 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- **Pickleball:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Fridays. Paddles may be rented for \$1.
- **Indoor cycling:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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

- **Zumba:** 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, call 541-5185.
- The following class is held at Club Fusion Teen Center, 101 E. Union Ave.:
- **Zumba:** 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 541-5181.

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

- **Aquatic fitness:** 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- **Safe strength gentle cardio water workout:** 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays.
- **Water fitness for non-swimmer:** 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.
- **Seniors aquatics class:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Classes are drop in but participants must be registered with Las Cruces Senior Programs.

- **Aqua Fit:** 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays.
- **Aqua Zumba:** 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays.
- **Relax and Stretch:** 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 541-2782.

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

- **Zumba:** 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 382-1662.

All classes are \$2. For more information, call the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department at 541-2550.

YOGA CLASSES AT UU METHODIST

Olivia Solomon is offering yoga classes for all levels from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Thursdays at the University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. For more information, call Solomon at 522-5350 or email wildyoga@yahoo.com.

YOGA CLASSES

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and upper teens at 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at My Place Jewel, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardín de los Niños. Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience. For more information, email Nichols at

karen_f_n@yahoo.com or leave a message at 882-4943.

TAIJI QIGONG DANCE

Mei Ling Po McKay is offering a slow and relaxed moving meditation exercise with gentle elements of dance from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donation is \$2. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience. For more information, email McKay at harmeizianet.com or call 382-8978.

BELLY DANCE YOGA

Suhaila offers a new yoga experience geared to stretching and toning muscles. Suitable for all levels of experience from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost is \$5. For more information, email mail4jewell@yahoo.com or call 621-2746.

HATHA YOGA

Hatha Yoga classes for beginners are held at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and noon Fridays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Classes are taught by Shoshana, a certified instructor. The class is gentle and non-competitive. Donations are accepted. Attendees are asked to bring a mat or blanket. For more information, call 522-7119.

T'AI CHI CHIH

Instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado will teach T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement classes from 9 to 10 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. For more information, call 505-359-5256 and leave a short message or email rositaad@aol.com.

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

A low vision support group meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month, except during the summer, at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., and from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Facilitator is psychologist Cheryl Black. The groups next meeting will be Jan. 3, 2012. For more information, call 528-3000.

APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Aphasia Support Group is a community group for social conversation, support and education about aphasia. The group meets at 4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call 521-6400.

RED CROSS CPR, FIRST AID CLASSES

The American Red Cross will be offering CPR and first-aid classes at its Las Cruces location, 1301 E. Griggs Ave., the first and third Saturday of each month in 2012. Participants are asked to register by the Tuesday before the class.

For more information or to register, call 800-733-2767.

STROKE SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

A stroke survivors support group meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The facilitator is Dolores Hendricks.

For more information, call 528-3000.

CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively known as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as 1 million Americans have IBD and both illnesses are similar. They are marked by an abnormal response by the body's immune system and include chronic inflammation of the intestines. There are no cures and management of the diseases includes medications, diet and surgery.

The Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group meets from 3 to 5 p.m. the second Sunday of each month in the Community Education Room of Mountainview Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (www.ccf.org).

For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, call Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support Group (TRIO) meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the conference room located on the right side at the entrance to the cafeteria.

The group provides information and support to individuals who have lost a family member, donor family members, transplant recipients or individuals interested in receiving an organ transplant.

For more information, call Susan at 496-2627.



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You don't ever forget that very first bicycle



Gabriel Rochelle
Cycling the Mesilla Valley

Most of my buddies got their first bikes as major presents at Christmas.

If they scored big, they would get a Schwinn Phantom or Panther cruiser with the spring shock absorber on the front and the box that looked like a motorcycle gas tank with an electric horn in it.

These were the newspaper boy's choice in the day. Or maybe they would be even luckier and get a Raleigh "English Racer" (as we called the roadster models) with Sturmey-Archer three-speed internal gears and a Brooks saddle.

I got my Raleigh when I was turning 15, but the only problem was I couldn't ride it on Christmas day because the streets were heavy with snow.

My first bicycle came as an unexpected gift when I was 12. That first 26" bike was a red Schwinn Paramount, a road bike with skinny tires and a coaster brake. It had belonged to my friend Joey, the son of one of the neighborhood barbers. Joey had drowned "down the shore," as we say in Philadelphia, when a strong undertow off Atlantic City had sucked him out beyond his abilities.

His father gave me the bike, with tears in his eyes, in the autumn of the year as the leaves began to fall. "I know he would have wanted you to have it," he choked out.

It was the first truly bittersweet moment of my young life. I didn't have a 26" bike and desperately wanted one, so I was made happy by his generosity; but it meant Joey was really gone, and that made me sad.

Joey's dad was not exactly up on the newest styles in haircuts in the '50s, so I would go to Tony, the younger barber in his shop, to get my haircut. Since it was the same shop, I

was always able to talk to Joey's dad.

I would ride the bike over to the barber-shop and he would always ask me how I was, how my family was and how I liked the bike.

I always expressed my gratitude and said how I was keeping it in good shape and how much I loved to ride it.

I got the Raleigh some two and a quarter years later for Christmas. I asked Joey's dad if he wanted me to return the bicycle, but he declined.

It would be too much of a painful reminder of a life cut short at 14, so he told me to keep it or find some other kid who needed a bike and give it to him.

I kept Joey's bike in our basement until after college, and then I gave it to the son of an older friend I'd just met, without reciting its history. The boy took it with a happy gleam in his eye.

Life is made up of vignettes like this. It's a ragged tale that doesn't have a necessary theme, a single story line or exhibit a great deal of logic – such as that first red bicycle that came into my life, so to speak, by accident.

I've never told this story before. No one remaining in my family would know it and Joey's family is all long gone. Even the kid I gave the bike to – he got a number of my special toys – is now 60 and lives far away.

Joey lives on silently, however, present in my heart and in my memory. He remains a stronger image than many whose physical lives extended much longer.

