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Storm fails to bring city to its knees

People better prepared
after last bitter freeze

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

Though temperatures did get frigid and the area saw more snow than normal, officials say the city and county survived this week's winter storm much better than during February's big freeze.

After that storm nearly knocked out the local power supply, El Paso Electric Co. took steps to better insulate the local generating plants to withstand sub-zero weather, and that did seem to make a difference, said company spokeswoman Teresa Souza.

"There was only one small outage in Chaparral," she said.

Schools closed for a day, but only a handful of students showed up to schools who didn't get the message, said Las Cruces Public Schools spokeswoman Jo Galvan.

The Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority coordinated 1,239 total dispatches from Monday, Dec. 5, to Tuesday, Dec. 6, which is a 32 percent increase over normal 911 Call Center traffic. On Monday, there were 299 reported accidents.

Las Cruces City Manager Robert Garza said the city was prepared for the storm and worked through the night putting down salt and dirt at major intersections and roads to help motorists.

The high number of accidents illustrated that many residents aren't used to driving in these kinds of conditions, but Garza said the problems with living conditions were less severe because people were better prepared.

Although the city had an adequate supply of natural gas to meet the increased demand, Garza said the first night there were a number of calls for problems as people sought heat. The next day, the calls were more evenly split between problems with gas and water, he said. There were a few water lines busted, but nothing that caused extreme hardship, he said.

"I think that we learned a lot of lessons from last February," Garza said. "When I say 'we' I'm not just talking about the city government, but 'we' as a whole community were better prepared. Just as we've improved some things in case we do get this kind of cold weather, so have residents."

WINTER WEATHER: The good, the bad and the fun



Four inches of snow covered Las Cruces Tuesday, Dec. 6, leaving some seasonally beautiful scenery, but also a number of car accidents left vehicles at the sides or medians of roads. With schools closed for the day, kids got the rare opportunity to play in the snow, such as Hunter Rogelio, 5, who was able to hit his brother Everett Diego, 7, in the face with a snowball.

Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Nicolas Bañales

Tortugas fiesta to fill weekend Pilgrimage, dances, food to accent annual festival

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The three bonfire lines at sunset Sunday, Dec. 11, will signal that the pilgrims are descending Tortugas Mountain to return to the village of Tortugas after a day of prayer to Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

The annual Fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe begins Saturday, Dec. 10, in Tortugas, located west of the New Mexico State University main campus, with a candlelight procession escorting the image of Guadalupe from La Capilla to Casa del Pueblo. They will be led by malinches, which

are girls dressed in white, an old custom when visitors approached villages as a sign of peace, according to Tortugas legend.

There will be "Velorio" novena prayers at 7:30 p.m. followed by danzante dances until dawn.

The pilgrimage to the top of Tortugas Mountain – also known as "A" Mountain – will start at 7 a.m. Sunday. Bishop Ricardo Ramirez will celebrate Mass on Tortugas Mountain at 11 a.m. following confessions. At 4 p.m., a rosary will be recited before the descent. Once the pilgrims return to Tortugas, the Ensaye Real, See **Tortugas** on page A10

Where we've been, where we're going Las Cruces Centennial Parade brings the past to the present

By **Amanda Green**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The deadline is approaching to take part in a parade kicking off the local events marking the 100th anniversary of statehood.

As Las Cruces prepares for a year of centennial events, coordinators are looking for participants to fill the ranks of the parade in early January 2012. The parade is being organized by the Mesilla Valley Centennial Committee to represent Las Cruces in the statewide celebration.

"Planning for this event started 10 years ago when Dr. Jon Hunner, chair of the Department of History at the College of Arts and Sciences

at New Mexico State University, really kicked state leadership into action," said Dolores Archuleta, chair of the parade subcommittee. "We're really excited to see all of the hard work come together and pleased with the participation from the community."

At 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, a centennial parade will wind its way through the historic Downtown. The parade will devote about 10 minutes to each decade for a 100-minute parade to commemorate statehood for New Mexico and what it has meant to this part of the state. Cars, costumes and other representations of people and events See **Centennial** on page A10

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NMSU regents meet Friday, Dec. 9

Finances prompt early offer of retirements and possible alcohol sales at games



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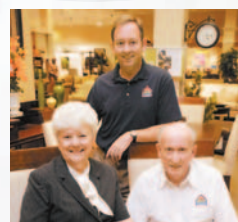


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Opinions



From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

How to eat an elephant

New Mexico State's football program continues to improve under coach DeWayne Walker

In my professional career, much of my time has been invested in turning around businesses that have been failing or have been in serious decline.

Some of the challenges have been daunting, to the point that the operations were in such dire straits that, to most people, there was no hope of recovery. One of the first turnarounds I was hired to manage had such deep-rooted issues that I suggested to the owner that there was little hope for survival, the problems were just too big to overcome. It was at this point that he posed a question, a riddle of sorts, asking me, "How do you eat an elephant?"

My first thought was to understand why anyone would want to eat an elephant. Secondly, I recalled that only a few hardy souls had ever accomplished the feat of eating a 72-ounce steak at the world-famous Big Texan roadside restaurant in Amarillo. Consequently, my response was, "Eating an elephant would be impossible," which was exactly what the owner expected me to say.

He explained that the way you can eat an elephant is, "one bite at a time."

Over the past 25 years, I have asked the same question of those who are faced with a difficult task, one they think cannot be done. Once they realize that by taking small "bites" out of a problem, the problem becomes smaller, and, over time, it becomes more easily managed.

One of the biggest turnaround challenges I have observed over the past several years has been right here in Las Cruces, on the campus of New Mexico State University. The "elephant" has been the Aggie football team.

The problems have been enormous. Since the Charley Johnson days of the early '60s when the Aggies were undefeated and were the two-time champions of the Sun Bowl, the hapless Aggies have seldom been able to post winning seasons and have struggled at times to compete effectively. Of course, over time, this lack of success has made recruiting good athletes more difficult, as several well-intentioned coaches have tried their hand at turning the program around.

At times, the coaches resorted to recruiting players with weak academic skills and questionable character. It seemed that every week, one or more of the young men's names could be found among the police reports, often on the front page of the daily newspaper.

Local residents lost interest in NMSU football and many stopped attending games – not only because of the consistent losing record, but also because of a feeling that the football players as a whole were not appropriate representatives of our community.

In 2008, NMSU Athletics Director McKinley Boston announced the hiring of DeWayne Walker, an experienced assistant coach with an impressive resumé including both college and professional experience. This would be his first opportunity to serve as a head coach.

As were many Aggie fans, I was a bit skeptical that this Californian could come to the high desert along the Rio Grande Valley and make much of a difference. However, after getting to know Walker and observing his methodical approach to his job of building a successful program, I am absolutely impressed with what he has accomplished.

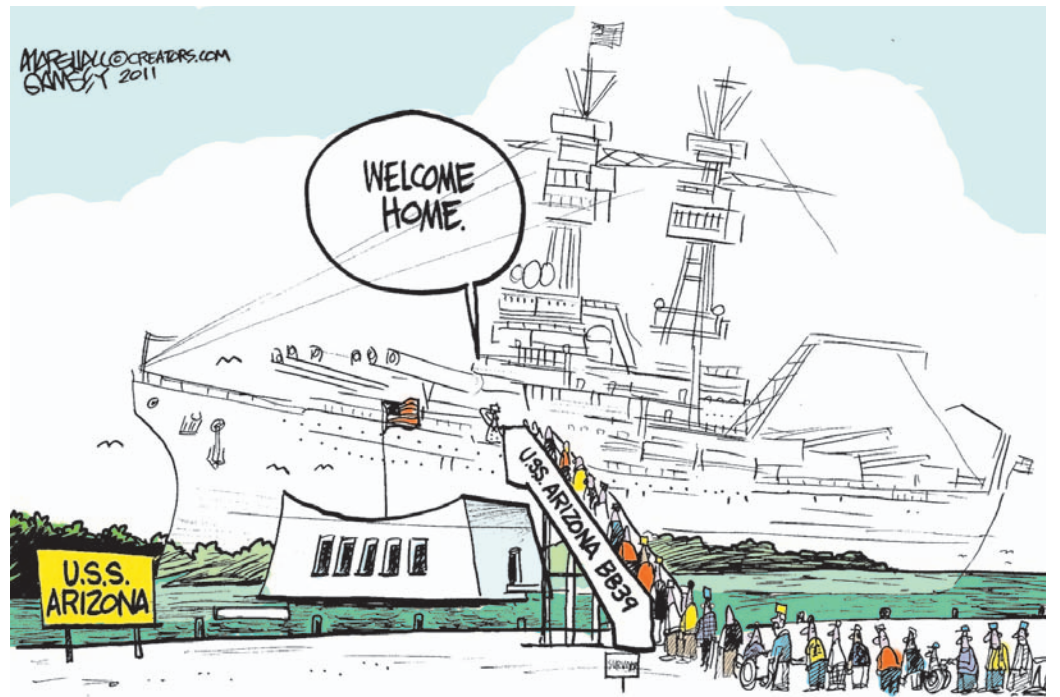
Sure, the Aggies won only four games this year. However, there were four other games that with a couple of breaks our way, we could have come out on top. A few years ago, we would have been happy with just a couple of wins. This year, we have four wins, including over Minnesota at the Big 10 and Fresno State, a team we had never beaten until this year.

What is different today from just a few years ago is that the players are beginning to believe they can win. And there is something else different under Coach Walker's leadership. He is not only recruiting good athletes. (Six Aggies earned All WAC recognition this year, and six to eight of the current seniors are potential NFL caliber players.) Coach Walker is recruiting young men of high character. He demands that his players work hard, not only on the field but also in the classroom. He expects his players to be polite and good citizens.

Recently, Walker spoke to our newspaper staff about his philosophy of coaching college athletes. He was proud of the team's competitive spirit and improvement in technique. However, his eyes brightened as he also spoke proudly of his players' accomplishments in the classroom, and of the overall character of the young men he has brought into the program.

In today's world, especially in collegiate sports where immediate turnarounds are expected, it is refreshing to watch Walker patiently take on his "elephant" one bite at a time.

He is not only creating a winning attitude, he is helping our university produce excellent students and citizens. He and the outstanding student athletes under his watch deserve our support.



FADING INTO HISTORY

Letters to the Editor

Buddy Walk thank you

I would like to thank those who participated and supported the 2011 Buddy Walk fundraiser and awareness event for the Southern New Mexico Down Syndrome Families (SNMDSF).

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In addition to participants from all over the state of New Mexico, we also had walkers from Indiana, Illinois, California, Kansas and Colorado.

We want to specifically thank the family of Jude Matthew Pelton for their participation in this year's Buddy Walk to honor his memory, and Rachel Christiansen of the Las Cruces Bulletin for her well-written and thoroughly

researched article about the event.

SNMDSF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of families and interested persons working to increase public awareness, support families and improve opportunities for those touched by Down syndrome.

For more information on SNMDSF, visit www.snmdsf.org.

Tim Query

Help in a crisis is here

This note is a reminder that the Child Crisis Center is here to help families in crisis. With the weather turning cold and the stress of the holidays, this could bring on some challenging times for families.

A crisis could range from a medical/mental health emergency, loss of heating, homelessness, or just reaching the end of one's rope. Before someone becomes so frustrated with the stressors of life and reach out and hurt their child, we want to provide the help they need.

Please, if you become aware of any families facing difficult issues, call the Child Crisis Center at 525-1277 and we will work with you to help out families in need.

We are here to protect those who cannot protect themselves.

Bernadine Dallago
Child Crisis Center Coordinator

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New Mexico National Guard WWII service remembered

Troops had little equipment, but showed fighting spirit

Jay Miller
Inside the Capitol



On Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, 1941, New Mexico's National Guard troops, deployed to the Philippines, knew the Japanese would attack them the same day.

They had been watching reconnaissance planes fly over every day, but had orders not to fire. Our reconnaissance planes saw the huge buildup on Formosa. Japan had captured everything to the north, including China. The Philippines were the last major obstacle on the way to Australia.

Our men just didn't know when the attack was coming. When Pearl Harbor was attacked, it was about 4 a.m. on Dec. 8 in the Philippines, on the other side of the International Date Line. The attack on the Philippines was planned for 8

a.m., but clouds over Formosa delayed it until noon.

That gave eight hours advance notice. During that time, rumors of the attack spread among various units of our troops, but they received no orders to mobilize. Some of the delay was attributed to sabotage.

Clark Field was a prime target of the air attack. Tommy Foy, later a New Mexico state legislator, was unable to get through to Clark Field from his post. Neither could anyone else. The warning never got through. The planes and trucks, lined up with military precision, made perfect targets for strafing runs.

Washington had not shared everything it knew with its military commanders in the Pacific, but many still wonder why Gen. MacArthur wasn't better prepared for alerting his troops. The 200th Coast Artillery still hadn't gotten all its guns and equipment unpacked. That task had to be finished under fire.

The story of the equipment was the same as before. It was either defective or outmoded. The ammunition was corroded

and most of the shells were duds. As box after box was opened, our men realized that these were their rejects from Fort Bliss, where they had trained outside El Paso. Much of it was left over from World War I.

Despite only one-out-of-10 shells being good, they scored five confirmed hits the first day. Four years later, in a speech at Deming, Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright confirmed that the 200th had been the first unit in the Philippines to fire on the enemy.

It didn't take long for the competence of

“ It didn't take long for the competence of the guardsmen ... to be noticed. ”

New Mexico guardsmen, who comprised the 200th Coast Artillery, to be noticed. That first night, the undermanned 200th, too small to defend Clark Field, was split.

A third of the regiment was sent to Manila and christened as a new regiment, the 515th. It was America's first war-born regiment, composed of only 500 men, instead of the usual 1,800. The following day, another 200 men were transferred to other units in need of their expertise. “The old 200th” was now down to only 1,100 men.

The equipment situation was just as bad in Manila as it had been at Clark Field. Nearly everything, including communications equipment, was World War I vintage. But our guys got everything working well enough to go into action within 24 hours of their arrival.

As our troops were approaching Manila on Dec. 9, the Navy was pulling out, headed south to the Dutch East Indies. But reinforcements for our anti-aircraft units were on the way. Seven ships and a heavy cruiser were headed to Manila with planes, artillery and ammunition.

Later that day, however, Washington redirected the convoy to Australia and turned four troopships, bound for Manila, back to San Francisco. MacArthur was not told, nor was he informed of the secret Roosevelt-Churchill accord to “get Hitler first.” Instead Gen. George Marshall radioed him to “expect every possible assistance.”

On Dec. 10, Japanese assault forces began landing, preparatory to a full-scale invasion, and Japanese bombers and fighters began massive assaults on air fields and Manila Bay.

Thus began a terrible four months, holding the line to disrupt Japan's quick advance to Australia, and control of the entire Pacific.

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Letters to the Editor

A hidden gem

One of the city's hidden gems hosted a lovely holiday event the evening of Dec 2. The Las Cruces Railroad Museum opened its doors for its annual "Old Fashioned Holiday" welcoming all.

The museum was decorated for the holidays with special lighting, garlands, trees and, of course, luminarias. To add to the festivities, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived from the North Pole via a special routing of a Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) locomotive. Jolly St. Nick listened to many special requests from his most favorite guests – children of all ages. Hundreds of cookies contributed by volunteer bakers were provided to all who joined in the festivities. In all, nearly 3,000 visitors joined in celebrating the old-fashioned holiday. A good time was had by all, even by a few city councillors, who likewise braved the inclement weather.

The railroad museum's director, Garland Courts, his staff and many, many volunteers are to be commended for providing this joyful venue to help kick off the holiday season.

Ed Kosciolk

Better school nutrition needed

When a local elementary school achieves high marks for academic achievement, administration, teachers, students and parents all revel in the glory. The same cannot be said for healthy eating in our schools.

Parents and school officials need to get on board with asking our local legislators to appropriate more funding for healthy-eating initiatives.

This healthy food topic should be no different, and it should be supported wholeheartedly. I am asking that every local elementary school get on board with a letter-writing campaign to politicians to get them thinking about appropriations during the upcoming legislative session starting in January 2012.

The idea is that our school children must have more options and exposure to healthy foods. One way of going about that is to establish a school garden at each of the Las Cruces elementary schools.

Nick Eckert

Bullying or just boy behavior?

'Poundee' recalls junior high years with 'Big Eddie'

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



There are concerns that bullies may be getting worse in our society, especially in public schools, than they were in years gone by. The topic of bullies is on the "radar" of many people.

The question is, how do we distinguish between "normal" adolescent male behavior and the behavior of bullies? There are some "boys will be boys" types of interactions that no amount of rules or punishments will change and then there is going too far. What is the difference between picking on someone and being a bully?

Despite my size now, I was smaller than most children because of my late August birthday, which made me the youngest and smallest every year.

When I was first in junior high, the ninth-graders picked on us seventh-graders mercilessly. Like waitresses at a busy restaurant, the teachers at the school tried hard to not watch too closely while walking down the hallways lest they have to do extra paperwork. Despite appearing to know about bullies, the school personnel were just as ineffective at protecting us as they were at educating us. They were always looking the other way.

Also, there were some teachers who were busy with their own emotional battery such as, "People, this problem is not that hard. Michael, did you bring your brain with you today?" I blushed and was struck dumb by the question.

Later, while pounding on me, a ninth-

grade bully taunted me with the same question. How did this happen? I was at the wrong place at the wrong time. But it followed many years of aggression by the bigger boys and was just a part of school life for the smaller and less aggressive students.

“ Suddenly, we found ourselves in the principal's office ... ”

Then one ninth-grade bully, Big Eddie, decided that to be personally fulfilled he had to slug 50 seventh-graders each and every day. There was an academic component because he had to learn to count to 50, which he did rather quickly. For us seventh-graders it was no longer once in a while we got pounded, instead, it was every day in every way we were pounded, pounded and pounded.

Again, a few times a day was taken in stride, but this was over the top to us. Realizing we were on our own, five of us seventh-graders formed an alliance. At first, this alliance was just a way to blow off steam. We decided on the alliance after Big Eddie walked up and gleefully whacked each of us right under the nose of a teacher. Since the teacher was smaller than Big Eddie, no attention was paid to what happened. Big Eddie simply

smirked as he continued searching for other poundees.

The alliance sat in the back of the class during the next period and passed notes about our plans. Meanwhile, the English teacher droned on about the joys of writing. Suddenly, we found ourselves in the principal's office for the offense of writing notes. The principal told us to shape up and sent us back to class.

At lunch the next day, we formalized the alliance with a spit pact that if any of us were attacked we would all jump in. Five minutes later, we had a chance to test the pact when Big Eddie came running toward us because he only had 47 poundees that day and needed three more to make his target of 50. We told him that we were not going to take it anymore. He tried to hit one of us so we all jumped on him. Since we had him down he promised to quit the pounding.

The next day Big Eddie found two of us by ourselves. He immediately started beating on me. The other boy did jump in to help. Though it was nip and tuck, we managed to stop him. For the rest of the year, our alliance stopped Big Eddie most of the time.

I do not know if the bullies are worse these days. Also, I never really thought about if it was just boy behavior or the act of a bully. We banded together to stop whichever it was. Maybe that approach is what we should teach our children to do.

Michael Swickard is co-host of radio talk show News New Mexico from 6 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday on KSNM-AM 570. Swickard may be contacted by email at michael@swickard.com.

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Letter to the Editor

High Heels a success

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the many, many people who worked so hard to make the March of Dimes High Heels for High Hopes show, presented by MountainView Regional Medical Center, an amazing success.

The campaign surpassed all expectations and raised more than \$120,000 for the March of Dimes and is the first ever \$100,000 plus fall or winter special event for the March of Dimes in New Mexico. These funds will enable the March of Dimes to continue making progress in the fight to prevent premature birth.

Prematurity is the leading cause of newborn death in the United States. Even babies born just a few weeks too soon can face serious health challenges and are at risk for lifelong disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, lung problems, vision and hearing loss and learning disabilities. The national preterm birth rate declined to 11.99 percent last year, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. Despite the improvement, still too many babies, one out of every eight, was born too soon.

I wish to thank the salons who gave so much of their time, talent and money to produce such an amazing and entertaining show – Studio 037 Salon, The Fixx Salon, Salon Allure and The Mint Hair Studio and all of the models who tirelessly fundraised to meet their goals – Holly Jones, Mandy Leatherwood, Michelle McClure, Grisel Chavez, Cori Johnson, Kathleen Upp, Renaye Charlet, Terra Van Winter, Patricia Bolinger, Jana Ward, Dianne Silva, Amber Soberon, Janet Acosta-Clifton, Parisa Rad, Lisa Ortega, Kerri Rodriguez, Krista Roman, Xavia Gutierrez, Krystal Parra, Krisha DeLong and Audralee Scofield.

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Special thanks to: Leonard Jimenez, artistic director; Ramiro Lugo, salon liaison; Joe Widmer, video producer and show director; Mark Vasconcellos and the students of the Creative Media Institute; Steve Gabaldon and the students of the Chaparral High School Audio Visual Club; Steven Chavira, master of ceremonies; Theresa Montoya-Basaldua, graphic design; Quincy Munson-McGee, lighting design; Kenny Arroyos, lighting and communications; Rebecca MacCallum, stage manager; Charlotte Tallman, communications; Nathon Lerma and family, March of Dimes Ambassadors; Renee's Bridal; DJ Dr. Lo; DJ Amer; the Liars; Project In Motion Dance group; Shane Wallin; Student Association for Fashion Merchandising & Marketing at New Mexico State University; Olympian University; the Gen; the Las Cruces Convention Center, David Hicks and staff; Chris Mitchell, Action AV; District Attorney Amy Orlando and staff; Auction Committee – Sally Chavez, Justin Chavez, Elena Wood, Summer Irvin, Tim Altamirano and Margarita Salazar.

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Many other volunteers worked behind the scenes and countless others donated individually or through their company to the model fundraising efforts.

It is a wonderful feeling to be a part of something so much bigger than ourselves and to make a difference in the lives of our future generations. Thank you all so much.

Becky Horner

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

The McGuffin

Three giant lobby groups from an alternative time-warp are engaged in a furious hissy fit whose purpose is raising money to pay lawyers. "Send money so we can litigate, pay company executives and solicit more funds!"

"Animals are over-running government property," they exclaimed, "... and endangering the environment. These are domestic animals that have been turned loose to fend for themselves and have multiplied exponentially." Sound familiar?

Yes, the lobby groups are the usual suspects; Sierra Club, Audubon Society, and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). The "McGuffin" is what Alfred Hitchcock called the object in the movie around which the plot thickened but had little significance on its own. Like the missing microfilm, hidden treasure or secret code.

Examples: When their funds and influence ran low in 1996, the Sierra Club hoisted a grand campaign to drain Lake Powell. The Audubon Society chummed up to Ted Turner by offering him "environmentalist credibility" in return for a big donation, and the HSUS is the first one there with their hand out to solicit funds from hurricane pets to horse abuse to Missouri Prop. B.

The McGuffin in this case is feral cats. They are accused of eating birds, rabbits, wood rats, varmints and vermin, some of which are ... you guessed it, federally protected. Like the spotted owl, short-nosed

sucker and Loach minnow.

When I allude to these three litigating lobby groups as "living in the 4th dimension," it is because in their alternative world, common sense is illegal and economic impact has no meaning.

Two of the groups want to trap the cats, the other group is against trapping. It makes no difference which is which, it is all about raising funds to pay lawyers, corporate executives, advertising to raise more funds and political lobbying. It's like watching three buzzards fighting over a flat possum on a road that no one uses.

In this operatic charade the actors all claim the high moral ground. They are plutocratic beggars, pious in their self-image. Emerson said it all, "The louder he spoke of his honor, the faster we counted our spoons."

Follow the money.

All you have to do is look at the budget and financial statement of most nonprofit profiteers in the now profane world of eco-animal rights, and you realize how bizarre this parasitism has become. How can we control these feral cats?

In the real world every farmer's daughter, rancher's wife, woodsman's grandchild and prairie dog hunter's son knows the solution. Buy 'em a box of shells and give 'em a week in the woods.

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AARP seeks tax preparers

AARP is seeking volunteers for the upcoming tax preparation season from February through April 2012.

Both English- and Spanish-speaking preparers are needed.

A one-week half-day tax preparation class will be offered in January 2012. For more information, call 521-0409 or 525-0299.

Winter camp registration

Registration is ongoing for the Parks & Recreation Winter Madness Camp for children ages 6 to 12.

Parents or guardians can register their children at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., Monday through Saturday. The camp will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 19-30 at Meerscheidt. The camp will not be held Dec. 23-26.

Registration is limited to the first 60 paid participants. Cost is \$60 per child.

The camp will focus on a variety of sports, arts and crafts and field trips to local attractions including the Regional Aquatic Center. Snack will be provided, but participants will need to bring their

own sack lunch.

For more information, call 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2182.

Las Cruces rec department seeks coaches

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

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

Each coach will be required to pass a background check. There is no coaching experience necessary, however, you must have basic knowledge of the specific sport you wish to coach. Coaches are also encouraged to attend trainings and clinics. They should also be able to effectively communicate with parents and youth. Those interested should contact the city at least one month before the sport season begins.

For more information, call the Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563 or the Parks and Recreation Administrative

Office at 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2182.

County blood drive Dec. 9

United Blood Services and Doña Ana County will have a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in the main rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Slots are available every 20 minutes. For more information or to make an appointment for a screening and donation, call Janine Divyak at 525-6130.

NMSU regents meet Dec. 9

The New Mexico State University Board of Regents will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in the Regents Room of the Educational Services Center on the Las Cruces campus.

A closed executive session will be held at noon to discuss personnel, real estate and legal matters in accordance with sections 10-15-1 H (2), (8), and (7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

Copies of the agenda for the regular open meeting will be available at NMSU Zuhl Library not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting and will also be posted on the

university website at www.nmsu.edu/Administration/regents_meeting.html.

Any individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign-language interpreter or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the meeting, may call the Regents Office at 646-1727 at least three days prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats.

Contact the Regents Office at 646-1727 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

B&N bookfair boosts reading program

The Children's Reading Foundation of Doña Ana County will be the beneficiary of a percentage of sales made at Barnes & Noble Booksellers at Mesilla Valley Mall Saturday, Dec. 10.

The Barnes & Noble fundraiser is part of a Book Fair sponsored by the Service Learning Department of the College of Education at New Mexico State University.

The in-store event at the mall will be noon to 3 p.m.

From noon to 12:30 p.m. local author Jennifer Cervante, who wrote the book "Tortilla Sun," will be at the event.

At 1 p.m., NMSU's Dance Program's Literacy Through Movement group will bring books to life with special performances.

The Children's Reading Foundation of Doña Ana County is a community-driven, countywide project that promotes the message, "Read to a Child Every Day," and focuses on improving literacy throughout the county.

For more information on the Reading Foundation, visit www.readingfoundation.org/dona_ana.

Online purchases will also apply, if made from Dec. 10-13 and the Bookfair ID 1062205 is entered at checkout.

Model railroad club meets

The Roadrunner Model Railroad Club, will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. For more information, call the museum at 541-2296.

Farmers market has events

The Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market is partnering

with the Roadrunner Food Bank to ensure that the holiday season is a great one for all.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, and 24, non-perishable food items will be collected at the market on Las Cruces Avenue. Donations will go toward feeding the nearly 40,000 different individuals Roadrunner and its affiliated agencies assist each week across New Mexico.

The market has also partnered with the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce on a "Buy Local Bowl" event that highlights the importance of supporting locally owned, independent businesses in Las Cruces. On Saturday, Dec. 10, teams of shoppers will go on a local shopping spree from the Downtown market.

Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Elisa Cundiff said, "each purchase helps to keep the Mesilla Valley vibrant and economically sustainable."

Santa Claus will also be making a stop at the market Saturday, Dec. 24. Special market hours will be held that day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Area children of all ages will be able to take photos with Santa, participate in a scavenger hunt, make their own fun holiday decorations, and listen to caroling performed by the Las Cruces High School Swing Choir. Pedicab rides will be provided to market customers as a special holiday

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Human rights event set

In celebration of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Geneva on Dec. 10, 1948, the Taskforce for Immigrant Advocacy and Services in Southern New Mexico (TIAS-NM) is hosting a commemorative event from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Albert the Great Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive. The commemoration is intended to remind the Las Cruces community of the continuing relevance and importance of protecting rights.

Several speakers from the region involved with human rights work will speak on advances made in New Mexico for the protection of human rights. Topics will include education, human trafficking, drivers' licenses, racial profiling, labor and food. Discussions will be from an historical perspective as well as highlight current work in the state.

For more information, call Kristin Connor at 915-532-3975, ext. 240; Diana Bustamante at 647-2744, ext. 1000; Verónica Carmona at 647-2744, ext. 1005; or Neil Harvey at 646-3220.

Lynn run and walk Dec. 10

Lynn Middle School's 5K Cougar Run/Walk will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, along the Triviz Multiuse Path, beginning in the park-

ing lot at Kohl's Department Store, 2500 N. Triviz Drive. On-site registration begins at 7:15 a.m., or participants may register online at <https://sites.google.com/site/lynnmiddleschoolpto>, and bring their Paypal receipt on the day of the race. Pre-registration is also available at Lynn Middle School, 950 S. Walnut St.

Cost is \$20 for preregistration or \$30 for onsite registration the morning of the event. Teams of four can register for \$60.

There are five categories: Open Male (age 18 and older); Open Female (age 18 and older); Under Age 18 Male, Under Age 18 Female and Team.

All participants will receive commemorative bracelets and will be entered into a drawing for a restaurant gift card.

Proceeds of the run/walk will go to the Lynn Parent Teacher Student Organization.

For more information, contact Kathy Davis at 639-0311 or kdavis@lcp.s.k12.nm.us, or call the school at 527-9445.

Bosque park holiday event

The Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park will hold its second annual holiday celebration from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. Events include a bird/nature walk, a luminaria lighting ceremony, dancing and singing and multi-cultural performances. Refreshments will be made available by community supporters.

Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park is New Mexico's 34th state park, and it has been

open since December 2008. The state park sits on more than 300 acres of river side land on the Rio Grande and 600 acres of adjacent Chihuahuan Desert. The bosque is a refuge for many kinds of wildlife, and is host to educational classes.

To get to the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, take the Avenida de Mesilla Exit (Exit 140) south to Calle del Norte (first stoplight) in Mesilla. Turn right and drive 1.9 miles west until you cross the Rio Grande. Immediately after crossing the bridge, the entrance to the park is visible on the left.

For more information, call 523-4398, email janet.kirwan@state.nm.us, or visit www.emnrd.state.nm.us/prd/mesillavalley.htm.

Toys for Tots Bicycle Ride

The Zia Velo Cycling Club will present the second annual Toys for Tots Bicycle Ride at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at Milagro Coffee y Espresso, 1733 E. University Ave. The ride will finish at High Desert Brewery, 1202 W. Hadley Ave. Entry fee is a new toy suitable for children ages 3-12. Helmets are recommended.

For more information, call Henry Gil at 642-9548 or Pablo at Outdoor Adventures 521-1922 or 649-3953.

York Rite meeting set

The York Rite Commandery will hold its December meeting and officer installation at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at Aztec Lodge No. 3, AF&AM, 180 Boutz Road. All

Masons and the general public are invited to attend. Inquiries into Masonic community services and philanthropies are encouraged. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 644-8830.

Archaeological society meets

The Doña Ana Archaeological Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the Auditorium. Archeologist Bill Godby will present "Eight Miles of Caves: Lava Tube Recordation and Native Hawaiian Archaeology on the Big Island, Hawaii." Godby's presentation will offer views of the caves, archaeological sites and the cultural landscape. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call 524-9497.

Ed retirees meet Dec. 13

The Luncheon Meeting of the Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees will be at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

All retirees who have worked in any educational organization are welcome to attend. Cost of the Buffet Luncheon is \$9. RSVPs are requested to Nova Jennett at 523-1129.

Genealogy society meets

The Doña Ana County

Genealogical Society will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Roadrunner Room. All meetings are open to the public and anyone who would like to attend is encouraged to join the group.

For more information, email dacgslc@gmail.com.

Lunch & Learn at library

Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will host a free Lunch & Learn program from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, in the Roadrunner Room.

Gayla Weaver, Doña Ana County extension home economist, will present "Mix It Up!" Attendees can learn how to expand their gift giving dollars with food mixes in jars. For more information, email slh303@yahoo.com or call 647-4394.

Golden Mesa open house

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

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

Space is limited so guests are asked to RSVP by calling

Golden Mesa at 522-4219.

For more information, call 522-4219 or visit www.holidaytouch.com.

Ad Fed meets Dec. 13

The Advertising Federation of Las Cruces will meet at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, Lorenzo's Ristorante Italiano at 1750 Calle Mercado in old Mesilla. A special Christmas program will include Bob Di-ven, the enchanted hit "Christmas in New Mexico," and "frivolity, farolitos and frijoles."

The Christmas buffet is free to Ad Fed members who bring non-perishable food items for distribution to those less fortunate, and \$18 for non members.

RSVPs are requested to 647-4676 by Friday, Dec. 9.

Blue Star Moms meet monthly

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

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Centennial

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important to each decade will pass along the parade route.

Parade participants must pre-register to participate and walk-ons will not be accepted. Anyone wishing to participate in the parade must register before Friday, Dec. 23. To register, visit www.mvcentennial.org/paradeform.html or call 202-5654 for more information.

Parade participants are encouraged to abide by the rules set by the subcommittee members. No marchers or vehicles will be allowed to stop or perform in front of City Hall. For safety reasons, the participants will not be allowed to throw candy or gifts to the children viewing the parade.

Drivers in the area around before, during and after the scheduled parade time should expect barricades along the marching route. The Main Street circle and the Downtown stretch of Mesquite Street are a few of those streets in the area going to be affected.



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You may pay online with a credit or debit card, or an electronic check at www.donaanacounty.org/tax/. There is a nominal fee for this service.

**ATTENTION
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If you own a mobile home and did not receive a tax bill, please contact the Treasurer's office. Mobile homes are taxed separately from your land. The first half is due by December 10, 2011.

IMPORTANT

New Mexico Property Tax Code does not allow the County Treasurer to forgive penalty and interest once it is incurred. If you have not received a tax bill please come by our office or call us at 575-647-7433 or 1-877-827-7200 EXT 7433

For property owners who may not live full time in Doña Ana County, the office has implemented a procedure by which any property owner can put an alternate mailing address on file. Once the December 10th deadline has passed, the staff will review the files and send a copy of the tax bill to the alternate address of any person with a delinquent account who has registered.

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The parade will also include a flyby at approximately 11:35 a.m. by an F-22 Raptor from Holloman Air Force Base.

"When this started, I asked Dr. Hunner, 'What took so long to get New Mexico admitted into the Union?'" Archuleta said. "His short answer was that Congress was concerned with the type of residents in New Mexico – Indians, Mexicans and Catholics who spoke a language Congress didn't understand."

Eventually, after the long struggle to get New Mexico admitted, President William Howard Taft signed the legislation adopting the state into the union.

The parade is just one of the events happening around the state in 2012 as New Mexicans reflect on the last 100 years and look forward to the next 100. A re-enactment of Taft signing the legislation making New Mexico a state is to take place 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.

A float representing the end of the final decade, 2002 to 2011, will pass over the same route that the float for the beginning of the first decade, 1912 to 1921, will have passed 100 minutes before. Ending the parade will be a float for 2012.

Archuleta said the parade also follows the historic Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, a Spanish colonial trading route from Mexico City to Santa Fe.

"We have so many generations of families involved in this historical moment in New Mexico," Archuleta said. "Each decade will be represented by diverse faces of the community."

Tortugas

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Royal practice will be conducted at Casa del Pueblo.

While the participants are on Tortugas Mountain, they will make quietes, walking sticks made out of desert yucca plants.

At 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, a Mass and the investiture of the mayordomos will be conducted for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hernandez and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Parra. Following the ceremony the two village dance groups will perform, La Danza Azteca Chichimeca and La Danza Guadalupana.

Monday's big event is the traditional noon meal at La Casa de Comida, consisting of albondigas, beans and red chile, which is open to the public and free of charge.

Other Monday events will include performances by the American Indian, danzante and matachine dance groups in front of the Santuario and around the village. A rosary and benediction will be held at 5 p.m. at the Santuario.

The traditional ceremonies are not written down and are

Friday, December 9, 2011

On hand for the celebration will be Alvina Haillie, born in 1912 in Hillsboro, Kan., who is turning 100 during the centennial year. The Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., will have a 100-piece centennial cake for Haillie, to be shared with children. The parade organizers hope to include the first baby born in Las Cruces in 2012. Also, the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market also will be open, extending its hours until 3 p.m. for local Christmas shopping.

Details

Las Cruces Centennial Parade

When

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012

Where

Parade route will be between Main and Mesquite streets Downtown

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based on oral history handed down through village families.

The Tortugas celebration is based on the legend that in 1531 Juan Diego, a converted Indian, told church authorities that he had seen the image of the "Dark Virgin" on Mount Tepeyec outside of Mexico City. At first, they doubted him and asked for proof. He returned with a tilma, an apron-like garment, filled with roses and an image of the "Dark Virgin." The image still is part of the dance groups' outfits.

In the early 1900s, a group of Indians from Mexico brought the Guadalupe tradition to local Indians, Tewa or Tegua. The early participants conducted ceremonies at Hacienda Ascarate north of Holy Cross Retreat and at the mountain. Other ceremonies were held at Acequia Madre in Las Cruces where a bank now stands, at the casique's – or chief's – residence on East Amador Avenue and in a grove of cottonwoods on El Paseo Road, according to oral history.

The ceremonies are conducted by Corporation of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which was organized in 1914. The corporation was an idea of Eugene Van Patten, a retired army colonel who had married an Indian girl, Benita Burrole.

Van Patten had advised the group to form the corporation so that it could acquire land where they could perform its ceremonies.

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- Advise and assist the City in adopting land use assumptions, which include a description of the service area and projection of changes and land uses, densities, intensities and population in the service area over at least a five-year period;
- Review the capital improvements plan that identifies capital improvements or facility expansion for which impact fees may be assessed and file written comments;
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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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First chimp in orbit popular with public

Cards and letters kept coming in for 'aeromedical technician' at Holloman



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

The six-foot high correspondence from first graders at Bakersfield Elementary School, Aberdeen, Md., was written "in large black crayon." The Associated Press reported on Dec. 13, 1961.

"Dear Enos," the 24 pupils penned, "We are happy that you had a good ride! We want to know how to say your name. We would like to have some pictures of you! We would like to see a banana pellet. We are proud of you!"

They scrawled their signatures at the bottom, said the story, which was published in the Alamogordo Daily News.

The public also sent Christmas cards to the chimpanzee who circled the Earth prior to John Glenn's flight. One card, from a woman signed Emma, entreated: "Dear Enos Chimp. What do you think of the human race? I live alone and wish you were here with me where snow-banks are high in South Dakota. I have a beautiful ranch where you could have a good healthy time. Merry Christmas."