It was the bike, of course, the red Schwinn single speed. My first real machine came wrapped up not in Christmas ribbons but in a true drama. You never forget your first bicycle.

Father Gabriel Rochelle is priest of St Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces, and an avid cyclist who has loved ten bicycles in his life, most of them Raleighs. The church web site is <http://stanthonylnc.org>.

Gift wrapping for the Santa to a Senior



Photos by Rachel Christiansen

Wanda Shultz and other volunteers from Home Instead Senior Care gathered Tuesday, Dec. 20, for the final gift wrapping of the Be a Santa to a Senior event, designed to give gifts to needy seniors who may be without family or loved ones for the holidays.



Gloria Galaz and Theresa Fulgenzi prepared gifts for seniors. The gift bags were colored by students from East Picacho Middle School.



Taylor Rey and Josie Fietze organize and wrap gifts from the generous community and businesses who got the gifts over the last two months. Left, Josie Fietze, Nicolas Gartner, Sahron Baron and Alice Corral

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In with the new at the 4-H Club awards night

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Randy Woodall presents White Sands 4-H member Inaaji Locklear with her project medals for Arts & Crafts and Cultural Education/NM Flavor at the 4-H awards ceremony Saturday, Dec. 3.



4-H county agents recognize Doña Ana County Extension County Director Karim Martinez, Agronomy and Horticulture Agent Jeff Anderson and Home Economist Gayla Weaver for all that they do for the 4-H program throughout the year. Each were presented with a small token of appreciation for helping "Make the Best Better" for Doña Ana County 4-H members.



Officer Inductions and Candle Ceremony, left to right: Alex Martinez (advisor), Melissa Woodall (advisor), Jeremy Witte (2011 president), Cassie Gallegos (incoming president), Lily Woodall (incoming vice president), Makayla Richardson (incoming public relations officer), Dimari Myers (incoming secretary), Corie Britton (incoming treasurer), Randy Woodall (incoming song and rec leader) and Jenny Britton (Advisor). Installation of newly elected officers and advisors is conducted annually at the 4-H awards night.

Local 4-H recognized for community work

Tracy Olson given Meritorious Award

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Doña Ana County 4-H Club named Tracy Olson as the Meritorious Award winner during its awards night, Saturday, Dec. 3.

Olson won recognition as a sewing project leader for more than 10 years, and also for organizing the County Clothing Contest and Fashion Review.

As an assistant leader, she served on the 4-H Fair Board as a project leader to provide food and nutrition to low-income and disadvantaged families.

As a mother, Olson said she wanted her children to enjoy the advanced education that 4-H programs provide.

"She is devoted to making sure each of her members have the skills and knowledge to go into competition full confidence," said 4-H agent Eva Madrid.

Olson started her 4-H career in Bernalillo County where she participated in clothing, horticulture and foods projects, and held leadership positions from junior and teen leader to club and county president.

The 4-H Club also named four friends of 4-H who have helped strengthen the 4-H program:

- County Commissioner Karen Perez, who has issued county proclamations for 4-H awareness. Perez is a consultant engineer with a civil engineering degree from New Mexico State University. As a Peace Corps volunteer, she helped develop safe water and irrigation systems in Ecuador and Honduras.
- Ramon Jaffe, owner of Majestic DJ Services, who has provided music for 4-H family nights, rodeos and dances. Jaffe earned a degree in education at NMSU and currently

teaches special education Picacho Middle School. He has been playing the trumpet for 24 years. While attending the university, he played in the Pride Marching Band and the Roadrunner Review Band.

- Terrie and Bob Romer of the Las Cruces Horseman's Association, who have helped youths learn to ride horses and participate in rodeos and gymkhanas. They also helped by preparing stew for club shooting sports events.
 - High Desert Event Rental, which gives the 4-H Club a discount on rented chairs and tables for its family night.
- 4-H County leadership teams and advisors for 2012 also were installed:
- Officers – Cassie Gallegos, president; Lily Woodall, vice president; Makayla Richardson, public relations; Dimari Myers, secretary; Corie Britton; treasurer, and Randy Woodall, song and recreation
 - Ambassadors – Katy Combs, Kristen Davis, K-Von Jimenez, Analyssa Martinez, Raelyn Gardner and Sullivan Woodall
 - Council advisors – Jenny Britton, Wendy Gallegos, Cindy Grooms, Alex Martinez, Maria Martinez and Melissa Woodall
- The 4-H Club also presented a special award to JCPenney for its Pennies from Heaven partnership. This year, the program brought in more than \$6,000.
- Honor awards, based on their project record books, also went to:
- Special Senior – Holly Franzoy, leadership; Savannah Graves, achievement; and Cassie Gallegos, citizenship
 - Junior – Abigail Stolp, Elisa Davidson, Bethany Coletti and Kendall Rathgeber
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CHRISTMAS AT PEACE LUTHERAN

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., will have a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, and a Christmas Day service will be at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 25. All are invited to attend. For more information, call 522-7119.

CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTMAS

Calvary Chapel of Las Cruces, 139 S. Main St., parking lot No. 1, will hold its annual candle light Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. A 10 a.m. service will be held Christmas morning Sunday, Dec. 25. All are welcome to join in and share the Christmas story from the Holy Scriptures. For more information, call 524-0985.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery, an internationally known Christ-centered recovery program, meets from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor Blvd. Experience freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits. Learn to come out of denial, trust God and receive healing. Anonymity and confidentiality are basic requirements. For more information, call 526-9535.

CANCER CARE

A new care ministry – Cancer Care – will start meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 10, 2012, at Morningstar United Methodist Church, 2941 Morningstar Drive. Deigned to be a Christ-centered education and support group, Cancer Care will be facilitated by a team with experience in dealing with cancer on multiple levels including spiritual, physical, mental and emotional. Anyone whose life has or is being touched by cancer is invited to attend, such as survivors, those in treated, family members, friends and those who have

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Men ages 21 and up are invited to attend the ACTS Retreat Jan. 12-15, 2012, at the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1240 S. Espina St. Come deepen your relationship with Jesus, be renewed spiritually, build lasting friendships and become more active in your church. Cost is \$60 and scholarships are available. For more information, call 524-8563.

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St. Anthony of the Desert Ukrainian Orthodox Mission will hold a pet blessing at 3 p.m. Jan. 14, 2012, at 518 N. Hadley Ave. For more information, call 382-9705.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEERS

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PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

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PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., is providing two prayer groups. A centering prayer group will meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays and will include 20 minutes of meditation.

Las Cruces Cares raises \$4,200



Neil Moe and two of his children look at the booth for the Child Crisis Center of Southern New Mexico during the Las Cruces Cares Charity Fundraiser held Saturday, Dec. 10, at First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces. The fundraiser generated \$4,200 that will go to various local nonprofit organizations, including St. Luke's Health Care Clinic, Gospel Rescue Mission Emergency Food Bank, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope and Kairos Prison Ministry, to name a few.

A prayer group focused on support, healing and gratitude will be held at 4:30 p.m. Mondays, in classroom 107. For more information, call 522-7119.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Center, a Roman Catholic community, offers spiritual healing programs and ministry. Holy Mass is held weekdays at 11:15 a.m. at 5480 Lassiter Road. Also on Mondays, the Healing Prayer Team meets to pray for anyone who is interested. If you or someone you know would like to meet with the team, call 647-1117 for an appointment.

BOOK STUDY AND PROSPERITY DISCUSSION

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will hold a book study group for "Atom Smashing Power of Mind" by Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, at 10 a.m. Tuesdays. New members are welcome to come explore another facet of Practical Christianity in action. The church will also hold prosperity discussions at 9 a.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

DIVORCECARE

Sonoma Springs Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave., now offers an ongoing DivorceCare support ministry from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The ministry is devoted to helping people find support, healing and becoming whole again. Child care is available. For more information, call 526-4907.

BIBLE COURSE

John Anderson at Holy Cross Church, 1327 N. Miranda St., will hold a course based on the writings of the

apostolic fathers from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays in the church's gathering space. Bring your Bible and a friend. For more information, call 523-0167.

OPEN SPIRITUAL GROUP

The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) Edgar Cayce Studies holds group meetings from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday. The meetings are hosted by local chapter leader Linda Aragon and are open to the public. Anyone seeking spiritual study, knowledge and awareness is encouraged to attend. There is no fee. For more information and location, call 382-6400.

KID'S TRIUMPHANT LEARNING CENTER

Church Triumphant, 2020 N. Valley Drive, has begun enrollment for its Kid's Triumphant Learning Center. The center provides creative, social and physical programs for children in grades kindergarten to sixth. For more information, call 528-5683.

SATURDAY VESPERS

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, located at the Kendrick Chapel at 518 N. Alameda Blvd., invites visitors

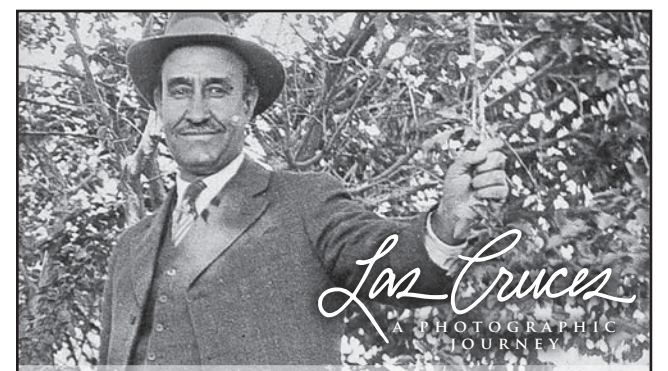
and inquirers to Vespers at 5 p.m. on Saturdays. This evening service of prayer and praise is a good introduction to the Biblical foundation and spirituality of Eastern Orthodox Christianity and includes a sermon, occasionally with discussion afterward. For more information, visit <http://stanthonylc.org>.

KELP RADIO MINISTRY

Calvary Chapel Las Cruces hosts a radio ministry at 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on local station KELP 89.3 FM. The program features the ministry of Pastor Robert "Bob" Ortega Jr., as he teaches from the Word of God. For questions, comments or prayer regarding the program, call the church fellowship at 524-0985.

CALVARY GROUPS

El Calvario United Methodist Church is starting a group approach to empower Christian believers to become better disciples. Calvary Groups, to be led by Rev. Raul Dominguez, are planned for various areas in Las Cruces. Anyone interested in participating, whether they're a member of the congregation or not, should call the church office at 505-507-0234.



Do you know who was the "father of the Chile pepper"? See page C20 for more information.

Excellent volunteers

Director expresses many thanks

By **Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock**
Executive Director, ASCMV

This is the time of year we like to take the time to think about the accomplishments of the past year.

When it comes to our tremendous volunteers, the year has been one of unbelievable support and love for all of the lost, unwanted and abandoned animals that came through our doors in 2011.

By the end of 2011 our dedicated and very much appreciated volunteer staff will have donated more than 5,000 hours of their time to the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV).

It's enlightening to look back and realize how much they do: dog walking and enrichment, provide care for adoptable cats-on-location at PetsBarn and PetCo, greeting customers at shelter adoption events and clinics, pet therapy, grooming, cleaning and laundry, transporting animals to rescue organizations and bringing treats for the employees.

Offsite adoption events include: weekly events at the Farmer's & Crafts Market, Pet Co and/or Pets Barn, Mutt Show, Home and Garden Show, Fetchapalooza, Health and Wellness Fair, PFLAG's Pride Parade, Kid's Expo, Strutt your Mutt, Cruisin' for Critters, Tractor Supply grand opening and Renaissance ArtsFaire.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, we hosted a volunteer holiday party in recognition of all of the hard work, dedication and support our volunteers donate all year long but, upon review of what was really accomplished, we still can't thank them enough. We want them to know the entire staff appreciates all of their efforts.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the ASCMV, we would love to have you.

In addition to people working on the items listed above, we are always in need of volunteers to help with outreach programs, in-home fostering and fundraising.