Another cryptically read: "Six muntz ago you couldn't even spel soldier. And you is one."

Fifty years ago, Americans showered Enos with attention after the historic mission NASA launched from Cape Canaveral on Nov. 29, 1961.

"Eleven hours before he was due to be launched," Hamish Lindsay wrote in "Tracking Apollo to the Moon," "he lay back and underwent a thorough physical examination, stood still for the medical sensors to be taped on, was installed into his special couch, then travelled out to launch pad 14 in the transfer van."

Enos had undergone "1,263 hours of training," said "Animals in Space." Chimps were ideal students, according to Ted Spitzmiller in "Astronautics: Book 1 - Dawn of the Space Age." They could easily learn to perform tasks and then reproduce them during spaceflight. Their "ability ... to make cognitive functions

under the same conditions that the astronaut would face" proved space would be safe for man.

In his 1999 self-titled memoir "John Glenn," Glenn wrote that Enos "had been conditioned to pull certain levers in the spacecraft according to signals flashing in front of him." Lindsay said he was so well trained that "two minutes before leaving the pad Enos began pulling his levers." He continued performing even "after surviving" more than seven times the force of gravity at liftoff. "Animals in Space" documented that "Enos had sustained this force often inside centrifuge rides, so he knew it was only a temporary discomfort."

Enos' flight was originally scheduled for "three orbits of the earth," Deke Slayton said in his 1994 autobiography, "Deke!" However, NASA brought the chimpanzee home after two orbits, when "the spacecraft began to drift off course, and had to be continually (reoriented), using additional fuel," Lindsay said.

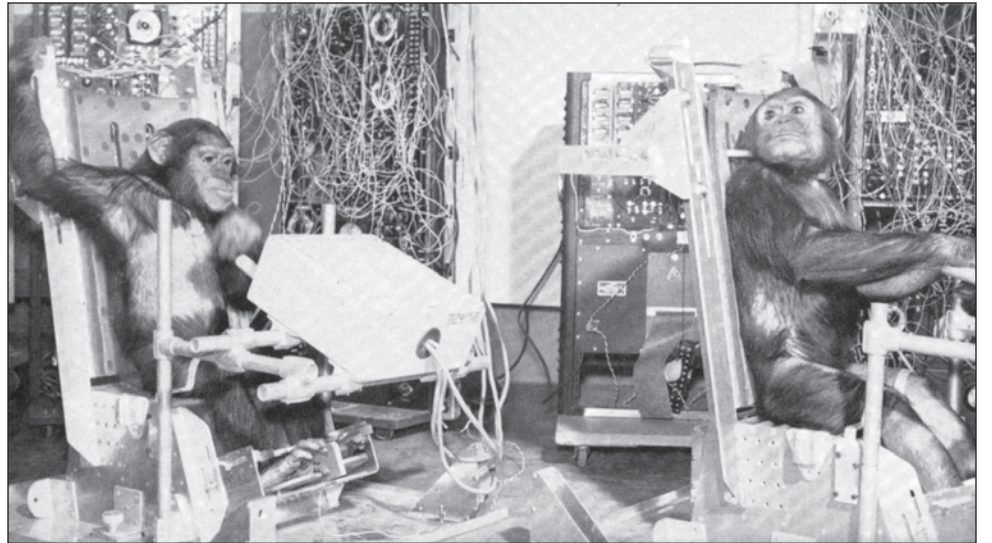
"Flight Director Chris Kraft was concerned that there might be insufficient fuel remaining at the end of a third orbit to achieve correct attitude control during re-entry," said "Animals in Space." "Acting on the advice of his control team (Kraft) decided to end the flight early by setting procedure in motion to fire the retro-rockets. His decision came just 12 seconds before he would have had to commit to a third orbit."

Spitzmiller said engineers later discovered "a small metal shaving (had) blocked a thruster fuel line," which caused the rolling.

In addition, said Lindsay, "an overheating inverter in the electrical system was also causing concern." Exacerbating the situation, Spitzmiller said that during the second orbit, a malfunction occurred in the "device designed to give a mild shock" if Enos did not perform correctly.

"Even though Enos pulled the right levers, he felt the dreaded volts zap his foot," Lindsay said. "Baring his teeth with exasperation (from in-flight photographs), he kept pulling the right levers to the end, shocks or not. He was unstoppable."

"He was smart but he didn't take to people," Ed Dittmer, Enos' trainer at Holloman Aero Medical, said in a 1987 oral history. "A lot of people had the wrong impression of Enos. They said he was a mean chimp and so



U.S. Air Force/New Mexico Museum of Space History

The chimpanzees Enos, right, and HAM, train for tasks that they would perform while aboard their capsules in space.

forth, but he wasn't really mean. He just didn't take to cuddling."

"Animals in Space" described Dittmer as "one of the many outstanding aeromedical technicians who assisted in the bioastronautics research" at Holloman.

For pulling the correct levers, Lindsay said Enos' reward over the flight added up to "a pint of water given in 47 measures," and banana-flavored pellets.

Glenn's three-orbit flight followed on Feb. 20, 1962, aboard Friendship 7. The mission was announced at a press conference after Enos returned, and at which "Enos was present," Lindsay said.

"I had been elated when ... I heard that I would be the primary pilot," Glenn wrote. "I tried to take the news in stride, but I couldn't help being excited. I was going to be the ... first American to orbit. Of course, as the test pilots at Edwards like to point out, I was going to be following a chimp."

He apparently took such chiding well.

Speaking before the Congress after his mission, Glenn mentioned his visit with President John F. Kennedy, First Lady Jackie Kennedy, and their daughter, Caroline.

"I think Caroline really cut us down to size and put us back in our proper position, though, when after being introduced she looked up and said, 'Where's the monkey?' All this and I didn't get a banana pellet on the whole ride," Glenn said in his speech, released on Columbia Records.

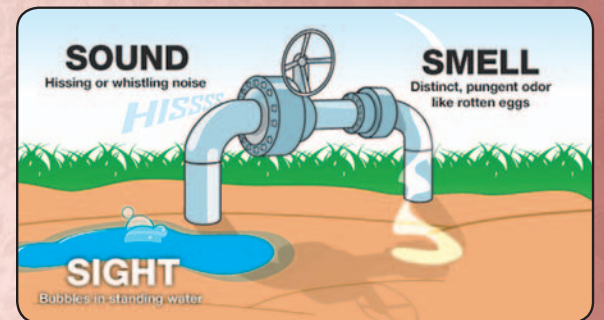
Enos died on Nov. 4, 1962, from the African dysentery shigellosis.

"Enos never sat on top of another rocket," said "Animals in Space." "He retired quite happily to the Holloman Air Force base before his death from illness." The book, along with several other sources, said the whereabouts of Enos' remains are unknown.

Michael Shinabery is an education specialist and Humanitarian Scholar with the New Mexico Museum of Space History. Shinabery may be contacted by email at michael.shinabery@state.nm.us.

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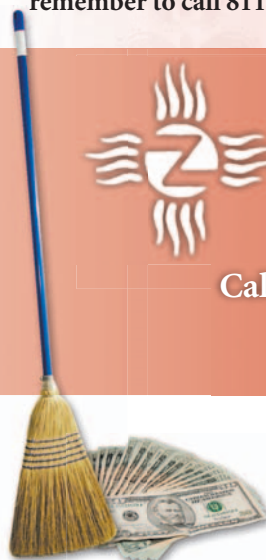


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El Paso Electric offers tips to keep season safe, sound

El Paso Electric Co. urges people to use caution with electrical appliances and decorations this holiday season.

Here are a few electrical safety tips and precautions:

Indoor and outdoor

- Before you begin decorating, read and follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning installation and maintenance of all electrical decorations.
- Use only lights and other electrical decorations that have been certified by a recognized independent testing laboratory such as UL, ETL or CSA.
- Carefully inspect each decoration before plugging into an outlet. Cracked sockets, frayed, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious electric shock or start a fire. Replace damaged items with new decorations.
- Always unplug a light string or electrical decoration before replacing light bulbs or fuses.
- Don't overload extension cords – it could cause the cord to overheat and start a fire. Use no more than three standardized sets of lights per extension cord.
- Turn off all electrical light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

Outdoor decorating

- Use only lights and other electrical decorations certified for outdoor use. Plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).
- When hanging lights around your roof line or in trees, be sure to survey the area for overhead power lines and maintain at least a 10-foot distance.
- Don't mount or support light strings in any way that might damage the cord's wire insulation. Never nail or staple light strings or extension cords down.
- Do not run electrical cords through door or window openings where they can be damaged.

Indoor decorating

- If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it's "flame resistant."
- Don't let bulbs touch any flammable material.
- Never try to bypass a fuse built into a string of lights.
- If you need to use extension cords, use only UL-approved cords that are rated to carry the electrical loads connected to them. Uncoil extension cords completely before using. Place extension cords away from heat sources and bulbs.
- Never place cords under rugs and doors or through windows where they might be pinched or become worn.
- Keep cords out of water and away from metal objects.

Middle schoolers get spotlight



Middle schoolers hold up their certificates from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the theater of Doña Ana Community College. The chamber's Middle School Student Recognition Program recognizes students from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades from 11 local middle schools.

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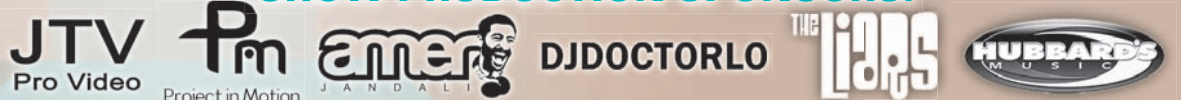
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CrimeStoppers

Home invasion

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the suspects responsible for a home-invasion robbery in Mesilla.



At around 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, two masked men ambushed a husband and wife couple who had just returned to their home on the 2100 block of Calle de Santiago in Mesilla. The suspects ordered the couple to the floor and used plastic ties to restrain the husband and wife.

The couple was forced to open a personal safe inside the home, and relinquish the alarm code and combination to the safe at their art gallery. One of the masked men then forced the female victim into her GMC Yukon and drove her to the couple's business, the Cutter Gallery on South El Paseo Road in Las Cruces.

Nothing was stolen from the couple's business. However, jewelry, silverware and a Sharp flat screen television set were stolen from the couple's home.

The victims were not physically injured during the ordeal. The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office is investigating this case.

If you have any information on the identity of the two masked men, or any information that may help investigators, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477).

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State fundraising group holds philanthropy event

The New Mexico Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals honored many New Mexicans at its annual National Philanthropy Day banquet in November, including several New Mexico State University volunteers and donors.

NMSU Foundation board members Del Esparza and Michael and Judy Johnson were honored as Outstanding Leaders in Philanthropy; Cowboys for Cancer Research was honored as an Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation; and Calculex, Las Cruces was honored as Outstanding Business/Corporation in Philanthropy.

Esparza, owner of Esparza Advertising in Albuquerque, was named Outstanding Leader in Philanthropy for central New Mexico. He has served on the NMSU Foundation Board of Directors since 2007.

The Johnsons were named Outstanding Leaders in Philanthropy for southern New Mexico. Michael Johnson retired from ConocoPhillips Co. in 2002. The Johnsons have established many endowments at NMSU. Recently, after donating \$250,000 toward the creation of a professorship, the Johnsons issued a challenge to NMSU alumni and the business community to match an additional \$100,000 gift with a goal of establishing the first fully endowed chair for the accounting department.

Cowboys for Cancer Research Inc. has been raising money to support cancer research since 1982. Currently led by Denny and Geraldine Calhoun, the organization announced in April a commitment to establish a \$1.5 million endowment through the NMSU Foundation to fund cancer research.

Calculex is a Las Cruces-based company that specializes in the development and production of state-of-the-art electronics and software systems and an avid supporter of the NMSU College of Engineering. Company President Martin Small, who has three degrees from NMSU, said he likes to focus his philanthropic efforts where they can make a difference.

For more information about the AFP New Mexico Chapter, visit www.afp-nm.org.

Bank donates to housing group



Rose Garcia, center, executive director of Tierra del Sol, a nonprofit low-income housing development company, accepts a \$10,000 donation from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation Friday, Dec. 2. Also pictured are Norma Roberts of Tierra del Sol, Terri Garcia of Bank of America, Lonnie Corral of Bank of America, Sherry Hernandez of Tierra del Sol, Paul Bridgers of Bank of America and Jesus Lozoya of Tierra del Sol.

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Lighting up the Christmas spirit at NMSU's Noche de Luminarias

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A dusting of early snowfall adds to the winter vision accented by luminarias along the walkways leading up to the Rhodes Garrett Hamiel Hall on the New Mexico State University campus when 5,000 luminarias were lit for the 27th annual Noche de Luminarias at Sunday, Dec. 4.



Students put the final touches to a living Christmas Tree outside Corbett Center Student Union.



The luminarias were placed along walkways and buildings from the Educational Services Center on the east end of campus, wrapping around the duck pond and down the International Mall to Corbett Center.



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Tidings of comfort and joy through Dress the Child

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Hundreds of children get help with needed clothes

This year, Dress the Child has helped 450 children from Las Cruces Public Schools and Gadsden Independent School District get new clothes just in time for the holidays and before the first real winter storm.

The Las Cruces Rio Grande Rotary Foundation makes Dress the Child happen through donations and fundraisers, such as the club's annual gourmet dinner in October.

At shopping sprees held at Walmart, J.C. Penney's and Kohl's department stores, the children each get \$100 worth of clothes, which comes to about \$125 per child when the store's 20-percent discount is factored in, said Dress the Child co-chair Matt Holt at the final shopping spree Sunday, Dec. 4, at Kohl's.

For 17-year-old Lauren Telford, it has become an annual event she volunteers for along with her father David Telford. Not only is it helping children, Telford said, she also enjoys the shopping. For her Oñate High School classmate Kristen Leyva, also 17, it was her first experience volunteering to help the children shop for pants, tops, socks, shoes and other basic clothing needs.

"It has been a lot of fun because it's like being a kid again," Leyva said. "I was helping this one girl who's favorite color was purple, so everything she got had to be purple."

Besides the high school students, Dress the Child is assisted by a small army of volunteers, including many New Mexico State University athletes and the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.



Natalie, 8, and Olivia, 5, receive a treat from Santa while they shop for clothes.



Ashley, 7, proudly totes her full bag of new clothes at the Dress the Child shopping spree Sunday, Dec. 4, at Kohl's department store. After the night was over, the program had been able to give 450 needy children clothes to get them through the winter. The program is sponsored by the Rio Grande Rotary Club, which meets for lunch every Thursday at Lorenzo's de Mesilla.



Members of the Rio Grande Rotary Club and the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Conquistadores helped organize the shopping spree and volunteers.



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Jeff Barnet
The Reason Why



Anytime you are out in public and say something like, "The Aggies will be in a bowl game next year," there's always someone who looks at you like you are crazy. Or, at the very least, someone will react in surprise: "Really?"

I understand the incredulity and surprise. After all, the last time New Mexico State University was in a bowl game was during the Eisenhower administration.

When people hear that the Aggies' season record was 4-9, it's hard for them to believe that NMSU football has substantially improved, much less believe this team will be bowl bound in a year's time.

But if you were one of the fans who went to the games this year, you not only expect the Aggies to be bowl-eligible in 2012, you may be willing to put money on it.

This year's Aggie football team was exciting to watch. They were a gutsy, competitive team that had a chance to win seven or eight games. They took several games into the final minutes, and played with an intensity that impressed fans and opposing teams alike.

To use an expression favored by coach DeWayne Walker, time and again the Aggies left everything they had on the field. They were an inspiring team.

In addition to big wins over New Mexico, Fresno State, Minnesota and Idaho, NMSU took several of the best teams in the Western Athletic Conference – Hawai'i, Nevada and Utah State – down to the wire.

The outstanding play of the Aggies' senior class, led by the Bionic Man, quarterback Matt Christian, has brought NMSU football to a point where it can compete with any mid-major team. It is up to next year's team "to take it to the next level," Walker said.

The Aggies will return a solid core of talent next year. Quarterbacks Andrew Manley and Travaughn Colwell will lead the offense with running backs Kenny Turner (all-WAC second team) and Robert Clay, wide receiver Austin Franklin and tight end Trevor Walls. In addition, all-WAC second team lineman Davonte Wallace will be back to block for Turner. On defense, three starting linebackers return: Alexander LaVoy, Bryan Bonilla and B.J. Adolpho.

Most importantly, an entire team that knows how to win and how to compete will take the field with confidence.

Senior linebacker Boyblue Aoelua, who finished his career with a 12-tackle performance against Utah State, said he cannot wait to see what the Aggies do in 2012.

"They are going to do something big next year," he said. "They will go a bowl game."

You can look at him like he's crazy if you want. But I would advise against that. Unlike me, he weighs 234 pounds and has arms like tree trunks.

Championship hunt tips off

High school hoop squads have hopes for court success

By **Craig Massey**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

Some big headlines were made in Las Cruces last year at the conclusion of the high school basketball season – and it could happen again this spring.

The boys teams at Oñate and Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, as well as the girls team at Mayfield High School, won state championships.

The Las Cruces High School boys entered this season ranked No. 1 in Class 5A, and the MVCS boys came in ranked No. 1 in 2A. Both teams have lost a couple of games early this season, but that hasn't lowered any of the expectations.

"Las Cruces is really big and they have two years of varsity experience," said Mayfield coach Tommy Morrow. "They are the team to beat in the district, without a doubt."

Las Cruces High School

The Bulldawgs return three two-year starters from last year's 20-10 team and have everyone's attention heading into this season. Coach William Benjamin's team, which is currently ranked No. 2 behind Clovis in the state's coaches' poll, lost to two of the top teams in El Paso – Montwood and Franklin.

Las Cruces, which entered the week with a 3-2 record, returns senior Mando Marshall and juniors Trevor Noel and Joseph Garza in the starting lineup. Marshall, a 6-4 forward, is one of the top players in the state, and is being recruited by several colleges.

"He has a very good skill set," Benjamin said. "He handles the ball well and has really improved his shooting. He's a very good athlete who could definitely play at the next level."

Noel is a 6-5 post and Garza is the team's point guard. The other starters this year are Gilbert Sigala and Kai Williams. Some of the key players coming off the bench are Jordan Alexander, J.T. Romney and Malik Woods.



Mando Marshall of Las Cruces High School, one of the top high school basketball players in New Mexico, drives past Terrel de Rouen during a game last season. Marshall's presence on the Bulldawg squad is one reason LCHS is among the favorites to capture the state basketball title in 2012.

"Last year, we had a very good team and made it to the state tournament," said Benjamin. "Now, we're another year older and we can build on that. We're playing a tough schedule, but the kids are doing a good job of competing. This should be an exciting year."

Mayfield High School

Morrow, who is entering his 13th year as head coach at Mayfield, has his Trojans off to a 2-3 start entering the week.

Like LCHS, Mayfield's losses have been hard-fought close ones to El Paso teams.

"We have a really hard schedule, but that will get us ready for district," Morrow said. "We have pretty good chemistry and work ethic."

Mayfield, which returns no starters, isn't one of the bigger or more athletic teams, but Morrow's squads routinely put together good seasons.

The only varsity player to see extended minutes last season also is the only player Morrow has coming in from the MHS football team – Taylor Gibbs. Other key players include point guard Mark Salcedo, top scorer Orlando Benavente Verdugo, Parker Norfleet and post players Colin Maughan (6-3), and Ben Protector (6-2).

"We have 10 seniors so you would think we would have experience, but we're young as far as varsity experience goes," Morrow said.

Oñate High School

The reigning Class 5A state champion Oñate Knights entered the week with a 2-2 record under third-year head coach Saul Perez.

Senior Brandon Rosales is the only returning starter, but he is joined by senior Chino Saldivar, who played "starter minutes" last year.

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Mayfield's Cayman Greene is consoled by his parents after the Trojans 48-28 loss to Cleveland High School in the state 5A championship game Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Field of Dreams.

Mayfield falls short Cleveland surges past Trojans to take football championship

By **Craig Massey**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

Mayfield's quest for a ninth state football title was shot down Saturday, Dec. 3, by a talented team intent on completing a perfect season.

The Trojans, who finished the year with a 10-3 record, lost to Rio Rancho's Cleveland High, 48-28, at the Field of Dreams in front of an estimated 9,500 fans. Cleveland's first title came after quarterback Cole Gautsche rallied the Storm from a 28-14 halftime deficit.

Gautsche – who had given

a verbal commitment to attend New Mexico State University but changed his mind this week and will reportedly attend the University of New Mexico, passed for 276 yards and four touchdowns.

The Trojans kept the top-seeded and favored Cleveland team off balance in the first half, but couldn't sustain it in the second half when the Storm erupted for several big plays. Cleveland ended its season 13-0.

Mayfield was looking to repeat as champs after winning four titles in the past seven seasons.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales
Wendell McKines slams home a dunk against Arizona Nov. 29.

Aggies travel to El Paso for second game

Menzies: 'Anything can happen'

By **Jeff Barnett**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State University men's basketball team will look to break a two-game losing streak when they take on the University of Texas-El Paso at the Don Haskins Center at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. It's the second game in the Sonic Battle of I-10 Rivalry Series.

The Aggies (5-3) dominated UTEP (1-4) in Las Cruces Nov. 19,

winning 89-73. However, coach Marvin Menzies said UTEP is always a dangerous team.

"Anything can happen when we go down there," he said.

In their most recent game, the Miners took Oregon to the final seconds at Eugene, Ore., Nov. 29, falling 64-59. Sophomore guard Michael Perez scored a career-high 18 points.

Senior forward Gabe McCulley, who missed the game in Las Cruces

with an injury, will make his season debut for the Miners against NMSU on Sunday.

NMSU is coming off a Dec. 4 loss to Southern Mississippi, 74-66, and a Nov. 29 loss at home to Arizona, 83-76.

Against Southern Miss, redshirt senior forward Wendell McKines scored his 1,000th career point as an Aggie. He is the 28th NMSU player in school history to reach that mark. McKines had 15 points on the night. Sophomore guard Christian Kabon-

go led all scorers with 21 points.

In the first I-10 Rivalry game, McKines led all scorers with 23 points. Five Aggies scored in double digits, while UTEP was led by center John Bohannon and guard D'Von Campbell, who had 11 points each. The Aggies outrebounded the Miners 42-27.

After the UTEP game, the Aggies will return home to host the Western New Mexico Mustangs in the Pan American Center at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14.

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according to Perez, and Jerry Flores. Other key players this year include Q Scarborough (6-4), Nick Rieff, J.J. Dennis, Marquis Williams (6-5), and freshman Sammy Barnes.

"We're still trying to put the pieces of the puzzle together," said Perez. "And we're trying to create an identity, especially on the defensive end. We're a little bigger this year and we'll try to go inside a little more. We're excited about the team we have."

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Coming off of back-to-back state championships in Class 2A, Coach Terry Adler's SonBlazers have a goal of a "three-peat" this season.

While most of the team's players were members of the MVCS state championship football team this fall, the SonBlazers have gotten off to a 2-2 start.

Leading the way is 6-7 junior Devon Tourtillott, who was the quarterback for the football team. He is joined by talented players such as 6-2 Garrett Hendren and guard Trey Correa, who was the most valuable player in the state tournament last year.

Other key players include 6-7 Andy Chamberlain, outstanding defender Jake Franzoy and Brandon Gillis.

"We're big and we have some real potential," Adler said. "We're just now starting to play together. It's going to be exciting."

MVCS, which routinely plays schools at higher levels, finished third in the Kirtland Central tournament in Farmington, N.M., last weekend, and has La Cueva on its schedule this year. Mesilla Valley is 3-0 against Class 5A teams. Another big game is at home on Jan. 17, 2012, against Faith Christian.

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Agony for the home team at the Football championship

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The fans' faces tell the story as Mayfield High School is defeated by Cleveland High School 48-28 in the New Mexico 5A football championship game Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Field of Dreams.



The Mayfield Trojans take the field to defend their state championship before the start of play.



It was an emotional loss for the defending champions.



John Gibson urges his team to make a comeback in the fourth quarter.



Mayfield quarterback Axten Franzoy hands off to Chris Trujillo during first-half action. The Trojans led 28-14 at halftime.

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Gadsden star tops list of Aggie volleyball recruits

Four Aggies earn regional honors

Nathalie Castellanos, who led the Gadsden Panthers to back-to-back 5A championships and was Gatorade Player of the Year in New Mexico, has signed to play for the New Mexico State University volleyball team, coach Mike Jordan announced Saturday, Nov. 18.

Castellanos, who is from Anthony, N.M., joined Alexis Wick of Leander, Texas, and Taylor Livoti of Humble, Texas, in signing National Letters of Intent to play under Jordan starting in the fall of 2012.

"This is an outstanding group of student athletes we have signed," Jordan said. "I want to thank everyone involved in the recruiting process and especially my staff."

Jordan said he envisioned Castellanos as a setter when he originally recruited her. However, Castellanos was an outside hitter in high school and wasn't able to practice as a setter with her club team last year because of an injury. She is athletic enough and with her left-handed skill she can either play on the right-side or at the libero position, Jordan said.

"Nathalie is a gifted athlete and the best player in the state of New Mexico," Jordan said. "She's quick, jumps well and is a great competitor. She's been great at everything she's ever done athletically. She's athletic enough to play three different positions and has tremendous potential."

Wick, a 6-1 middle hitter, comes to NMSU from Rouse High School and is the first student athlete in Rouse High School history to make a division I commitment for volleyball. She was named first team all-district from 2009-11, and earned academic all-district honors from 2009-11.

Livoti, a 5-7 setter, is a native of Houston, where she was a four-year letter winner at Atascocita High School. She helped the



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Lady Eagles to four consecutive playoff appearances and was a first team all-district selection all four years. She was named United States Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award after her junior year.

Livoti was one of six setters from Texas to be on the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Under Armour Girls' High School All-American Watch list this year and was a 2011 All-Texas honorable mention honoree.

The NMSU volleyball team finished the 2011 season with a 23-10 record after dropping the season finale to Colorado State in the Pan American Center, Saturday, Nov. 26.

Four Aggies were awarded regional honors in December. On Dec. 6, the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) named seniors Jennah DeVries and Kelsey Brennan to West Region first team, while Meredith Hays earned West Region Freshman of the Year.

On Dec. 2, sophomore middle blocker Desiree Scott was named to COBRA Magazine's All-Southwest Region team.

This is the third time DeVries earned first-team West Region honors while this is Brennan's first time being selected. DeVries closed out her career with 4,051 assists, good for fourth place all-time at NMSU, while Brennan finished with 319 career total block and finished tied for 10th place all-time.

Hays led the WAC and currently ranks 17th nationally in kills (4.42) and tops the conference and ranks 18th in the nation in points (4.94). She posted a career-high 31 kills and ended the season with 500.

Scott played in 98 sets and marked 143 kills (1.46/set). She also posted 76 total blocks, 13 of them solo and added eight digs on the defensive side of the net.

Six Ags on All-WAC team

Coleman, Rogers earn first-team honors

The New Mexico State University football team won six All-Western Athletic Conference awards – the most all-conference honors that the Aggies have received since joining the WAC in 2005 – the conference office announced Dec. 5. It is also the most all-conference selections that NMSU has earned since the 2004 season.

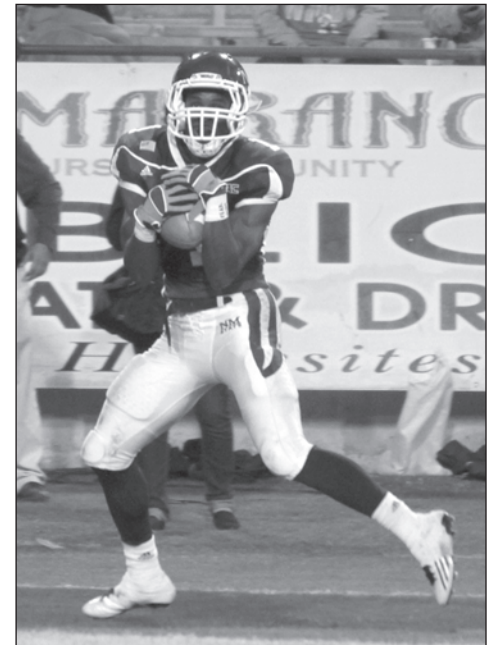
Senior safety Donyae Coleman and senior kick returner Taveon Rogers were named first-team selections, while Rogers was named a second team wide receiver, along with junior running back Kenny Turner, sophomore offensive lineman Davonte Wallace and senior defensive back Jonte Green.

"I think these six All-WAC awards are attributed to the plan that we are putting together as we continue to build our program," coach DeWayne Walker said. "Obviously, all these kids are seniors, with the exception of Wallace and Turner, so this is probably our strongest senior class in terms of leadership and production since we have been at New Mexico State. This gives us a lot to look forward to going into 2012. We need to have a good recruiting class to help us continue to build our program in the right direction. The bar has been raised for seasons to come."

Coleman led the Aggies in tackles with 133 in 2011, while leading the team and the league in interceptions with six. Coleman also led the league in fumble recoveries with three, while tallying seven pass break-ups and three forced fumbles. On the season, Coleman had seven double-digit tackle games, including two games with 23 tackles or more.

Rogers was the team's leading kick returner with 1,318 yards and three touchdowns. He leaves NMSU as the all-time leader in kick returns for a career (103), kick return yardage (2,728) and most kick returns for a touchdown (3). He also led the nation in all-purpose yards per game with 196.3, which leads the league. Rogers also led the Aggies in receiving in 2011 with 59 catches for 1,048 yards and nine touchdowns, averaging 17.8 yards a catch and 87.3 yards a game. Against Fresno State, Rogers recorded a school record 412 all-purpose yards.

Turner led the Aggies with 1,074 yards rushing in 2011, becoming just the second NMSU running back since the 2000 season to rush for



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales
Taveon Rogers was selected to the All-WAC first team as a kick returner.

more than 1,000 yards. Turner would account for 10 rushing touchdowns on the year as well, while averaging 82.6 yards a game, which was fourth in the WAC. He also finished second on the team in receiving with 46 catches for 514 yards and three touchdowns.

Wallace helped the Aggie offense rush for 1,625 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2011, as well as 3,550 yards and 24 touchdowns passing. On the season, Wallace tallied 52 knockdowns and allowed just three sacks.

Green recorded 70 tackles on the season and led the team with 14 pass break-ups on the season, which ranked him second in the WAC. Green also grabbed two interceptions on the year, along with one forced fumble. Green tallied his first career interception of his career against Louisiana Tech and then grabbed his second in his final game as an Aggie against Utah State.

The Aggies finished the 2011 season at 4-9 overall and 2-5 in the WAC.

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Samantha Mendoza is a 17-year-old senior at Las Cruces High School. She plays on the LCHS girls softball and basketball teams. She is a shooting guard, and this season the team is currently 4-1. Mendoza averages 16.1 points, 4 assists and 4.4 steals per game, leading the team in all three categories.

Mendoza is a very outgoing person and everyone enjoys being around her. She is a leader on and off the court. This is why she was named team captain as a junior and senior. Mendoza is a two year letterman in basketball. As a sophomore, she was a member of the 2010 state final four team. As a junior, she was selected to the all-district team. She is also a two year letterman in softball. Mendoza is a dedicated student with a 3.1 GPA. When not in school or playing sports, Mendoza enjoys being with her friends and family.

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Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

Over the 16 or so years that I have been doing golf schools and coaching recreational golfers to improve their performance, I have come to the conclusion that there are three specific golf shots that higher handicap golfers find the most difficult.

When I posed this issue to one of my teaching pro friends, he said, "That's simple. They are the shots out of a cactus, hitting the submerged ball and the six iron through the tree branches that are 90 percent air."

Cute.

During the past few months, I have asked golfers of all abilities to tell me which were the hardest shots. I got all sorts of replies.

"Any shot where I have to think," one said.

"Deep rough," responded another.

"Lag putts," someone told me.

"It's my mental game," said a player who has played golf for 30 years. "I can't stand the first tee shot with everybody watching. It's hard."

I assured him that there would be much written in future columns about anxiety and the "mental game."

One interesting response to my query was, "My toughest shot is when it's a recovery shot, and I know I'll be embarrassed if I miss it badly."

That brings a whole lot of negatives into the picture I told her.

One golfing friend surprised me with this: "I don't know the hardest, but the easiest for me are the Mulligan, the Sha-iro and the conceded putt." Good.

Everyone has their Achilles-heel golf shot, but there are a few that most golfers can relate to. In my experience – this is deadly serious now – the three most difficult shots are No. 1, the long sand bunker shot from a fairway bunker; No.2, the half wedge shot from inside of 60 yards to the green; and No. 3, the fairway wood or long iron shot (as you might hit for the second shot on a par five) from a downhill lie.

Let's take each of these and learn how they are done.

Considering the long sand bunker shot, the main reason so many folks struggle with this is that they don't understand the proper technique. For most normal long bunker shots, the idea is to hit a crisp shot with a full swing, taking very little sand. This is vastly different than an explosion shot from a greenside bunker, where you are lifting the ball out by blasting the sand underneath it.

Here in the Southwest, we have a lot of sandy waste areas that are played very much the same as a flat fairway bunker. The principle is the same. The first two considerations are how high the forward face or "lip" of the bunker is, and what kind of lie the ball is in.

Bear in mind that the very top priority is to get the ball out of the hazard – yes, a bunker is a hazard – and advance it in the direction of the target. A lot of people forget the priorities and try for the heroic shot as seen on TV.

If there is a raised bunker face in front of you, be sure to take a club with enough loft to elevate the ball over the bunker lip, even if the ball won't

go as far to the target. If you're under a deep bunker face, chip out and simply accept the inevitable dropped shot. But don't compound the error by leaving the ball in the bunker.

For most long bunker shots, play the ball in the middle of your stance, or just slightly back of center, and take at least one more club than the actual yardage measures.

Swing with a smooth motion, keeping your lower body "quiet" and your hands slightly ahead of the clubface. This technique is to promote being able to contact the ball before the sand. In the case of the long fairway bunker shot – unlike the greenside bunker – you must hit the ball before sand. Don't over-swing or try to scoop the ball.

Remember to select more club to compensate for the slight impact with the sand. This is a case where you have to trust the club to do the work.

Shortgame guru Dave Pelz said, based on extensive research with high-handicap golfers, the half-wedge shot is absolutely the hardest shot for folks to hit consistently well. It's partly due to existing swing flaws and partly due to misunderstanding of the technique.

Most golf teachers would agree that the secret to the short wedge shot is acceleration. The mistake that many players make is that they "quit" on the shot, feeling that they have taken too much swing or too much club.

For most golfers, a 60-yard shot to the green requires wedge, a sand wedge or a lob wedge. It's a shot that must be hit with what amounts to a full swing that is downsized or abbreviated. The half-wedge shot must be practiced to provide some confidence in the real situation.

When you're on the range, practice hitting shots to a target 50 or 60 yards away by taking a three-quarter length swing (club not to parallel), gripping down the shaft almost an inch. Be sure to hit the ball with a descending blow, trapping the ball and the grass simultaneously, and taking a divot.

It's what they call "pro contact." Yes, it's a "feel" shot, but one that is played with almost a regular golf swing. To avoid hitting behind the ball, and taking a big divot but no ball, focus on making a good weight shift and a small hip turn. You'll be amazed how fast you can learn this shot.

Lastly, let's take the case of the second shot on a par-five

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hole, in which the situation calls for a "lay-up" shot that is short of a pond or other looming hazard.

Inexperienced golfers, as well as higher handicap golfers, all seem to struggle with long fairway shots, mainly because they instinctively think they have to hit the ball a long way, or they fail to focus fully on the shot in the same manner as they would a shot to the green.

A lay-up shot demands precise accuracy and controlled distance. My suggestion is that you get the sense of a controlled straight shot, to a particular target. Usually, a long fairway shot on a par five is the second shot. It's a position shot. Your priority is positioning your ball so that your approach shot to the green is one with which you can hit your favorite short iron, or at least a relatively easy one. Hybrid clubs are now the club du jour for these lay-up shots.

When you have a slightly downhill lie, simply align your body along the down-slope so that your swing is now more level. That means tilting your shoulders, hips, knees and eyes on the same angle as the slope. Swing along the slope, "chasing" your follow-through along the downward angle.

Finally, on the long fairway shots, swing easy; don't try to kill the ball or think you have to hit it as far as you can. As the late Julius Boros once said, "Swing easy and play hard."

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Something new Aggies ready for postseason play



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

Back in the 1950s, there was an entertainer who was known as "Criswell, the Magnificent."

He would perform in night-clubs and, once in awhile, on the "Tonight Show," making predictions that were outlandish with the intent of entertaining rather accurately predicting the future.

I will undertake a similar feat in this column, relating to Aggie football, but unlike "Criswell," I expect my forecasts to be dead on the mark.

"A Bowl in December" is revealed in my glimpse into the future. Seriously, this is not a rah-rah attempt to keep you interested during the off-season, I believe in my heart that football head coach DeWayne Walker and his team will be getting ready for postseason 12 months from today.

All of the predictors lean that way. An offense that throws fear into opposing defense coaches who will have to figure out how to stop quarterback Andrew Manley's accurate throws and running back Kenny Turner on the ground comes to mind first.

All through the fall, Walker has said that he will be looking at adding defensive talent for next year after stocking up on the offense side of the ball during the past recruiting year.

Up front, defensive end Donte Savage and defensive tackle Augafa Vaalu will re-

turn to the down line position which brings two of Walker's most talented pass rushers back to the field.

The secondary needs to be refurbished, but that is Walker's forte. Defensive backs Darien Johnson, Jeremy Harris, Justin Smith and George Callender have some experience, but look for some help from the junior college ranks immediately in the defensive backfield.

A fond farewell has been said to middle linebacker Boyblue Aeolua, who earned his degree last spring and now has used up his remaining eligibility on the field, but Bryan Bonilla emerged in his sophomore year and figures to be a mainstay along with Alex LaVoy, B.J. Adolpho and Dylan Davis.

The main reason I am positive the Aggies will go to a bowl next year is the solid mental attitude that is the foundation of any winning program, athletic or otherwise. Signature wins were proof to those who can only read the win-loss record to know if a team is improving, but the on-field resolve in tough situations is what convinced me.

Coming back late with a score to beat Fresno State, stopping Idaho on the goal line at the end of the game to preserve the win and battling Utah State to the finish in a game that was for pride alone are signposts that show me this program is ready to break out.

It is going to be the season that people will remember. They will remember it as the first of several successful ones for NM State on the gridiron.

Be a part of success

Fan support is critical to building program



Wayne Stickney
Associate Athletic Director for Development

The 2011 campaign to make football a respectable program was successful.