For more info

If you would like to volunteer, please contact volunteer coordinator Robin Prok at 382-0018, extension 29 for additional information or visit our website at www.ascmv.org.



These cute furry animals are available for adoption through the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley during the adopt or foster a lonely pet for the holidays campaign.

Adopt or foster a pet for the holidays

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) is asking residents to open their hearts and homes this holiday season by adopting or fostering a lonely pet.

The ASCMV is sponsoring the "Adopt or foster a lonely pet for the holidays" program. Adoption fees for dogs are \$75 and cats are \$50.

All animals have been spayed or neutered, have received up-to-date vaccinations and a complimentary 30-day insurance policy.

Residents can also apply to be a foster parent and be willing and able to take an animal into their home temporarily to give the animal care until they are adopted.

Fostering helps vulnerable animals from shelter illness, gives continuous monitoring and administration of medication to ill or injured animals, provides care for underage animals and/or their

mothers and helps provide training and socialization to improve an animal's chances of adoption.

"This is a great program. Our animals here are constantly in need of loving homes," said Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, executive director of ASCMV.

With it being the holidays, Vesco-Mock said, adopting or fostering an animal would be a rewarding gift for both the individual and the animal.

More than 40 animals are brought into the center every day. Even if you can't adopt or foster, you can help an animal in other ways, by spreading the word about adopting, fostering, volunteering or donating to the center.

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Featured home: 2140 Calle del Norte

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Three years ago, the home at 2140 Calle del Norte was converted into Casa de Rosie, a bed and breakfast.



The master suite features a relaxing jetted bathtub.



A tongue-and-groove ceiling is in the living room.



The master bedroom features a lounge area.



The casita includes its own kiva-inspired fireplace.



The kitchen, which opens to the dining room, was remodeled and enlarged to provide space for guests.

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Welcoming guests home

Hacienda located in walking distance of Mesilla Plaza

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Rosie Martinez moved into the property at 2140 Calle del Norte, she not only found a place to call home, but an opportunity to venture into a new career.

Living in Park City, Utah, Martinez said she wanted to relocate to a warmer climate and began looking at places in the Southwest. After visiting a few cities in Arizona, she made her way to the Mesilla Valley.

"I discovered in each town that they didn't have what I was looking for," she said. "I came to Las Cruces and saw the sign for Mesilla. When I came here, I said, 'This is what I've been looking for.' I loved the small feel of the town and that everything was in walking distance."

Making the move in 2004, Martinez said the residence on Calle del Norte, built in 1996 by Henry and Carolyn Bunch, was the only property for sale at the time. The approximately 3,000-square-foot hacienda became her home and about three years ago, she transformed it into Casa de Rosie.

"I didn't want to retire and I had this idea for a bed and breakfast in the back of my head," said Martinez, who owned an advertising agency in Utah. "It's perfect in so many ways.

The location is great. I tell people I'm six homes and a church away from the Mesilla Plaza. Plus, there are like 14 restaurants in the area, not to mention a state park, highway and large city."

As guests arrive to the property located on more than 1 acre, a simple façade and large wood door greets them. Inside, the home features a unique layout surrounding a courtyard.

"The most unique feature of the home is its two 2-by-6 construction, giving it double walls that are 13 inches thick," she said, adding that the home features 13 skylights for natural light.

The entrance features a 14-foot tongue-and-groove ceiling accented with vigas. French doors peer out to the courtyard. Ceramic tile lines the floor and takes guests into the living room, set to the right.

Martinez said the living room was originally designed to be a gallery showcasing Carolyn Bunch's artwork. Repeating the same tongue-and-groove ceiling found in the entrance, the vigas are speckled with spotlights. A fireplace is found at the center of the space as large windows line the opposite walls.

"Because the walls are 13 inches thick, you've got these wonderful recessed windows and walls," Martinez said.

The long hallway past the entrance leads to the kitchen and dining area of the L-shaped home. When Martinez decided to open the bed and breakfast, she said the kitchen had to be expanded to accommodate the paying visitors. This required her to find the same talevera tile in yellow, white and blue.

"It's very traditional," she said. "Plus, there is so much countertop space, which is important when you're cooking."

"I personally love having the dining room and kitchen attached. I love to be able to cook and talk to friends and family. When you have a party, this is a great big space for guests to mingle in."

Another long hallway leads to two bedrooms, one of which is the master suite. The master bedroom features his-and-her closets as well as an added room for a lounging area or desk space.

The bathroom includes a tile-covered jetted bathtub set in a recessed wall as well as a separate tiled shower. A single sink rests on pecan cabinets, which Henry Bunch used throughout the home, Martinez said.

The communal space continues to the courtyard, which features various seating areas under the patio, on the brick-covered space and under the gazebo for 20 people.

"We've had parties of up to 35 people held out here with lots



A neutral color palette can be found in the house with a pop of various bold hues.

of space," Martinez said.

A fountain graces the courtyard and adds to the ambiance of the getaway.

"In the summer, the courtyard is full of flowers," said Martinez, adding that the area features a misting system to keep it cool in the hot temperatures.

The courtyard also features a casita, a popular space with guests.

"Everyone loves the casita," Martinez said.

The casita includes a small kitchenette lined in bright yellow-orange tile, full bathroom, bedroom area and a kiva-inspired fireplace. The fireplace, painted a pail yellow, is adorned in mosaic tiling.

"I've got into the New Mexico way of doing things," Martinez said of her color selections. "I've always loved colors, to me it adds joy, so I chose a neutral background and added bold pops of color."

Details

Featured home

2140 Calle del Norte

Square footage

Approximately 3,000

Acres

More than 1

Bedrooms

Three

Bathrooms

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Fireplaces

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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	1	2	3
Homes Sold Existing	17	9	17
Pending Home Sales (All)	155	158	143
Average Days on Market (All)	176	141	106
Median Price New	\$161,000	\$300,250	\$142,000
Median Price Existing	\$160,900	\$150,900	\$219,900
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,113	1,132	1,094
Real Estate Agents	408	408	426

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 12/12/11 -12/18/11
* MLS is wholly owned by the Las Cruces Association of Realtors
** Unknown per LCAR

Common household winter pests

Stop rodents, other insects that seek refuge in your home



Scott Svenheim
ACE Pest Detective

The chilly temperatures have arrived, and at the end of a long day, we certainly aren't the only ones hibernating and finding warmth in the place we call home.

Just like us, pests also adapt to the changing environment and seek refuge indoors during colder months, with the most common being house mice. This is one tiny invader that can cause serious property damage in and around the home.

House mice can squeeze through spaces as small as a nickel, making it easy to get into a home through cracks and crevices. Once they make their way into the house, these furry pests can cause major problems such as tearing insulation, chewing electrical wires, contaminating food and leaving unpleasant odors.

Also, don't forget: ants, spiders and earwigs can also become an increasing problem inside your home during the winter as well, so perhaps it's time to brush up on a few simple rules, and you too can avoid these unwanted wintertime roommates.

- Seal up any cracks and holes on the outside of your home, including areas where utilities and pipes make a point of entrance (both high and low – mice are great climbers).
- Screen vents and openings to chimneys. Let's just keep the fireplace for what it's really intended for – sitting by an open fire.
- Keep tree branches and shrubbery well-trimmed and away from the house.
- Inspect boxes, grocery bags and other



You may find a house mouse in your home this winter, seeking shelter from the cold temperatures outside.

packaging thoroughly to curb hitchhiking insects.

- Keep basements, attics and crawl spaces well-ventilated and dry.
- Store garbage in sealed containers and dispose of it regularly.
- Store firewood at least 20 feet away from the house and five inches off the ground.
- Repair fascia and soffits and rotted roof shingles; some insects are drawn to deteriorating wood.
- Replace weather-stripping and repair loose mortar around basement foundation and windows.

By investing a little time in these easy tasks, you will greatly reduce your chances of a major rodent and pest infestation this winter season and stay warm without feeling any sort of paranoia.

Scott Svenheim, an expert for Truly Nolen of America, has 25 years of experience in the pest control industry. Svenheim brings an informative as well as unique and entertaining perspective to consumers' pest problems in the 21st century. Founded in 1938, Tucson, Ariz.,-based Truly Nolen of America is one of the largest family owned pest control companies in the United States. Truly Nolen has more than 80 branch offices in Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah. The company also has independently owned and operated franchises in an ever-growing number of territories including California, Florida, Kentucky, New York, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah as well as Puerto Rico. For more information or to ask your local expert a question about insects and insect prevention, visit www.trulynolen.com or call 915-591-9864.



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Can't decide whether to move or remodel? Consider the ups and downs – as well as the packing involved.

To remodel or to move? Advice for answering that question



Maureen Villmer
Practical Design

If you want to change your home, you face a choice of either remodeling your existing residence or selling and buying a new house.

In today's economy and housing market, more and more families are deciding to stay put and improve their existing home.

Here are some of the reasons:

First, remodeling allows you to customize your home the way you want it. You've already done a lot of work to make your home fit your needs and lifestyle. Except where major construction is required, you can probably get by with a relatively small project on the interior and/or exterior of your home.

Remodeling means you don't give up your wonderful neighborhood or neighbors. I recently worked with a couple who have thought many times about buying a new home to be able to get the latest amenities, but they did not want to leave their neighborhood or their neighbors. Bottom line is they stayed, they remodeled and they love it.

The intangible value of enjoying the place you live needs to be considered, along with any resale value you hope to gain. There is no doubt that, as far as improving the sale, all remodeling projects are not created equal.

The general rule of thumb is that any remodeling project brings your home up to the value of your neighbors' homes is a worthy investment. It doesn't pay, however, to be the most expensive house on the block. Be sure you take this into consideration as you are planning a remodel job. Real estate experts recommend remodeling investment should not raise the value of the house to more than 10 to 15 percent above the median sales price in your neighborhood.

Remodeling is a more efficient use of your financial resources. According to the American Homeowner's Foundation, selling your home and moving typically costs about 10 percent of the value of your current home. Much of this goes into moving expenses,

housing costs and brokers' commissions. These items have no direct impact on your home's quality.

Remodeling can be stressful, but few experiences are more stressful than moving. It may inconvenience you somewhat when you are in a remodeling project in your home. You have to determine if it is more stressful than packing everything you own and moving it to another location. In the new location, you have to unpack and place it all again. While this can be exciting as well as stressful, you need to look at how each will affect you and your family.

Remember that potential buyers will compare your home to newly built ones. Therefore, in making your decision, you'll want to look at the design trends and amenities that are being built into new homes. Great rooms, open kitchens and family room arrangements and master bed and bath suites are a few of the features sought by today's homebuyer.

Each year, remodeling magazines conduct a cost-versus-value report to assess which remodeling projects create the greatest return on investment. Not surprisingly, kitchens and baths regularly come out on top; these are the two most used rooms in the house and they receive the most scrutiny from potential buyers. So, if you're considering a space to remodel that will give you the biggest return a kitchen or a bath will be it.

In a recent remodel project that I worked on, I shuffled space. Here's what that means: what used to be a TV room became a master bedroom, what used to be a bedroom became a TV room. The switch was made to make it more convenient for an aging couple. The remodel was strictly based on how the space would be best used.

If you want to be a competitive seller in this buyer's market we are in, now can be an excellent time to begin a remodeling project.

Maureen Villmer is an interior designer in Las Cruces with 35 years of experience. If you have questions you would like answered in her column, email her at maureenvillmer@hotmail.com, visit Environ Interior Design on Facebook or call 496-7605.

Garden grants available

Still time to register

Bulletin Staff Report

Schools in Las Cruces and throughout New Mexico have the chance to receive community garden-related funds in 2012 thanks to two grants offered by the School Garden Grant Program and New Mexico Centennial Garden Program.

The School Garden Grant Program is a collaboration between the Whole Kids Foundation, Whole Foods Market and FoodCorps. Grants of \$2,000 will be provided to school garden projects in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

To be eligible for a garden grant, applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or nonprofit K-12 school that is developing or currently maintaining a school garden project that will help children engage with fresh fruits and vegetables. Garden projects may be at any stage of development: planning, construction or operation.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m.