Upon the conclusion of the Dec. 3 game, several supporters turned to each other with handshakes and an encouraging "good season." Our players won four games and competed closely in several others. This season generated a great sense of hope for our future.

The momentum is evident, but our program will need increased support to continue the journey to excellence. Doing your part is critical and we have three ways for fans and supporters to help us continue to believe and compete our way to success.

The first way to support NM State football is by joining the Aggie Athletic Club (AAC). The AAC is a membership organization that bestows benefits and access based on various giving levels. These levels range from a minimum \$100 through \$10,000. Members enjoy access to our student athletes and coaches and benefits like parking for football.

The funds we generate through memberships in AAC allow our department to support student athlete scholarships for all sport teams, including football. Joining the Aggie Athletic Club is as easy as visiting www.aggieathleticclub.com/aacmembership.

The second way to support NM State football is joining the Goal Line Club (GLC). Goal Line Club is a membership organization focused on raising funds that help football head coach DeWayne Walker make strategic investments in improving the program.

Membership is \$20 per month (\$240 per year) and gives members exclusive entry into the GLC Tailgate, T-shirts and other benefits. For more information and to join, visit us online at www.aggieathleticclub.com/fbgc.

The third way to support football is by contributing to the Football Success Fund (FSF). A total

of 26 members contributed to this fund last year generating more than \$130,000 that is available for coach Walker to enhance academic support, summer school scholarships, recruiting, training table and

nutrition and retaining assistant coaches. Membership in this fund is \$5,000 and provides the most exclusive access to coach Walker and the team. Contact Josiah Castro at 646-5151 for information on how to join this group.

"Doing your part" is a call to action. Join us on our journey to provide Las Cruces with a great college football team and join the Aggie Athletic Club, Goal Line Club and/or the Football Success Fund. We will be successful with your help. If you have any questions or perspective you want to share, feel free to contact me on my cell phone at 932-9419 or email me at stickney@nmsu.edu. Go Aggies!

“ This season generated a great sense of hope for our future. ”

This Week

In Aggie Athletics

Sunday, Dec. 11

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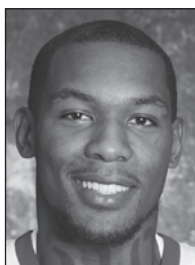
Women's Basketball

Boise State
Boise, Idaho
2 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Men's Basketball
Western New Mexico
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Wendell McKines
Redshirt senior
Men's basketball

Redshirt senior forward Wendell McKines became the 28th member of the 1,000-point club at NM State with his first basket at Southern Mississippi,

Dec. 4. McKines also moved into No. 4 all-time on the school rebounding list with 10 rebounds versus Arizona, Nov. 29.



Hamidu Rahman
Senior
Men's basketball

Senior center Hamidu Rahman scored a season-high 13 points against Arizona, Nov. 29. He also grabbed eight rebounds. At Southern Mississippi, Dec. 4, Rahman had six

points, five rebounds and a blocked shot.



Maria Spies
Senior
Swimming and diving

Senior Maria Spies swept the breaststroke events with top honors in the 100 and 200 breaststroke. She won the 100 breast in 1:05.93 and

crushed the field in the 200 breast with a time of 2:21.84, nearly five seconds faster than the next competitor.



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Sports Briefs

Boise State rejoins WAC as non-football member

Boise State University rejoined the Western Athletic Conference in all sports except for football, WAC Commissioner Karl Benson announced Wednesday, Dec. 7. The Broncos will begin competing in the WAC in the fall of 2013.

Boise State was one of five schools that joined the Big East conference in football Dec. 7. In order to rejoin the WAC, Boise State withdrew its membership in the Mountain West Conference, which it joined five months ago.

"The WAC has benefited from this latest change," Benson said. "The WAC claims victory today ... We are celebrating."

Benson said he believes that the conference

realignments that are affecting schools from coast to coast are not yet over. It is highly likely, he said, that both the Mountain West and Conference USA may be interested in talking to WAC teams.

However, he also said with the loss of Boise State and San Diego State University, the Mountain West is "not the conference that it was," and is certainly no longer the conference that current WAC members Nevada and Fresno State planned to join.

Benson said he has asked Nevada and Fresno State to reconsider their decision to join the Mountain West. In addition, he also asked current WAC member Hawai'i to reconsider its decision to join the Big West Conference.

Benson said officials at the three schools, which are all slated to leave the WAC at the end of the 2011-12 year, did not have an answer for

him and were still waiting to see how various realignment scenarios work out.

Benson said he has also had recent talks with San Diego State and Air Force, both of which may be looking for a conference for their non-football sports.

"I had to convince some (WAC) members that we'd be better off with a Boise State, or even Air Force or San Diego State," he said. "My opinion is that we couldn't afford not to take back a Boise State."

New Mexico State University athletics director McKinley Boston said, "The WAC Board gave the commissioner authority to negotiate with Boise for bringing all sports except football. The membership will help to stabilize the non-football membership with the other non-playing schools."

With the addition of Boise State, the WAC will consist of 11 members for the 2013-14 season; Boise State (non-football), Denver (non-football), Idaho, Louisiana Tech, New Mexico State, San Jose State, Seattle (non-football), Texas State, Texas-Arlington (non-football), Texas-San Antonio and Utah State.

line that the home team capitalized on inside the final minute.

Senior forward Tabytha Wampler led the Aggies with 11 points in just 15 minutes of play limited by foul trouble. Senior guard Kaitlyn Soto matched her season high with 10 points.

PAL boxing competition

In honor of the late Sammy DiPace, a championship boxer who came out of the Las Cruces Police Athletic League boxing program, a special regional boxing competition will be held at the PAL Boxing gym at 700 N. Solano Drive, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17.

Fighters from Las Cruces and around the Southwest will compete in both male and female age divisions beginning at 8 years old up to the 17-34 Open Division in the First Annual Sammy DiPace Memorial Explosion.

"This is the first of many to come," said PAL head coach Lencho Saiz. "We are raising scholarship money to support the kids."

Aggie rodeo team sees continued success

New Mexico State University rodeo athletes hope the momentum from their 2011 success will carry over when they open their 2012 season on Feb. 4 at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Several of the Aggies placed high in the Grand Canyon and National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rankings, according to university news services.

Both the men's and women's teams placed first in the Grand Canyon Region. The men tallied 3,452 points while women had 1,688.99 points.

Aggie individuals also won honors. Cooper Ray Dewitt took second place, NIRA saddle-bronc riding, and Glynn Montero, 12th place in the NIRA all-around title.

Aggie women on road

The New Mexico State women's basketball team will conclude a three-game road trip at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, when they visit the Taco Bell Arena to take on Boise State.

The Aggies (1-7) played one of their best games of the year at Albuquerque Dec. 4 in the first Rio Grande Rivalry game against New Mexico.

The Aggies led 52-51 with 3:34 remaining, but the Lobos used free throws to come back and edge the Aggies 54-53.

After trailing by as much as 15 points in the second half, senior forward Kelsie Rozendaal made 1-of-2 at the line to tie the game at 53-53 with 1:37 left. But two late NMSU fouls provided the Lobos opportunities at the free-throw

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Sports Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Dec. 6-10..... Girls Basketball at Moriarity Tournament TBA
 Dec. 9-10..... Wrestling Las Cruces High School Tournament. 10 a.m., 8 a.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 10... Swimming at Dawg Quad II 9 a.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 13 Girls Basketball Deming High School 7 p.m.

Mayfield High School

Dec. 8-10..... Girls Basketball at Albuquerque Academy Tournament..... TBA
 Dec. 9-10..... Wrestling at LCHS Tournament 10 a.m., 8 a.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 13 Boys Basketball Chaparral High School 7 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 16 Boys Basketball at Del Valle High School 5:45 p.m.

Oñate High School

Dec. 8-10..... Boys Basketball at Albuquerque Academy Tournament..... TBA
 Girls Basketball at Rio Rancho Tournament..... TBA
 Dec. 9-10..... Wrestling at LCHS Tournament 10 a.m., 8 a.m.
 Friday, Dec. 16 Boys Basketball at Clovis High School 7 p.m.

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Dec. 8-10..... Boys Basketball at Artesia Basketball Tournament TBA
 Tuesday, Dec. 13 Girls Basketball Hatch 7 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 16 Boys Basketball Silver City 7 p.m.



ATHLETE of the WEEK



Beth Cate

Junior, Swimming & Diving

Junior Beth Cate guided the Aggies to a 161-138 win over Northern Arizona, Dec. 3, in Las Cruces, with three individual victories. Cate swept the butterfly events with a 57.99 performance in the 100 fly and 2:06.50 showing in the 200 fly. She also collected top honors in the 200 individual medley (2:06.50). Cate helped the Aggies open the first WAC meet of the year with a win in the 200-midley relay as she swam the third leg (1:45.05).



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George McCarty coached the Aggie basketball team to its first appearance in the NCAA tournament.

Former basketball coach dies at 96

George McCarty led Aggies to 1952 NCAA tournament

By **Richard Coltharp**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Former New Mexico State University basketball coach and Aggie Athletics Hall of Famer member George McCarty passed away Nov. 30 at the age of 96.

McCarty was the first coach to lead the Aggies to the NCAA basketball tournament. McCarty's 1952 squad won the Border Conference and advanced to the NCAA tournament with three all-conference stars: Mike Svilar, Bob Priddy and Jim Tackett.

Growing up in McLean, Texas, McCarty was a small man – 5-8, 160 pounds – but caught on as a football player for the New Mexico A&M Aggies. During World War II, McCarty was in the Army as an Air Corps pilot, and reached the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Las Cruces resident Bob Porter played for McCarty on the Aggies' 1951 squad.

"He didn't get a lot of great recruits," Porter said. "But he was able to get players to play above their level. The thing he was proudest of, he told me, was that every member of his squads graduated."

In 1948, McCarty coached the Aggie freshmen in both basketball and football. In 1949, he was named varsity basketball coach. His overall record was 66-55 and, in addition to the NCAA tournament, he led the Aggies to the NAIB (National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball) tournament three times. At the time, the NAIB, mostly for small colleges, and the NIT (National Invitation Tournament) were as highly regarded as the NCAA tournament.

McCarty was inducted into the Aggie Hall of Fame in 2008, but he perhaps gained more fame as a coach and athletic director

at Texas Western in El Paso, now known as the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP).

As a Miner coach, McCarty initiated the recruitment of black players, an effort that would grow in significance when, as athletic director, McCarty hired Don Haskins to take over the head coaching position.

In 1966, Haskins would lead an all-black starting five to victory in the NCAA championship over Kentucky's all-white team coached by Adolph Rupp. The championship season was immortalized in the movie "Glory Road." McCarty was inducted into the UTEP Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007.

"A lot of people were mad at him when he went to UTEP," Porter said, but Texas Western had made a lucrative offer.

McCarty stayed in regular contact with many of his former Aggie players, and for many years returned to Las Cruces for a reunion during the football Homecoming weekend.

"He always told me it was a highlight for him," Porter said of McCarty's return visits. It was equally appealing for the former players. "They always asked me, 'Is Coach going to be there?'"

About 10 years ago, the group of former players established the George McCarty Endowment for the men's basketball program at NMSU. Proceeds are to be used for Aggie recruiting.

"He was an extraordinary person," Porter said of McCarty. "He was one of those guys that had the charisma people were attracted to. Everybody gravitated to him. He was more than just a coach. He was a friend and a mentor. He was also concerned with the welfare of his players all these years later, always checking on their family, their health. He was caring, concerned and helpful whatever your endeavors were."

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Sunland Park is off and running

First stakes race is Dec. 10

Bulletin Staff Report

While schools and government offices were closed Dec. 6, horses were up and racing at the Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino.

"The sun came out at just the right time," said Sunland Park's Eric Alwan.

Stakes racing kicks off Saturday, Dec. 10, with the Jess Burner Memorial Handicap and its guaranteed \$110,000 purse.

Live racing will be held on a Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday basis for most of the season.

Racing on Wednesday, Dec. 21, and Thursday, Dec. 22, are the only exceptions. There will be no live racing on Saturday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve), and Sunday, Dec. 25 (Christmas).

First post time to start the season will be 12:25 p.m. There

will be 11 races per day to start the season.

Four-time Sunland Park training champion Chris Hartman will return to defend his title. The 2009-10 Sunland Park training champ Henry Dominguez is absolutely loaded with a terrific stable.

Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino has scheduled an impressive \$18 million live horse racing season that continues through April 17, 2012.

In 2010, the Sunland Park Derby earned grade III status, which means winning horses, riders and trainers can qualify for top races such as the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness.

The 77-day meet provides an abundant inventory of important stakes races. The 2011-12 season boasts more than 30 stakes races worth \$100,000 or more. Average daily purses for the new meet should approach the \$250,000 level.

The meet's highlight is the \$800,000 Sunland Derby to be run on March 25, 2012. The Sunland Park Gala will be March 24 and will feature San Francisco 49er quarterback great Joe Montana as guest speaker.

The 10th running of the Kentucky Derby prep race will be the culmination of a stakes-filled card worth more than \$1 million. Last year's 1 and 1/8 mile classic was won by Twice The Appeal for trainer Jeff Bonde. The energetic son of Successful Appeal split a 20-horse field in the 2011 Kentucky Derby.

Mine That Bird won the 2009 Kentucky Derby following a fourth-place finish in the Sunland Derby.

Sunland Park Director of Racing Dustin Dix said, "Our effort in making Sunland Park racing a more prominent signal has been very productive. We are thrilled by the successes of Ruler On Ice, Plum Pretty and Astrology.

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Looking Back



This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

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100 years ago

1911

• The Agricultural Club at New Mexico A&M voted to have a farmer's ball in the near future. The ball would be in Hadley Hall since the ag building had desks permanently bolted to the floor.

• The reclamation service gave a ball at Elephant Butte in Sierra County. About 700 people attended. Meanwhile, work on the flumes was progressing well, with double shifts working on two concrete mixers.

• NMA&M and the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad were planning on running a six-car train to "every point on the lines," in New Mexico, fully equipped with demonstrations. The first car would have traveling stock and dairy demonstrations; the second would have livestock; the third would have hogs, dairy and poultry equipment; the fourth would have an exhibit room and lecture space; the fifth would be fitted for lecture space; and the sixth car would be a business car and carry the lecture force.

75 years ago

1936

• The 405th celebration of the apparition of

Our Lady of Guadalupe was to be Saturday, Dec. 12, in the "little Indian village of Tortugas," four miles south of Las Cruces. The celebration would begin at dusk on Friday, when bonfires in the shape of a cross was built on Tortugas Mountain. "Friday night, long lines of paper sacks filled with sand in which little candles are embedded, will be placed along the flat-roofed adobe houses, forming an unusual lighting effect," the Las Cruces Citizen reported.

• The 1937 Aggie basketball team would open the season against the University of Southern California Trojans at the Austin High School Gym in El Paso, the largest facility in the area.

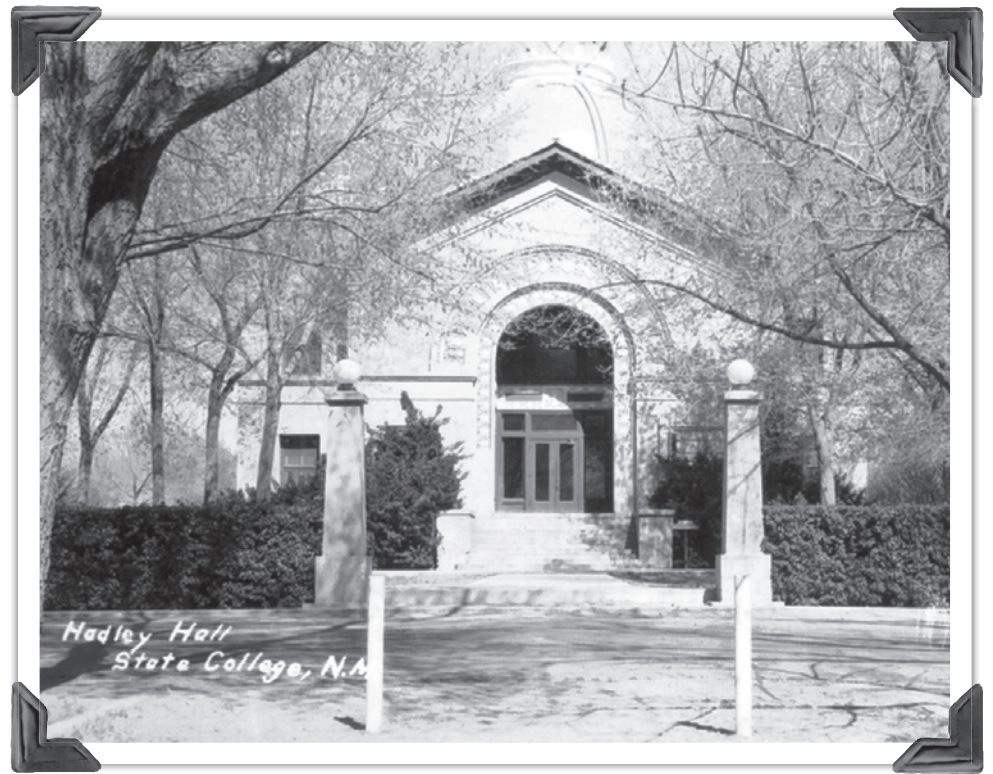
50 years ago

1961

• The Las Cruces Community Concert Association was presenting the Roger Wagner Chorale at Alameda Junior High School. The chorale was world famous and its director, Roger Wagner, was considered one of the world's leading experts on the music of the Catholic church.

• An Army Nike Zeus rocket was successfully tested at White Sands Missile Range on Nov. 30. It was the first test of the third stage motor on the anti-missile missile.

• Jack Richardson was elected president of the local Shriner's club, succeeding Harold Means. Other officers were Dave Hover, first vice president; Howard Klein, second vice president; Jim Shook, secretary; and Laurence Walker, treasurer.



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Fifty years ago, the original Hadley Hall was a stately presence at the top of the Horseshoe on the New Mexico A&M campus. The Henry Trost-designed building was built in 1908 and razed in 1958.

25 years ago

1986

• New postmasters for Las Cruces and Mesilla Park were to be sworn in. Bobby Bejarano would take over as Las Cruces postmaster, while Ernest Estrada would take over at Mesilla Park. One week before his interview, Bejarano received notice that the Las Cruces Post Office was the top-ranked post office for productivity in the region.

• The Fort Bliss/White Sands Corridor was under consideration to house missiles armed with nuclear warheads, if the area was selected for the \$9.3 billion military project. The local area was one of several locations around the nation under consideration to house the Minutemen missiles. From 200 to 500 missiles would be deployed, and 3,500 workers would be needed for construction wherever the a project was located.

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Armadillo launches rocket

Payload reaches 137,500 altitude

New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA) officials announced the successful launch on Sunday, Dec. 4, of an advanced sounding rocket designed and built by Armadillo Aerospace.

The test flight was a non-public, unpublished event at the request of Armadillo Aerospace, as the company is testing proprietary advanced launch technologies.

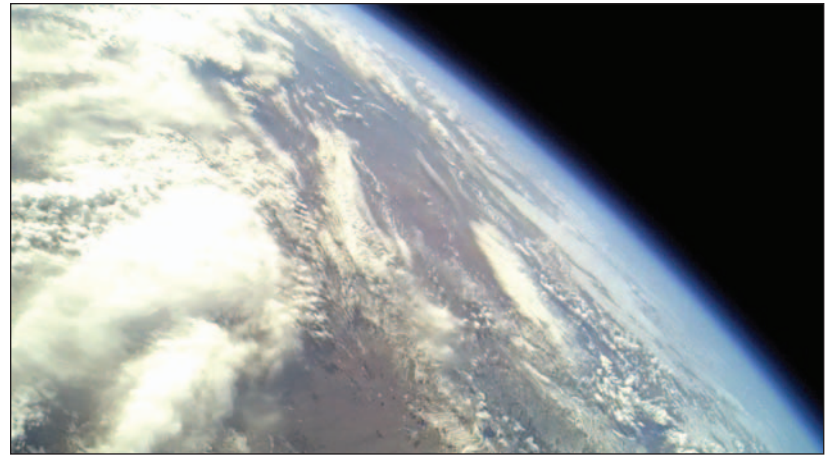
The Armadillo rocket successfully lifted off at approximately 11 a.m., which was within the dedicated, five-hour launch window, and reached its projected sub-orbital altitude of 137,500 feet.

"This successful test of our STIG A reusable sub-orbital rocket technology represents major progress for the Armadillo Aerospace flight test program," said Neil Milburn, vice president of program management at Armadillo Aerospace. "The flight successfully demonstrated many of the technologies that we need for our manned sub-orbital program."

Armadillo Aerospace is a leading developer of reusable rocket-powered vehicles and plans to provide a platform for civilian access to suborbital space via its partnership with Space Adventures Ltd.



Armadillo Aerospace photos
Armadillo Aerospace launched this new sounding rocket from Spaceport America Sunday, Dec. 4.



This is the view of the Earth from 137,500 feet taken from Armadillo Aerospace's new STIG A rocket launched from Spaceport America in southern New Mexico.

Launch area upgrade OK'd

Spaceport America to spend \$3 million

The New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA) Board of Directors unanimously approved plans developed by the NMSA staff for a vertical launch complex on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

The approved \$3 million complex is part of the spaceport's Phase Two construction that will include a new, larger vertical launch pad with a launch rail, large roll-back building, a launch control building, a payload integration building and a state-of-the-art microwave communication system along with permanent electrical power, a wastewater system and improved roads to the spaceport's vertical launch

complex area.

Spaceport America has also recently received a federal grant to help fund some of this new infrastructure. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant is worth \$249,378 toward the cost of the roll-back vehicle integration building at Spaceport America's Vertical Launch complex.

In 2010, Spaceport America received its first federal grant from a newly funded spaceport infrastructure program from the FAA. The funding provided \$43,000 from the FAA, which was matched with \$4,300 from Virgin Galactic that allowed for the acquisition of an Automated

Weather Observation System III (AWOS III).

Spaceport America has provided commercial launch services since 2006. Phase One of the construction for the spaceport is expected to be completed by the end of 2011. Phase Two of the construction and pre-operations activities will follow, including the development of a world-class Visitor Experience for students, tourists and space launch customers, the vertical launch complex improvements and the paving of the southern road to the spaceport. When Phase Two construction is completed in 2013, Spaceport America will become fully operational.





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- La Casa Inc.
- LCPS Foundation
- Yucca Council-Boy Scouts of America
- Community Action Agency
- Casa de Peregrinos
- Dress the Child

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- Impact and contributions to the community


- Development and training of volunteers

- Years of service to the community

- Cooperation with other organizations

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.



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Dental charity gets big donation



Louis Salazar, community relations liaison with Conoco Phillips, center, presented the New Mexico Dental Foundation with a \$25,000 check Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Accepting the check were Marty Poel, New Mexico Mission of Mercy event chairman; Terri Sugarman, New Mexico Mission of Mercy program coordinator; Chuck Murrell, New Mexico Mission of Mercy fundraiser co-chair; and David Hicks with the Las Cruces Convention Center. The donation will benefit the 2012 New Mexico Mission of Mercy Dental clinic held March 1-4, 2012, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

1,000 to accept NMSU degrees

New Mexico State University's fall 2011 commencement ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at NMSU's Pan American Center. Of 1,397 students who filed bachelor's and graduate degree applications this semester, approximately 1,000 are expected to participate in the ceremony.

No tickets are required for guests attending the ceremony. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Graduates are advised to arrive by 9 a.m. at the east side of the Pan American Center to pick up their name cards. Arrowhead Drive will be closed to traffic between Triviz Drive and Stewart Street.

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SeniorActivities



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

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

AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatics class is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the

Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Pre-registration 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.

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.

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:

- **Carlsbad/Christmas on the Pecos:** Two days and one night, Dec. 13-14. \$140 double, \$180 single.
 - **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. Cost: TBA.
 - **Panama Canal Cruise:** April 15-29, 2012, 15 days and 14 nights. Call for details.
 - **Savannah/Jekyll Island:** April 13-23, 2012. Motor coach. Call for details.
 - **New Orleans:** Nov. 10-18, 2012. Motor coach. Call for details.
- For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

a.m. Tuesdays.

- **Senior Aquatics Class:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays.
- **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.

HATHA YOGA

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

T'AI CHI CLASSES

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

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome. Entertainment will be provided by Mark Coker. Couples, singles and guests are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dancing begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 528-3000.

50+ WALKING GROUP

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will lead a walking group targeted towards those 50 years and older at 8 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Dec. 20. There is no fee to join and total walking distance will be no more than two miles per walk. The group will meet at 8 a.m. at the following locations:

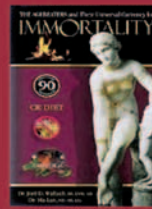
- Tuesday, Dec. 13: La Llorona Park, Picacho Avenue and the Rio Grande
- Thursday, Dec. 15: Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid, by the pool.
- Tuesday, Dec. 20: Soldados Soccer Complex, Hadley Avenue and Walnut Street.

For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2182.

BINGO MANIA

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

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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.

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.
- **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

Neighbors We've Lost

DEATH NOTICES

SAUNDERS

Denny Clark Saunders, resident of Las Cruces and formerly of Silver City, New Mexico passed away December 1, 2011 at his residence. He was born October 24, 1941 in Berwyn, Oklahoma to Dumas T. and Ruby Conway Saunders. Denny moved to New Mexico in 1951 as a young boy with his parents. After graduating from Western New Mexico University, he worked for Kennecott Copper Corporation as the accounting manager. He later moved to Denver, Colorado to work for AMAX Gold Corporation. After his retirement, he and his wife, Sara, moved to Las Cruces. He was always eager to help others and will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

Denny is survived by his twin brother, Henry Mark Saunders (Frances) of Roswell and his sister, Faye Saunders Hooks (B.J.) of Silver City. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Denny was preceded in death by his wife, Sara Jane Saunders and his parents.

A Graveside Service was held Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at the Hillsboro Cemetery in Hillsboro, New Mexico.

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ACOSTA

Juana Acosta, 81, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away Monday, December 5, 2011 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. She was born March 8, 1930 in Miami, Arizona to Arturo and Elena Hernandez Sepulveda. She was a homemaker and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gavino Acosta of the family home; children, Josefina Galaz, Victor Acosta, Rodolfo Acosta, Ernesto Acosta, Ruben Acosta and Ramiro Acosta. Other survivors include numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A Prayer Vigil was held Wednesday, December 7, 2011 in Our Lady of Health Catholic Church, 1178 N. Mesquite Street, where the Funeral Mass was celebrated immediately thereafter. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery where she was laid to rest.

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HERNANDEZ

Elias Rodriguez Hernandez, age 68, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life November 30, 2011 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. Elias was self-employed as a plasterer and a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista.

Those left to mourn his passing include his wife, Margarita Hinojos Hernandez of the family home; three sons, Ricardo Hernandez of El Paso, Texas, Elias Hernandez, Jr., of Los Angeles, California and, Enrique Hernandez of Las Cruces; one daughter, Dorinda Hernandez also of El Paso; one brother, Enrique Hernandez of Reno, Nevada and a sister, Catalina Villa also of Los Angeles, California. Other survivors include numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Antonio and Pedro Alejandro Hernandez; sisters, Felicitas Montejano, Socorro Crouch and Celia Hernandez.

A his request cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service was held Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Primera Iglesia Bautista, 905 S. Chaparro Street with Pastor Ricardo Rivera officiating. Inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date.

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SMITH

Florence Ellen Smith, age 94, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Saturday, November 26, 2011 at La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice with her daughter at her side. Florence retired from the Daytona Police Department in Florida, where she worked as a clerk before moving to New Mexico. She was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Those left to mourn her passing include her son, John Shroll of Kentucky; daughter, Kaye Faircloth of Las Cruces; six grandchildren and, nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother and a sister.

At her request cremation has taken place and no services are scheduled at this time.

Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory 300 E. Boutz Road Las Cruces, NM. 88005. 575-527-2222.

NODA

Tom Noda passed away on Saturday, December 3, 2011. Arrangements are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

RUBEN 'EL MONO' PADILLA

Ruben "El Mono" Padilla, 79, of Mesilla Park, New Mexico entered eternal life Sunday, December 4, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center. He was born October 5, 1932 in Mesilla to Pedro and Isabela Loya Padilla. "El Mono", as he was fondly known served his country honorably as a Machinist Mate 3rd Class in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War and was decorated with the National Defense Service Medal and Vietnam Service Medal. After his military service, he worked for the City of Las Cruces as a utility technician supervisor, from which he retired. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and VFW Post 10124.

Survivors include three sons, Ruben, Julian and Mario Padilla and a daughter, Angelita "Angie" Padilla all of Las Cruces. Other survivors include eight grandchildren, as well as a sister, Jennie Barela. He was preceded in

death by his parents, and three brothers, Henry, Rudy and Pete Padilla.

Visitation for "El Mono" will begin at 6 p.m., Thursday, December 8, 2011 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road, where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 7 p.m.. The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, December 9, 2011 in the Basilica of San Albino in Mesilla. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in San Albino Cemetery where he will be laid to rest. Military honors will be accorded by a Naval Honor Guard and the Marine Corps League - El Perro Diablo Detachment.

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TIBURCIO 'TITO' FIERRO CADENA

Tiburcio "Tito" Fierro Cadena was born July 24, 1919 in Mesilla, New Mexico, to Domingo and Refugio Cadena. Tito served proudly in the US Army in Europe during WWII. He earned the Purple Heart for his injuries in Battle of the Bulge and Utah Beach in Normandy, France on D-Day. Upon the war's end he returned to the States and worked as a Barber. Tito enjoyed his work and after 54 years of barbering and getting to meet and know many people until he retired at the age of 84. Tito was known for his love of his children, grandchildren and all his family. He was a positive influence in his kids' lives as he always encouraged them to pursue their education. The most patient and generous man we ever knew and friend to all he met.

He is survived by wife, Hortensia "Tencha" Cadena; brother, Manuel Cadena; sister, Lucy Marrujo; daughter, Olga Elma Sorensen and sons, Ruben Cadena, Dr. Rolando Cadena, Edward Cadena and Dr. Carlos Cadena. Tito is also survived by his beloved eleven grandchildren; four great grandchildren;

step-granddaughter Christa along with many beloved nieces and nephews and their families.

Although he will be received into his heavenly home, he will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was a truly honorably man.

También extendemos gran agradecimiento a nuestros amigos que compartieron de sus vidas y profesionalidad en el cuidado de nuestros padres en estos últimos días. Gracias a Romelia Alvidrez, Zulema Rhoades, Pedro y Edith Lopez, Nineveh Quevedo y Lourdes Gandara - Mil Gracias.

The Funeral Liturgy was held Saturday, December 3, 2011 in the Basilica of San Albino in Mesilla. Casket bearers were Andrew, Kevin, Daniel, Abram, Matthias, Lucas and Isaac Cadena.

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Moving back to the U.S.



Samantha Roberts
Business Editor

As the American economy starts to make a slow comeback, another trend is arising – onshore manufacturing.

In fact, before I could finish writing this column, Ford Motor Company announced it will shift the production of its F-650 and F-750 medium-duty commercial trucks to the Ohio Assembly Plant from Escobedo, Mexico, in 2014.

The company will invest \$128 million in the facility and bring more than 1,400 jobs to that area.

This trend started in 2011, and one company led the forefront – Seattle-based Taphandles, which moved its warehouse from China to Washington.

Paul Fichter, founder of the company, said many factors affected the move, such as lead time and increased wages in China.

“China’s wages are doubling every year,” said Louis Edwards, general manager of NAI 1st Valley.

Fichter said he will break even on his production, but his lead time will allow him to serve more customers, and in turn create more revenue.

He said his Chinese labor costs had increased 300 percent since 2006.

“The Chinese workers are getting more organized, and they should be,” Edwards said.

In mid-November, Caterpillar announced it would move its Japanese-produced compact machines to the U.S. to be closer to demand.

The company also announced it is moving the assembly of its larger excavators from Akashi, Japan, to a new plant in Victoria, Texas, which is expected to be completed by the middle of next year.

Randy McMillan, managing broker with NAI 1st Valley, said colleagues in Chicago are also filling up 500,000-square-foot buildings that sat vacant during the recession.

An article by Daily Markets listed three more examples of large companies moving to the U.S.

Otis Elevator, whose elevators are installed in the Empire State Building and the Eiffel Tower, is moving production from Mexico to South Carolina. The company said the move will save them money.

See **U.S.** on page B2

Winterize your vehicles

The colder weather could damage your cars inside and out

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With winter weather looming, it’s important to protect valuable assets including the one’s that are driven.

Though it is common to cover pipes and let the faucet drip through a freezing night, many people ignore their vehicles, leaving them in the cold and falling behind on maintenance.

From midnight Monday to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority dispatched 433 weather-related calls for service, 299 of those dispatches were for motor vehicle accidents.

To keep your car at top performance, Bruce Drum, general manager of Fiesta Motor, suggested following the owner’s manual for many questions. However, just as technology has helped advance many industries, the automotive industry also has newer tools.

Using the correct oil

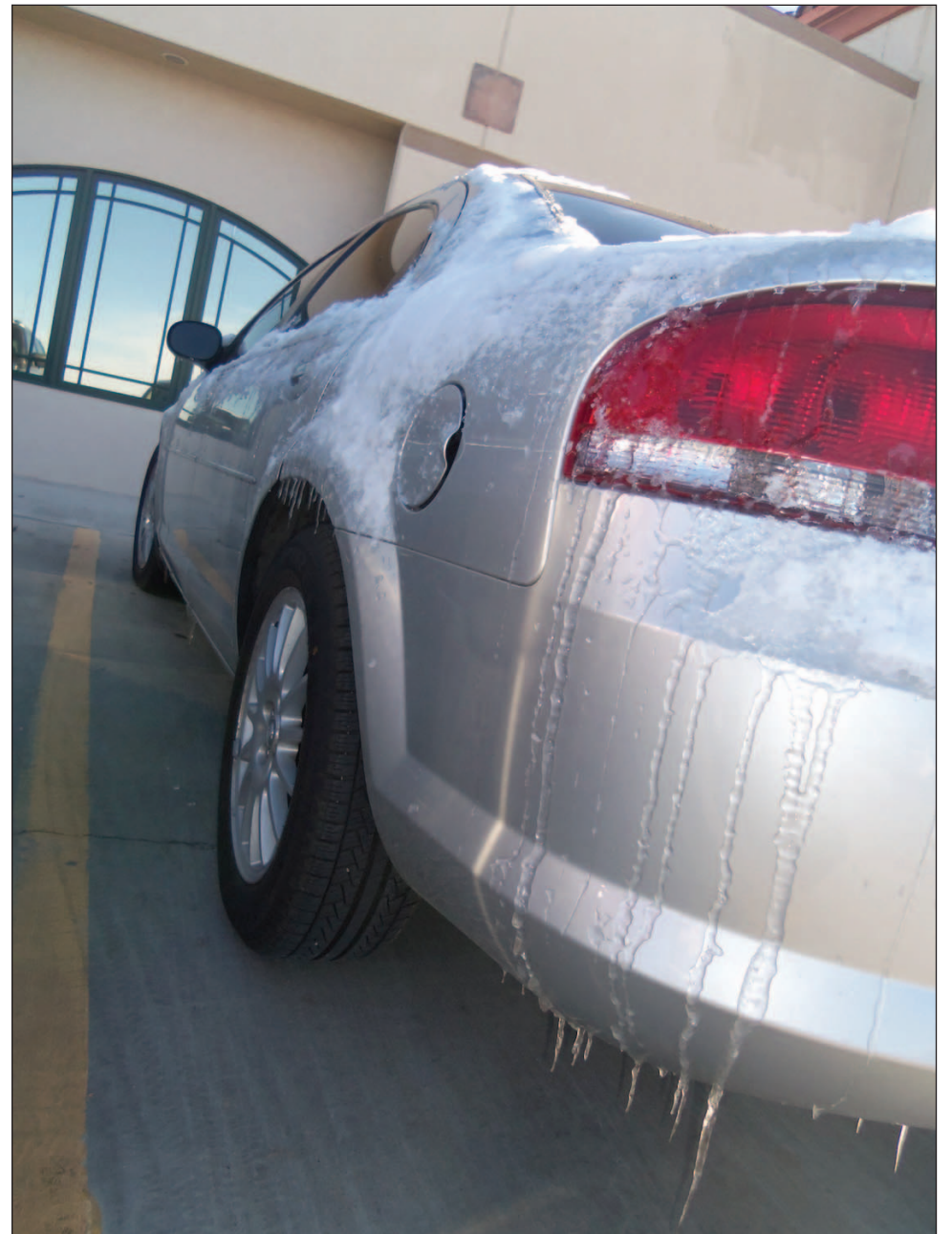
“Today’s multi-viscosity oil, such as 10W-30, will adjust to the temperature – never getting too thin when it is too hot or too thick when it is cold,” Drum said. “You should change your oil on schedule, and you be prepared for day-to-day driving as well as long trips.”

Don Jones, owner of Desert Automotive, said more cars are designed to run on relatively light weight oils.

“5W-30 weight is common and is recommended for operation in winter climates such as ours,” Jones said. “Most manufactures don’t recommend a change to thicker oil these days, unless the temperature you are going to be operating in is well over 100 degrees or you are using your vehicle hard, like towing a trailer.”

Though the climate in southern New Mexico is usually pretty mild compared to the rest of the country, Jones said to keep traveling in mind and be prepared for extreme weather.

See **Cars** on page B2



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Theresa Montoya Basaldua

As cars in the Mesilla Valley shed remnants from the snowstorm, checking possible damage from the cold could be crucial to driver’s safety.

Agriculture business is crucial

Local farmers bring in more than \$8 million to the Mesilla Valley

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Most Doña Ana County farms and ranches are family-owned, and operated and they bring a great deal of money into the local economy as they buy local fuel, equipment, supplies and commodities.

Last year, agriculture revenues brought \$389 million into the Doña Ana County economy, according to the New Mexico State University Agriculture Economics and Agriculture Business Department.

And when the in input-output multiple factor is applied, that figures out to \$8 million.

The inputs include transportation, processing, warehousing and retailing, said Terry Crawford, NMSU professor and interim department head.

“So if the farmers were eliminated from Doña Ana County, that would subtract \$8 million from the local economy,” Crawford said.

In 2010, the chile industry put more than \$300 million into New Mexico’s business community when the added production is figured in, according to New Mexico Chile Association studies.

“By added value production we mean the resell of chile products for salsas and long green,” association Executive Director Jaye Hawkins said.

The association’s slogan is, “What oranges are to Florida and potatoes are to Idaho, chile is to New Mexico.”

Chile pods thrive in a hot, dry climate, and the southern part of the state, where most of

the chile is grown, receives 350 days of sunshine a year.