CST Saturday, Dec. 31. For more information on applications and what is needed, email info@gardengrants.com or visit www.wholekidsfoundation.org.

The New Mexico Centennial Garden Program is an initiative of the New Mexico Centennial Foundation, working in partnership with state agencies and private partners. Thanks to the Coca-Cola Foundation, the foundation will provide grants to support school and community garden projects in New Mexico in 2012. Grants will be available at levels of \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$10,000.

To be eligible for a Centennial Garden Grant, applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or nonprofit K-12 school that is developing or currently maintaining a garden project that will help communities engage with fresh fruits and vegetables. Garden projects may be at any stage of development; planning, construction or operation.

Applications are due by Jan. 13, 2012. For more information and application guidelines, call Director Jodi Delaney at 505-984-2012 or visit <http://nmcentennial.org/2011/11/new-mexico-centennial-garden-program>.

Find joy in work or retirement

Isn't it time to pursue your lifelong passions?

Bob Pofahl
Build Green,
Build Better



I've been thinking a lot about retirement lately.

Like many baby boomers, I'm a workaholic because I love what I do. My kids like to joke that I won't retire until I die and probably not even then.

My father is about to turn 91 years old. When he retired at the age of 64, after working for 40 years for the gas company, retirement meant a future of puttering in the garage and playing dominoes at church.

I can't see myself embracing retirement any time soon if that's what's in store for me (sorry Dad).

C.S. Lewis once said, "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." That's the vision I have for my retirement.

When I finally retire – someday – I want to be like Picacho Mountain community member Steve Jarvis.

Meet Steve Jarvis

Steve and his wife Moana first discovered Las Cruces when they were planning for Steve's retirement.

Steve enjoyed a long and successful career, while he'd put many of his dreams and passions on-hold during those years as he focused on his career and raised a family.

As he neared retirement, Steve was ready to turn his focus back to some of his old passions and some new dreams as well.

"My dream in all my years of working was to live in a beautiful home with a beautiful view, and still be able to walk, bike and jog from where I lived.

And you can do all of that here at Picacho Mountain. It's just perfect," Steve said. "This is all I ever wanted."



Moana and Steve Jarvis discovered Las Cruces while he was planning for retirement. Since that time, he has been able to pursue his many hobbies, including cycling throughout Picacho Mountain.

Pursuing lifelong passions

When Steve and Moana relocated to Las Cruces in 2009, Moana decided she wasn't quite ready for retirement and took a job at New Mexico State University.

Steve, on the other hand, was ready to jump into retirement with both feet.

"I'm a hobby guy," Steve said. "I was career manager at General Electric, but I think I most enjoy my life when I am able to do my hobbies. I was never able pursue my hobbies at my fullest. That's what I love about being here, at Picacho Mountain, is that I can."

Cycling is one of the main hobbies he has pursued with passion since retiring at Picacho Mountain. He cycles two to three hours a day, five days per week.

Having lived in Ohio for many years, with harsh winters and humid summers, year-round cycling was one of the most attractive things about Las Cruces.

"Cycling was a passion of mine and I wanted to do it more than just seven or eight months of the year," Steve said. "And truly you can, you can cycle all year long in Las Cruces. I also think the terrain is great for enthusiast cyclists like me."

But cycling isn't the only hobby that retiring in Las Cruces has allowed Steve to rediscover.

Once Steve and Moana settled into their new life at Picacho Mountain, Steve began focusing intently on painting and has shown a great talent for art.

In addition to the peaceful seclusion, Steve said the majestic views from his Picacho Mountain home of the Mesilla Valley and the Organ Mountains help inspire his paintings.

"I think Las Cruces and New Mexico are a wonderful resource and inspiration for art," Steve said. "It really keeps you motivated. There are a lot of galleries I enjoy going in. I also enjoy going to Santa Fe. That is a true asset of Las Cruces. Three or four times a year

we love to go up there and get inspiration at Canyon Road."

Another passion Steve has pursued in Las Cruces is bird watching. The popularity of bird watching has exploded in recent years.

"I used to fish, but you're always looking down at the water," Steve said with a laugh. "When you're birding, you're looking out at everything. It's something you can do for a long, long time."

Dream new dreams

While Steve has spent the last several years rediscovering some of his lifelong passions, he's also taken some time to come up with new dreams.

Cooking, gardening, wood-working and walking are a few of the other new things that Steve is enthusiastic about in his new "retirement" life in Las Cruces.

"I've really embraced gardening and the different plants that grow here," Steve tells me. "I love that I don't have to mow, weed and water so regularly. I have joined the Picacho Hills Gardening Club and I've enjoyed the people I've met at the club and at the local nurseries."

While some people imagine the desert to be drab and colorless, Steve, like many other local residents, has found desert landscaping to be full of vibrant color and life.

As we approach the end of another year, I have been reflecting on what a great place Las Cruces is to pursue your passions. So whether it's work (like me) or hobbies (like Steve), I encourage you to live life to the fullest and use 2012 to pursue your dreams right here in Las Cruces.

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Moisture for lips, relief for household issues

Lip balm will become your new go-to problem fixer

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Glossy, sparkly, even venomous, the product you put on your lips can help make or break an outfit.

While those special occasions will call for your most fancy lip glosses, your go-to lip balm is best for everyday use. Not just for looks, lip balm is important for relieving chapped and dry lips as well as other ailments that can affect the mouth. This thin layer of moisture can be addicting to some, claim some medical officials.

Whether you have a lip balm-related problem or not, once you discover the many other uses for the waxy beauty product, you won't be able to put it down.

more natural-looking eyebrows have replaced the pencil-thin, over-plucked variety as the new hot look. While growing out your lush eyebrows, you may notice a stray hair or two sticking up out of place. Fight the urge to pluck them and instead grab your lip balm. Use a dab of lip balm as a styling wax to keep your eyebrow hairs in place. This trick works on other wild hairs as well, such as an unruly mustache.