But New Mexico’s chile industry is in trouble. Chile growers harvested only 8,800 acres in 2010, compared with 34,500 acres they harvested in 1992, the association reported.

About 82 percent of the chile that is consumed in the United States is imported chile.

“Foreign companies are taking advantage of their reduced regulations and cheap, plentiful labor. Automation is the only solution,” the chile association said.

The chile industry also is looking ahead to keep more of the processing business here where the chile is grown. Some of these plants include Cervantes Enterprises and Jurado Farms where cayenne chiles are processed for hot sauces; Rezolex, where resin is extracted from paprika for food coloring; Biad Chili Co. that produces roasted green chile and flakes;

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The Outdoor GreatRoom Company and Buck Knives are both moving their plants from China to the U.S.

But the million-dollar question is still which is cheaper, offshore or onshore outsourcing? Unfortunately, each business is different and there is not a black-and-white answer. Many factors, such as labor, shipping, tax breaks and incentives go into play.

But the fact is more companies are moving to the U.S. than in the past.

Maybe people are becoming more patriotic or maybe southern New Mexico's shop-local buzz is reaching out to the rest of the nation.

Whatever the reason may be, I am glad the people in Santa Teresa are staying ahead of the game, creating an attractive manufacturing base close to home.

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and in Luna County where Border Foods cans green chile pods; and the New Mexico Chili Co. dehydrates chile.

Chile is rated such an important crop that the NMSU Board of Regents is expected to sign a chile advertising law that would make it illegal to market chile not grown in the state as New Mexico chile.

"We are very fortunate to be living in an area with such a diverse mix of industries, and one area that may fly a bit below the radar is our agricultural community," said Bill Allen, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce president/CEO. "It's critical that we don't lose focus of the importance that this industry plays in our economy. In addition to being a great source of employment, the impact of the farms and ranches is also being felt by our businesses as they benefit from the workforce shopping and buying supplies locally, something that shouldn't go unnoticed."

Farmers are good customers of Porter Oil Co. on Motel Boulevard where they fill their tanks with diesel for their field equipment and

trucks, owner Martin Porter said.

"A big percentage of our customers are our farmers," said Porter, who has been in the fuel business for 30 years. "Farmers are the most critical part of our business."

On a statewide scale, agricultural products, some raised in Doña Ana County, bring revenues in the million or billion dollars, according to the USDA New Mexico Agricultural Statistics.

Milk production is New Mexico's No. 1 revenue agriculture producer at \$1.2 billion, according to the NMAS in 2010. The state has 140 commercial dairies, and about 15 dairies are located in Doña Ana County.

Doña Ana County isn't a big cattle range county, but it's part of the cattle and calves industry. And statewide revenue from range cattle ranked No. 2 at \$1.9 billion.

Pecans rank third with \$186.8 million in revenue. And Doña Ana has the largest single pecan orchard in the county, about 4,000 acres, at Stahmann Farms.

Of course, chile ranks high in state revenue at eighth with revenue of \$41.6 million.

Cotton revenue, another important county crop, in 2010 was \$41 million, ranked ninth in the state.

Cars

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"(Before you travel), talk to your mechanic," Jones said. "There are some other concerns, such as antifreeze protection, that bother me besides the oil viscosity. You would need to know what the expected temperatures were going to be in order to make an informed decision. Wyoming or Minnesota? I would probably recommend 0W-30 viscosity oil and antifreeze good to minus 20 degrees or minus 30 degrees."

Effective wiper blades

In relation to antifreeze, a wiper blade can be another victim to cold weather.

"Windshield wiper compounds stiffen in cold weather and stiffen as they age," Drum said. "Wiper blades need replacing a minimum of once a year."

Stiffer wiper blades don't work as efficiently and can become noisy.

"This is because snow and ice tends to freeze up in them," Jones said. "They do make winter blades, which are designed for snow and ice as well as the colder temperatures."

Drum said it is also good to replace blades around August, before each rainy season.

"Be sure and fill your washer fluid with windshield cleaner containing an antifreeze solution, instead of plain water in the winter, to prevent fluid freezing," he said.

Hoses, belts and rubber parts

Perhaps some of the most overlooked car components during the colder temperatures include belts, hoses and rubber parts.

"These all need regular maintenance," Drum said. "Now is an excellent time to check for wear and tear on drive belts and hoses as well as antifreeze in your engines coolant. All of these details will keep your vehicle operating smoothly."

A maintained battery

Often, people will start their car to warm up the inside, but the benefits extend to under the hood – even when it's not cold outside.

"At all times, I recommend starting your vehicle and allowing it to sit and warm up a bit before driving," Drum said.

"My shop sees a lot more battery failure in the winter as well as months of extreme heat," Jones said, adding that he too thinks giving the engine and transmission a good warm up before starting out is a good idea.

Proper storage

To keep up car maintenance even more, Jones said he recommends keeping it in the garage.

"Any extreme cold or hot is harder on every part of the car," he said. "Which would make you feel better, camping in the driveway when it's below freezing, or in a nice, relatively warm garage?"

The garage will protect a car's insides as well as upkeep cosmetic appearance.

"It's unfortunate that most of us in Las Cruces don't garage our vehicles, but it will protect your car if you have a garage and use it for your vehicle instead of for general storage," Drum said.

Properly inflated tires

When temperatures drop, the air inside of a tire cold constricts, and heat expands tires. According to both mechanics, this is key to knowing how much to inflate tires during extreme temperatures.

"Inside your automobile door, the manufacturer prints a guideline with cold and hot tire pressure," Drum said. "Keep your tires inflated to the stated pressure in the guideline, and you will have both better mileage, and longer lasting tires."

A filled gas tank

"As temperatures vary, your car's fuel tank forms condensation – water – which won't burn," Drum said. "A full fuel tank doesn't allow much condensation to form. So keeping your car full of fuel will keep your engine running without adding water to the fuel system. It's better to fill up when your car is half full than to constantly run your car with a quarter tank of gas in the bottom of the tank."

Just keep up with maintenance. It is the key to your car being dependable, no matter what the climate is like," Jones said.

Be prepared

Though auto accidents are more common in extreme weather, some are unavoidable, and AAA as well as the City of Las Cruces Fire Department recommends being prepared with an emergency kit as well as basic safety driving tips.

"Accelerate and decelerate slowly," AAA reported. "Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Remember, it takes longer to slow down on icy roads."

“... maintenance ... is the key to your car being dependable.”
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By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



Quick Care Clinic

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

A Quick Care Clinic is under construction in the Citizens Bank building at 3030 W. Picacho Ave. Renovations to the building are expected to be completed in mid-January 2012 and the clinic will open shortly thereafter.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Dec. 2	Pic Quik	Lohman Avenue	523-5611
Nov. 25	Lorena's Mexican Food	3961 E. Lohman Ave.	527-8206
Nov. 18	Dr. P.E. Chang's office	4420 E. Lohman Ave.	524-8061
Nov. 11	Valero gas station	Lohman Avenue	www.valero.com
Nov. 4	Shopping complex	Valley Drive	524-8061

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978

people were fatally injured in winter storms in 2006.

340

people were killed by lightning in 1940. The number significantly declined in the mid-1970s.

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people were killed by a hurricane in 2006, the year after Hurricane Katrina devastated the city of New Orleans.

\$23 million +

in damages occurred in New Mexico in 2010 from weather damage

Source: National Weather Service

Gas update

Monday, Dec. 5

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **fallen 4 cents** per gallon in the past week, averaging **\$2.97** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **fallen 2.6 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.29** per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in New Mexico during the past week, prices **Monday, Dec. 5**, were **21.3 cents** per gallon **higher** than the same day one year ago and are **18.5 cents** per gallon **lower** than a month ago. The national average has **decreased 13.9 cents** during the last month and stands **35.5 cents** per gallon **higher** than one year ago.

1. Sam's Club	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$2.79
2. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$2.84
3. Bradley's	1260 El Paseo Road	\$2.86
4. Valero	1305 El Paseo Road	\$2.88
5. Fina	825 Avenida de Mesilla	\$2.89

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com

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Las Vegas	\$135.40	US Airways
Los Angeles	\$132.70	United Airlines
Phoenix	\$85.70	US Airways
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Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective through Dec. 13 *Restrictions apply

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

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\$0.01299 in U.S. dollars
76.97998 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com



Market Snapshot

From Nov. 14-18, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	YTD %
DJIA	11231.94	12019.42	787.48	7	3.8
Nasdaq	2441.58	2626.93	185.35	7.6	-1

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Coming together for one vision

The Kellogg grant supports strategies for future change



Tracey Bryan
Bridging the workforce

What could be accomplished if we all shared the same vision for the future of New Mexico's children and youth?

If we could put aside our differences, find common ground and rally around a single goal for their future, would New Mexico look different in 10 years? 20 years?

That's the question that was framed by a national foundation investing significant resources – more than \$16 million this year – into New Mexico to build healthy, educated children today for stronger families tomorrow.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation from Battle Creek, Mich., has taken a strong interest in helping propel vulnerable children in New Mexico forward to success. They hosted a gathering of all their grantees and partners from across the state to share their desire help the state's more than 160,000 children have a bright, productive future, which in turn builds not just health and well-being for them and their families, but also a strong and sustainable economic future for the state.

One of those investments is in The Bridge of Southern New Mexico. For years, The Bridge, and the Regional Educational Initiative before it, was a grassroots organization driven by community-minded leaders with a passion to help children, a desire to build a strong and sustainable workforce and economy, and willingness by our educational institutions to

invest and to innovate. Last week, this group of volunteers and those in the community who've worked alongside them got a huge vote of support from the Kellogg Foundation in the form of a three-year, more than \$300,000 grant. This investment will benefit several key partners who are creating and implementing sustainable strategies for change, as well as increasing the capacity of The Bridge.

The bottom line is that Kellogg is investing in the vision that Doña Ana County took time to develop, but now is very focused on – helping students reach high school graduation trained and ready for college and/or careers. The Bridge and a host of parallel initiatives are moving toward this same goal together – not in competition or in silos – but in collaboration and partnership. It's much easier to work together toward a goal when you've all agreed on what that is, where you're going, and what you want to see when you get there. Begin with the end in mind.

That's also become the shared vision for the state's leadership, as the secretaries of public education, higher education, workforce solutions and economic development are working together toward the same vision: All New Mexico youth graduate ready to compete in an international workforce. As they begin to rally around this vision, they'll look across the state for communities with the willingness to collaborate and the partnerships that can bring this vision to reality like we are now beginning to see in Doña Ana County.

The sign that this vision is becoming reality is already starting to show. Graduation rates went up countywide from 51 percent in 2008 to 67 percent in 2009. However, The Bridge's goal is to achieve the highest graduation rate in the state, so all students graduate – that's right – all students. So clearly, we've got some work to do.

We are grateful to the Kellogg Foundation for sharing in our vision and becoming investment and learning partners with us. I hope they are the first of many in the philanthropic community who find much to learn from the shared vision and commitment of this county's business community and educational institutions, as we continue to work together to bring the vision to reality for the benefit of this and future generations.

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



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Buy Local Bowl

Saturday, Dec. 10, local leaders battle it out to win the Mesilla Valley's first ever "Think Local First" shopping competition co-hosted by the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce and the Las Cruces Farmer's and Crafts Market.

Local leaders will be split into two teams that will have two hours to do their holiday shopping at independent, locally owned merchants throughout Las Cruces and Mesilla. At the end of the two hours, all contestants will turn in their receipts, and the team that has spent the most money in the Mesilla Valley wins. Everyone can join in on the fun and show their support for local business from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Main Street.

Century Bank welcomes Patricia Carrillo

Century Bank welcomed Patricia Carrillo to its Las Cruces Mortgage team. Patricia joins Century Bank as a mortgage professional with more than 25 years of mortgage experience. She has extensive knowledge in several platforms of mortgage lending including wholesale, retail, and secondary market. For more information, call 993-1146.

Area Realtor transfers to Steinborn

Steinborn & Associates Real Estate announced Donna Thomas transferred to its offices.

Thomas specializes in senior transitions, military moves and first time homebuyers. She brings all her life experience as a retired Air Force wife, senior volunteer programs manager and mother of young adult children to the table.

Dollar General opens

Shoppers in Doña Ana have a new place to shop for everyday essentials at low prices. Dollar General recently opened a new store at 785 E. Thorpe Road. The new store features a fresh layout, designed to make shopping simple for customers. Seasonal products are displayed in the center of the store, and departments are easily recognizable with visible signage. Coolers are conveniently located at the front of the store.

Realtor receives recognition

Quint Lears, a team member with Steinborn & Associates Real Estate, was selected as one of five national finalists for NAHB's Sales Person of The Year Award. Lears, along with the other four award finalists, will be featured and showcased in Orlando at the February 2012 NAHB/IBS National Convention with the winner to be announced at the convention's black tie Gala event.

Mesilla Valley Business Trends elects leaders

Tim Shoffstall of RT Electric was elected president and Steve Parsley of Doña Ana Title as vice president of Mesilla Valley Business Trends at the annual business meeting held recently at Break an Egg restaurant. Mesilla Valley Business Trends is a private group of local business leaders and professionals who gather at a weekly breakfast meeting to share and discuss local, state and national news, trends and conditions affecting businesses in the Mesilla Valley.

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Above the influence

Community Foundation initiative reaches out to teens

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

Las Cruces welcomed three well-known leaders dedicated to youth anti-drug and alcohol messages during the area's first Empowering Youth Conference Nov. 28 and 29.

Benjamin B. Tucker, deputy director of State, Local and Tribal Affairs for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) spoke to nearly 200 youth during the "Empowering Youth Conference: Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders." He is also the overseer of the ONDCP's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program, Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support program, National Youth-Anti-Drug Media Campaign and Counter-Drug Technology Assessment Center (CTAC).

Mark Krawczyk, senior policy analyst and acting director for ONDCP's National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, joined Tucker during the event. Krawczyk is responsible for administering ONDCP's various anti-drug campaigns including Above the Influence; Parents. The Anti-Drug and the Anti-Meth Campaign.

Nigel Wrangham, an innovator in the field of alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention, oversees youth trainers in alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention for Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA). He provided a special keynote speech to youth and community members during a free event on Nov. 28.

The Unified Prevention! (UP!) Coalition for a Drug-Free Doña Ana County, an initiative of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, teamed up with the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to bring the youth-focused Above the Influence (ATI) campaign to the conference.

"Our teens are deeply familiar with the ATI campaign through television ads placed on familiar national networks such as MTV, VH1, Comedy Central and others," said Jaylene McIntosh, UP! coalition coordinator. "This opportunity, however, offered teens a first-hand, personalized engagement with ATI."

ATI informs and inspires teens to reject illicit drugs via TV, print, Internet and local radio advertising, and, most importantly, in partnership with community organizations. Since spring 2010, ATI has partnered with more than 80 local community partners in more than 45 cities across the country, including the UP! Coalition.

During the conference, teens received fresh knowledge about the dangers of alcohol and illegal drugs, and had an opportunity to gain new life skills and hear about real experiences through a variety of interactive sessions and activities, including the ATI "Tag It" activity, which helped teens identify and reject negative influences in their daily lives. The teens were also able to speak candidly during a panel of teens who spoke about peer pressures and how they overcome them.

The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program through the ONDCP and Doña Ana County Teen Court provided most of the funding for the conference, and community partners who worked to organize the event included Doña Ana County Teen Court, the UP! Coalition, Mesilla Valley DWI Resource Center, the Third Judicial District Attorney's Office, Doña Ana County, and the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency.

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.



Benjamin B. Tucker, deputy director of State, Local and Tribal Affairs for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, stands with teens who participated in the teen panel for the Empowering Youth Conference.

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Bigger emphasis is placed on STEM, health studies

A new higher-education funding formula provides incentives to graduate more students



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

The New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED) is proposing a new formula for funding the state's universities and community colleges. The proposal would put more emphasis on graduation rates and less on credit-hour generation.

The current formula rewards institutions based on inputs such as enrollment and building space. The new formula provides four output incentives: for students who complete courses; for institutions to increase degrees awarded; for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and health degrees and certificates; and for graduating at-risk students.

The current formula uses a single metric for all state funded post secondary institutions regardless of the institution's mission. Research institutions, such as New Mexico State University, have an incentive to divert resources to educate underperforming students instead of concentrating on research.

Two-year institutions try to compete with four-year institutions by seeking to award bachelor's degrees. Four-year teaching colleges find themselves in the middle of competing against both research institutions and two-year colleges. The new formula

provides different metrics for each category of higher educational institution, thereby providing incentives to pursue differentiated missions.

Higher education would receive no increase in funding under the proposed new formula, but rather the current budget would be reallocated. HED is proposing a phase-in that protects institutions from funding cuts in access of 2 percent during the first year. NMSU and Texas Tech University are likely winners while the University of New Mexico likely would be a loser, although the impact would be minimal. Going forward, the budget impact of the proposed funding changes is unclear for NMSU. Although changing the incentives, total state funding is unlikely to be more or less the same as it would be under the current formula.

The proposal has a number of good features. It would be simpler, reducing the required spreadsheets needed for calculation from 125 to less than a dozen according to HED. It would also be more transparent, with the funding formula being fully described in a single equation.

But despite these good features, there are also aspects of the proposed formula that are troubling. For example, the new formula puts more emphasis on graduating students. While on the face of it, this is a noble goal, it may mean pressure on universities to admit and graduate

unqualified students. A better idea might be to emphasize the rate of graduation, not the number of graduates. This would serve students better by ensuring the emphasis is on student success and not on just generating numbers.

The proposed formula also puts emphasis on awarding STEM degrees. In fact, there is virtually no evidence that STEM degrees are particularly lucrative. STEM professions do earn higher incomes, but a STEM degree is not a guarantee of a STEM career, nor is a non-STEM degree a bar to STEM employment. In fact, for college graduates, about one-third of STEM graduates work in non-STEM jobs, and about one third of STEM jobs are filled by persons with non-STEM degrees. Unemployment rates among STEM and non-STEM workers are about the same, so the emphasis on STEM jobs seems misplaced.

My views about STEM are not conventional, but the data supports this point of view. I'm not saying STEM isn't important, only that students should be allowed to self-select into majors according to their preferences.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is an associate professor of economics at New Mexico State University. He has taught at the university level for nearly 30 years. The views expressed here may or may not be shared by the regents or administrators of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.

PaymentSaver Income Limits by Family Size Las Cruces/Doña Ana County

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income	\$26,400	\$30,150	\$33,900	\$37,650	\$40,700	\$43,700	\$46,700	\$49,700

Source: MFA

\$500 down could move a buyer in

MFA offers \$8,000 interest-free loan to homebuyers and vets

Gary Sandler's
Real Estate Connection



As a real estate broker for more than three decades, I've seen my share of individuals and families who earn far less each year than you and I do, but still find a way to pay their bills on time.

The goal of one day owning a home is just as important to those folks. Barriers such as saving enough money for a down payment and closing costs, having an affordable monthly payment and finding a home in a price range prevent the vast majority of creditworthy people from achieving the American dream of owning their own home.

The more than \$41,000 decline in the average price of a Las Cruces area home over the past few years has made it easier for buyers to overcome the home-price obstacle, but the ability to save enough for the down payment and closing costs is still a major challenge to most moderate-income buyers.

The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority's (MFA's) PaymentSaver loan, which is a zero-percent interest second mortgage that requires no monthly payment, is designed to overcome that challenge.

Billed as a "soft-second" mortgage that's combined with a below-market first mortgage loan, the PaymentSaver allows low and moderate-income first-time buyers and veterans to borrow the lesser of 8 percent of the sales price, or \$8,000, to put toward the cost of their home.

"The loan does not have to be paid back until the property is sold, refinanced or transferred," said Teri Baca, area Homeownership Representative for MFA.

Baca also noted that 20 percent of the loan balance is forgiven each year beginning in year six and continuing through year 10, when 100 percent of the loan will be forgiven.

Since the PaymentSaver Program is designed to assist low and moderate income buyers, only buyers whose incomes fall within the program limits are eligible. In Doña Ana County, single buyers who earn a gross annual income of \$26,400 or less (before taxes) are eligible to apply. Families of eight or more who earn no more than \$49,700 each year are also eligible for the program.

First-time buyers and veterans who apply for the program don't need perfect credit in order to be approved, but a 620 minimum credit score is required. Some banks set a higher credit minimum credit score than the program's minimum or don't offer the program at all, so it pays to shop around and check with a real estate broker for the names of the local lenders who offer the complete line of MFA products.

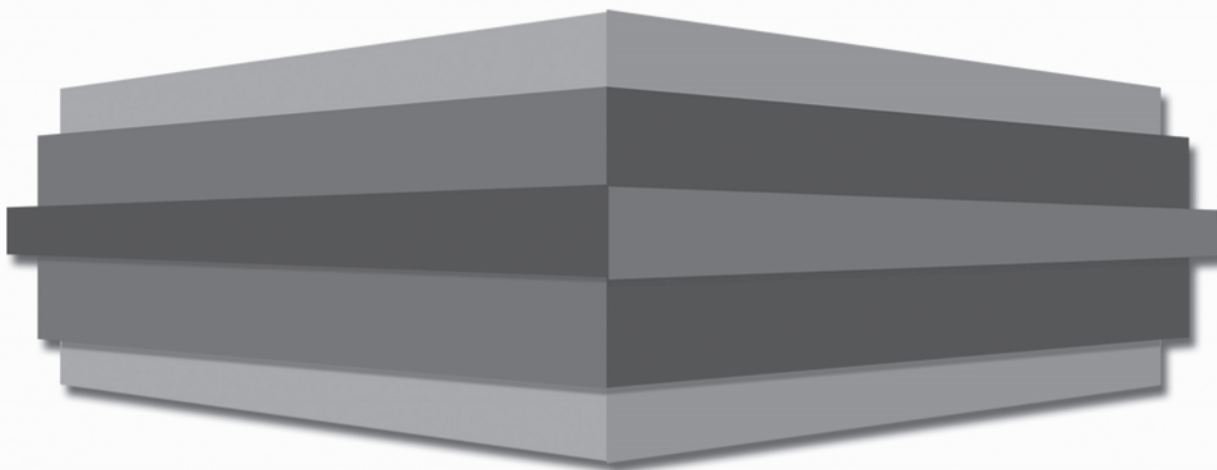
Typically, first-time buyers are defined as people who have not owned a home in which they've lived during the past three years. MFA considers all veterans to be first-time buyers, however, even if they currently own a home. That exception to the rule opens the door for veterans to purchase a second property with as little as \$500 down (in most cases), which creates the perfect scenario for someone who wants to purchase a new home while keeping their current home as a rental.

Think about the hardworking people you know who might benefit from this program and pass the word along to them. I'm sure they'll appreciate the thought.

See you at closing!

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

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The holidays provide the perfect opportunity to donate to nonprofits

To participate in the spirit of the holiday season, you may be thinking of making some charitable gifts. If so, you'll no doubt enjoy helping a group that does valuable work.

To begin with, it's important to understand just how necessary your gifts are to the country's social fabric. Given the effects of the Great Recession and the slow recovery, it's not surprising to learn that charitable giving fell a combined 13 percent in 2008 and 2009, after adjusting for inflation, according to the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. Although 2010 giving increased by 2.1 percent, again adjusted for inflation, many groups are seeing tough times as 2011 comes to a close. So your gift counts.

And it can count for you, too. By contributing to a qualified tax-exempt organization — a charitable group that has received 501(c)3 status from the IRS — you may earn valuable tax deductions. This is true whether you give cash or another type of asset, such as stocks or real estate. You may be able to get further tax benefits if the non-cash asset you've donated has appreciated in value since you purchased it.

Making charitable gifts now may help you reduce your taxable estate. As you may know, the estate tax exemption level has fluctuated in recent years, so it's hard for any of us to say for sure that we won't be subjecting our estates to these taxes. However, that doesn't mean you can't take steps now to plan for possible future estate taxes.

One such step might involve establishing a charitable remainder trust. Under this

arrangement, you'd place assets, such as stocks or real estate, in a trust, which could then use the assets to pay you an income stream over a certain period of time. When you establish the trust, you may be able to receive tax benefits based on the amount the charity is likely to ultimately receive, the charitable group's so-called "remainder interest." Upon its termination, the trust would relinquish the remaining assets to the charitable organization you've named.

Keep in mind, though, that this type of trust can be complex. To establish one, you'll need to work with your qualified tax advisor and estate-planning attorney.

Another popular contribution vehicle is the "donor-advised fund." Here's how it works: You give cash or appreciated securities to the donor-advised fund, with the expectation of receiving a tax deduction for the contribution in that same year. You recommend which charities are to benefit from the contributions to the fund, and the fund invests and manages your contribution, along with the other assets in the fund.

Again, you'll need to consult with your qualified tax advisor before establishing a donor-advised fund to help ensure you obtain any expected tax benefits.

As we've seen, you can follow different charitable giving strategies, but however you choose to make charitable gifts, you can take satisfaction in helping worthy organizations while possibly improving your own tax picture.

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Look for resilient businesses when 'mob' confidence is low

Good investors go against the grain



Jim Spence
Business Matters

Coach Gary Ward is in the College Baseball Hall of Fame for good reason.

He once won 16 straight Big 8 baseball titles at Oklahoma State University. Ward once told me one of the hardest things for college coaches to do is to persuade the very best high school athletes to come to school in an obscure location. It seems the mild weather and slower pace of life that comes with living in New Mexico doesn't always appeal to 18-year-old athletes.

Fortunately, portfolio managers don't have to "persuade" the shares of the best publicly traded companies to come to their areas. In portfolio management, a relatively obscure business location isn't an issue.

In America, publicly traded shares are available to everyone regardless of where they live. It is possession of the skills needed to identify and take timely ownership of resilient companies with durable competitive advantages that is the key to investment success.

For a portfolio manager, the ability to maintain emotional control during the decision-making process is also a critical skill. It takes confidence and patience to be successful when the fickle financial media mob is sounding the confidence-killing warning sirens and Wall Street's computer-driven traders are stampeding to the trading windows.

In investing, appropriate emotional temperament can be defined as understanding the fragile and fickle nature of mob "confidence" rather than trying to forecast it.

For the patient investor, the presence or absence of mob confidence must be viewed within the framework of history. In any era, one can always identify the widely followed skeptics of the day who were ready to point to a fragile market environment and foist the "uncertain" label on it. We suspect times have been pretty much "uncertain" ever since the days when human beings started drawing pictures on the walls of caves. Accordingly, it is important to recognize the ebb and flow of confidence, that helps create opportunities for astute business analysts.

When confidence is particularly low, it is actually helpful to observant buyers. In fact, over time, extraordinary investment results can be achieved by taking positions in shares of companies that feature resilient businesses when mob confidence is exceedingly low.

The price actions we have seen in the financial markets in late 2011 are somewhat indicative of a mild rebound in overall confidence. And as a mild increase in confidence has returned, the markets have gradually reappraised the share values of resilient businesses. However, in the bigger scheme of things, any temporary renewal or lapse in confidence is irrelevant to the challenge of identifying durably resilient businesses.

As year-end approaches, the stock market forecasts for 2012 should be rolling out. The accuracy of most stock market forecasts is almost as fragile as the confidence they attempt to predict. On the other hand, owning shares of resilient businesses, with superior financial characteristics and durable competitive advantages should continue to be a winning proposition. However, don't look for a smooth ride. In a competitive world, winning propositions are rarely smooth.

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



City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report Nov. 29 - Dec. 7

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20116545	G Bishop Roofing LLC	Fort Bliss Federal Credit Union	Reroof	3105 Del Rey Blvd.	\$22,125	\$158
20116494	A&A Roofing Inc.	Patrick and Marcella Howie	Reroof	1182 Turkey Knob Drive	\$5,500	\$60
20116541	Luis R. Guillen Construction	Jose Luis and Haydee L. Martinez	Res/New	123 S. Doña Ana Road	\$125,296	\$3,992
20116567	Sweetwater Homes LLC	K. B. and Elizabeth J. Chang	Res/New	4237 Ceres Court	\$236,898	\$4,182
20116514	Future-Tech Inc.	Estate of Peter J. Weith	Reroof	1140 Idaho Ave.	\$7,782	\$74
20116533	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	7575 Vista de Oeste Place	\$166,978	\$2,303
20116522	Chase the Sun Construction	Sandra Ann Saenz Trustee	Reroof	933 Dorado Court	\$1,400	\$40
20116570	Rasura Custom Homes	GL Green & Associates	Res/New	4082 Bella Sierra Court	\$184,500	\$4,093
20116565	Sweetwater Homes LLC	K. B. and Elizabeth J. Chang	Res/New	4245 Ceres Court	\$251,740	\$4,207
20116581	Robert Jones Construction Company	Mission Lutheran Church	Reroof	2752 Roadrunner Parkway	\$7,775	\$74
20116574	Iron Cross Construction	Antonio M. Gallegos	Reroof	2020 Chilton Drive	\$4,811	\$56
20116597	GMJ Enterprises	Gerald L. and Maxine J. Via	Reroof	2811 Cloudcroft Circle	\$3,250	\$47
20116609	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3914 Sombra Morada Road	\$186,960	\$2,338
20116633	G. Sandoval Construction Inc.	Carol M. Gerwels	Reroof	745 Frontier Drive	\$8,672	\$79
20116664	Sunwest Homes Inc.	Sunwest Homes Inc.	Res/New	5481 Sombra Azul St.	\$165,866	\$2,302
20116687	GS Roofing	Esther R. and Ramon Rosales	Reroof	2130 Gladys Drive	\$5,915	\$63

* Information from BIA-SNM is provided by City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County permit offices



Doña Ana County Building Permit Report Nov. 29 - Dec. 7

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
37028	Riviera Homes	Mesilla Bolson Properties LLC	Res/New	98 Apache Gold Loop	\$665	
37032	Pointe Homes	Eduardo Contreras	Res/New	15 Cielo del Oeste	\$860	
37033	Classic NM Homes	Daniel and Rebecca Sutphin	Reroof	3919 Loma Bella Drive	\$1,076	

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Profile

Robert Barnard: Entrepreneur expands his horizons

Barnard tries his hand in automotive and financial businesses

By **Samantha Roberts**

Las Cruces Bulletin

As an eager college student, Robert Barnard said he couldn't wait to get into the working world, so much so that he chose his career over completing his degree.

"I went to a community college in Virginia, but was too excited to get into business," said Barnard, who is now a financial advisor with Principal Financial Group and owner of 4 Bar Company.

As a child, Barnard and his family traveled the world, following his father's job as a biologist for the federal government.

"I saw the world and a lot of wonderful things while I was growing up," he said.

For his first career, Barnard said he wanted to be a professional golfer, but not the kind that toured the globe. He wanted to be a golf club professional with a more stable lifestyle.

"I started playing golf at a very young age, and was sick of it by the time I was 22 years old," he said. "I had worked as an assistant pro, and always loved golf, but that was not the type of business for me. (Golf professionals) have a rough schedule and work on the weekends. That wasn't something I wanted."

Keeping his drive and tapping into his entrepreneurial spirit, Barnard bought his first business, an auto body shop in Virginia.

"From there, my love for auto racing developed, and I became a crew member on a Winston Cup team," he said. "I was doing race-car stuff when the first Dale Earnhardt was a rookie."

After staying in that career for six years, Robert, who was 34 years old, and his wife Susan were looking for a new place to call home and fresh careers.

"I sold the auto shop business, and decided I wanted a job that allowed me to be at home more," he said.

So Barnard went into technical training for fire alarm security and started a small business in the industry.

"I had that company for 12 years," he said. "I grew it and developed it and then sold it. I have always been an entrepreneur at heart and enjoyed developing businesses."

When Barnard's father passed, he dealt with his estate, and that was when he said found his next career.

"I wanted to help people," Barnard said about estate planning.

Principal Financial Group was started in August 2001 in Las Cruces, the perfect location for Barnard, he said.

"My mother's family is originally from Lincoln, and I have family in Arizona," he said.

In his current position, Barnard said he enjoys meeting the variety of people he works

with and building relationships with them.

"I could probably write a book on all the stories I have heard," he said, adding that he loves history. "I haven't met all these famous people, but the people I talk to have. I love listening to stories about their journeys."

Barnard said he also enjoys helping people financially.

"I assist clients in setting estate plans that help them protect and pass on their assets to heirs privately," he said. "No government is involved. This keeps disagreements controlled."

"We are very dedicated to preservation and growth of clients' estates and protecting potential threats."

Barnard said it takes a team to fully get the job done and works closely with attorneys and certified public accountants.

Though he does specialize in estate planning, Barnard also offers other services for people of all ages. He said it is never too young to start planning for a financially secure future.

"I wish I knew everything I know now at 21," he said. "But don't we all. I would tell young people to live for the moment, but plan on being around for 30 years. If you build your assets early enough and soon enough, you will be just fine."

"You are never too young for financial planning. But remember, if you set a plan now, it will be different in 20 years. You have to remain flexible."

Like any business, the economy has affected Barnard's businesses to a degree.

"People are scared about the economy, but I think now is good," he said. "I think we will have two or three more years on the tough end, and by the end of the decade, we will be wonderful. The long term will be wonderful."

During free time, Barnard works with his

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horses, a hobby he has had for years.

Barnard also enjoys cowboy mounted shooting and working cattle. He is also a member of the Sheriff's Department mounted patrol reserve unit and participates in wilderness search and rescues.

"Las Cruces is a great environment, and really has a little of everything I am about," he said.



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Expanding economics at the Pymexporta Trade Mission

Photos by Samantha Roberts

Adviana Sosa, Kary Esteban and Karyndelia Sandoval stand next to their booth at the Pymexporta Trade Mission Friday, Dec. 2, at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces. The event was sponsored by the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces.



Mike Provenzano, president and CEO of Pro's Ranch Markets, spoke during the trade mission about his excitement of sales and helping small businesses.

Rosa Aguilar with Petite Memories



Lic. Jorge Luis Carreón González, Amador Villalobos and Lic. Luis Felipe Quintant Rocha from the economics office of Chihuahua pose with event organizer Peter Ibarbo. The trade mission connected product owners with Pro's Ranch Market officials to help accelerate trade between the U.S. and Mexico.



John Muñoz, president of the Hispano chamber, tries a cookie by Naturito. Also at the booth was Eduardo Cervantes, representing the all-natural cookie company.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201000579

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AS SERVICER FOR CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

RALPH D. PRIVETTE AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RALPH D. PRIVETTE, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

THIRD NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 14, 2011 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lots 11 and 12, Block 32, PALMER'S SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 157 thereof, filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on February 7,1912, and recorded in Book 4, Page 44, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1219 W McFie, 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 June 8, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$121,521.45 plus interest from June 2, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of

8.950% 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.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
Special Master
P.O. Box 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004

NM00-00055_FC01

Pub # 11330
Dates 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201102303

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005 MASTR ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2005-FRE1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FRE1, Plaintiff,

v.

ALONZO SANCHEZ, MARYLOU SANCHEZ, KARL D. METZGAR AND LUANA S. METZGAR, CESAR FRANCO AND GUADALUPE

FRANCO, HARMONY GOLD MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s) Cesar Franco.

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 1901 Bellamah Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: LOT 16 IN BLOCK F OF DALE BELLAHMAH ADDITION AMENDED PLAT FILED NOVEMBER 30, 1951 AMENDED NOVEMBER 3, 1952, 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 SAID COUNTY, PLAT NUMBER 396 AND 396A.

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 MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 3rd day of November, 2011.

James Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Nancy Heavner
Deputy

NM00-04741_FC01

Pub # 11349
Dates 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 6, 2011, Pam Davis, 441 Hope Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-11675-POD 2 with the State Engineer for Permit Drill a Supplemental Well to Supplement Ground or Surface Water within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling new well LRG-11675-POD 2 with 8-inch casing to approximately 150 feet below ground surface on land owned by the applicant within the NE1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 31, T21S, R01E, NMPM at approximate Latitude/

Longitude N32d26m40.46s W106d52m54.66s (NAD83) for use with permitted but not yet drilled well LRG-11675 to be located within the NE1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 31 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 2.63 acres of land located within Pt. N1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 31. The permitted LRG-11675 well location and the proposed location for well LRG-11675-POD 2 are located approximately 1,180 ft. and 1,020 ft. southeast, respectively, of the intersection of N. Valley Dr. and Hope Rd., approximately 0.65 miles south of Leasburg, NM.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed in triplicate with the Office of 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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-201100844

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-W1, Plaintiff,

v.

EL HOUSSINE AMJAHAD; WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE; WELLS FARGO BANK, NA; CHRISTOPHER JOHN MINNITI; THUY WITHAM MINNITI; JANE DOE AMJAHAD, AS UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EL HOUSSINE AMJAHAD; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE (WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN) TENANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendant
El Houssine Amjahad

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 5040 Galina Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, more particularly described as:

LOT 87, BLOCK 24, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-A, 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 2, 1996, IN BOOK 18 PAGE(S) 412-413 OF PLAT RECORDS.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you. Robert J. Hopp & Associates, LLC, whose address is 3916 Juan Tabo NE, Suite 32, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111 is 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 ____ day of _____, 2011.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By
(SEAL)
Deputy

Pub # 11356
Dates 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2011-02162

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, fka COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Plaintiff,

v.

KENDA N. BRADFORD, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendants Kenda Bradford and John Doe A (true name unknown), her possible spouse

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 5833 Habanero Dr., in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 9 of Las Lomitas Subdivision, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Las Lomitas Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on July 19, 2005 in Plat

Book 21, Folio 269-271.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A., 4501 Indian School NE, Suite 101, Post Office Box 3509, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509, 505-254-7767.

WITNESS the Honorable 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 18th day of November, 2011.

JAMES H. DEMPSEY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Nancy Heavner
(SEAL) Deputy

Pub # 11358
Dates 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on August 3, 2011, Bickley Farms, LLC, 415 S. Vinton Rd, Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-1779-POD 4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of old well LRG-1779 located on land owned by the applicant within the NW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 16, T27S, R03E, NMPM and drilling proposed replacement well LRG-1779-POD 4 to an approximate depth of 320 feet to be fitted with 16-inch casing and located on property owned by the applicant at X = 1,518,346 Y = 351,318 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central, NAD83) of the continued diversion of that quantity of shallow groundwater required for beneficial use, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 255,771 acres of land owned by the applicant and located within Pt. SE1/4 of projected Section 9, Pt. NW1/4, NE1/4, SE1/4, and NW1/4 of projected Section 16, Pt. NE1/4 of projected Section 21, Pt. SW1/2 of projected Section 15, and Pt. NW1/4 of projected Section 22, all in T27S, R03E, NMPM. Old well LRG-1779 and the proposed new well location and are located just north of 415 Vinton Rd. near Anthony. Old well LRG-1779 will be properly plugged.

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

Pub # 11360
Dates 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 2011

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 # 11359
Dates 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 14, 2011, A. Paul Mitchell and Genevieve D. Chavez, 700 Watson Ln., Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-14750-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 discontinuing the use of well LRG14750-POD1, on land owned by the applicants located within the NW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 31, T23S, R02E, NMPM and using proposed well LRG-14750-POD2 within the NW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 31, T23S, R02E located on land owned by the applicants, at approximately X=1,479,351 Y=460,995 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the combined diversion of shallow groundwater and surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 1.38 acres of land owned by the applicant within Pt. NE1/4 of said projected Section 31. Well LRG-14750-POD1 and proposed well LRG-14750-POD2 are located approximately 525 ft. east northeast of the intersection of Watson Ln. and Calle De Las Margaritas at the physical address of 700 Watson Ln., east of Mesilla, NM. Well LRG-14750-POD1 will be properly plugged.

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

Pub # 11361
Dates 12/2, 12/9, 2011

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

No. 2011-2723
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Henrica Marie Misquez

FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF Michael Fabian Munoz, Jr. and Elijah David Munoz

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

No. PB 2008-49
Judge Martin

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Richard Charles Hall, Personal Representative of the estate of Bettye Joe Hall, deceased, gives the following Notice:

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

Richard Charles Hall
3100 McDowell
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Patricia Hall
3100 McDowell
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Mary M. Versteeg
c/o Alan D. Gluth
2455 E. Missouri, Suite A
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Kristen G. Legault
c/o Alan D. Gluth
2455 E. Missouri, Suite A
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Jessika Rae Hall
c/o Alan D. Gluth
2455 E. Missouri, Suite A
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Patrick C. Hall
c/o Alan D. Gluth
2455 E. Missouri, Suite A
Las Cruces, NM 88001

2. Richard Charles Hall, has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Bettye Joe Hall, deceased.

3. A hearing on the Petition of Richard Charles Hall has been set for December 20, 2011, at 8:30 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico before the Honorable James T. Martin.

/s/ Richard Charles Hall
Personal Representative
3100 McDowell
Las Cruces, NM 88005

KENNETH L. BEAL P.C.
P. O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-526-5511

/s/ KENNETH L. BEAL
Attorney for the Estate of
Bettye Joe Hall

Pub # 11361
Dates 12/2, 12/9, 2011

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

No. 2011-2723
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Henrica Marie Misquez

FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF Michael Fabian Munoz, Jr. and Elijah David Munoz

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME (OF PERSON UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Henrica Marie Misquez, has filed a Petition to Change the Name of her child, from Michael Fabian Munoz, Jr. and Elijah David Munoz to Michael Fabian Misquez and Elijah David Misquez. This petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 6th 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/ Henrica M. Misquez
5705 East Mesa Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88012
575-386-2939 cell
575-521-5370 work

Pub # 11362
Dates 12/2, 12/9, 2011

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the issuance of a Restaurant Beer and Wine License for on premise consumption only to Swartz Investment Group, LLC d/b/a Fox's Pizza Den, at 1340 East Lohman Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 22nd day of November 2011.

/s/
Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub # 11363
Dates 12/2, 12/9, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2011-1883

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CWTAL, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-39CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-39CB, Plaintiff,

vs.

BONNIE JEAN RAUSCH; and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse; STEVEN RAUSCH, Trustee, or his Successors in Trust, under The Bonnie Rausch Trust, dated October 5, 2004; and FIRST FEDERAL BANK, a Division of Washington Federal Savings, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY

OF SUIT

TO: Defendant Steven Rausch, Trustee, or his Successors in Trust, under The Bonnie Rausch Trust, dated October 5, 2004

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 4134 Campana Court, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT 8, BLOCK A, TWILIGHT CAMPANA ESTATES, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 30, 2004, IN BOOK 20 PAGES(S) 775-776 OF RECORDS,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a YEAR MAKE/ MODEL BODY TYPE, VIN VIN, SERIAL NO., License Plate Number LICENSE PLATE NO..

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A., 4501 Indian School NE, Suite 101, Post Office Box 3509, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509, 505-254-7767.

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 18th day of November, 2011.

JAMES H. DEMPSEY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By Mary C. Apodaca
(SEAL)
Deputy

Pub # 11364
Dates 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 9, 2011, Danny Graham, 2575 Redstone Street, Chaparral, NM 88021 filed application with the STATE ENGINEER under water right file HU-341, for Permit to Appropriate Underground Waters in the Hueco Basin, Doña Ana County, from proposed well HU-341-POD1 to be drilled in the NW1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4, Section 6, Township 26 South, Range 5 East, NMPM and more specifically described at a point where Latitude: 32d 4m 4.66sN and Longitude: 106d 28m 41.62sW meet. Applicant proposes a diversion of up to 117.60 acre-feet per annum for the drip-irrigation of up to 40 acres in the SW1/4 NW1/4, of said Section 6 all on property owned by the applicant.

The general location of the

property and proposed well are near NM Highway 213 in Chaparral, NM; northeast of the intersection of San Carlos and Atlas Roads.

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-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
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM00-03176_FC01

Pub # 11367
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-0307-CV-201101917

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,

v.

GLORIA BARRIO, FIRST RESOLUTION INVESTMENT CORP. AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GLORIA BARRIO, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2012 at 1:30 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A tract of land situate Northwest of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 17, T.26S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Tract 25-51A1D and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a nail found in a concrete post for the Northwest corner of the tract herein described, whence the Section corner common to Sections 8, 9, 16 & 17, T.26S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys bears N. 38°06'16" E., 3356.90 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning N. 81°07'39" E., 138.37 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S. 04°52'39" E., 1076.72 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the North line of Refugio Colony Grant for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the North line of Refugio Colony Grant, S. 89°09'04" W., 217.47 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the North line of Refugio colony Grant, N. 00°35'15" W., 1054.76 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.339 acre of land, more or less.

The address of the real property is 408 Barrio Rd, Anthony, NM 88021. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 7, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$123,599.94 plus interest from October 12, 2011

to the date of sale at the rate of 6.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

to the date of sale at the rate of 6.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

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

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

NM00-03556_FC01

Pub # 11368
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-0307-CV-02011-02124

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

CLAY W. WARD AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLAY W. WARD, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2012 at 1:30 PM, Front entrance to

the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A tract of land situate Northeast of La Union, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 17, T.27S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of U.S.R.S. Tract 30-24A2 and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southwest corner of the tract herein described; whence a brass cap found at the Southwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 30-24A2 bears N. 58°06'00" W., 503.13 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning, N.31°54'00" E., 100.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence S. 58°06'00" E., 320.50 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set on the West line of the Little La Union Lateral for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the West of said Lateral, S.24°49'33" W., 100.77 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the lateral, N. 58°06'00" W., 332.90 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.750 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Warranty Deed filed July 31, 1986, in Book 386, Pages 599-603, Doña Ana County records. A plat was prepared under Job#98-0512. Field Notes by Moy Surveying, Inc., License No. 5939.

The address of the real property is 447 Gabaldon Road, Anthony, NM 88021. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 15, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$107,687.33 plus interest from October 21, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.880% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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 mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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:

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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NM11-01305_FC01

Pub # 11369
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

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:

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

Lot 4, Block 14, COLLEGE PARK REPLAT NO.2, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on September 4, 1963, in Book 1 Page(s) 66 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1918 Gladys Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 8, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$136,595.95 plus interest from November 2, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.625% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

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

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

NM11-00816_FC01

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Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201101818

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DEBRA ALDRICH AKA
DEBRA SUE ALDRICH AND
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF DEBRA ALDRICH AKA
DEBRA SUE ALDRICH, IF
ANY, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2012 at 1:30 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A tract of land situate northwest of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 22, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as part of U.S.R.S. Tract 25-92A, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron rod set for the northeast corner of the tract herein described, whence the section corner common to Sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys bears the following three courses and distances: North 0°05'00" East, a distance of 996.01 feet to a point on the south line of Joy Drive (Doña Ana County Road No. A-062); thence South 89°45'00" East, a distance of 1017.50 feet to the northeast corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 25-92A; and thence South 88°38'04" East, a distance of 2627.98 feet to the section corner;

THENCE from the place of beginning and following along the center of a 50 foot wide road and utility easement South 0°05'00" West, 308.65 feet to the southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE South 86°56'05" West, 175.55 feet to an angle point;

THENCE South 86°48'00" West, 11.89 feet to the southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE North 0°03'00" East, 319.52 feet to the northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE South 89°45'00" East, 187.33 feet to the place of beginning.

The address of the real property is 2623 Quarterhorse Drive, Anthony, NM 88021. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 29, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$70,870.33 plus interest from August 18, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

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

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master

Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM11-00497_FC01

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Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201101981

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

vs.

**LARRY C. GARCIA, FIRST
NEW MEXICO BANK, THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
LARRY C. GARCIA, IF ANY
AND JODI-RAE MOORE,
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SUIT ON FIRST
AMENDED COMPLAINT**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s) Larry C. Garcia and The Unknown Spouse of Larry C. Garcia, if any.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 241 Carr Street, Hatch, NM 87937, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lots numbered 25 and 26 of Martin Addition to the Town of Hatch, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Martin Addition to the Town of Hatch, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 13, 1944 in Plat Book 6, Folio 28.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

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

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 28th day of November, 2011.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Deputy

NM00-03386_FC01

Pub # 11372
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-0201102570

**ONEWEST BANK, FSB,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JULIE MOLINA AKA JULIE
A. MOLINA, MELISSA
MOLINA AKA MELISSA ANN
MOLINA, CARLA MOLINA
AKA CARLA JEAN MOLINA,
JEFFREY MOLINA AKA
JEFFREY PAUL MOLINA,
CERTIFIED CONCRETE
PRODUCTS, INC., ARTURO
FLORES, THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF JULIE MOLINA
AKA JULIE A. MOLINA
IF ANY, THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF MELISSA
MOLINA AKA MELISSA
ANN MOLINA, IF ANY,
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF CARLA MOLINA AKA
CARLA JEAN MOLINA, IF
ANY AND THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF JEFFREY
MOLINA AKA JEFFREY
PAUL MOLINA, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s) Arturo Flores.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 542 N. Highway 292, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: A tract of land situate west of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being U.S.R.S. Tract 9C-91 in Section 14, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian of the U.S.R.S. Surveys and being further described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at an iron rod found at the intersection of the east line of New Mexico State Highway 292 and the south line of the Longwell Lateral for the northwest corner of this tract, whence an iron pipe found on the east line of said Highway for the most southerly corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 9C-92C bears the following two courses and distances: S. 24° 53' 18" E. 296.58 feet, thence S. 31° 21' 33" E. 630.49 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning, along the south line of Longwell Lateral, S. 68° 33' 18" E. 216.62 feet to an iron rod set for the northeast corner of this tract;

Thence leaving said Lateral, S. 08° 57' 00" W. 75.00 feet to an iron rod set for the southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N. 83° 26' 00" W. 126.37 feet to an iron rod set on the east line of Highway 292, for the southwest corner of said tract;

Thence along Highway 292, N

24° 53' 18" W. 153.05 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.371 acres of land, more or less.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By:
Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven Lucero
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Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 28th day of November, 2011.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Deputy

NM11-01543_FC01

Pub # 11373
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-0201102411

**HSBC BANK, N.A., AS
TRUSTEE FOR THE
HOLDERS OF DEUTSCHE
ALT-A SECURITIES
MORTGAGE LOAN
TRUST, SERIES 2007-
AR2 MORTGAGE PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**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
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Albuquerque, NM 87102
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Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 16th day of November, 2011.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Deputy

NM00-05028_FC01

Pub # 11374
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-11-1410

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON, fka The Bank of
New York, as Trustee for the
Certificateholders of the CHL
Mortgage Pass-Through Trust
2006-HYB1 Mortgage Pass-
Through Certificates, Series
2006-HYB1, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**BORIS MERZLAK; LANA
NOIKOVA-MERZLAK; and
SONOMA RANCH EAST
SUBDIVISION OWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 4, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2479 Gila Bend Loop, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 9 in Block E of Sedona Hills Subdivision 3 at Sonoma Ranch East, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on August 20, 2004 and recorded in Book 20 at Pages 764-765, Plat Record.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above

Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 15, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$285,055.34 and the same bears interest at 3.250% per annum from October 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,436.64. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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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.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on November 28, 2011, in the principal sum of \$131,539.98, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through December 1, 2011, in the amount of \$6,576.96 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$18.02 per diem, plus late charges of \$220.23, plus escrow advances of \$1,465.40, plus fee and cost advances of \$750.00, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$950.00 and costs in the amount of \$753.97, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 5.00% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Special Master
2222 Parkwest Drive, N.W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87120
(505) 228-8484

Pub # 11376
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of P. d. S. O., A. L., R. A., and N. A., children, And Concerning Maria De Jesus Silva, Jose Reyes Alvarado, Alejandro Lara and Jesus Olivas, Respondents.

No. JQ-2011-08
Judge: Macias

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Alejandro Lara Montes and Jose Reyes Alvarado, Respondents.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an abuse/neglect petition

has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused R.A., N.A., and A.L. children, and seeks legal custody of the 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:

1997 Oakwood 1149 Model Manufactured Home, Serial Number HOTX09903435 located at 117 E. Lisa Drive, Chaparral, NM 88081

You are further notified that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion in this cause on or before February 29, 2012, a judgment or other appropriate relief will be entered against you by default. Michael J. Craddock of Craddock Davis & Krause LLP, 3100, Monticello Avenue, Suite 550, Dallas, Texas 75205-3466, is the attorney for the Plaintiff, Bank of New York, Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee, by its Duly Authorized Attorney-in-fact, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., as Sub-Servicer. You are directed to file a responsive pleading with the Court and send a copy to Plaintiff's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
CRADDOCK DAVIS & KRAUSE LLP

By:
/s/ Michael J. Craddock
Michael J. Craddock
State Bar No. 9652
Susan P. Crawford
State Bar No. 24695

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(866) 417-5560 - Fax

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

Pub # 11378
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of in satisfaction of lien in accordance with the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act.

To be held at:
HOLIDAY / VALLEY STORAGE
2190 HOLIDAY AVENUE
LAS CRUCES, NM 88005
575-525-9056

ON SATURDAY, 12/17/2011, BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS

A35, A42, B21, C19, C29, D04, D11, I29, L33, L38, P18, & V56
Tenant addresses are "last known".

UNIT A35
Guadalupe Olvera
3901 Calle De Las Margaritas #59
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Unit Consists of: Sofa, Loveseat & Washer

UNIT A42
Mary Jo Gordon
2370 Oak Park Dr
Muskegon, MI 49442
Unit Consists of: Boxes & Chairs

UNIT B21
Johnny M Martinez

1131 La Fonda #2
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit Consists of: Misc Items

UNIT C19
Veronica Melendez
2595 Mars Ave Apt 6101
Las Cruces, NM 88012
Unit Consists of: End tables, Kids Bikes & Boxes

UNIT C29
Christina Gomez
1105 Mechem Ave
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Unit consists of: Furniture & Dolly

UNIT D04
Jaime A Gonzalez-Licon
775 N Valley Dr
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Unit Consists of: Car stereo & Misc Items

UNIT D11
Debbie D Gallegos
1640 Burke Rd #6
Las Cruces, NM 88007
Unit Consists of: TV, Boxes & Household Items

UNIT I29
Omar J Hernandez
PO Box 155
Salem, NM 87941
Unit Consists of: Chairs & Mattresses

UNIT L33
Myrna C Medrano
506 E May Ave
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit Consists of: Crib, Stroller & Baby Items

UNIT L38
Michael D Brumley
PO Box 265
Holden, MO 64040
Unit Consists of: Furniture & Mattress

UNIT P18
Myrna C Medrano
506 E May Ave
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit Consists of: TV, Guitar, Furniture, Baby Items & Boxes

UNIT V56
Salina Morales
2100 Isaacks #22
Las Cruces, NM 88007
Unit Consists of: Misc Items

Inventory was taken from outside the units only, units may consist of more misc. items than listed.

CONTENTS WILL BE SOLD TO HIGHEST BIDDER TO COVER UNPAID CHARGES FOR RENT AND ASSOCIATED FEES.

CASH SALES ONLY
If you purchase a unit there will be a \$25/unit Refundable cleaning deposit in addition to your bid amount.

Please bring your own brooms & locks to secure any purchased units. (Locks are also for sale in the office.)

Registration will be from 9:30AM - 10AM in the office. If you are not registered you will not be able to bid.

Pub # 11379
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 2, 2011, Frank Franzoy, PO BOX 641, Hatch, NM 87937, filed application numbered LRG-10835-POD4 with the State

Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well and Permit to Use Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-10835-POD3 on land owned by the applicant located within the NE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 27, T18S, R04E, NMPM and drilling proposed well LRG-10835-POD4 within the SE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 27, T18S, R04E located on land owned by the applicant, at approximately X=1,338,662 Y=625,366 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83), for the combined diversion of shallow groundwater and surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 95.42 acres of land owned by the applicant within Pt. W1/2 of Section 26, T18S, R04E and Pt. E1/2 of said Section 27. The supplemental component of the application seeks to use proposed well LRG-10835-POD4 for the combined diversion of shallow groundwater and surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 19.2 acres of land owned by the applicant within Pt. SE1/4 of said section 27 in conjunction with existing wells LRG-10835, LRG-10835-S and LRG-12959 (located within the SW1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 of said Section 27). LRG-10835, LRG-10835-S and proposed well LRG-10835-POD4 are located approximately 1,600 ft. southwest, 100 ft. southwest and 320 ft. southwest, respectively, of the intersection of Saratoga St. and Hwy 187. Well LRG-12959 is located approximately 1,730 ft. northwest of the intersection of Rancho Bonito Rd. and Carriage Hills Rd. on the west side of Carriage Hills Rd., approximately 1.0 mile west of Salem, NM. Well LRG-

10835-POD3 will be properly plugged.

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

Pub # 11380
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2011-2765
Judge Arrieta

SARA CATHERINE KAMAT, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF THE

NAME SARA CATHERINE KAMAT.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ESTABLISH NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sara Catherine Kamat has filed a petition to establish and confirm her name as Sara Catherine Kamat. This petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 19th day of December, 2011, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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/s/ Lloyd O. Bates Jr.
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub # 11382
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 11-0260

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF POSEY LEE WAUGH, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO KNOWN CREDITORS

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Dated: December 6, 2011

/s/ John Y. Waugh IV

/s/ Steven S. Waugh

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Dates 12/9, 12/16, 2011



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Vector & Pest Control Services Price Agreement	11-12-404	Non-mandatory December 15, 2011 / 9:00 am Rm. 3138, 700 N. Main St., Las Cruces	December 28, 2011 / 4:00 pm
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A holiday tradition
Chamber ballet puts on annual 'Nutcracker' performance



LOCAL, LOCAL, LOCAL



GIVE THE GIFT OF BOOSTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY THIS SEASON



Boosting the economy Shop locally this holiday season

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Big-box retailers may boast the best deals of the year, but some local economists and community leaders argue that those sales may not provide the best deals for the local economy. The best gift shoppers can give this holiday season, they say, is shopping local.

According to the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, which boasts a slogan of "Think Local First," several studies show that money spent at a local business stays in the community. For every \$100 spent at a locally owned business, \$45 of that will return to the community. At a non-local business, only \$14 of that \$100 comes back.

More money in the community translates to a healthier economy. In Las Cruces, there are hundreds of locally owned businesses with products and services catered to community members and the holiday season in the Mesilla Valley.

While businesses are in just about every nook and cranny of the county, there are several locations that provide a one-stop shopping experience.

Local markets

Voted the No. 1 large farmers market in the United States by American Farmland Trust, the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market along Downtown Main Street boasts numerous vendors and locally made items, ranging from kettle corn to furniture.

Celebrating its 40th year in Las Cruces, the market is open every Wednesday and Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. stretch-

ing from the still-closed southern portion of Downtown Main Street to Las Cruces Avenue. Downtown also is home to a dense area of local art galleries that also may be open during the farmers market hours.

Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road, has a Sunday Growers Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot. All vendors grow their food locally and handcraft their items.

On the first and third Sundays of the Month, the Uptown Craft and Growers Market is held inside Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., near the Cineport 10 theater entrance. Offered at this market also are local arts, crafts and produce.

Mesilla

Frequented by hundreds, if not thousands, of tourists each year, the quiet town of Mesilla has local shopping centers on the historic Mesilla Plaza and along Avenida de Mesilla, the town's main thoroughfare.

Ever-popular shops such as Silver Assets, Nambé, The Chocolate Lady and Solamente de Mesilla are visited almost as much as the authentic restaurants in the area. The quaint town also includes a wide array of galleries exhibiting the works of local and internationally known artists.

The Mercado de Mesilla has become just as popular to tourists as the plaza and features nearly every retailer imaginable – galleries, clothing boutiques and more. A fun gift shop across from Calle de Mercado is Lulu, adjacent to St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1800 Avenida de



Bring the pups while you shop at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market every Wednesday and Saturday morning on Downtown Main Street.

Mesilla. The shop includes jewelry and clothing, but also gag gifts and edgy items that are difficult to find anywhere else.

For a local shopping experience in the Mesilla Valley, you may find much more than what you're looking for. Each vendor at the farmers market has a story – and will take the time to tell you, if you're interested – and many of the buildings that house the shops in Mesilla also have a story of their own.



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Featured artists: *Big Band Dance Club*

Swingin' to a new tune Dance club moves to Court Youth Center

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Even after their displacement with the sudden closure of the Las Cruces Country Club, the Big Band Dance Club is still going strong.

The club, which turned 30 this year, said goodbye to its long-time location in November and has already had successful dances in its new venue – the Court Youth Center. Club President Mike D'Arcy said the venue was selected over the Munson Senior Center so that it could maintain its appeal to the younger crowd.

Though its 92 current members are mostly seniors, the club is open to anyone who wants to dance to traditional ballroom and Latin styles, D'Arcy said. That's what started the club in the first place.

"There wasn't really any type of the dancing (founding members) wanted to do," said D'Arcy, who has been a member of the club since 1998. "Most of the dancing around here is country western; they wanted to do foxtrots, waltzes, rumbas and that type of dance, and there wasn't really any place around and there weren't really very many bands."

Frances and Melinda West started the group, which grew much faster than they had anticipated and quickly outgrew their original venue at the Palms Hotel on Picacho Avenue.

"They had to move to the country club for enough space to dance," D'Arcy said. "There were well over 150 people in the club during the '80s."

The club danced at the country club for a "number of years" before moving to the Elks Club and the American Legion. In January 2002, the club returned to the country club and remained until it closed suddenly after more than 90 years of serving Las Cruces.

Though the club's weekly dances have changed a little to adapt to the schedule of the Court Youth Center, club members are comfortable in their new venue, D'Arcy said.

Typically, a dance will attract about 35 to 40 people, and



Big Band Dance Club members practice their traditional ballroom dance skills. The club recently moved to the Court Youth Center.

even beginners are invited to participate. With paid admission, dancers get a free dance lesson.

"We try to teach the same dance for two months in a row, which gives people the opportunity to get a hold of the basics," D'Arcy said.

Sometimes, it is D'Arcy who will provide the lesson. Although he served as a research physicist at White Sands Missile Range D'Arcy has been dancing since 1955, when his parents decided to enroll in a class.

"They both worked for the government, and when they sent my dad to Oklahoma, guess who was the dance partner for Mom?" he said. "I've been dancing ever since."

In the Big Band Dance Club, experienced dancers such as D'Arcy are there to help people learn to dance, even if they don't have a partner to bring with them.

"We're like a big family; everyone is very friendly," he said. One of the club's oldest members, 91-year-old Jerry Richards, travels from Silver City for each dance, and he "dances with everybody," D'Arcy said with a laugh.

While Richards travels from Silver City, many of the members have relocated to Las Cruces from across the United States and are surprised at the quality of the Big Band Dance Club and its music, which is often from a live band.

"I've talked with people from New York, Virginia, California, Florida, and they can't believe what we have," D'Arcy said. "We charge \$9 for a six-piece band while they were paying \$25 per person for a four-piece band. We're a nonprofit organization that just wants to make ends meet."

They also provide plenty of entertainment, shaking things up throughout the year with Sadie Hawkins dances, Valentine's Day dances and special events such as Armed Forces Day.

For those interested in Argentine Tango, the Big Band Dance Club has an exclusive club for that style of dancing. Previously at the Las Cruces Country Club as well, the group now meets at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road, until the Mesilla Community Center floor renovation is complete, which D'Arcy said he expects to be in January 2012.

Whether it's tango or any other ballroom or Latin style of dance, all are welcome to join, D'Arcy said, and may even see health benefits from regularly participating.

"I think that dancing is a very good way to keep yourself healthy," he said. "I'm 73, and my wife and I dance sometimes four and five nights a week. It's good for the body, and it's good for the mind."

Details

Big Band Dance Club

Next meeting

8 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15
Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave.

Cost

\$7-\$9

Contact

526-6504



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Fantastic Fridays! Stories & Crafts for ages 7-11	Branigan Library
FRI. DEC 9	7 P.M.
'Tis Shakespearish	Rio Grande Theatre
FRI. DEC 9	8 P.M.
"Private Fears in Public Places"	Black Box Theatre
SAT. DEC 10	11 A.M.-3 P.M.
Camino del Arte	Mesquite Historic District
SAT. DEC 10	10 A.M. - Noon
Book Signing: Alan Riehl - The Nativity	COAS Books
SAT. DEC 10	2 P.M.
Amazing Magical Musical Adventures: the Night the Bells Rang	Black Box Theatre
SAT. DEC 10	8 P.M.
"Private Fears in Public Places"	Black Box Theatre
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Teen Knit Program	Branigan Library
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Read To Me - stories for ages 3 and up	Branigan Library
TUE. DEC 13	1:30 P.M.
Book Review: "That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World It Invented and How We Can Come Back."	Branigan Library
TUE. DEC 13	6:30 P.M.
Every Other Tuesday: Alma d'Arte Singers	Rio Grande Theatre
WED. DEC 14	2:30 P.M.
Read Art Book Club: The Paper Garden - An Artist Starts Her Life at 72, by Molly Peacock	Black Box Theatre
WED. DEC 14	7 P.M.
A Child's Christmas in Wales	Black Box Theatre
WED.+THU DEC 14+15	10 A.M.
Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3	Branigan Library
WED. DEC 14	11 A.M.
Mother Goose Time - Activities for Infants	Branigan Library
SAT. DEC 16	8 P.M.
"Private Fears in Public Places"	Black Box Theatre

ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Art RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Camino del Arte - 2nd Saturday of the Month 11am-3pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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By **Gerald M. Kane**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Alan Ayckbourn is an Olivier, Tony and Moliere award-winning playwright who has written 75 plays, more than half of which have been produced in London's West End as well as on Broadway and around the world.

As an acclaimed director, Ayckbourn has worked extensively in the West End and has also run his own company at the National Theatre. Between 1972 and 2009, he was the artistic director of the Stephen Joseph Theatre, in Scarborough, where the majority of his work has and continues to be premiered.

We can always count on the plays by Ayckbourn to be full of surprises, skillful character development, carefully crafted dialogue and unusual production features. "Private Fears in Public Places," the current offering at the Black Box Theatre, home of the No Strings Theatre Company, is no exception.

Originally produced in England in 2004, "Private Fears in Public Places" deals with universal themes of loneliness and family dysfunction, and speaks even louder today in our current social media-oriented world where more people would rather talk through machines than directly to each other.

Each of the six characters we see "publicly" on stage, and the one whose voice we hear offstage that appears for a curtain call, has a "private fear" – a "secret" that plays itself out through the course of the play. To go into detail would spoil your enjoyment and discovery of this ambitious and outstanding production. Suffice to say, all's not so well by

the play's end, as each character continues living a life of quiet desperation.

"Private Fears in Public Places" is very "British" in feel and circumstance. Director Ceil Herman made the wise decision not to transport the venue of the play across the Atlantic. What this means is that her cast of seven needed to master and maintain effective British accents throughout their performances. They deliver their lines of Ayckbourn's insightful and incisive dialogue in chopped, rhythmic English cadence throughout. Try as I might, I didn't catch one single dialect slipup. The entire cast succeeded admirably. Their performances capture the essence of the script in a way that the company transported this reviewer right to the West End of London.

The genius of this production lies in the way in which Ayckbourn conceived the script as "film on stage." There are 53 scenes, along with a closing tableau. Including an intermission, the play runs for approximately two worthwhile and thought-provoking hours.

In order to make "Private Fears in Public Places" work successfully, scenes must be played out in the same limited stage space and yet serve as totally different venues.

According to Ceil Herman, this challenging cinematic effect is accomplished by cutting from one scene to another through use of lighting, music and mini-sets. Peter Herman, the resident lighting and scenic designer, Ceil Herman has outdone himself here. Coupled with sound design the overall effect is extraordinary.

Once again, the No Strings Theatre Company, under the inspired leadership of Ceil



Kathi-Jane Alvarado (Charlotte) and Algernon D'Amassa (Ambrose) take the audience across the pond in No Strings Theatre Company's latest production, "Private Fears in Public Places."

and Peter Herman shows us why they can certainly be called one of the brightest jewels in our community's cultural crown.

"Private Fears in Public Places" runs through Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and a Thursday performance on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 regular admission, \$9 students and seniors over 65 and all seats on Thursdays are \$7. For reservations, call 523-1223.

Gerald Kane has reviewed theater and opera for NPR stations and newspapers in New Orleans, Phoenix and Kansas City as well as for the Las Cruces Bulletin. A former member of the American Theatre Critics Association, he is the Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El in Las Cruces and has taught "Jews on Screen" at NMSU for the past two years.

Details

Private Fears in Public Places

When

8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
2:30 p.m. Sunday
7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15
Shows through Sunday, Dec. 18

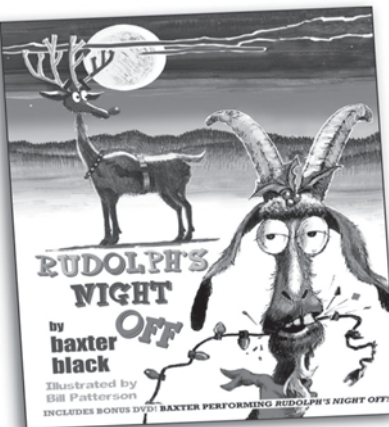
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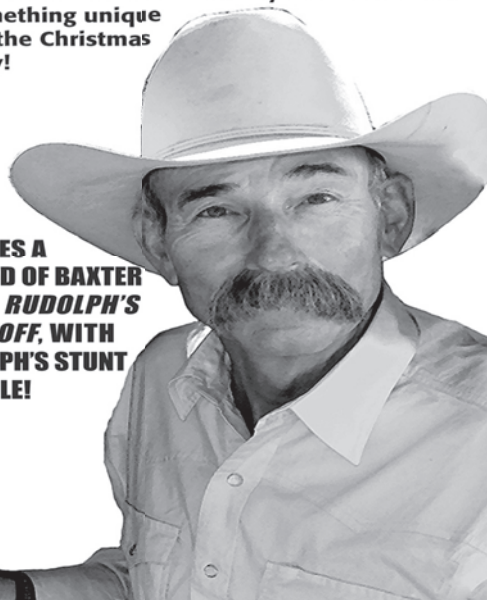
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Galleries & Openings

OPENING

OUIDA TOUCHON'S STUDIO will be open for a holiday sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and Sunday, Dec. 11. Touchon is known for her large plein air paintings and figurative canvases of women.

The home studio and showroom is located at 1200 N. Raymond St. Call 635-7899.

LUNDEEN INN OF THE ARTS will be showing several new sculptures by Tomi LaPierre during The Insighters' Holiday Art Exhibit and Sale from Sunday, Dec. 11, to Jan. 31, 2012. An opening reception will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 11.

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.

NOPALITO'S GALERIA will host "Layers," an exhibit of paintings by local watercolorist Melanie Stone Jack. Jack has exhibited locally since 2006. She has paintings in collections in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Kansas and New Mexico. An opening reception will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. 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, and is open on Friday and Saturday. Call 524-0003.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY shows the work of Harvey Daiho Hilbert. The exhibit will run through Jan. 7, 2012. A reception will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

The gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Call 640-3502.

ONGOING

RIO GRANDE THEATRE GALLERIES display the personal work of photographer/filmmaker Steven Kaeppler in the El Paso Electric Gallery through December.

The gallery is located in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 523-6403.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY features local artists Roberta Leavelle Widner and Phil Yost. The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Call 522-2933.

Coming Soon

The World Around Us: The Artwork of Linda Hagen

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road
522-4100
Opens Friday, Dec. 16

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 are 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 December in time for the holidays. The exhibit will run through Dec. 30. This juried show includes contemporary craft work of a high standard of workmanship. The Tombaugh Gallery is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Call 522-7281.

QUILLIN STUDIO AND GALLERY will have holiday cards, stocking stuffers and gifts of art through December. The gallery is located at 317 N. Main St. behind COAS Books. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 312-1064.

MVS STUDIOS features pottery by Russell Mott and work by Kathryn Holmes, Guenevere 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, who died Sept. 5, 2009, was a legend in the world of Mexican rodeo riding in Mexico.

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.

THE THEATRE GALLERY opens "Kicking Nature Up a Notch," a gourd exhibit by Karen Currier, through Feb. 15, 2012.

The gallery is located in the lobby of the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. The gallery will be open an hour before performances and by appointment. Call 523-1223.

LAS CRUCES CITY HALL will display the work of 12 senior amateur artists for the seventh annual "Creativity is Ageless" art show displayed throughout December.

City Hall is located at 700 N. Main St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 528-3000.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY displays "Glitteropolis!" Art collective Meow Wolf travels into Las Cruces to unveil the magical and visceral art experience filled with oddity, surreality, glam and glitz. The show will run through Feb. 18, 2012. The NMSU Art Gallery is located in D.W. Williams Hall on the NMSU campus. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Call 646-8036.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER hosts its November 2011 exhibition featuring artists Glynis Chaffin-Tinglof, Singe Stuart, Al Weber and Bruce McClain through Feb.

25, 2012. The center also displays its Fall Exhibition through Saturday, Dec. 17. The center is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 523-8713.

ADOBE PATIO GALLERY will feature 18 area artists for its "Fall Exhibition." Artists featured for the exhibition work in a variety of media and styles, and were chosen for the show based on the popularity of their images. Gallery director and artist Carolyn Bunch hand-picked the show, which will run through Dec. 31.

The gallery is located at 1765 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 532-9310.

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS features artwork from students attending Lynn, Mesa, Sierra, Vista, White Sands and Zia middle schools in the annual LCPS Middle School Art Exhibit, which continues through Feb. 3, 2012, in the lobby gallery of the LCPS Administration Building. The administration building is located at 505 S. Main St., Suite 249, in the Loretto Towne Centre. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 640-3463.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM displays its New Mexico Centennial exhibit, featuring the state's largest collection of statehood memorabilia of past events, including the 40th, 50th, 60th and 75th celebrations. The exhibit will be on display in the museum's Legacy and Traditions galleries through Sept. 16, 2012.

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 I ART: 50 Years of Exploration" through Jan. 21, 2012. As NASA turned 50, the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) launched a national tour of "NASA I ART 50 Years of Exploration," featuring 74 works from artists over five decades.

The museum is located at 491 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Call 541-2137.



"Midnight Cowgirl" by Ouida Touchon

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.

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by Dan Goggin
Directed for LCCT by Dale Pawley
Choreographed by Janet Mazdra



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Show Dates and Times

Fridays: Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 at 8:00 PM
Saturdays: Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 at 8:00 PM
Sundays: Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18 at 2:00 PM

Ticket Prices

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EventsCalendar

FRI. 12/9

10 a.m. Reindeer story time, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-4499.

6 to 9 p.m. "Comforting Covered Casseroles" cooking class, Kitchen Kraft, 980 N. Telshor Blvd. Featuring recipes with comfort foods, including French onion soup and beef bourguignon with puff pastry. Cost \$75. Call 525-8466.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music featuring Soulshine, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. White Sands Missile Range Holiday Ball, Frontier Club, WSMR. Dinner and dance with music provided by The Liars. Cost 40. Call 678-1028.

7 p.m. "The Polar Express" story time, Barnes & Noble Bookstores, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while visiting with one of Santa's elves. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas. Free. Call 522-4499.

7 p.m. "Tis Shakespearish," Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. An original and slightly silly adaptation of William Shakespeare's greatest works. Bring canned goods for Casa de Peregrinos food drive. Cost \$1. Call 523-6403.

7 to 8:30 Christmas concert, Phillips Chapel, 638 N. Tornillo St. Presented by New Mexico State University Gospel Choir as a benefit for the restoration of the church. Admission by donation. Call 646-2560.

7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Holiday Contra Dance, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Featuring The Muletones band playing old-time acoustic music. Cost \$5-\$6. Call 522-1691.

8 p.m. Live music featuring Billy Townes Jazz Trio, De La Vega's Pecan Grill and Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SAT. 12/10

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pet adoptions, Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Available will be dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. Cost \$50-\$75. Call 382-0018.

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.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Unravelers Knitting Guild meeting, various locations. The event is Knitting Through Las Cruces – members will meet at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.; International Delights, 1245 El Paseo Road; and La Llorona Park on West Picacho Avenue. Free. Call 201-3514.

10 a.m. to noon, Book signing, COAS Books, 317 N. Main St. Alan Riehl will sign copies of his short story "The Nativity." Free admission. Email alanriehl@hotmail.com.

10 a.m. to noon, Family Game Day, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St.

Free. Call 647-4480.

10 a.m. to noon, Aztec calendar hands-on workshop, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Author Carlos Aceves will teach participants to construct a solar count bowl and how the Earth's orbit and seasonal tilt are related to the human gestation cycle. Free. Call 512-395-5442.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pet adoptions, PetCo, 3050 E. Lohman Ave. Available will be dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. Cost \$50-\$75. Call 382-0018.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Gloria Hackeeer will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Judith Ames will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 526-8377.

11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

Noon, Book fair, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Hosted by the Children's Reading Foundation of Doña Ana County and sponsored by CoED Service Learning for Education Distinction. Free. Call 522-4499.

1 to 2 p.m. "Healthy, Homemade Cleaning Products" presentation, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Learn to make nontoxic cleaning products from household items. Call 523-0436.

1 to 2:30 p.m. Writing Group, Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. Call 635-4902

1 to 4 p.m. "Annual Tamale Roll" cooking class, Kitchen Kraft, 980 N. Telshor Blvd. Featuring red chile port, sweet almond, green chile and cheddar and green corn custard tamales. Cost \$75. Call 525-8466.

1:30 and 7 p.m. Living Christmas Tree, First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St.

2 p.m. Amazing Magical Musical Adventure, Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Featuring "The Night the Bells Rang." Co-sponsored by Mesilla Valley Christian Schools drama department. Cost \$5. Call 523-1223.

3 p.m. Vista Middle School bell choir concert, Barnes & Nobles Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-4499.