4. Patch a small bleeding cut: Shaving can be dangerous work. With one flick of the wrist or facial twitch, you can nick your skin. A good way to soothe that gash and stop the small amount of bleeding is with lip balm. Simply dab a bit on the area and the bleeding will quickly stop and germs will be blocked from entering.



Around-the-home item: Lip balm

1. Protect yourself from windburn: With winter setting in, many Las Cruces will take a weekend here and there to venture to Ruidoso for skiing and fun in the snow. While this is an enjoyable way to spend your afternoon, you'll want to keep your exposed skin protected from harsh conditions. For your face, slather on a bit of lip balm. A thin layer is all you'll need to keep your skin safe.

2. Remove a stuck ring: Trying to pull off that stuck ring usually results in one thing – a hurt finger. Next time get some help by lubricating your skin with lip balm. Apply a thin coat around your finger and the edges of the ring and gently give it a tug.

3. Tame wild eyebrows: According to the latest fashion and beauty magazines, big, bold,

5. Get a zipper moving: A stuck zipper doesn't have to mean the end of your favorite pair of jeans. Get it moving again with lip balm. Rub the teeth of the zipper with the slick stuff and pull. The zipper will be lubricated and easy to use.

6. Nail it easily: Hammering nails and screwing screws are essential to just about any at-home, do-it-yourself project. Make these tasks easier with the help of lip balm. Coat the tip of your nail or screw with the balm before you use it. The grease will allow the nail or screw to go in easier.

7. Stop a light bulb from sticking: Replacing that burnt-out outdoor light can be a pain. Thanks to its exposure to the elements, the bulb can become stuck in place and difficult to remove. Prevent this from happening by

Spreading Christmas joy



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler

Sandoval Construction and The Healing Tree Holistic Center and Salon employees gather around clothing items collected during the first-ever Keep A Child Warm event Friday, Dec. 16. Taking place during the construction company's customer appreciation day and center's ribbon cutting, the event collected winter clothing for children and adults. Organizers said they plan to make the collection event an annual occurrence.

lathering lip balm onto the threads of the bulb. The lip balm will act as a lubricant, keeping things moving.

8. Keep things sliding: Stuck drawers and sticky windows don't stand a chance when you have extra lip balm around. Forget the WD-40 and get these pesky contraptions moving again with your lip goop. Apply it to the track and slide that window or drawer till your heart's content. This trick also works for those squeaky or stuck door hinges.

9. Soothe irritated skin: In addition to providing comfort to chapped skin, lip balm can help with other skin ailments. Can you not stop scratching that mosquito bite? Slather on a bit of lip balm to soothe the painful itching. Have your shoes rubbed your heels raw? Coat them with lip balm and let your feet air out to relieve blisters. Are your knees or elbows dry? Give them some intense moisture with a layer of lip balm.

10. Shield your face from dye: Even the most masterful at-home hair dyeing pro needs some protection from getting the stain onto their skin. Just a dab on your face below your hairline will take awhile to wash away. Stop the dye from sticking to your skin by covering your hairline and ears with lip balm. The greasy substance will allow the dye to be easily wiped away.

11. Shine your shoes: As you run out of the door for that important date or business meeting, give your shoes an added shine by rubbing a dollop of lip balm on them. Easy to apply, the lip balm can be applied and buffed away with a dry cloth in a pinch.

12. Repair CD scratches: Skipping tracks and paused discs can be a thing of the past when you have lip balm on hand. Spread a very thin layer over your CD or DVD with a cloth or your fingers to coat the scratches, allowing it to play without skipping.



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Dishes ready for the New Year

Ring in 2012 with spicy drinks and appetizers

Sunny Conley
Chile Knights



Be prepared when the Great Las Cruces Chile Ball descends to ring in the New Year and launch 2012 with a shot of "champagnero" punch served with crackers slathered in sassy sombrero cheese.

Follow the launching with a bowlful of staggering lobster chile underscored and spirited with spicy chorizo, or perhaps you'd prefer biting-hot cranberry cider chile soup. The options are endless, but be sure to wrap up the festivities with a glass of chocolate ancho mousse dressed to the hilt with whipped cream, raspberries and mint sprigs. Be safe. Have fun. Here's to another happy New Year!

Sombrero Cheese Ball

- 4 ounces softened cream cheese
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon grated white onion
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons serrano peppers, seeded, stemmed and minced
- 2 tablespoons red bell pepper, seeded, stemmed and minced
- 2 tablespoons pepperoni, minced
- 1 tablespoon Texas-style chili powder

Allow cheeses to warm to room temperature. Mix the cheeses, milk, onion and Worcestershire sauce with electric mixer. Add peppers and pepperoni and gently mix. Wrap mixture in plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm. While still in plastic wrap, form into a ball shape, unwrap and roll in chili powder. Serve with your favorite crackers.

Hacienda Dip

This dip also serves as a sauce. Ladle over eggs or fried potatoes.

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/4 cup onion, chopped
- 1 medium clove garlic, minced
- 1 cup favorite green chile salsa
- 1 (16-ounce) can fat-free refried beans
- 6 medium-hot green chiles, roasted, stemmed, seeded and diced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Tortilla chips
- Garnish:
- 1/2 cup Longhorn cheese, shredded
- 1/4 cup ripe black olives, sliced
- 1/3 cup onion, chopped

In a 10-inch skillet, brown beef until crumbly. Drain. Add onion and garlic. Cook until onion is translucent. Add remaining ingredients. Cook until hot and bubbly. Spoon into a chafing dish to keep hot. Garnish with cheese, olives and onion. Serve with tortilla chips. Makes 8 servings.

Cranberry Cider Chile Soup

If you have leftover turkey or pork from Thanksgiving, add it to the pot.

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup celery, chopped

- 1/4 cup carrots, chopped
- 2 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 2 dried hot red pepper, crushed (e.g. chiles de arbol)

- 1 bay leaf
- 1 (12-ounce) bag cranberries
- 3 cups cider
- Fresh ground black pepper to taste
- Sour cream to garnish, if desired

In a heavy soup kettle, melt the butter. Gently sauté the onions, celery and carrots until the veggies are soft. Add the chicken broth, crushed chile pepper, bay leaf and black pepper to taste.