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.



The Mesilla Valley Teen Singers will be part of three holiday concerts in Las Cruces in the coming week – Dec. 10, 11 and 15.

6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta, Tortugas village. Celebration begins with candlelight procession from La Capilla to the Casa del Pueblo, with traditional dances throughout the night. Free. Call 526-8171.

7 p.m. Mesilla Valley Teen Singers concert, St. James Episcopal Church, 102 Saint James St. Cost \$5. Visit www.mvteensingers.blogspot.com.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center, Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, singles and guests are welcome to dance to the music of Mark Coker. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

7:30 p.m. La Sociedad para las Artes reading, Hardman Hall, New Mexico State University campus. Poet Bin Ramke and MFA candidate Adam Crittenden will read poetry. Free. Call 646-3931.

8 p.m. Live music featuring the Tuco John Trio, De La Vega's Pecan Grill and Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

8 to 10 p.m. Remember Then concert, Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

SUN. 12/11

5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta, Tortugas Mountain. Event includes annual pilgrimage to Tortugas Mountain and Mass. Call 526-8171.

1 to 2:30 p.m. "Homebirth, Midwives and You: Becoming Informed on Midwifery Care and Learning a Trade," Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Free. Call 915-996-9226.

2 to 5 p.m. Big Band Tea Dance, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Featuring vocalist Judy Day and dance lesson at 1:15 p.m. Cost \$5-\$10. Call 525-9333.

2:30 p.m. Mesilla Valley Chorale holiday concert, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. This year's theme is "Deck the Halls." Cost \$10. Call 647-2560.

3 p.m. Mesilla Valley Teen Singers concert, Basilica of San Albino, 2280 Calle Principal in Mesilla. Part of the Voices of the Season concert coordinated by Mesilla Valley Musical Arts. Cost \$5. Visit www.mvteensingers.blogspot.com.

3 p.m. "Here We Come A'Caroling" concert, Good Samaritan Auditorium, Peace Lutheran Church 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Presented by Celestial Sounds women's choir. Free. Call 524-0930.

7 p.m. Living Christmas Tree, First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St. Cost \$5. Call 524-3691.

MON. 12/12

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fiesta de Guadalupe, Tortugas village. Free. Call 526-8171.

7 p.m. Living Christmas Tree concert, First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St. Cost \$5. Call 524-3691.

7 p.m. New Horizons Band and Goodtime Singers concert, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Holiday concert with guests the Belle Choir from Alma d'arte Charter High School. Donations accepted. Call 523-1652.

TUE. 12/13

1:30 p.m. Book review, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Sandy Miles will discuss "That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World It Invented and How We Can Come Back." Free. Call 526-3678.

6 to 7:30 p.m. "Trap, Neuter and Return, and Winter Feral Cat Care," Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Free. Call 523-0436.

6:30 p.m. Every Other Tuesday: Alma d'Arte Singers, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Free. Call 523-6403.

7 p.m. Living Christmas Tree concert, First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St. Cost \$5. Call 524-3691.

WED. 12/14

2:30 p.m. Reading Art Book Club, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. December's selection is "The Paper Garden: An Artist Begins Her Life at 72" by Molly Peacock. Free. Call 541-2137.

7:30 p.m. KRWG presents El Paso Brass, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. One of the longest continually performing brass quintets in America. Call 646-2222.

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Balanced Living Book Club meeting, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Led by life coach Siddeeq Shabazz. Free. Call 510-459-2671.

THU. 12/15

7 p.m. New Desert Harmony Singers Christmas concert, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Donations of non-perishable food items requested. Free. Visit www.newdesertharmonysingers.blogspot.com.

7 p.m. "Nutcracker," Atkinson Music Recital Hall, New Mexico State University campus. Presented by the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet. Cost \$19-\$21. Call 646-1420.

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Dance lesson at 7 p.m. Dance to live music of the High Society Orchestra. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 526-6504.

FRI. 12/16

10 a.m. Christmas tree story time, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-4499.

6 to 7:30 p.m. Great Conversation, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Free. Call 523-0436.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music featuring KRL Band, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

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An interest in death helps couple move on

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

As is my custom, before I review – or often times, even watch – any movie, I scan through a few reviews from others who offer their insights about the movie I am about to watch.

There are some reviewers/critics I really admire, such as Roger Ebert; Mohnola Dargis of the New York Times, whom I had the pleasure of meeting a few years ago; Todd McCarthy of the Hollywood Reporter; and the duo of Spirituality and Practice, who don't review junk movies, of which there are far too many.

I panned through a few other reviews before watching "Restless," and repeatedly ran across the word, "twee." Twee? What the hell is that, a typo? Since I am not a Twittering twit, an iPhone user or even a cell phone user, I am far behind the times.

I hated the sound of the word, the way it looks, much the same as I do with the word "wacky" – my least favorite word in the English language. It gave me a minor wave of nausea to even write it just now.

I looked up "twee." To those as far behind as I am, twee is a word for overly "cute" or other such old-fashioned words.

"Restless" is not twee. "Restless" is an old story with a fresh look and with a pair of interesting young characters, played by Mia Wasikowska (starred in "Jane Eyre") as Annabel and Henry Hopper (son of the late New Mexico resident Dennis Hopper) as Enoch.

Enoch is a funeral crasher – one who, as a "hobby," attends any funeral at random.

Annabel "enjoys" this somewhat morbid activity, but for her, it might not be as much a hobby as a learning experience.

At one particular service she sees him, and soon after a shy introduction, they are a couple. But they are not the usual couple, although they do enjoy some of the typical activi-

ties that couples enjoy.

The issue that is their binding tie is death, but again, it is not a morbid fascination, and it doesn't really involve anyone dying. Enoch's parents have died in a tragic car accident that turned his entire world upside down. Besides his funeral parlor visits, he has a sort of imaginary friend, Hiroshi, who is the ghost of a Japanese Kamikaze pilot.

Annabel's issues with the way we all end up is a bit more realistic. She has cancer and only a short time to live. Yes, I know it sounds like the perfect setup for a – here goes – "twee" romance, but what really happens is that Annabel becomes a catalyst for Enoch to get over his stalled life and start to move on. In return, his fascination with death and dying helps her to accept the inevitable and live her life to the fullest until that time comes.

Filmed in a lushly blended tone of cloudy and sunny weather in my future home of Portland, Ore., director Gus Van Sant ("Milk," "My Own Private Idaho"), has made, at least to me, a non-cloying film, similar in tone and content, albeit a bit darker, to the wonderful two-film Ethan Hawke/Julie Delpy set, "Before Sunrise" and "Before Sunset."

Van Sant clearly keeps this a story about life and living and how one can sometimes do that even under terrible



Henry Hopper and Mia Wasikowska find love in the strangest of places in "Restless," now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

circumstances. Both leads are excellent in their portrayals of two young people caught in remarkable circumstance. The story, in general, is believable, although a bit muddled at times, not to mention sprinkled with wryly dark humor, such as the games of Battleship played by Hiroshi and Enoch.

We also get a lesson in true loss via Hiroshi. My reading indicates that those chosen as Kamikazes were young and idealistic. Their death was to be of the highest "honor," dying for the emperor and empire of Japan. But who remembers them today, beyond being a tragic footnote of history? Hiroshi is slightly developed as a character, which offers a better look at the circumstances of Annabel and Enoch.

"Restless" is not the best film out there, but it certainly is one of quiet tenderness, and responsibility.

Twee, my eye.

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The stars are falling

Film transcends predictable plot

The CineMatinee for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, is "The Stars Fell on Henrietta" (1995, 109 minutes, rated PG).

"The Stars Fell on Henrietta" is another example of the time-honored story of the loser making good. However, although the plot follows a clear formula, this production has been crafted with such care and intelligence so it transcends the predictable plot.

Acting is one of the keys to "Henrietta's" success. Robert Duvall is delightful as Mr. Cox, an oil wildcatter and perennial loser roaming through Texas in the early 1930s. Equally impressive is Aidan Quinn, one of the most underrated actors of his generation. Quinn generally doesn't take flashy parts; hence, he often doesn't receive his deserved share of attention.

The film, which oozes atmosphere, opens with Mr. Cox, accompanied by his constant companion, Mathilda the cat, driving into town. Since the car breaks down before he gets there; he ends up hitching a ride. Cox, as always, is looking for oil. He doesn't have a penny to his name, and he's never had a successful strike before, but that doesn't quell his enthusiasm. When he thinks he locates a huge, untapped reservoir of liquid black gold in a place called Henrietta, he starts looking for investors. Cox agrees to go 50/50 with Don Day, the owner of the property where the prospective well is to be drilled.

Day and Cox are both dreamers, and this quality binds them together in the end. Because they're such likable, well-developed characters, we root unashamedly for them. "The Stars Fell on Henrietta" doesn't race toward the inevitable; it ambles. It's the easy, unhurried gait that makes this film worthwhile, since it gives us an opportunity to get to know the two protagonists. This film isn't about men getting rich from an oil strike; it's about visionaries who, in Cox's words, hitch their wagons to a star. Cox loves life and the freedom of the road. Whether he makes or loses money is largely irrelevant.

The film is a pleasantly engrossing and satisfying drama with underdog protagonists whose efforts everyone can applaud, according to www.reelviews.net.

CineMatinee is a unique blend of movies presented by the Mesilla Valley Film Society which showcases unique films, past and present, often with an emphasis on life in the West – which could mean the new West, the Old West or anything in between – and "movies that missed us" – films that are notable but never had a lot of publicity.

The series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art and education as well as entertainment! At least one film a month for this series has a New Mexico "connection," drawing from the vast pool of movies made in the state (nearly 500) or perhaps featuring a star/story from New Mexico talent – film festival-quality movies in the world's oldest adobe theater!

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Let's Shine: 'It takes heart'

Documentary puts spotlight on local boxers

By **Jeff Barnet**
Las Cruces Bulletin

For decades, the Sammy Burke Youth Boxing Center at the Police Athletic League gym at 700 N. Solano Drive has been a phenomenal success story. The little gym in the former National Guard Armory has produced a long list of state and national boxing champions.

More importantly, it has been a haven for hundreds of Las Cruces boys and girls whose only other option was a life on the streets, said coach Lencho Saiz, who runs the program.

"We have a lot of borderline kids, foster

kids, kids from single-parent homes," he said. "It takes something special to be a boxer. It takes heart; it takes blood and guts. You have to really want it in your heart."

Las Cruces have a rare opportunity to get an inside look at the PAL boxing program 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, when the documentary "Let's Shine," produced by the City of Las Cruces and directed by Adrian Guzman, will be screened at the Cineport 10 in the Mesilla Valley Mall.

The 90-minute film captures the history of the program in addition to interviews with Las Cruces youths who talk openly

about their troubled lives before they got into boxing. The movie also includes footage of several PAL boxers in action, including 2010 national Junior Olympic champion Ayanna Vasquez.

Proceeds from the screening will benefit the PAL program. Tickets are available at the Allen Theatres office at 133 Wyatt Drive if the screening sells out, Saiz said there will be another showing.

The program needs all the help it can get, he said. For years, PAL Boxing has relied on two major sponsors, he said, Crosstown Construction and L & P Building Supply. However, it costs \$75 just to sponsor one boxer, and the gym has an average of 40 to 45 kids in the program.

"Let's Shine" takes a look back at the begin-

ning of the PAL program in the early 1970s. Chico Segura was the program's first coach, and he was soon joined by Sammy Burke, Joe Bob Sellers and Joe Hidalgo.

Burke's sons Rocky and Louie Burke went on to national boxing careers. The gym has also produced such legends as Siju Shabazz, Austin Trout and Sammy DiPace.

Las Cruces can also see PAL boxers in action and contribute to the program at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, when the PAL gym will host the first-ever Sammy DiPace Memorial Explosion, a regional boxing event.

"This is the first of many to come," Saiz said. "We are raising scholarship money to support the kids. This is a great chance to get to see the kids and how hard they work."

Call to Artists

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, Chorde 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.

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Rokoko Art Gallery seeks artworks for a group show called "Mixed Nutz," a show for nuts, by nuts, all about nuts and general nuttiness. All media are accepted, 36-by-72-inch maximum dimensions. There's a \$15 entry for adults and \$5 for 17 and under. Drop off entries to Rokoko Art Gallery by Dec. 30, 2011-Jan. 8, 2012. The reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 13, 2012.

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Tiffany's is a delightful, hidden gem

By **Amanda Green**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Finding it is an adventure, but the rolling hills of the parking lot is a trek worth making.

Hidden between a row of monolithic office and medical buildings, Tiffany's Pizza and Deli Coffee Shop, 755 S. Telshor Blvd. Suite G1, is easy to miss. While the location is off the map, word of mouth has built an impressive reputation around Las Cruces.

The portions equally remarkable, generous and flavorful, without a feeling of mass production guests sometimes encounter in a popular restaurant.

The space is surprisingly large once you're inside, the kitchen is open and inviting to guests. It's quite the experience to see and smell all of the magic as it's happening on the stove. The air is filled with light-hearted chatter, and the rich, honeyed scent of spiced baklava. There's no mistaking the Grecian feel, with maps of Greece covering the powder blue walls, and the island country's flag draped over the register.

It's a family restaurant, but not just because it's owned and operated by a friendly, Grecian couple who have made Las Cruces their second home, but also because it just feels familiar, even to someone who's never been there before.

The service was prompt without feeling too formal, and despite the deli-style, at-the-counter ordering, the space was comfortable enough to sit around and hang out for a while.

Despite my vegetarian aspirations for a new year's resolution, the spinning spit of gyro meat, that rich, flavorful blend of beef and lamb, was just too much temptation. I tacked on a side Greek salad and a drink.



Tiffany's is a culinary treasure sandwiched between rows of office buildings.

It came to just over \$12, which for lunch seemed a bit steep to me until the plate arrived at my corner table.

I was pretty sure it took the entire lamb to fill the pita, which was soft and warm. It was covered with fresh, fire-engine red tomatoes, shaved onions and rested next to a container of tangy, creamy tzatziki sauce.

The mammoth-sized gyro was not alone. That side salad I ordered covered half of the plate. More than just lettuce and a little feta cheese as I've come to expect, it was a mountain of spices, tomatoes and olives.

Everything was perfect. That's hard to pull off, but the moist lamb, soft pita and all of the herb-infused salad components came together in a lunch to die for. Hopefully, they have the same cuisine when I reach Olympus.

I could have fed a small family on the amount of food the cheerful,

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attentive waitress brought. I'd have to settle for the take-out container. My only regret was not taking home a piece of the baklava, coming right out of the oven.

Tiffany's has a reputation for having some of the best pizza in town, but I'm not crazy enough to think I could eat a whole pie on my solo lunch expedition. They also serve a wide array of fluffy omelettes up for the breakfast crew.

I'll be back, and next time with a few friends to share the experience.

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Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima wished everyone happy holidays during the Christmas tree lighting on Friday, Dec. 2.



Alexandri, 4, Beverly and Nefertari, 8, enjoy the model trains at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum during its holiday open house.



Jessica Martin, 2012 Miss New Mexico USA, and Jacqueline Cai, 2012 Miss Teen New Mexico USA, helped the mayor countdown for the lighting of the Christmas tree.



Jordyn Hackey enjoys her cookie and hot cocoa before the lighting of the tree in front of the Branigan Library.



The Las Cruces High School Choir kicked off the holiday festivities by singing traditional Christmas classics.



Shandiin Reeder and her friend Shayna McCabe arrived in Las Cruces in time to celebrate the lighting of the Christmas tree.



Families joined around the lit Christmas tree in front of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

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PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	Wash.	McL'ghlin	Need	Inside	Santana -- Live at Montreux	Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	CBS News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Frosty	Frosty	Virginia	The Elf	Blue Bloods	Letterman	Late					
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	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	Chuck (N)	Grimm (N)	Dateline NBC	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late					
CW	14	14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	'Til Death	Nikita	Supernatural	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)	College Football	NCAA Division I, Quarterfinal: Teams TBA. (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)			
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USA	31	31	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS "Lt. Jane Doe"	NCIS "Heart Break"	NCIS "Bikini Wax"	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene					
TNT	32	32	Law & Order	** "Four Christmases" (2008) Premiere.	(7:55) ** "Four Christmases" (2008)	(9:50) "Hide" (2011) Carla Gugino.										
TBS	33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Worse	Worse	** "This Christmas" (2007) Delroy Lindo.	Ringer				
COM	35	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Aziz Ansari	Louis C.K.: Hilarious	(:05) ** "Year One" (2009) Jack Black.	Chap	Katt					
LIFE	39	39	Unsolved Mysteries	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Starving Secrets	Angela's Ashes	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted					
FOOD	40	40	Best	Best	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Crave	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
HGTV	41	41	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	
A&E	43	43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds					
HIST	44	44	American	American	Pawn	Pawn	Real Deal	Real Deal	Invention	Invention	IRT Deadliest Roads	Pawn	Pawn	Real Deal	Real Deal	
TLC	45	45	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Brides	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Brides	Say Yes	Say Yes
DISC	47	47	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush (N)	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush						
ANPL	50	50	The Haunted	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions (N)	Infested!	Fatal Attractions	Infested!								
FAM	51	51	Santa Claus, Town	*** "The Santa Clause" (1994)	*** "The Santa Clause" (1994)	"Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause"	Miser Brothers	Paired	3x Faster							
DISN	52	52	Shake It	Shake It	ANT	ANT	Phineas	"Beethoven-Adv"	ANT	Jessie	Buttowski	Phineas	Good			
NICK	54	54	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Kung Fu	'70s	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s		
AMC	57	57	"Wild Wild West"	** "Road House" (1989) Patrick Swayze.	** "Road House" (1989) Patrick Swayze.	** "Halloween H2O: 20 Years Later"	** "Alien 3" (1992)									
SYFY	59	59	(4:00) *** "Elif"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)	Sanctuary	"Acolyte"	(:01) Warehouse 13	(:01) Sanctuary	(:01) Eureka							
CNN	62	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper							
CNBC	63	63	The Kudlow Report	American Greed	American Greed	Crime Inc.	Mad Money	American Greed	American Greed							
MSNBC	64	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Wabash	The Squeeze							

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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	
PBS	22	C. Rose	T. Smiley	The Road to Perfect Health With Brenda Watson	Suze Orman's Money Class	Financial strategies.	The Mayo Clinic Diet							
CBS	3	3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo)	Doodlebop	Doodlebop	Busytown	Busytown	College Basketball				
ABC	7	7	Reporter	Storms	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	J. Hanna	Ocean	Explore	Culture				
FOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	CarMD	MagicJack	Paid Prog.	Eco Co.	RECLAIM	House	Secrets	Paid Prog.	RECLAIM	Paid Prog.	
NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Today Chris Matthews; hair straighteners. (N)	Turbo	Sheldon	Magic Bus	Babar	Willia's	Pearlie (El)			
CW	14	14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Magi	Magi	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Dragon	Dragon	
WGN	15	15	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Law Order: CI						
ESPN	26	26	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	College Football							
ESPN2	27	27	Nation	TBA	NFL Live	Kickoff	NBA	English Premier League Soccer	SportsCtr	Basketball				
USA	31	31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Psych	Covert Affairs	*** "Juno" (2007) Ellen Page.					
TNT	32	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Leverage	Rizzoli & Isles	The Closer	"Hide" (2011)						
TBS	33	33	Earl	Earl	Earl	Earl	Jim	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Raymond	"Bridget Jones: Edge"		
COM	35	35	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	** "Superhero Movie" (2008) Drake Bell.	*** "Ghostbusters" (1984) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd.	Comedy							
LIFE	39	39	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Sexy Face	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	"Single Santa Seeks Mrs. Claus" (2004)				
FOOD	40	40	Dear Food Network	Throwdown, Bobby Flay	Home	30-Minute	Secrets of a Restaurant	Contessa	Giada	Unwrapped				
HGTV	41	41	Disaster	Disaster	Income	Kitchen	Property	Property	Yard	Crashers	Crashers	Bath	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	Art of War	Epic battles.	The Da Vinci Code	Angels & Demons	Decoded						
TLC	45	45	Sexy	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up					
DISC	47	47	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	Man vs. Wild	Man vs. Wild	MythBusters	MythBusters				
ANPL	50	50	Viking Wilderness	The Crocodile Hunter	Dogs 101	It's Me or the Dog	Tattooed in Detroit	Pit Bulls and Parolees						
FAM	51	51	Boy World	** "Snow" (2004) Tom Cavanagh.	*** "Snow 2 Brain Freeze" (2008, Comedy)	*** "Happy Feet" (2006)								
DISN	52	52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Chugging	Little	3rd & Bird	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas		
NICK	54	54	Parents	Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Power	Ninjas	
AMC	57	57	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	** "Cahill, United States Marshal" (1973) John Wayne.	** "The Alamo" (2004) Dennis Quaid.							
SYFY	59	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Mammoth" (2006) Tom Skerritt, Vince Ventresca.	"Sasquatch Mountain" (2006) Lance Henriksen.							
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)	Dead Men Talking								

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PBS	22	Mayo	Financial Fitness After 50! With Paul	America's Home Cooking: Dinner for Two Chefs re-create popular recipes.	Victor Borge: Comedy									
CBS	3	3	College Basketball	Football	College Football Army vs. Navy. From FedEx Field in Landover, Md. (N) (Live)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.							
ABC	7	7	Health	ESPN All-America Show	Cindy C	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Program	ESPN Sports Saturday (N)					
FOX	8	14	** "House on Haunted Hill" (1999, Horror)	'70s Show	Paid Prog.	** "Three to Tango" (1999) Matthew Perry.	30 Rock	30 Rock						
NBC	9	9	Pets.TV	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	PGA Tour Golf	Triathlon	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.					
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	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI			
ESPN	26	26	College Football	(:15) College Basketball	Ohio State at Kansas.	(:15) College Basketball	Kentucky at Indiana. (N)							
ESPN2	27	27	College Basketball	College Basketball	Basketball	College Basketball	Villanova at Temple. (N) (Live)							
USA	31	31	*** "Elif" (2003, Comedy)	Will Ferrell.	** "The Wedding Planner" (2001)	NCIS "Eye Spy"	NCIS "SWAK"							
TNT	32	32	(10:00) "Hide" (2011)	** "Miss Congeniality" (2000) Sandra Bullock.	** "The Wedding Date" (2005)	*** "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith.								
TBS	33	33	"Bridget Jones: Edge"	(11:55) ** "Failure to Launch"	King	The King	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends			
COM	35	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	(11:55) ** "The Hot Chick" (2002, Comedy)	(1:55) ** "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls"	(3:55) ** "Beerfest"							
LIFE	39	39	"Recipe for a Perfect Christmas" (2005)	"A Very Merry Daughter of the Bride" (2008)	** "The Holiday" (2006) Cameron Diaz.									
FOOD	40	40	Cupcake Wars	Next Iron Chef	Challenge	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America	Chopped					
HGTV	41	41	Room Cr.	Curb/Block	Bang, Buck Bang, Buck	Candice	High Low	Design	Sarah	Genevieve	Color Spl.	House	Hunters	
A&E	43	43	Celebrity Ghost Stories	Celebrity Ghost Stories	Celebrity Ghost Stories	Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal	
HIST	44	44	Angels: Good or Evil	Gates of Hell	The six entrances to hell.	Pearl Harbor: 24 Hours After								
TLC	45	45	Cake Boss: Next Baker	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme			
DISC	47	47	American Guns	American Guns	American Guns	American Guns	Sons of Guns	American Chopper						
ANPL	50	50	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees				
FAM	51	51	(9:30) "Happy Feet"	** "Unaccompanied Minors" (2006, Comedy)	** "Jack Frost" (1998) Michael Keaton.	"The Santa Clause"								
DISN	52	52	Phineas	Fish Hooks	Jessie	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Good Luck	Shake It	Shake It	Wizards	
NICK	54	54	SpongeBob	Victorious	Victorious	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Big Time	Victorious	Victorious	iCarly	iCarly	
AMC	57	57	(9:00) "The Alamo"	*** "The Man From Snowy River" (1982) Kirk Douglas.	** "King Arthur" (2004) Clive Owen, Keira Knightley.									
SYFY	59	59	** "Abominable" (2006, Horror)	Matt McCoy.	** "Yeti" (2008) Peter DeLuise, Carly Pope.	** "Ice Spiders" (2007) Patrick Muldoon.								
CNN	62	62	Your Money (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	Situation Room						
CNBC	63	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEALTH	MagiJack	Sexy Face	Paid Prog.	FREE Bras	Sexy Face	WEALTH			
MSNBC	64	64	Dead Men Talking: Trail	Conviction: Murder	Conviction: Monster	Love and Death	MSNBC Documentary	Lockup: Raw						

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PBS	22	Victor	Buddy Holly: Listen to Me	American Masters (In Stereo) [CC]	Paul Simon Webster Hall	Human Nature Sings Motown										
CBS	3	MyDest.	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Rudolph, Reindeer	"Christmas"	48 Hours Mystery	News	Paid	Loose	Jdg Judy				
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News	Insider	To Be Announced	Republican Debate (N)	Same-day Tape	ABC 7	TMZ (N) [CC]	Cheaters					
FOX	8	House [CC]	The Unit [CC]			Cops (N)	Cops	Terra Nova "Bylaw"	News	Big Bang	Hel's Kitchen [CC]	Daughter	Two Men			
NBC	9	Walk Fit	News	News (N)	Raymond	The American Giving Awards (N) [CC]	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live (N)							
CW	14	** "Getting Even With Dad" (1994)				*** "Little Women" (1994, Drama)	Winona Ryder	Access Hollywood	Punk'd	Punk'd	South Pk					
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	"Til Death					
ESPN	26	(:15) SportsCenter	Heisman Pres.	Year of the Quarterback (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live) [CC]	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)					
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	Miami at West Virginia	College Basketball	Year of the Quarterback (N)	Heisman Pres.	Awards									
USA	31	NCIS "Skeletons"	NCIS "Ex-File"	NCIS [CC]	NCIS [CC]	*** "Elf" (2003)	Will Ferrell [CC]	*** "Silent Witness"								
TNT	32	(3:30) "Hitch" (2005)	** "Fred Claus" (2007)	Vince Vaughn. Premiere.	** "Fred Claus" (2007)	Vince Vaughn. [CC]	** "Yes Man" (2008)	Jim Carrey.								
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	* "Mr. Deeds" (2002)	Adam Sandler.	(:05) ** "Yes Man" (2008)	Jim Carrey.					
COM	35	(3:55) "Beerfest"	(5:57) ** "Super Troopers" (2001) [CC]			Katt Williams: Pimp	Aries Spears	Mike Epps Presents	Spears							
LIFE	39	(3:00) "The Holiday"	"A Nanny for Christmas" (2010) Premiere.			*** "Home for the Holidays" (2005)	(:01) "A Nanny for Christmas" (2010) [CC]									
FOOD	40	Diners, Drive	Disney Holiday	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Iron Chef America	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive							
HGTV	41	House	Hunters	Design	High Low	Room Cr.	Color	Hunters	House	Hunters	Room Cr.	Color	Hunters	House		
A&E	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage		
HIST	44	American Pickers	Scammed! [CC]			The Epic History of Everyday Things	(:01) Scammed! [CC]									
TLC	45	More Crazy Chris.	Christmas Light	Christmas Trees	Cmas Lights	Christmas Light	Christmas Trees	Cmas Lights								
DISC	47	American Chopper	American Chopper	"The Build-Off" [CC]	American Chopper	"The Build-Off" [CC]	American Chopper	"The Build-Off" [CC]	American Chopper							
ANPL	50	America's-Pet	Pets 101 (N)	Pets 101 (N)	Pets 101 (N)	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pets 101 (In Stereo)	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pets 101 (In Stereo)							
FAM	51	"The Santa Clause"	"Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause"	"National Lamp. Christmas"	*** "Jack Frost" (1998)	Michael Keaton.										
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Good	Jessie	Random	Shake It	Jessie	Austin	*** "The Polar Express" (2004) [CC]	Austin	Austin				
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Victo	Big Time	iCarly	70s	70s	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George	George
AMC	57	*** "We Were Soldiers" (2002, War)	Mel Gibson. [CC]	Hell on Wheels	*** "No Country for Old Men" (2007) [CC]	Hell on										
SYFY	59	** "Ice Quake" (2010)	Brendan Fehr.	"Snowmageddon" (2011)	Michael Hogan.	*** "Ice Twisters" (2009) [CC]	"Snowmageddon"									
CNN	62	CNN Newsroom (N)	A Dinner with Kings	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	A Dinner with Kings	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)								
CNBC	63	Money in Millions	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part
MSNBC	64	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup Wabash	Lockup Wabash	Lockup Wabash	Lockup: N.M.	Lockup: N.M.	Lockup: N.M.	Lockup: N.M.	Lockup: N.M.	Lockup: N.M.	Lockup: N.M.	Lockup: N.M.	Lockup: N.M.	Lockup: N.M.

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PBS	22	Human Nature	The Mayo Clinic Diet [CC]	Gospel Music of the Statler Brothers [CC]	The Road to Perfect Health									
CBS	3	Home.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)	The Nation	Nieman	Cindy C	The NFL Today (N)				
ABC	7	Business	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	Good Morning El Paso	This Week-Amanpour	Health	Food					
FOX	8	Paid Prog.	Walk Fit	Paid Prog.	Bndg Brkr	Abndnt L	Flawless	Fox News Sunday	Jones	J. Garrett	FOX NFL Sunday (N)			
NBC	9	Wine	Old House	Today (N) [CC]	Horse Ctry	Church	Home	Frvr Yngr	Meet the Press (N)	Figure Skating				
CW	14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
WGN	15	Armor	Facts	Key/David	Beyond	Matlock "The Author"	In the Heat of the Night	** "The Jungle Book 2" (2003) [CC]						
ESPN	26	SportsCtr	NFL	SportsCenter (N) [CC]	SportsCenter (N) [CC]	Sunday NFL Countdown (N) (Live) [CC]								
ESPN2	27	SportsCenter [CC]	Awards	NFL	Heisman Pres.	Outside	Reporters	SportsCtr	Fantasy Football Now (N) (Live)					
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Miracles	J. Osteen	Burn Notice [CC]	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU					
TNT	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Red Ball"	Law & Order "Betrayal"	Law & Order (In Stereo)	"Silent Witness" (2011)							
TBS	33	Saved	Saved	Home Imp.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	** "American Wedding" (2003)	(:15) "American Pie 2"				
COM	35	Paid Prog.	Butt Lift	Comedy	(:27) ** "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls"	(:28) * "The Hot Chick" (2002)	Rob Schneider.	Scrubs						
LIFE	39	In Touch	Hour of Power [CC]	J. Osteen	Cindy C	Chris	Chris	Chris	Chris	"Divas Cmas"				
FOOD	40	Dear Food Network	Secrets of a Restaurant	Dinners	Money	Hungry Girl	Guy's, Bite	Paula	Best Thing	Chopped				
HGTV	41	Holmes on Homes	Income	Income	Property Brothers	Disaster	Disaster	Weekends	Yard	House	Hunters			
A&E	43	*** "A Few Good Men" (1992)	Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson. [CC]	Criminal Minds [CC]	Criminal Minds [CC]	Criminal Minds [CC]								
HIST	44	Modern Marvels [CC]	Jesse James' Iron Bike (N) [CC]	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Restoration	Restoration							
TLC	45	Dr. Frederick K.C. Price	Paid Prog.	Sexy	Four Weddings [CC]	Four Weddings [CC]	Four Weddings [CC]	Four Weddings [CC]	Four Weddings [CC]					
DISC	47	Paid Prog.	Jentezen	J. Osteen	In Touch	World's Dirtiest Man	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush [CC]	Bermuda Triangle					
ANPL	50	Weird	Weird	Untamed and Uncut	Dogs 101 [CC]	Dogs 101 [CC]	On Thin Ice: Into the Arctic (In Stereo)							
FAM	51	Dr. Seuss	Very Pink	** "Once Upon a Christmas" (2000)	John Dye.	** "Twice Upon a Christmas" (2001, Fantasy)	*** "Snowglobe"							
DISN	52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Chugging	Little	3rd & Bird	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas		
NICK	54	Parents	Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Victorious	Victorious	
AMC	57	Mad Men [CC]	Mad Men [CC]	Hell on Wheels [CC]	** "King Arthur" (2004)	Clive Owen, Keira Knightley. [CC]	Man Mask							
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Warehouse 13 [CC]	Neverland	Pickpockets discover a magical orb.	Neverland (Part 2 of 2)					
CNN	62	Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Sunday Morning	State of the Union	Fareed Zakaria GPS (N)	Reliable Sources (N)	State of the Union						
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Oreck	Paid Prog.	Sexy Face	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Hardball	Business	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)	Weekends With Alex Witt	Live news coverage.	The Vanishing							

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PBS	22	Health	Straight No Chaser -- Songs	Malt Shop Memories: The Concert [CC]	60s Pop, Rock & Soul (My Music) [CC]									
CBS	3	NFL Football	Houston Texans at Cincinnati Bengals. (N) (Live) [CC]	NFL Football	Oakland Raiders at Green Bay Packers. (N) (Live) [CC]									
ABC	7	** "City of Ember" (2008)	Saoirse Ronan.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	CMA Country Christmas (In Stereo) [CC]	Entertainment Tonight							
FOX	8	To Be Announced				NFL Football	Chicago Bears at Denver Broncos. (N) (In Stereo Live) [CC]							
NBC	9	Figure Skating	Adventure Sports	PGA Tour Golf	Franklin Templeton Shootout, Final Round. (N) [CC]	Paid Prog.	NBC News							
CW	14	Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Moments	Dog	Dog	Latino TV	LatiNation	Cold Case Files	True Hollywood Story				
WGN	15	*** "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" (1989) [CC]	** "Snow Dogs" (2002)	Cuba Gooding Jr.	Funniest Home Videos	Chris	Chris							
ESPN	26	PBA Bowling	Heisman Pres.	Awards	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards							
ESPN2	27	Timber	Timber	Timber	30 for 30 [CC]	30 for 30 [CC]								
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU
TNT	32	(10:00) "Silent Witness"	*** "Hitch" (2005)	Will Smith, Eva Mendes. [CC]	(:35) ** "Fred Claus" (2007, Comedy)	Vince Vaughn. [CC]								
TBS	33	** "American Pie 2"	(:15) ** "Get Smart" (2008)	Steve Carell. [CC]	(:15) ** "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle"	** "Mr. Deeds" (2002)								
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	** "Beerfest" (2006)	Jay Chandrasekhar. [CC]	** "Year One" (2009)	Jack Black. [CC]	** "Super Trpr					
LIFE	39	"Divas Cmas"	"On Strike for Christmas" (2010)	Daphne Zuniga.	** "Holiday in Your Heart" (1997, Drama) [CC]	"Holiday-Rembr"								
FOOD	40	Restaurant: Impossible	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Cupcake Wars	Diners	Diners				
HGTV	41	First Place	Renovatr	Property	Property	Property	Property	House	Hunters	For Rent	For Rent	House	Hunters	
A&E	43	Criminal Minds [CC]	Criminal Minds [CC]	Criminal Minds [CC]	Criminal Minds [CC]	Criminal Minds "Lucky"								

SUNDAY EVENING										DECEMBER 11, 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	The Ed Sullivan Comedy Special				Best of Pledge						Suze Orman's Money Class			
CBS 3	MyDest. News	60 Minutes			The Amazing Race	The Good Wife (N)	CSI: Miami (N)		News	Without a Trace				Paid
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos	Once Upon a Time	"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"	News (N)	News	Insider	Betty					
FOX 14	Futurama	Futurama	Burgers Cleve	Simpsons Cleve	Fam. Guy American	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	Mother	Office	Mother				
NBC 9	Football Night	(:15) NFL Football	New York Giants at Dallas	Cowboys. (N)			Sports	News (N)	Road	Nieman	Paid			
CW 14	** "City of Ember" (2008, Fantasy)		** "Bee Season" (2005) Richard Gere.		TMZ (N)		Ugly Betty		Brothers & Sisters					
WGN 15	30 Rock	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	Replay	The Unit		Monk		Monk			
ESPN 26	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		Bowl Mania Special (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)					
ESPN2 27	SEC Storied	Roll Tide/War Eagle	30 for 30				Bowl Mania Special (N)							
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	** "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007)			Panic Rm					
TNT 32	(:05) ** "Four Christmases" (2008) (cc)		Leverage (N) (cc)	** "Call Me Claus" (2001) (cc)			Leverage (cc)		"Music and Lyrics"					
TBS 33	(4:00) "Mr. Deeds"	** "Meet the Fockers" (2004) Robert De Niro.	(:35) ** "Meet the Fockers" (2004, Comedy) (cc)				"American Pie 2"							
COM 35	(4:30) ** "Super Troopers"	Completely Serious	Daniel Tosh: Happy	Tosh.0	Work.	Futurama	Completely Serious		Daniel Tosh: Happy					
LIFE 39	"Holiday-Rembr"	** "Nothing Like the Holidays" (2008)	"A Nanny for Christmas" (2010) (cc)				(:01) ** "Nothing Like the Holidays"							
FOOD 40	Next Iron Chef	Cupcake Wars (N)	Next Iron Chef	Iron Chef America	Chef Hunter		Next Iron Chef		Iron Chef America					
HGTV 41	House	Hunters	White House	Holmes Inspection	House	Hunters	White House		Holmes Inspection		House	Hunters		
A&E 43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	"Stephen King's Bag of Bones" (2011)		Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	"Bag of Bones"							
HIST 44	IRT Deadliest Roads	American Pickers	Real Deal	Real Deal	IRT Deadliest Roads	Big Shrimpin' (cc)	American Pickers		Real Deal	Real Deal				
TLC 45	Untold Stories of ER	Little People	Little People	All-American Muslim	Little People		Little People		All-American Muslim					
DISC 47	2012 Apocalypse	World End?	Apocalypse 2012	Moonshiners (cc)	Apocalypse 2012	Moonshiners (cc)	World End?							
ANPL 50	Wildman	Wildman	Ned	Ned	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Ned	Wildman	Ned	Ned		
FAM 51	"Holiday-Hand"	"12 Dates of Christmas" (2011) Premiere.	"12 Dates of Christmas" (2011)		J. Osteen	Ed Young	Z. Levitt	Prince						
DISN 52	Phineas	Phineas	Good	Good	Random	Shake It	Austin	Shake It	ANT	Jessie	Good	Good		
NICK 54	Sponge.	Sponge.	'70s	'70s	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	My Wife	My Wife		
AMC 57	(4:30) *** "The Patriot" (2000, War) Mel Gibson. Premiere.		Hell on Wheels (N)	Hell on Wheels			Breaking Bad		Hell on Wheels					
SYFY 59	Pirates	** "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" (2007)	Johnny Depp. (cc)	** "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (2006) (cc)										
CNN 62	Showbiz Tonight (N)	CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute (N) (Live)	CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute		Showbiz Tonight		CNN Heroes							
CNBC 63	Diabetes	Wall St.	Trash Inc: The	Marijuana USA	The China Question		American Greed		Cruise Inc.					
MSNBC 64	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	The Confessions of a Serial Killer		Documentary		The Toy Box		MSNBC Undercover					

MONDAY EVENING										DECEMBER 12, 2011				
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Jesus Prayer	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Broke	Broke	Two Men Mike	Hawaii Five-0 (N)	News	Letterman				Late
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Dog for Christmas	You Deserve It (N)	Castle "Head Case"	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX 14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	Terra Nova "Within"	House (cc)	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny			
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Fear Factor (Season Premiere) (N) (cc)	Rock Center	News (N)	Jay Leno		Late				
CW 14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	Hart of Dixie (cc)	Hart of Dixie (cc)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access				
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama				
ESPN 26	Monday Night Countdown (N)	NFL Football	St. Louis Rams at Seattle Seahawks. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live) (cc)		NFL PrimeTime (N)							
ESPN2 27	SportsCenter (N)	Pardon	Bowl Mania Special (cc)		SportsCtr	Football	SportsNation (cc)		NFL	Football				
USA 31	NCIS (cc)	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (In Stereo Live) (cc)		(:05) *** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. (cc)			CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: NY (cc)					
TNT 32	Law & Order "Grief"	The Closer (cc)	The Closer (N)	Rizzoli & Isles (N)			Rizzoli & Isles		Conan (cc)					
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan (N) (cc)	Office	Office	Conan (cc)		
COM 35	30 Rock	30 Rock	South Pk	Work.	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert
LIFE 39	(4:00) Movie	"The Christmas Blessing" (2005) (cc)		Movie			(:01) "The Christmas Blessing" (2005)							
FOOD 40	Unwrapped	Holid. Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	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	House
A&E 43	"Stephen King's Bag of Bones" (2011)	"Stephen King's Bag of Bones" (2011)	"Stephen King's Bag of Bones" (2011)	Pierce Brosnan. (cc)										
HIST 44	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Real Deal	Invention	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers			
TLC 45	Little People	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Candy	Candy	Candy	Cake Boss:Next	Candy	Candy	Candy				
DISC 47	Sons of Guns (cc)	Sons of Guns (cc)	Sons of Guns (cc)	American Guns (N)	Sons of Guns (cc)	American Guns	Sons of Guns (cc)	American Guns	Sons of Guns (cc)					
ANPL 50	Pit Bulls-Parole	Saved (cc)	Fatal Attractions	I Shouldn't Be Alive	Saved (cc)		Fatal Attractions	I Shouldn't Be Alive						
FAM 51	"12 Dates of Christmas" (2011)	"National Lamp. Christmas"		The 700 Club (N)	Who? Who?	Who?	Who?	Who?	Paid	TriVita				
DISN 52	Jessie	Jessie	Austin	Austin	Kickin' It	Kickin' It	Wizards	Shake It	ANT	"Good Luck Charlie"	Wizards	Shake It		
NICK 54	Sponge.	Sponge.	'70s	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s		
AMC 57	"Shadow Riders"	*** "White Christmas" (1954) Bing Crosby.	(:45) *** "White Christmas" (1954) Bing Crosby. (cc)		Welcome									
SYFY 59	(4:30) ** "Red Planet" (2000) Val Kilmer.	** "Underworld: Evolution" (2006) (cc)	** "The Amityville Horror" (2005) (cc)		Warehouse 13									
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Prostitution	American Greed				
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	60 Minutes on	Supermarkets	American Greed	Mad Money		Prostitution	American Greed						
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	The Last Word						

TUESDAY EVENING										DECEMBER 13, 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	Mormon	L.A. Holiday	Frontline	Life of Jesus: rise of Christianity.	World	T. Smiley					
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS (N) (In Stereo)	NCIS: Los Angeles	Unforgettable (N)	News	Letterman					Late
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Last Man /Man Up!	Middle	Suburg.	Body of Proof (cc)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX 14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	Glee (N) (cc)	New Girl	Raising	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny		
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	William-Kate	The Biggest Loser	(Season Finale) (N)		News (N)	Jay Leno		Late		
CW 14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	90210 (cc)	Ringer (cc)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access				
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama		
ESPN 26	Women's College Basketball			College Basketball			SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)					
ESPN2 27	College Basketball			Basketball Studio	SportsCenter Spec.		Sports		Year of the Quarterback	NFL Live				
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	WWE Tribute to the Troops (N)		Psych (cc)		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU					
TNT 32	Bones (cc)	Bones (cc)	"Good Morning, Killer" (2011) Premiere.		Rizzoli & Isles		"Good Morning, Killer" (2011) (cc)							
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Best of Conan	Conan (N) (cc)	Office	Office	Conan (cc)			
COM 35	30 Rock	30 Rock	South Pk	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Work.	Daily	Colbert
LIFE 39	Wife Swap (cc)	Wife Swap (cc)	Supernanny	One Born Ev.	One Born Ev.	One Born Ev.	(:01) Wife Swap	Supernanny						
FOOD 40	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped						
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	First Pla.	My	Property	Property	House	Hunters	Hunters	Property	Property	House	Hunters	
A&E 43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
HIST 44	American	American	American	American	Proving God (N) (cc)		Modern Marvels	American	American	(:01) Proving God				
TLC 45	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Don't Tell the Bride	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	
DISC 47	Dirty Jobs (cc)	Dirty Jobs (cc)	Dirty Jobs (N) (cc)	Swamp Loggers (N)	Dirty Jobs (cc)	Swamp Loggers (cc)	Swamp Loggers (cc)	Swamp Loggers (cc)	Swamp Loggers (cc)	Swamp Loggers (cc)	Swamp Loggers (cc)	Swamp Loggers (cc)	Swamp Loggers (cc)	
ANPL 50	Blue Planet: Seas	Planet Earth (cc)	Planet Earth (cc)	Planet Earth (cc)	Planet Earth (cc)	Planet Earth (cc)	Planet Earth (cc)	Planet Earth (cc)	Planet Earth (cc)	Planet Earth (cc)	Planet Earth (cc)	Planet Earth (cc)	Planet Earth (cc)	
FAM 51	Dr. Seuss	Dr. Seuss	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"			Sexy	Paid						
DISN 52	ANT	ANT	A.N.T. Farm (cc)	Kickin' It	Kickin' It	Wizards	Shake It	Austin	"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (cc)	Shake It				
NICK 54	Sponge.	Sponge.	'70s	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s		
AMC 57	(3:00) "Ghost" (cc)	*** "White Christmas" (1954) Bing Crosby.	(:45) *** "White Christmas" (1954) Bing Crosby. (cc)		Longst									
SYFY 59	** "Underworld: Evolution" (2006) (cc)	** "Underworld: Rise of the Lycans"	*** "War Wolves" (2009) John Saxon.		Stargate SG-1									
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper					
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Trash Inc: The	60 Minutes on	American Greed	Mad Money		60 Minutes on	American Greed						
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	The Last Word						

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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

A grid of solutions for last week's Sudoku puzzles, categorized by difficulty level: Beginner, Challenger, and Expert.

BEGINNER

A 9x9 Sudoku grid for the Beginner level with some numbers pre-filled.

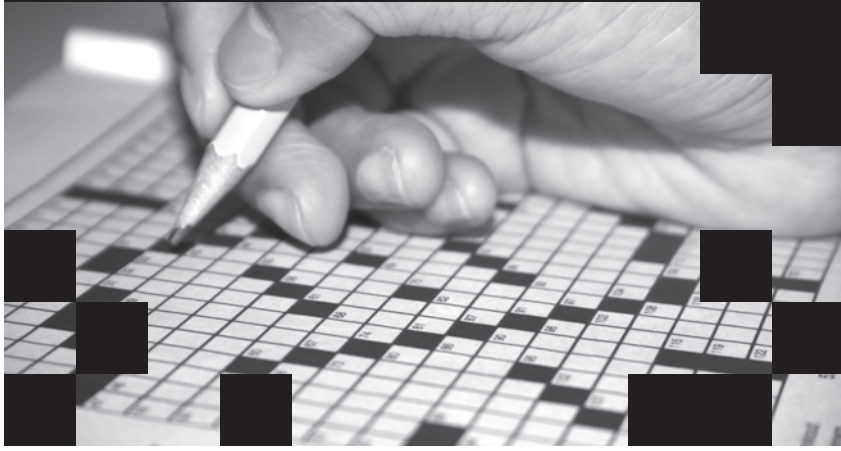
CHALLENGER

A 9x9 Sudoku grid for the Challenger level with some numbers pre-filled.

EXPERT

A 9x9 Sudoku grid for the Expert level with some numbers pre-filled.

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.

BUYING A HOME

ENGLISH	SPANISH
BUDGET	PRESUPUESTO
BUYER	COMPRADOR
CLOSING COSTS	COSTOS DE CIERRE
CREDITOR	ACREEDOR
DOWN PAYMENT	PAGO INICIAL
OFFER	OFERTA
PROPERTY	PROPIEDAD
REAL ESTATE	BIENES RAÍCES
SELLER	VENDEDOR
TITLE	TÍTULO
TO PURCHASE	COMPRAR
VALUE	VALOR

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Crossword Puzzles

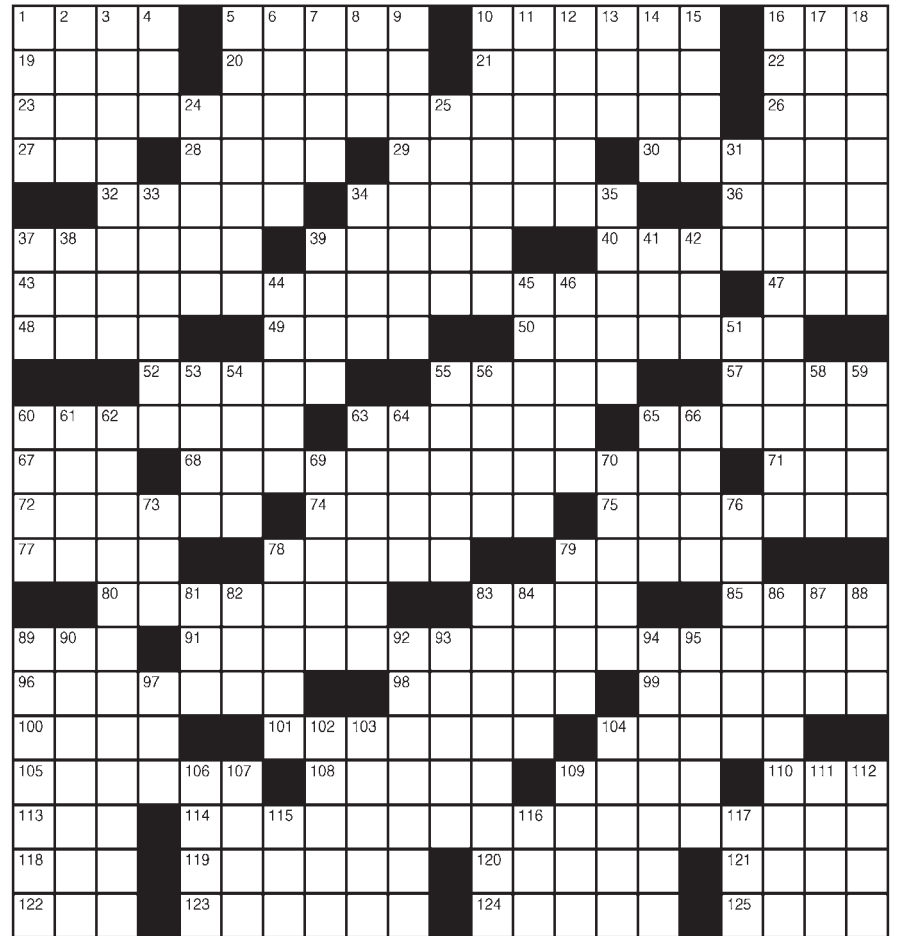
Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Crater
 - 4 Account
 - 7 Barely adequate
 - 12 Buck
 - 13 Place for students run by a religious organization
 - 17 Bucko
 - 18 Stringed instrument
 - 19 Perp prosecutors
 - 20 Swindle
 - 21 Sci-fi killer
 - 22 It may be easily bruised
 - 23 "Whew!"
 - 24 Thickness
 - 25 Foot long
 - 26 Brit. fliers
 - 27 Be decisive
 - 28 Good times
 - 29 Get in a pool
 - 30 Payment
 - 31 Bar stock
 - 32 Kind of station
 - 33 Alter, in a way
 - 36 Hornswoggled
 - 37 ___ Claire, Wis.
 - 38 Kind of shot
 - 39 It was dropped in the '60s
 - 40 Wax producer
 - 41 It may be boring
 - 42 Aviary sound
 - 43 Eucharist vessel
 - 44 Starr of song
 - 45 Clod chopper
 - 46 Kay Kyser's "___ Reveille"
 - 47 Cincy player
 - 48 16th century dance
 - 53 Big time
 - 54 Educational establishment
 - 59 Doo-___
 - 60 Like a liner, for example
 - 61 Be in the red
 - 62 Lent's start, e.g. (abbr.)
- DOWN**
- 1 Apiece
 - 2 Bachelor's last words
 - 3 Behavioral quirk
 - 4 "Crazy" bird
 - 5 "Walking on Thin Ice" singer
 - 6 Come together
 - 7 Cuckoo
 - 8 Eponymous physicist
 - 9 It has moles, for short
 - 10 Campaigned
 - 11 Antiquity, in antiquity
 - 13 Dance bit
 - 14 Damp
 - 15 Madison Avenue award
 - 16 Turning point?
 - 17 Ballad
 - 19 Calendar square
 - 21 Mug
 - 22 Grimm character
 - 23 Montana city
 - 24 Go for the gold?
 - 25 Design detail
 - 26 Morgue, for one
 - 27 It's a wrap
 - 28 Effeminate
 - 30 Beanie Babies, e.g.
 - 32 Joker
 - 33 DNA half
 - 34 Magi's origin
 - 35 Kind of pie
 - 36 Peach or plum
 - 38 Copy cats?
 - 40 Dark horse
 - 41 "Ciao!"
 - 42 Graphy start
 - 43 Detachable container
 - 44 Hot spot
 - 45 Biddy
 - 46 Popular sushi fish
 - 47 Beluga yield
 - 48 Be slack-jawed
 - 49 Advantages
 - 50 Well-kept secret, for some
 - 51 Big TV maker
 - 52 Follow
 - 53 Grade A item
 - 54 Low card
 - 55 Brouhaha
 - 56 Blue
 - 57 Golf ball position
 - 58 Denouement

MUST "C" MOVIES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fuzzy fruit
 - 5 Use elbow grease
 - 10 Distribute widely
 - 16 6-pointers
 - 19 Seed protector
 - 20 Bath sponge
 - 21 Location of Bradley University
 - 22 Female lobster
 - 23 Movie about George M. Cohan's sweet tooth?
 - 26 Ike's WWII bailiwick
 - 27 Language ending
 - 28 No water or ice
 - 29 Printers' measures
 - 30 Beckham's game
 - 32 Connections
 - 34 Makes new coins from old?
 - 36 Yarn bundle
 - 37 Close-knit group
 - 39 Salami type
 - 40 Adriatic gulf
 - 43 Movie about interpreter fees?
 - 47 ___ Aviv-Jaffa
 - 48 Deserve
 - 49 Sacred
 - 50 "Leave It to Beaver" co-star
 - 52 Intelligent
 - 55 In the middle of
 - 57 Baylor U. location
 - 60 Iceberg, e.g.
 - 63 Grilled sandwiches
 - 65 Gas station option
 - 67 Bremen exclamation
 - 68 Movie about a rain forest chef?
 - 71 Warbler's syllable
 - 72 Comely
 - 74 Loose
 - 75 Twisted treat
 - 77 Pond quacker
 - 78 Classic single
 - 79 Rose extract
 - 80 Rhine siren
 - 83 Legendary Hun king
 - 85 Tiny particle
 - 89 Disco of "The Simpsons"
 - 91 Movie about a kennel owner's purchase?
 - 96 Hack's question
 - 98 Water, elec. etc.
 - 99 Baker's item
- DOWN**
- 100 Present day
 - 101 Had on
 - 104 Ancient letters
 - 105 Designate again
 - 108 "Over the Rainbow" composer
 - 109 Fort Knox cache
 - 110 Osaka Okay
 - 113 Fail to keep up
 - 114 Movie about a versatile container?
 - 118 Summer at the Sorbonne
 - 119 Block
 - 120 Marketing tactic
 - 121 Certain lapdog, briefly
 - 122 High-speed PC line
 - 123 Grandstander
 - 124 Occurrence
 - 125 U.S. tennis stadium



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- 155 Present day
- 156 Had on
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 Our fine, garrulous school board has decided to cut debate from the high school program. It was a simple matter. There was no argument.



AtTheMovies

Delve into the world of dreams 'Hugo' highlights the history and future of filmmaking

Review by **Amanda Green**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Movies aren't always what they seem to be. Quick glimpses at the movie poster or a two-minute trailer don't always reveal the inner workings of a plotline.

Much like the novel, "The Invention of Hugo Cabret," which the film is based on, you can't judge the movie "Hugo" by its cover. The film is a visual work of art, led by visionary director Martin Scorsese.

Scorsese is not known for children's films, and usually appeals to a more mature audience. Despite the apparent marketing as a children's film, "Hugo" is not intended for younger audiences. The plotline is slow to develop, but for very specific reasons. The main message of the film can easily be lost on the kids.

"Hugo" is the story of a young boy in the 1930s named Hugo Cabret (Asa Butterfield), who lives in a Paris train station. He finds himself alone and orphaned after his father (Jude Law), a master clockmaker, dies in a museum fire. Hugo's alcoholic uncle Claude (Ray Winstone) is employed in the train station, winding and fixing the clocks. When he disappears, presumed dead, Hugo is left alone to wander the inner workings of the station to tend the clocks in Claude's place.

In his misadventures, Hugo is forced to escape from an orphan-snatching train inspector Gustav (Sacha Baron Cohen) and his Doberman, Maximilian. Scorsese uses 3-D filming, not as a guaranteed money maker, but to tell the story. The audience is



"Hugo" is an ode to classic filmmaking. Asa Butterfield plays Hugo, an orphan living in a train depot who survives by fixing and winding the station clocks.

not just watching events unfold, but are with Hugo as he steals a croissant for breakfast, as Gustav leans in to reprimand him and as he works tirelessly on the automaton, a man-like machine with an extraordinary gift.

Hugo and his father rescued the automaton from the attic of a museum and worked together to return it to its working state.

Once his father passes, Hugo continues the repairs on the automaton, his only companion. Hugo believes the automaton contains a message from his father, if he can get it working again and find the heart-shaped key that fits into the robot's back.

The desperation of his repairs leads Hugo to steal from a toy stand in the station, but is caught by the owner, who is later discovered to be Georges Méliés (Ben Kingsley), a

legendary film director who disappeared when he believed the world had forgotten his films. It is through Méliés that we understand the heart of the movie. The film explores the importance of a person having purpose, as well as the survival of film as an artistic medium.

Méliés demands that Hugo empty his pockets of everything he has stolen and discovers a notebook the boy carries around. Méliés is immediately disturbed by the sketches of the automaton and tells Hugo he never wants to see him again, or he'll turn him into Inspector Gustav. Hugo follows Méliés home, where he meets Isabelle (Chloe Grace Moretz), Méliés' young goddaughter. With Isabelle's help and the heart-shaped key around her neck, they unlock the secrets of the automaton and of Méliés cinema past.

"Hugo" is visually breathtaking, without relying too heavily on computer graphics. There are few explosions or action scenes, and Scorsese focuses instead on the quiet details, using film as a medium to tell the story.

"Hugo" is definitely one of his best films.

Film Review

A journey through the wonders of film and imagination with passionate characters and an ode to classic cinema.

Grade A

HUGO

Starring: Asa Butterfield, Ben Kingsley

Rated: PG

Running time: 126 minutes

Director: Martin Scorsese

The message is subtle, drawing solid connections between the film the audiences watches and films which Hugo explores.

Butterfield is the bright star of the film; he is expressive and talented, even at a young age. He remains the guide throughout the entire film, and his performance is spot on. Moretz is charming as the heroine, and she even pulled off a great British accent, despite being one of the few Americans on the cast list. Kingsley is incredible as Méliés, a talented and uniquely diverse actor.

Despite the seemingly child-oriented marketing, this film is most appreciated by an audience with some knowledge or love of film. By "film" I don't mean the three versions of "Transformers" (insert a Megan Fox joke here), but when film was still considered a work of expression and art. Scorsese reminds us in "Hugo" of his talent and vision as one of the greatest directors of contemporary film.

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At The Movies

Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

<p>J. Edgar Rating: R Plot Overview: As the face of law enforcement in America for almost 50 years, J. Edgar Hoover was feared and admired, reviled and revered. Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Armie Hammer Director: Clint Eastwood</p> 	<p>The Help Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: A look at what happens when a Southern town's unspoken code of rules and behavior is shattered by three women who strike up an unlikely friendship. Starring: Emma Stone, Viola Davis Director: Tate Taylor</p> 
<p>The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1 Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: The Quileute and the Volturi close in on expecting parents Edward and Bella, whose unborn child poses different threats to the wolf pack and vampire coven. Starring: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson Director: Bill Condon</p> 	<p>Puss in Boots Rating: PG Plot Overview: A story about the events leading up to the sword fighting cat's meeting with Shrek and his friends. Starring: Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek Director: Chris Miller</p> 
<p>Jack and Jill Rating: PG Plot Overview: Family guy Jack Sadelstein prepares for the annual event he dreads: the Thanksgiving visit of his identical twin sister, the needy and passive-aggressive Jill. Starring: Adam Sandler, Katie Holmes Director: Dennis Dugan</p> 	<p>Hugo Rating: PG Plot Overview: An orphan who lives in the walls of a train station is wrapped up in a mystery involving his late father and an automaton. Starring: Asa Butterfield, Chloë Grace Moretz Director: Martin Scorsese</p> 
<p>Immortals Rating: R Plot Overview: Theseus is a mortal man chosen by Zeus to lead the fight against the ruthless King Hyperion, who is on a rampage across Greece to obtain a weapon that can destroy humanity. Starring: Henry Cavill, Mickey Rourke Director: Tarsem Singh</p> 	<p>The Muppets Rating: PG Plot Overview: With the help of three fans, The Muppets must reunite to save their old theater from a greedy oil tycoon. Starring: Amy Adams, Jason Segel Director: James Bobin</p> 
<p>Tower Heist Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: When a group of hard working guys find out they've fallen victim to a wealthy business man's Ponzi scheme, they conspire to rob his high-rise residence. Starring: Eddie Murphy, Ben Stiller Director: Brett Ratner</p> 	<p>A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas Rating: R Plot Overview: Harold Lee and Kumar Patel cause a holiday fracas by inadvertently burning down Harold's father-in-law's prize Christmas tree. Starring: Kal Penn, John Cho Director: Todd Strauss-Schulson</p> 
<p>Arthur Christmas Rating: PG Plot Overview: On Christmas night at the North Pole, Santa's youngest son looks to use his father's high-tech operation for an urgent mission. Starring: James McAvoy, Jim Broadbent Director: Sarah Smith</p> 	<p>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</p> 
<p>Dolphin Tale Rating: PG Plot Overview: A story centered on the friendship between a boy and a dolphin whose tail was lost in a crab trap. Starring: Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd Director: Charles Martin Smith</p> 	<p>Paranormal Activity 3 Rating: R Plot Overview: In 1988, young sisters Katie and Kristi befriend an invisible entity who resides in their home. Starring: Katie Featherston, Sprague Grayden Director: Henry Joost, Ariel Schulman</p> 
<p>The Sitter Rating: R Plot Overview: A comedy about a college student on suspension who is coaxed into babysitting the kids next door, though he is fully unprepared for the wild night ahead of him. Starring: Jonah Hill, Ari Graynor Director: David Gordon Green OPENING FRIDAY, DEC. 9</p> 	<p>New Year's Eve Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: The lives of several couples and singles in New York intertwine over the course of New Year's Eve. Starring: Sarah Jessica Parker, Jessica Biel Director: Garry Marshall OPENING FRIDAY, DEC. 9</p> 

New this week on DVD Tuesday, Dec. 13

Rise of the Planet of the Apes
Rating: Pg-13
Genre: Science Fiction, Action
Starring: James Franco, Tom Felton
Director: Rupert Wyatt

Kung Fu Panda 2
Rating: PG
Genre: Comedy, Family
Starring: Jack Black (voice), Angelina Jolie (voice)
Director: Jennifer Yuh Nelson

Fright Night
Rating: R
Genre: Horror, Comedy
Starring: Anton Yelchin, Colin Farrell
Director: Craig Gillespie

Detective Dee and the Mystery of the Phantom Flame
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Action, Crime
Starring: Andy Lau, Bingbing Li
Director: Hark Tsui

Top Grossing Dec. 2-4

- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (Week No. 3) **\$16,900,000**
- The Muppets** (Week No. 2) **\$11,200,000**
- Hugo** (Week No. 2) **\$7,625,000**
- Arthur Christmas** (Week No. 2) **\$7,350,000**
- Happy Feet Two** (Week No. 3) **\$6,000,000**
- Jack and Jill** (Week No. 4) **\$5,500,000**
- The Descendants** (Week No. 3) **\$5,200,000**
- Immortals** (Week No. 4) **\$4,394,000**
- Tower Heist** (Week No. 5) **\$4,100,000**
- Puss in Boots** (Week No. 6) **\$3,050,000**

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Bob Nosbisch
Getting the Word Out

Thanks to the snow and icy roads, driving home the night of Monday Dec. 5, took longer than usual, but it served a purpose.

In today's fast-paced world, we want things more quickly. We answer work emails from home, take work home, come in early, stay late and come in on the weekends.

We are continuously reachable through our cell phones, Blackberries and all kinds of other gadgets and gizmos, even when we are on vacation.

But do we ever take time to really smell the roses? Do we block out the daily demands of our work lives and stop time for a minute or more to observe a child at play?

Do we bathe ourselves with that child's laughter? In the rare occasions in which the snow that falls in our area actually sticks, do we relish its splendor and beauty instead of cursing the inconvenience that is created when our drive time home is lengthened?

As I sat in my truck on Triviz Drive Monday night, inching forward every so often, I looked at the snow and wondered what the accumulation meant to our area's farmers.

For some reason, the word accumulation made me think of New Mexico State University.

I thought of the accumulation of years of education amassed by more than 1,300 NMSU graduates, more than 1,000 of who will cross the Pan American Center stage during the Saturday, Dec. 10, commencement ceremony.

Tomorrow will mark my 42nd time as a co-reader of names at commencement, and every single commencement has been enjoyable. Seeing the pride and joy in the faces of the parents, grandparents, spouses, partners, children and others who have been so instrumental in supporting the students is richly rewarding. An accumulation of joy is a mighty wonderful feeling.

I thought of the accumulation of hours of study, research and hard work put forth by NMSU's many talented

See **Accumulation** on page D2

Health care hanging in the balance



Alice Griffin shops for over-the-counter pain medications on Wednesday, Dec. 7, one day before her scheduled dental surgeries that will cost her more than \$4,000 out of pocket.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Christiansen

Cash-for-service clinic could help with costs

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As Congress continues to wrangle with the national health care debate, more people are going uninsured and unprotected against potential health emergencies than ever before.

If you have ever put off going to see a doctor to avoid the high cost of health care, you are not alone.

New Mexico State University student Alice Griffin is one of 50 million uninsured Americans, who is now facing thousands of dollars in medical bills she must pay out of pocket.

Several upcoming dental surgeries, which could have been prevented had she been able to have routine visits, and now an unexpected foot injury have left Griffin with no

See **Health care** on page D2

Getting fancy for our furry friends

It's time for the annual Critter Christmas gala

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

This holiday season, it's important to keep in mind all living creatures that may not be lucky enough to be in a warm home with a loving family.

Las Cruces' second annual Critter Christmas event will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, with all proceeds going to benefit the Spay and Neuter Action Program (SNAP), the Doña Ana County Humane Society (DACHS) and the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV).

All programs aim to better the lives of animals in Doña Ana County by controlling the pet overpopulation, sheltering homeless and mistreated animals or providing general education to the public about humane animal treatment.

A community of sponsors has rallied together to provide guests of the event with food and entertainment all while benefiting these great organizations.

According to executive director of DACHS, Kathy Lawitz, the plans began in 2008 to hold an annual event to benefit the ASCMV, but were "shelved" due to lack of resources.

"The ASCMV staff is stretched very thin with the flood of animals they constantly deal



Emcees of last year's Critter Christmas event, Vic Villalobos and Wayne Sinclair, began the live action portion of the holiday gala, held at the Amador Hotel.

with, it takes time to plan a large function," Lawitz said.

When the deal fell through in 2008, Lawitz began recruiting help in the form of other animal programs – also desperately needing funds

– in the city to make this event happen.

The funds generated from the event are now split between the three organizations.

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Accumulation

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professors and instructors, who throughout their careers burned not only the midnight oil, but also the early morning and weekend oil.

I'm very grateful for the professors and instructors I have had as a student at NMSU and at NMSU-Alamogordo. I'm also extremely thankful for the amazing professors and instructors I am proud to know in the College of Health and Social Services and in NMSU's other fine colleges.

Having the privilege of knowing and working with such an accumulation of dedicated professionals is an honor.

I thought of the accumulation of lives that have been touched by three of our School of Social Work's retiring professors. Drs. Stephen Anderson, Alice Chornesky and

Martha Roditti will soon begin new chapters in their lives when they retire from NMSU. I wondered how many junior faculties each of them mentored in their careers, how many students they have taught and how many others in the field of social work and people in different communities have benefitted from their knowledge.

So as we say goodbye to our graduating students, to our retiring faculty and to the snow, I also say "thank you" to many of the graduating students who've touched my life, to these three retiring social work professors who have been tremendously wonderful people to know and to the snow, which has reminded me that, yes, it's OK to slow down in life.

Bob Nobsch is a senior program specialist with the NMSU College of Health and Social Services. This article does not necessarily reflect the views of the NMSU administration or NMSU Board of Regents. This is simply Nobsch's opinion.

Health care

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choice but to pay – and pay big.

"Health insurance companies put up big stipulations because of a back surgery I had 12 years ago," Griffin said.

Specialty consultations, X-rays, casting and two upcoming root canals will leave Griffin pain free – and more than \$5,000 in debt.

Vanessa Tapia, a registered nurse for the past four years, said she has definitely seen an increase of patients coming in to the emergency room with worsened symptoms due to holding off on doctors visits.

"I have even seen a delay on cancer diagnoses because people don't get routine checkups," Tapia said.

The idea of receiving quality medical care at an affordable cost may seem like a bucolic image long past this decade.

A census report from 2010 said New Mexico is one of the top two worst states in the nation for having the largest population of uninsured citizens. Texas was the worst.

Chris Waggoner, a certified nurse practitioner for the past 11 years, has opened the first cash-for-service medical clinic in southern New Mexico.

With a strategic location off Interstate 10 south of Las Cruces, Waggoner opened Pronto Healthcare Center to benefit the Vado, Mesquite, San Miguel, La Mesa, Berino and Las Cruces areas.

The clinic offers a variety of services including routine checkups, sports medicine and conservative orthopedic care and Commercial Drivers License physicals.

Having a background in sports medicine and pediatrics, Waggoner said he is testing the waters of the cash-for-service world.

"I'm old school," Waggoner said. "It's a small building, and we keep our overhead costs low to keep the cost of our services low."

Other models of cash-for-service clinics have been successful in states such as Colorado, Waggoner said, and he has high hopes for future of Pronto Healthcare Center.

Keeping with the spirit of helping the underserved and those who most need it, Waggoner said the location is convenient for the high volume of truck drivers passing through the area.

"It's not easy for truck drivers to pull their big rigs through town and find a health care provider," Waggoner said.

According to Waggoner, a range of health care problems affect truck drivers such as diabetes and high blood pressure, and they are required to have a Commercial Drivers' License physical every two years.

New Mexico was one of 13 states that received a portion of a \$220 million grant on Nov. 29 from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Health Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said in a statement the money is to help states setup affordable health insurance exchanges, as part of President Barack Obama's plan to help middle class Americans choose a health insurance plan to best fit their needs.

Seven of the states receiving the grant money – Alabama, Arizona, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Michigan and Nebraska – are involved in the pending Supreme Court lawsuit trying to overturn the Affordable Care Act.

While Pronto Healthcare Center does not currently accept insurance, patients can still utilize insurance for outpatient labs, specialist referrals or diagnostic imaging.

Pronto Healthcare also offers an electronic medical database, which allows patients to easily access their medical records through a secure server as well as an on-site pharmacy.

In such an uncertain atmosphere in the world of health-care, why wouldn't there be more cash-for-service clinics?

Waggoner explained that large service providers have to accept a high amount of patients in order to "keep their doors open," but that overhead costs are less of a worry. "It's a tough balancing act," he said.

Open for business since Nov. 28, Waggoner said he and his nurses assistant Miriam Ramirez are "figuring out a good process of things to get our patients from point 'a' to point 'z' in an effective way that makes sure they were treated properly."

The clinic is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday and is located at the Texaco Truck Stop off Interstate 10, exit 155, approximately 10 miles south of Las Cruces.

To find out more about the services Pronto Health Care clinic offers, call 233-1125 or visit the website www.prontohealthcare.com.

Tumor Registrars: Why we do what we do

A need-to-know job industry



Elizabeth Ramirez-Valdez
Certified tumor registrar

Recently while attending the New Mexico State University Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink luncheon, I had the pleasure of sitting next to and speaking with a notable community activist. She asked me what I did for a living, and I told her I was a tumor registrar working for the New Mexico Tumor Registry at University of New Mexico.

"So you register patients with cancer?" she asked.

It was at that moment I realized the importance of writing this article.

The New Mexico Tumor Registry (NMTR) conducts cancer surveillance in New Mexico. As you may already know, cancer is a reportable disease in our state, and health care providers are required to report all cancer cases that are under their care (New Mexico Administrative Code, Title 7, Chapter 4, Part 3). The New Mexico Department of Public Health designated NMTR as the state's agent for conducting cancer surveillance in New Mexico.

This reporting is allowed under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, better known as HIPAA, for diseases and conditions that are designated as reportable by this state regulation.

Historically, these efforts began in 1971 when the National Cancer Act led to the creation of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results program (SEER) for the purpose of collecting population-based cancer incidence and survival data beginning with patients diagnosed in 1973.

If you or someone you know is diagnosed with cancer, you can be certain the medical record will be reviewed by a tumor registrar for the purpose of collecting and reporting their demographic information, primary site and histological type

of cancer, extent of disease and first course of cancer-directed treatment in accordance with this regulation.

NMTR focuses much of its data collection efforts on hospitals, large oncology practices, surgical centers, urology offices, dermatology offices and pathology laboratories. Tumor or Cancer Registrars have well-established policies and procedures for safeguarding the confidentiality and privacy of cancer registry records. They conduct themselves in strict compliance with prevailing legal and ethical standards as outlined under HIPAA.

What is the importance of cancer surveillance? Cancer surveillance measures the incidence, morbidity, survival and mortality of persons with cancer. It also includes the assessment of genetic predisposition, environmental factors and behavioral risk factors, screening practices and the quality of care from prevention through palliation.

Cancer surveillance tells us where we are in the effort to reduce the cancer burden and also generates the observations that form the basis for cancer research and interventions for cancer prevention and control [from the Futures Report, September 2001, a collaboration among the National Cancer Institute, the National Center for Health Statistics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Cancer Society, and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries].

The tumor registry is an integral part of this infrastructure to reduce the burden of cancer as it compiles the critical data gathered in order to support cancer research and treatment.

As tumor registrars, particularly those of us who work for a central registry such as NMTR, we often run into reluctance from health care providers in allowing us access to their medical records either because they are unaware that cancer is a reportable disease or because they fear HIPAA violations.

It is my hope this article has served as a useful educational resource not only for the public, but for cancer patients and their families as well as those health care providers involved in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Elizabeth Ramirez-Valdez is a certified tumor registrar employed with UNM as supervisor of Data Operations. She is also a member of the Health Care Committee with the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces.

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CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, an activity support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St. The group matches those in need of support with volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment. For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A family caregiver support group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Café España in the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Co-facilitators with many years of experience in senior-care issues will be on hand.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Adult Children of Alcoholics/Co-Dependents Anonymous meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs Ave. The one-hour meetings are intended to help those who have been raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional family situations deal with their issues and move on to a healthier, happier life through a 12-step program.

For more information, call 647-5684.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door. Overeaters Anonymous is also offered at noon each Wednesday at St. James

Episcopal Church, 105 Saint James St., in the library. For more information, call Wayne at 647-5684. The group also has a big-book meeting at 2 p.m. Fridays at Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive.

HIV SUPPORT GROUP

A Las Cruces HIV Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. The group offers advocacy and support for both those infected with or affected by the HIV virus, and focuses on the rebuilding of community, outreach, education, self-advocacy and wellness.

For more information, call Seth at 621-0681.

WATER AEROBICS CLASSES

Water aerobics classes will be held at 1 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday in a shaded outdoor pool at The Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Cost is \$3 per session or \$35 monthly. For more information or to register, call Pam at 382-8218 or sfurandfeathers@aol.com.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Housing Authority of Las Cruces, 926 S. San Pedro St. Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation.

For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

CITY RECREATION SCHEDULE

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

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

- Aerobics: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- Yoga: 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Pilates: 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Core/floor exercises: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Zumba: 7 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Pickleball: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Fridays. Paddles may be rented for \$1.
- Indoor cycling: 5:30 to

6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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

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

The following class is held at Club Fusion Teen Center, 101 E. Union Ave.:

- Zumba: 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- For more information, call 541-5181.

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

- Aquatic fitness: 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
 - Safe strength gentle cardio water workout: 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays.
 - Water fitness for non-swimmer: 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.
 - Seniors aquatics class: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Classes are drop in.
 - 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.
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- 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 Jewel, 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.

HATHA YOGA

Hatha Yoga classes for beginners are held at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and noon Fridays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Classes are taught by Shoshana, a certified

instructor. The class is gentle and non-competitive. Donations are accepted. Attendees are asked to bring a mat or blanket. For more information, call 522-7119.

T'AI CHI CHIH

Instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado will T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement classes from 9 to 10 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave.

For more information, call 505-359-5256 and leave a short message or email rositaad@aol.com.

CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively known as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as 1 million Americans have IBD and both illnesses are similar. They are marked by an abnormal response by the body's immune system and include chronic inflammation of the intestines. There are no cures and management of the diseases includes medications, diet and surgery.

The Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group meets from 3 to 5 p.m. the second Sunday of each month in the Community Education Room of Mountainview Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (www.ccfca.org).

For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, call Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Las Cruces Chapter Parkinson's Support Group meets at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call Kay Laurel Fischer at 522-4047 or Bill Wallace at 680-2520.

APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Aphasia Support Group is a community group for social conversation, support and education about aphasia. The group meets at 4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call 521-6400.

RED CROSS CPR, FIRST AID CLASSES


The American Red Cross will be offering CPR and first-aid classes at its Las Cruces location, 1301 E. Griggs Ave., beginning Saturday, Dec. 10, and continues the first and third Saturdays of each month in 2012. Participants are asked to register by the Tuesday before the class.

For more information or to register, call 800-733-2767.

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION

The Hearing Loss Association of America Las Cruces Chapter meets at 1:30 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

For more information, call Bert Heeger at 532-0413 or email hilascruces@yahoo.com.




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A commemoration of World AIDS Day

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Pastor of First Christian Church Linda Mervine lights the candles in commemoration of World AIDS Day Thursday Dec. 1, at the First Christian Church.



Melanie Goodman represents U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman by reading a letter he wrote commending the work achieved around the world.



Skip Rosenthal, who will be heading to Washington, D.C., in January 2012 to represent the Southwest region, with the White House office of AIDS policy, expressed excitement with new medications that will help prevent the spread of AIDS.



Travis Leyva, Dr. Earl Nissen, Buddy Akin and Xochitl Torres Small participate in a panel discussion of current issues and advancements in AIDS treatments.



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Shop 'til you drop at the La Casa Holiday Bazaar

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There were plenty of things up for raffle at the La Casa Holiday Bazaar Friday, Dec. 3, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



President of the La Casa board Richard Oliver and Executive Director Theresa Armendariz stand with Jazmin Martinez, who donated a bike to La Casa.



There were an assortment of crafts at the La Casa Crafts Bazaar held at the Las Cruces Convention Center.




Kim Yocum purchases delicious treats from the cookie booth.




Luz Rodarte carves into tin at her booth.

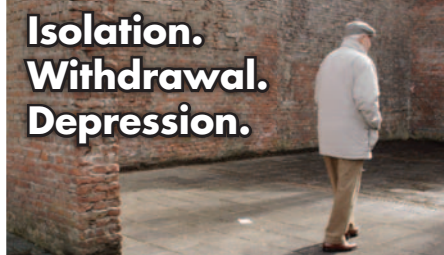
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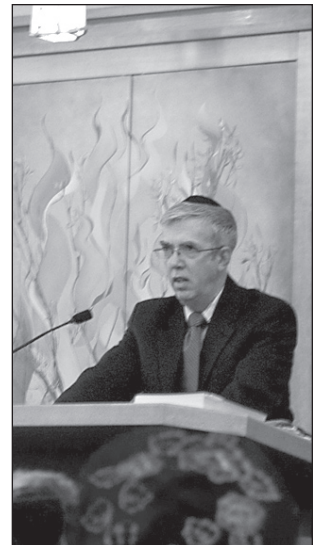


Anne Turrie, deacon of St. James Episcopal Church, Jardín de los Niños Director Shirley Jaquez, Jardín de los Niños Family Services Coordinator Miriam Gutierrez and Steve Turrie come together Tuesday, Dec. 6, after dropping off donated items for the children serviced by the Jardín de los Niños. This is the fifth year the church has donated to the organization, and more than 40 children will receive a new outfit and toy.

Celebrating at the Rabbi Karol installation

Photos by Christopher Belarde

Rabbi Lawrence Karol and the students of Temple Beth-El religious school singing "Shema" (Listen).



Patrick Quinn, vice president of Temple Beth-El, greets and introduces special guests at the installation ceremony of Rabbi Lawrence Karol Friday, Dec. 2.



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International speaker Mark Swinney of Placitas, N.M., will come to the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., to speak on "Spirituality & Eternal Life: Could it be that God didn't intend you to age?" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR

Las Cruces First Assembly of God Church, 5605 Bataan Memorial West, will hold its Christmas Arts & Crafts Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. Taco plates will be available. For more information, call Mary Helen at 524-0654 ext. 0.

UNITY CHRISTMAS

Christmas services at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, include Advent

celebrations at 10:30 a.m. Sundays, 11 and 18, candle lighting service at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, a visit to assisted living centers in town to take cookies and sing carols at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 25, and a Burning Bowl ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 1, 2012. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

OPEN HOUSE

The former St. Francis de Sales Church will hold its fifth annual open house from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 11 and 18, at 105 N. Jose Serna in Rodey, N.M., one mile south of Hatch on Valley Drive. The event will include nativity sets from around the world, a winter village scene and a diorama on the birth of Jesus. For more information, call 640-1086 or 267-2429.

Spirituality & Eternal Life

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Critters

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SNAP board member Shannon Murray said its portion will go toward continuing to bring the Paws n' Hooves van from El Paso and giving vouchers so people can get their animals spayed or neutered who otherwise couldn't afford it.

Pet overpopulation continues to be a significant problem in Doña Ana County, with more than half of all animals entering the shelter having to be euthanized.

"There is a solution to end the horrific numbers of animals needlessly put to death at our local shelter," Murray said. "Every person in

our community that owns a pet needs to be a responsible pet owner and 'fix' their pet so they can't produce unwanted litters."

As the city and county have been tightening their belts, Murray said SNAP's lack of funding has been devastating, and the organization relies heavily on events such as Critter Christmas and private donations.

Last year, Lawitz said DACHS used the money from Critter Christmas for the Animal Relief Fund, a program which gives financial aid to low-income pet owners' emergency veterinary bills while ASCMV used the proceeds to finish paying for their infirmary building.

Lawitz said the goal of the event is to do something more unique than the traditional "plated dinner and speech" typical of most gala events by going for a more relaxed atmosphere.

"We planned for food stations where people could choose what they want to eat and how much, and sit wherever they want," Lawitz said.

There will also be a bar, live Christmas music and both silent and live auctions.

Lawitz added that the live and silent auctions have grown tremendously this year, allowing the community a chance to finish their Christmas shopping.

"We are really excited about Saturday's event, it's going to be the best ever," Lawitz said.

Tickets are \$50, and are still available by purchasing them at the door or online at www.acritterchristmas.com.

Details

A Critter Christmas

When
6 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10

Where
Business Industry
Association of Southern
New Mexico
2825 N. Main St.

Cost
\$50

Contact
522-1232

A very happy Thanksgiving



Executive Director of Casa de Peregrinos Lorenzo Alba and Aprendamos employees Brandy Sanchez and Samantha Herrera pose for a picture with the \$200 worth of turkeys the Aprendamos Intervention Team donated to Casa de Peregrinos for the Thanksgiving turkey box dinner giveaway Tuesday, Nov. 22. The effort was a part of the Aprendamos' campaign to give back to the community every month.

Health briefs

Blood drive

The United Blood Services and Doña Ana County are coming together for a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in the main rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Every holiday season, United Blood Services sees its reserves fall to critical levels. Giving blood usually takes less than an hour, and the results save lives throughout our region.

Appointment slots will be

available every 20 minutes. To make an appointment for screening and donation, call Janine Divyak at 525-6130.

Bike Giveaway

Las Cruces firefighters, police officers, sheriff's deputies and public safety officials will present more than 300 children with bicycles from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Dec. 10, at Sisbarro Buick/GMC, under Sisbarro's yellow tent at 425 W. Boutz Rd.

The Las Cruces Bike Giveaway

was established in 2007 and more than 1,000 bikes have been given to area children.

Toys for Tots

The second annual Toys for Tots bicycle ride will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. The ride will begin at Milagro Coffee y Espresso, 1733 E. University Ave., and end at High Desert Brewery, 1202 W. Hadley Ave. Toys brought must be new for kids aged 3 to 12 years old. For more information, call Henry Gil at 642-9548.

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Elegant Western

HOMEOWNER DOES OWN RENOVATIONS TO SNOW ROAD PROPERTY

See featured home on pages E2-3

Featured home: 3851 Snow Road

Photos by Teague Williams



The home at 3851 Snow Road is currently being extensively renovated to update its features and change its style.



Stone elements fill the kitchen in the guest house to give the appearance of an elegant, rustic getaway.



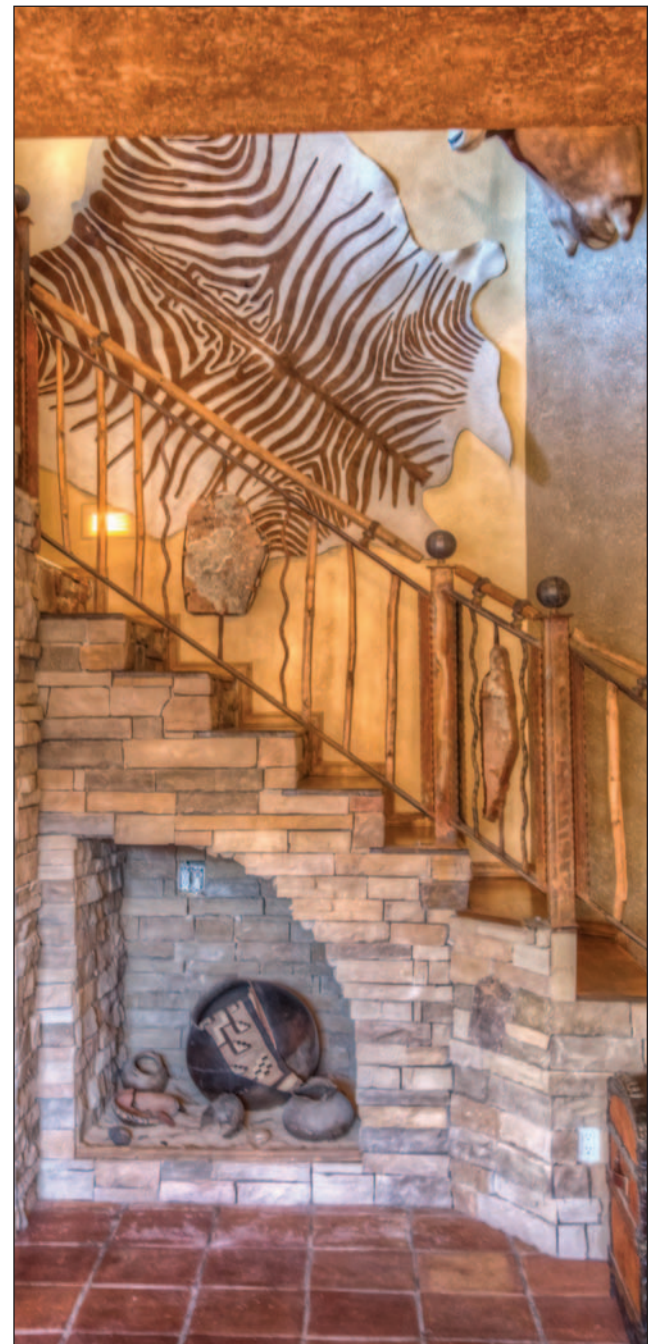
A two-way fireplace rests in the guest house living room.



The office in the main house features wood floors and windows that peer out to the front of the property.



The two-story completed guest house includes two bedrooms.



A TV alcove under the stairs was transformed into a display area for a collection of pottery.

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An extreme do-it-yourself project

Owner takes home from old hacienda to rustic creation

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As Johnny Kehoe drove down Snow Road during his numerous trips to visit his future wife Tamora, he admired a large hacienda-style home that rested on the corner of Apodaca Road.

After six years of making the journey and gazing at the residence at 3851 Snow Road, which included a separate three-car garage and guest house, he noticed a "For sale" sign and decided to take a better look at the property.

"I wasn't looking for a home," he said, adding that after a few weeks of contemplation, he bought it. "I liked the houses on Snow Road and how everything is separated. That's how I grew up."

Proposing to Tamora in the master suite, Kehoe and his

family moved in two and a half years ago. He said he had the intention of updating the residence built in 1987 and add his own style and touch to it. But what started as a simple project soon took on another life.

One of the first projects to be completed was transforming the crusher fine-covered driveway into a stamped concrete creation. From there Kehoe added a short rock wall border with 27 boulders each featuring lights.

Discovering how simple it was to use chipped rock, Kehoe created pillars to accompany the tongue-and-groove wood pitched roofs he added to the front of the home, guest house and the balconies and patios.

Taking eight months and using 12 semi-truck loads of chipped rock, he also created a rock wall between the main house and guest building, using an old solid mesquite door from Mexico as access.

"The more I learned to do myself, the more I wanted to do," he said, adding that he took numerous classes offered at home improvement stores around town.

Soon, Kehoe had a new vision of his home and began gutting the interior of three structures, which consume about 7,000 square feet of the 2-acre property, converting the hacienda estate into an elegant Western getaway.

"I was born and raised on a ranch, so that was the style I wanted," he said, adding that as a manufacturer of log furniture and antler chandeliers, he received inspiration from the homes he had made items for.

Kehoe said he started the renovation process in the guest residence, the smaller housing structure on the property.

In the kitchen, he included granite countertops with a chipped edge for a more rustic look. Cultured stone was also placed around the bar to enhance the earthy feel.

For cabinets, selected pine that was beaten to look distressed. To add elegance, he said he included rope detailing, an item he found at Lowe's. Extra flooring trim was added to the top as crown molding.

"I wanted it to have an old look," he said.

A brick-covered arched hallway leads to a bathroom, which includes a sauna. Including a door to the back and a tiny shower, Kehoe completely redesigned the room. Removing the former bathtub and access to the outdoors, he created a large shower. Complete with two showerheads and a bench, the shower was drenched in tile and mosaic detailing as well as

glass blocks for light.

Beside the kitchen, which opens up to the rest of the home, is a conversation pit. A popular feature in the 1970s, Kehoe said he had planned to fill it in, but it was so popular with guests he left it. Using wood from an old barn on the bench, the pit is covered in Saltillo tile and looks out to a two-way fireplace.

The fireplace can also be admired from the living room, which features a large antler chandelier Kehoe created.

Stairs made from pine provided by Sherwood Fine Woods lead to the second floor rest in the area. Also doing metal work, Kehoe made his own railing from rusted metal, moss stone and latillas cut and sanded smooth.

"I did as much as I could myself," he said.

Upstairs is a second living room as well as two bedrooms, which share a full bathroom, and a balcony.

"The roof comes to a point in here, so I went to Lowe's and took a class on doing your own flush-mounted lights," he said.

While the upstairs still has some work to be done, Kehoe said he has moved his focus to the main house. With the office and pool table room completed downstairs, he is next going to work on the master bedroom, located upstairs.

Featuring a seating area that looks out to the front, the master bedroom contains a two-way fireplace. Originally covered in plaster, Kehoe wrapped the fireplace in rock, which extends out of the ceiling. To accommodate the added 1,600 pounds of rock, Kehoe said the roof had to be restructured.

In the master bathroom, Kehoe said he plans to cover the freestanding shower in GraniCrete, a concrete product that looks like granite. He also is going to update the large Jacuzzi with copper fixtures and change the color scheme.

After that, he is going to complete the downstairs – including two bedrooms and several bathrooms – before moving outdoors. He said he plans on creating a bass pond in addition to a pool. He is also going to transplant four of the 17 pecan trees found in the front of the home.

While there is still much work to be completed, Kehoe said he is having fun along the way.

"I learned some tricks," he said. "Plan ahead and draw your plans out. I didn't do that at first. I had finished adding chipped rock to a column and decided I wanted a light on it. Getting that done was hard.

"People can go to do-it-yourself centers and they'll recommend equipment. There is a lot of stuff you can do yourself."

Details

Featured home
3851 Snow Road

Square footage
About 7,000

Acres
2

Bedrooms
Seven

Bathrooms
Eight

Fireplaces
Four

Price
\$755,000

Special features
Rock and wood detailing, separate three-car garage with upstairs casita, guest house with two-car garage, several weeping willows and pecan trees, handmade boulder fountain and stamped concrete

Contact
David Blackmon at 642-7438 or dblackmon6652@yahoo.com



The office in the main house features rustic elements.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	2	1	4
Homes Sold Existing	26	8	17
Pending Home Sales (All)	154	169	161
Average Days on Market (All)	126	176	171

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$241,791	\$122,800	\$222,265
Median Price Existing	\$185,750	\$142,650	\$250,532

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,133	1,134	1,104
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 11/28/11 -12/04/11
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A fresh, comfortable home

10 changes to update the look of your space



Maureen Villmer
Practical Design

There are many things you can do in your home to make it more comfortable while, at the same time, creating that “change” we all like periodically or seasonally. To get your creative juices going, here are 10 things you can do to change the look while spending very little money.

A big part of creating a comfortable home is to use things you love most in your decorating. Surround yourself with those things and you’ll be happy. Get out some family pictures or things that have been passed down to you and find a way to make them a part of your everyday life.

Add some candles in the family room or a bathroom – try pillar candles in various sizes placed on a decorative tray, or use just one with a mirrored surface to reflect the light. If you have one of those very large, clear cylinder vases, fill it with berries of the season and add lots of candles inside the cylinder and around it.

Add hardware. An instant update and new look for your kitchen is to either replace the drawer and cabinet pulls, or put some on for the first time. Different style knobs, handles or cup pulls make for an interesting look to your kitchen. It also works for any old piece of furniture that needs an uplift. I just visited Hobby Lobby and saw hundreds of decorative hardware pulls that were interesting and unusual. Don’t think everything has to match. Replace just a few on a piece of furniture or vanity in the bathroom for a custom look.

Add some color. One of the easiest ways to do this is with throw pillows. Another way could be new bed linens. Many people have these as the last things on their list to replace, but it’s a treat to have new, fresh linens. Are you due for new bed linens? Treat yourself to new colorful sheets. New towels are another inexpensive and fun way to spruce up your bathroom.

While we’re speaking of pillows, they are relatively inexpensive way to add color and texture anywhere. No matchy-matching here. Alternate the sizes and shapes so they’re not so predictable and don’t match. Find patterns

that seem to go together. Don’t forget the chevron throw for this time of year to add a spark of color also. A contrasting or complementary pillow can change the look of an upholstered chair or sofa.

Add books. Not only are books great to read but they can also be a wonderful accent pieces. Books are not just for bookcases anymore; pile a stack on your coffee table, on the floor next to your chair, or place one under another accessory item that needs some added height. If you don’t have enough books go to the library book sale, thrift stores and yard sales to pick up wonderful books.

Add new lighting. It’s amazing how much more comfortable a room looks and feels with good lighting. A new lamp or up light can add just the right touch to a room. Be sure you take the plastic cover off your lamp before you set up and use it. (By the way, if you haven’t vacuumed your lampshades lately, try it, the dust falls there also. It may look like a new lamp.)

Redo your dining room chair seats. A couple yards of fabric and a staple gun can give you a whole new look in your dining room area without breaking the bank. If you have wooden chairs, tie on the new seat cushion for a punch of color and pattern.

Decorate your walls. By either adding new artwork are rotating your existing artwork, photographs, sconces or plate collections. This can be an easy way of changing your room. If you have a collection in an arrangement, edit it back to display one prominent piece for a cleaner focal point. Move existing items around in your home and it will look like you have purchased all-new.

Another way to decorate your walls may be with a new faux finish in an area. There are many books that will take you through a step-by-step on what to do. It’s an inexpensive way to get a brand-new look and it’s a lot of fun to do.

Remember, your home reflects your soul. Every home has a voice. Every home has a heart. It’s fun to bring that voice out in the open and put new life into the heart of your home.

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Aphids can hitch a ride into your home as tiny, black dots along the branches of a Christmas tree.

Keep unwanted Christmas tree pests out of your home



Scott Svenheim
ACE Pest Detective

Stop these bugs from hitching a ride this season with these tips

There is something about the spell-binding aroma of evergreen needles, the festive ambience it sets in our home and, of course, the bonding experience of choosing and decorating this natural beauty of a holiday tree with loved ones.

On the flipside, fresh-cut trees are potential fire hazards and they also can be hiding places for a plethora of pests.

- Among them are:
- **Aphids**, common pests of evergreen trees. Most are tiny, inactive and usually go unnoticed. They may be mistaken for small spiders or ticks, but aphids have only six legs while spiders and ticks have eight. Aphids will not feed on your houseplants given they can only survive by feeding on certain plants.
 - **Bark beetles**, dark brownish to black beetles that are typically found on or near the tree. Even though they usually bore into the tree trunk, creating small holes and very fine sawdust, they pose no threat to any household furnishings.
 - **Mites** generally remain on the tree, preying on insect and mite eggs. These tiny, light-colored mites are not harmful to your family or pets.
 - **Spiders**, which can survive indoors, but are predators of insects and remain non-threatening to people and pets. Although these pesty invaders could be on your Christmas tree, there is no real threat of introducing them into your home; they cannot survive indoors due to a lack of food and insufficient humidity.

Harmless or not, you’d rather not deal with the unpleasant scenario of bugs crawling around among presents or flocking toward the windows as a means to escape.

That said, your best method of attack is to minimize the chances of these uninvited pests from joining you this holiday season with a few easy steps.

- When bringing your Christmas tree indoors, assume it harbors insects.
- Vigorously shake your chosen tree (outside – before bringing into house) to dislodge these culprits and any loose needles.
- Thoroughly examine the undersides of branches and the trunk of the tree and be sure to monitor for birds’ nests and egg masses, which can be removed by hand.

Keep in mind a few stray wanderers will likely find their way into your home, so this is the ideal time to tap into your vacuum cleaner to pick up any pests you may find on ceilings, walls, or windows. Never use aerosol insect sprays/pesticides on your Christmas tree because these products are flammable.

With a little knowledge and preventive care, you can avoid unwanted pests and reap the joys a real tree brings to family and friends throughout the holiday season.

“ With a little knowledge and preventive care, you can avoid unwanted pests and reap the joys of a real tree ... ”

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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NMSU cashes in on rebates

El Paso Electric gives big check for energy-efficient retrofits

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

After a year of retrofits and energy-efficient upgrades, New Mexico State University has received more than \$113,000 in rebates from El Paso Electric Co.

Participating in various rebate programs the utility company offers to residents and businesses in the community, the university has done what it can to reduce its energy load in the last few years, said NMSU Assistant Director of Student Housing Greg Block.

"Economically, anything we can do to reduce costs for the state is a good thing," he said. "But also, reducing energy use and our bills is good for a lot of people."

"We're always looking at ways to save (customers) money," said Billy Massie of EPE. "We're always busy with new ideas and ways of reducing the energy load."

In addition to recently completing a white roof on Garcia Hall, the housing department also completed replacing 200 evaporative air conditioning units, receiving a rebate of \$300 per unit, totaling \$60,000. A project that began about two years ago with 300 units, Block said the university hopes to complete 600 units by the end of next year.

"With that \$140,000 rebate (from last year and this year), we're going to be updating the system with more efficient units," Block said.

Massie said that while various apartments around town have also taken advantage of the evaporative air conditioning unit rebates, NMSU is one of the biggest.

A large project that took place across the entire university was retrofitting light fixtures. In Rhodes Garrett Hamiel Hall, all of the lights in public areas, such as stairwells, were upgraded, Block said. Also, in the 260 bedrooms, the fluorescent tub lamps were replaced with compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs.

"We were able to provide more light with huge energy savings," Block said.

Garcia Hall also received energy-efficient upgrades to 26 breezeways, which reduced the number of light fixtures and watts used.

"We're continuously looking at our lighting," Block said.

The rest of the university has also made upgrades to lighting. Dale Harrell, lead facilities engineer at NMSU, said his team recently completed a project updating lighting at the Activity Center, including 96 fixtures in the main gym and several others in the auxiliary gym and weight room.

"We've changed out from 400-watt high bay lights to 200-watt high bay lights," he said. "We're saving half on lighting in this room."

Proximity sensors were also installed, which go on when movement is sensed in certain areas of the gym, reducing the need to light the whole room.

Sensory lights, which turn off automatically after not sensing movement or heat within 15 minutes, were also placed in Zuhl Library along the stacks of books.

"Lights are our biggest draw on electricity and the easiest thing to (retrofit)," Harrell said.



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Beth Sitzler

New Mexico State University Assistant Director of Student Housing Greg Block and Lead Facilities Engineer Dale Harrell accept a check from Billy Massie of El Paso Electric Co., center, for all of the rebates the university earned through energy-efficient retrofits.

"One of the biggest things El Paso Electric did for us is donate CFL bulbs," Block said. "We went from using 60-watt bulbs to 13-watt. ... The lights were a \$25,000 gift to the university."

Massie said the utility company provided 16,000 CFLs to students, in addition to providing 26,000 to community members and EPE customers for free at local Walmarts earlier in the year.

"Because of these savings, we have less of an impact on our system," Massie said.

With all of the retrofits conducted, Block said the university is projected to save close to \$400,000 annually. Massie said NMSU is saving more than 1 million kilowatts per hour annually.

Block said the money that is saved will be used for other projects. He explained that the \$90,000 rebate the university received last year for the air conditioning units was used, along with donated funds, to build a new park in student family housing, which opened in August.

While the university has made great strides, there is still more work to be done.

"There are still plenty of buildings and projects to go," said Block, adding that this includes roofing and window tinting to

residence facilities.

An upcoming project, Block said, is replacing outdated porch lights with photocell lights, which when switched on, will automatically turn off when the sun is shining.

Harrell said the next lighting retrofit projects will take place at Breland Hall, the natatorium and Hadley Hall. If there is money leftover, he said they will continue work at Branson Library, the biggest energy user on campus.

"It will cost about \$400,000 per floor to fix the entire building," he said. "We're looking at an energy service contractor."

Massie said EPE also has big plans for the future and will offer new rebate programs. One program, he said, is a device used to shut down vending machines when no one is around, but still keep drinks cold.

"The machines running all day is an unnecessary cost," he said.

While the rebates were an incentive to conduct the retrofits, the overall energy savings will greatly benefit the university, Block said.

"It's not about the rebates as much," Block said. "They help, but it's about the long-term savings."



In the main gym of the Activity Center, 96 400-watt high bay lights were replaced with 200-watt high bay lights, cutting down on half of the room's energy use. The lights also include proximity sensors that shut off certain areas in not in use.

The many uses of a single lid

Plastic containers aren't the only thing they have covered

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Almost as common as that sock that magically disappeared is that plastic lid that doesn't have a container to cover.

Where has this lid come from? Did it sprout legs and crawl into your cupboard? Or has its counterpart been stolen by those kitchen goblins that come out at night?

No matter the mystery, that lonely plastic lid still serves a purpose. So don't toss it out, keep it around to take care of random household chores. You might be surprised by the many uses it serves.

1. Stop a sink or tub: After a long day at work, a nice relaxing bath may be just what the doctor ordered. The last thing you'll want to do, however, is search high and

low for the drain stopper. Make your own by simply covering the drain with a plastic lid. It will create vacuum-like suction, keeping it in its place and the water from draining out.

2. Keep your refrigerator clean: Leaks, drips, spots and splatters can quickly take over your clean refrigerator. Help keep the mess on the shelves to a minimum by placing a plastic lid under food containers that might leak. If the lids get dirty, all you have to do is toss them into the dishwasher.

3. Make a plant coaster: Houseplants can be a great addition to just about any home, however, keeping it well watered without causing a drippy

mess can sometimes be a challenge. Prevent your plant from leaking all over your furniture and flooring by setting a plastic lid under it. The lid will act as a coaster and will catch any extra water and soil that comes out the bottom.



Around-the-home item: Plastic lids

4. Clean a nonstick pan: If your nonstick pan has turned out to be not as nonstick as you had hoped, get help scraping off burnt-on messes with a plastic lid. The lid will help remove the mess while leaving the coating intact, unlike steel wool, which can scratch and damage the surface.

5. Separate frozen patties: Buying in bulk can save you some money, if you know how to properly store the items so they don't go bad. The next time you buy that extra big container of hamburger meat, keep them frozen. Just form the patties, season the meat and place

each patty on a plastic lid. Stack the lids in a plastic bag and freeze. When it comes time to grill them, you won't have to worry about separating the frozen meat.

6. Forget the twist ties: How many times have you searched for that lost twist tie to place around your bread bag to keep the contents fresh? Skip the struggle by creating your own bag closer. Just cut a slit into a plastic lid and thread the top of the bag through.

7. Catch paint drips: What would Michelangelo have given to have a plastic lid when painting the Sistine Chapel? While he had to go without, the next time you have a job that requires you to paint a ceiling, cut a slit in a plastic lid and slip it over the paintbrush. It will catch any dripping paint that might fall on you.

Rolling made easy

Take the mounds and valleys out of your dough

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With a nip in the air and a crackle in the roaring fireplace, it may seem more tempting to stay indoors than brave the whirling winds, slushy snow and whatever else Mother Nature has to throw at us.

The holidays are two weeks away, so use that extra time inside to create some cheer. If stringing wreaths or addressing cards isn't your thing, try baking a batch of your favorite cookies.

While the cookie has been around for centuries and spans numerous cultures, the art of cookie decorating has been credited to the Swiss. The Swiss national museum in Zurich, Switzerland, houses the oldest known springerle mold, a round-shaped mold carved from wood in the 14th century.

Since that time, culinary experts and at-home daredevils have whipped up cookie confections that wow and dazzle eaters. Impress the guests at your next cookie swap or holiday bash with a plateful of the artfully created pastry.

In addition to a steady hand and artistic eye, you'll need perfectly rolled dough for those cookie-cutter delights. Making that dough smooth and even can sometimes be a challenge. Even pressure and master technique is required to overcome such a feat. Unless you have an adjustable rolling pin.

What is it?

The adjustable rolling pin is an easy way to create a sheet of dough that is perfectly even from end to end with no dips in the middle.

What makes this wooden rolling pin unique are the discs that attach to the side. Measuring different heights, the discs allow bakers to choose their desired dough width.

Whether it's three-eighths, one-fourth or one-sixteenth of an inch, the guides will allow you to roll out even dough every time. No longer will you have to guess how wide your

dough is or struggle with a dough covered in mounds and valleys.

Not just for cookies, the adjustable rolling pin works with other doughs for items such as pizza, lasagna or pasta noodles, shortbread biscuits, puff pastry and more.

How does it work?

After thoroughly washing and drying your adjustable rolling pin, you'll have to select and attach your desired disc. Choosing the right thickness, unscrew the dowel, slide on the disc and reattach the post. Make sure it's on tight before using.

Flour your work surface and rolling pin then lay out the dough. With the properly kneaded dough in front of you begin rolling it out. Depending on the type of dough and how thin you want it, this can be done in a matter of minutes.

Thanks to the discs, you'll know when you've reached the right width and can stop rolling. The discs can also be removed so the utensil can be used like a regular rolling pin.

When done, wash the adjustable rolling pin. While the discs can be tossed in the dishwasher, the wooden roller will have to be hand washed and oiled.

Where can it be found?

The adjustable rolling pin can be bought at kitchen supply stores around town as well as online at websites such as www.amazon.com and www.williams-sonoma.com.

How much does it cost?

The adjustable rolling pin costs about \$20.

The Best Rolled Sugar Cookies

- 1 1/2 cups butter, softened
- 2 cups white sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 5 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Stir in the flour, baking powder and salt. Cover, and chill dough for at least one hour (or overnight).

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Roll out dough on floured surface 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Cut into shapes with any cookie cutter. Place cookies 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake 6 to 8 minutes in preheated oven. Cool completely. (Recipe adapted from <http://allrecipes.com>.)



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Cookbook explores author's ethnic background

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"The Latina discovered her Southern belle within, and it was magic for me." – Cookbook Author Sandra Gutierrez

If you're seeking an unusual and tasty gift for a home chef (or even yourself) then this cookbook is a must: "The New Southern-Latino Table: Recipes that Bring Together the Bold and Beloved Flavors of Latin America and the American South." It's simply delicious.

Cookbook author Sandra Gutierrez has put together a tasty collection of 150 unique recipes – recipes that represent her eclectic and colorful background. Born in the United States, Sandra moved at a young age with her family to Guatemala, her parents' homeland. She studied in American schools where she said, "Our school cafeteria was as likely to serve hamburgers and tuna salad one day as it was to offer milanesas and panes con frijol the next."

Gutierrez's culinary career began in the family kitchen under the watchful eyes of her abue and tia Maria. Initially, her assignments were simple (removing pebbles from beans) but eventually the tasks grew more complex (draping pastry over pies). Later, Gutierrez's learned culinary skills were put to the test when her tia Maria, a well-known caterer, invited her to help prepare for elaborate events.

Tia Maria had the knack to create sumptuous recipes using whatever ingredients were on hand, which later became a useful "tool" for Gutierrez, when years later, she married

and moved to Durham, South Carolina. In Gutierrez's attempt to recreate the dishes she was most familiar, she discovered new ingredients that ultimately found their way into "old" recipes.

"As my two worlds melded, so did the food in those worlds. The Latina discovered her Southern belle within, and it was magic for me," she said.

It will also be magical for home chefs eager to try a pantry-full of 150 robust, vibrant and lively recipes that bring together the flavors and spirit of two unique culinary cultures. Go whole hog: Give New Year's collard green empanadas a try or consider fried okra with chipotle-lime mayonnaise or sweet potato posole or Christmas wreath salad. As a grand finale – squash and chile cake with cayenne and ancho chile icing.

There's more to the New Southern-Latino Table than the Rolodex of recipes. Each section is introduced with historical culinary facts and tidbits; invaluable "Cook's Tips" ("The juicer the green tomatoes are, the longer the chutney will need to cook."); "Notes" ("Sealed corn husks in a plastic bag keep for up to two years."); and "Sidebars" (how to make proper Southern biscuits). A glossary of culinary terms and ingredients, "Navigating a Latin Tienda (store), sources for ingredients, and Gutierrez's favorite reads, wrap up this "storybook cookbook."

Sandwiched also between its covers is splendid food photos captured by this talented cookbook author. Did I mention that Gutierrez is also a culinary instructor, journalist and food writer? Learn more about the Southern-Latino "experience" by following Gutierrez's tweets (www.twitter.com/SandraLatinista) and by visiting her website, <http://sandraskitchenstudio.com>.



The spin on this storybook cookbook is simply delicious.

From A to Z (appetizers to zesty desserts) this cookbook is for y'all! "The New Southern-Latino Table" (UNC Press, September 2011) retails for \$30.

Chile-Cheese Biscuits with Avocado Butter

Biscuits:

- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 cup grated queso seco (use Parmesan cheese in a bind)
- 1 teaspoon ancho chile powder
- 1/4 cup chilled lard, bacon fat, or shortening
- 1 poblano chile, roasted, peeled, seeded, deveined and finely chopped*
- 1 1/4 cups buttermilk
- 3 tablespoons heavy whipping cream

Preheat the oven to 475 degrees. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, cheese and chile powder. Using a pastry blender (or two

knives), cut the lard into the flour mixture until it resembles coarse sand. Stir in the chiles. Gradually add the buttermilk, mixing the dough with a wooden spoon or your hands just until it holds together (you may not need all of the buttermilk).

Turn out the dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead it gently a couple of times. Pat it into an 8-inch circle (about 1/2 inch thick). Using a well-floured 2 1/8-inch biscuit cutter, cut out 12 biscuits (you'll need to gather up the dough and pat it down again lightly after the first biscuits are cut to get all 12).

Place the biscuits, with sides touching, in a 10-inch springform or cake pan. With your knuckle, make a small indentation in the center of each biscuit; brush the tops of the biscuits with the cream. Bake for 18 to 22 minutes, or until the tops are golden brown. Makes 12 biscuits.

* Gutierrez's tip: To roast the poblano, place peppers in a single layer on a baking sheet in a 450 degree oven until skins are charred, about 4 to 5 minutes. Place charred poblanos in a bowl with a lid and let steam for 10 minutes. Use a sharp knife to scrape off the skin.

Avocado butter:

- 2 Hass avocados
- 2 teaspoons lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- Pinch freshly ground black pepper
- Pinch dried Mexican oregano (optional)

Halve and pit the avocados; scoop out the flesh with a spoon into a medium bowl and mash into a smooth paste. Add the lime juice, salt, pepper and oregano (if using) and stir until combined.

Serve the hot biscuits with avocado butter. Makes 1 1/2 cups avocado butter.

Sunny Conley, a former Las Cruces, is an award-winning cookbook author and food columnist. If you have a chile recipe or idea to share, contact Conley at sunny.conley@gmail.com.

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'Cut Energy Bills at Home'

New legislation gives credit for efficient retrofits

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Recently Sens. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, and Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., introduced the "Cut Energy Bills at Home Act." This bill proposes the creation of a new performance-based existing homes tax credit (25E). A vote is not yet scheduled.

The Cut Energy Bills at Home Act would provide a \$2,000 credit for home energy-efficiency retrofits to the homeowner for a 20 percent improvement in home energy efficiency. For every additional 5 percent improvement, the homeowner is eligible for an extra \$500, up to \$5,000.

The legislation specifically recognizes Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) standards for certified Home Energy Raters to verify the credit, accredited software programs to model and calculate the energy savings and RESNET Energy Smart Contractors to install the improvements.

Currently, a residential energy-efficiency IRS tax credit that provides a 10 percent credit up to \$500 is scheduled to expire

at the end of this calendar year. While the current tax credit provides incentive for the purchase cost of windows, doors, insulation and boilers, the Cut Energy Bills at Home Act would, for the first time, provide tax credits for actual home energy use reduction.

The popular \$2,000 IRS credit for construction of an energy-efficient new home also sunsets at the end of this month.

The proposed tax credit could add some sparkle to an otherwise dreary construction industry 2012 outlook. The performance based approach to improved energy efficiency detailed in the legislation would provide utility use reduction strategies customized for individual home configurations.

Utility savings to homeowners resulting from implemented measures have the potential to far exceed the short-term tax credit benefits offered. Ideally, the Cut Energy Bills at Home Credit could kick-start the process for homeowners to consider efficiency upgrades and get contractors and suppliers working on existing homes.

In summary, the Cut Energy Bills at Home Act:

- Provides a performance-based tax credit for residential whole home energy consumption. The value of the credit begins at \$2,000 for a 20 percent reduction in the energy consumption of a residential home for heating, cooling, water heating, insulation, weatherization and permanent lighting. The credit increases by \$500 for every additional 5 percentage point increase in energy savings, up to \$5,000. The credit is capped at 30 percent of the cost of the improvements and expires at the end of 2014.
- Defines how to calculate energy savings using computer modeling calibrated to actual energy bills before the improvements.
- Sets requirements for the contractor, installation process, and the modeling software to ensure work quality.
- Requires the Secretary of Treasury in consultation with the Secretary of Energy develop taxpayer documentation regulations for what the taxpayer needs to keep on file for documentation purposes.

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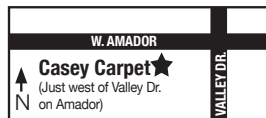
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