Rinse the cranberries and chop on a cutting board (or process briefly in a food processor). Add to the broth and let simmer gently over low heat until the cranberries are soft.

Add the cider to the broth. Mix well and simmer gently for 10 minutes. Serve hot, garnished with sour cream if desired. The soup may also be prepared ahead of time and reheated before serving.

Lobster Chorizo Chili

- 1 pound bulk chorizo sausage
- 1/2 large onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tablespoons chili powder
- 8 tablespoons masa harina
- 1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes and chile, undrained
- 1 (16-ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained

- Hot water
- 2 cups beef bouillon
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 pound uncooked lobster meat

Brown the chorizo in a heavy skillet. Transfer the cooked sausage to a Dutch oven or heavy pot. Try to drain as much fat as possible back into the skillet. In the grease leftover from rendering the chorizo, fry the onion and garlic until the onions are cooked, but not browned. Transfer the onion and garlic to the Dutch oven or pot containing the cooked chorizo meat. Add the chili powder and the masa harina to the meat mixture and mix well. Let sit for several minutes.

In the meantime, empty the two cans of diced tomatoes into a 2-quart measuring bowl. Add enough hot water to make 2 quarts. Add to the meat mixture and stir well.

Add the 2 bouillon cubes and the white wine vinegar. Bring to a boil while stirring well, cover and reduce the heat to a low simmer. After about 30 minutes, add the lobster meat. Continue cooking on low, with the cover off for 30 to 45 minutes.

Champagnero Punch

Habanero peppers add punch to this flavorful drink.

- 1 large fresh pineapple
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2/3 cup lemon juice
- 2 cups orange juice
- 1 habanero pepper, sliced into quarters, stemmed and seeded (be sure to wear gloves when handling hot peppers.)
- 1 cup light rum
- 1 pint brandy
- 1/2 cup orange curaçao
- 4 quarts dry champagne

- 1 orange, sliced thin
- 1 small bag of ice

Peel, core and slice pineapple into rings. Reserve a couple of rings to equal about 1/2 cup. Cut into chunks. Place sliced pineapple into a punch bowl. Sprinkle lightly with sugar. Add lemon juice, orange juice, habanero, rum, brandy and curaçao. Mix to blend. Allow to steep 20 minutes. Remove habanero slices with a spoon and discard. Add ice and slowly add the champagne. Stir gently. Garnish orange slices and pineapple chunks. Makes 20 to 25 servings, about 1 cup each.

New Year's Eve Sweet Heat Mousse

- 4 eggs, separated
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate pieces
- 1/3 cup boiling water
- 1 tablespoon ancho chile powder
- 3 tablespoons rum
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon grated orange peel
- Whipped cream
- Fresh raspberries
- Fresh mint leaves

Using an electric blender, whip egg whites until stiff. (Egg whites are easier to whip at room temperature.) Set aside. In a medium-sized microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate pieces with boiling water just until chocolate pieces begin to melt (do not



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Ring in the New Year with a shot of chocolate ancho mousse.

overcook). Remove from microwave. Stir until smooth. Add chile powder, rum, cinnamon and orange peel. Fold in whipped egg whites. Ladle mousse into individual bowls and chill. Serve topped with a swirl of whipped cream, a frozen raspberry garnished with sprigs of fresh mint. Makes 4 servings.

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Get a kick in the 'bhut' with a new brownie mix

NMSU's Chile Pepper Institute introduces a spicy, sweet treat

By **Justin Bannister**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Got a sweet tooth? New Mexico State University's Chile Pepper Institute has unveiled its latest creation, Dr. B's Bhut-Kickin' Brownies – a brownie baking mix spiced with Bhut Jolokia chile powder.

All brownie mix proceeds will go to fund future chile pepper research at NMSU.

"This is a very exciting product," said Danise Coon, senior research specialist for the Chile Pepper Institute. "Through taste surveys, the general public helped us choose the heat level of the brownies. We had people driving from more than an hour away

take part over the summer. We started with more than 1,000 samples, and ran out in about an hour."

The brownie mix is based on a recipe created by Paul Bosland, an NMSU professor and head of the Chile Pepper Institute. His brownies, made each year for the department Christmas party, blended the sweet characteristics of chocolate with the spicy characteristics of Bhut Jolokia chile powder. The idea of mixing chocolate and chiles is a culinary technique that dates back to the ancient Aztecs.

NMSU's relationship with the Bhut Jolokia was cemented in 2006 when the Chile Pepper Institute discovered it exceeded one million Scoville Heat Units – the first chile pepper to do so. One million Scoville Heat Units is about 100 times hotter than

an average jalapeño.

The brownie mix is made by ACES in the Hole Foods, a student-run manufacturing company in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences in NMSU's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. The ACES in the Hole Foods project provides students with hands-on opportunities to apply the principles of food service and technology to the production of new food products. NMSU graduate student Sarah Padilla designed the bag's artwork.

The brownie mix costs \$10 and is available at the Chile Pepper Institute, located in Gerald Thomas Hall, Room 265. For more information, call 646-3028 or visit www.chilepepperinstitute.org.



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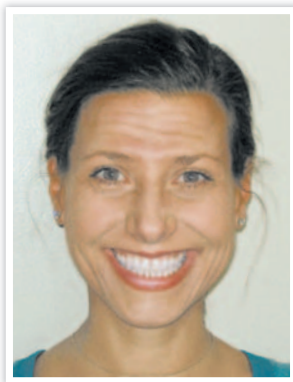


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On Wednesday, Dec. 14, Realtors Dan Delaney, Elsie Bonfantini and Beckey Delaney donated 17 turkeys to the Gospel Rescue Mission as the cook of the organization, David Stedman, looks on. The Las Cruces Association of Realtors and its Community Service Committee will donate the rest of the fixings, which, along with the turkeys, will feed visitors on Christmas day.

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