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## Garza is poised to helm city

Councillors interview assistant city manager

By **Todd G. Dickson** 



**GARZA** 

Las Cruces city councillors looking for a new city manager to replace departing Terrence Moore, and, at this point, they are only talking to one person – Assistant City Manager Robert Garza.

Councillors met individually with Garza to interview him, but District 1 Councillor Miguel Silva took a different track Tuesday, Nov. 30, and observed Garza fielding questions from a group of local residents he invited. That same day, Silva also organized a group of employees to interview Garza.

Garza started off the session with the community members – held in a former roller rink – by going over what would be his priorities. Garza emphasized pushing for a stronger customer-service focus in city government, while also working to improve employee morale.

'We are in a time where we have to say 'no' often," Garza admitted, but city employees should also be willing to help find solutions to problems. To help city workers stay focused, Garza said he wants to develop clear standards for all departments.

Garza, whose original training is as

a structural engineer, said he has liked working for Las Cruces city government for the past 25 years because he enjoys tackling a variety of challenges. "I'm a trained problem-solver," he said.

If they hire him as city manager, Garza

said he would strive to improve communications with city councillors. Garza said he is proposing that city staff get regular training in both customer service and ethics, with councillors also receiving annual ethics training to discourage

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# Shoppers rush back

Cruz Moraza waited since midnight Friday, Nov. 26, to buy three 40-inch flatscreen TVs at Target when the store opened at 5 a.m. Friday. Stores locally and nationally saw holiday shopping start off stronger than in recent years. National surveys, however, found only a small percentage of people planning to spend more than last year, with about half saying they plan to spend less than last year. See more Black Friday photos on A12.

## Lawmakers, Martinez face growing deficit

#### State shortfall now estimated at \$452 million

By Todd G. Dickson

With the state's budget deficit now estimated at \$452 million - nearly \$200 million more than the previous estimate – lawmakers and Gov.-elect Susana Martinez are facing a greater challenge than the shortfall debated in election campaigns.

A week after the elections, Finance and

Administration Secretary Dannette Burch told the Associated Press the loss of federal stimulus money, higher Medicaid and insurance costs, along with other growing expenses with legislative action not yet taken on various savings shaped the new estimate.

Burch also told the AP that the hope had been that state revenues would begin to recover when the federal support slowed. State Sen. John Arthur Smith, D-Deming,

who chairs the Legislative Finance Committee, said state government is going to have to operate "really lean" – most likely even more austere than Martinez envisioned when she campaigned about balancing the budget without cutting education or health care.

Smith warned about a coming budget crisis three years ago when he saw signs of a "bubble" housing boom and reductions in revenues

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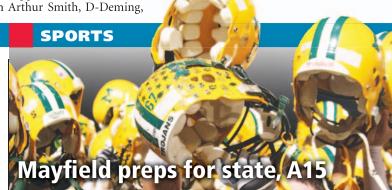
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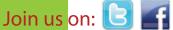
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# Opinions



## **Fromthepublisher**

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

## **Online travel bargains?**

Never again will we try to save a couple bucks by 'negotiating' a pre-paid online travel deal

We've all seen the entertaining television ads for Priceline.com, featuring Star Trek's original "Captain Kirk" telling us that we can save a bunch of money by using its service to book hotels and rental cars online.

Well, here's the tale of the only two transactions I will ever make with this uncaring international conglomerate. I say "two" transactions because, even though there was only one deal made, it will most certainly be my first and my last Priceline purchase.

Our intention was simple, to reserve a rental car for Jaki's and my intended week's visit with our mothers in Oklahoma City during Thanksgiving. Prices for rentals from the national companies for a full-sized car with unlimited mileage ranged from about \$235 to \$300. However, I thought I was being wise and frugal by giving good old Captain Kirk's well-publicized company a shot at my business.

My final price offer from Priceline.com came in at \$195 for a full-sized car through Budget Rent a Car. I figured that saving \$40 or more would be a good thing, so I accepted their deal and thought we were set for the week. I even verified that Jaki could be added as an additional driver.

Because Jaki and I were attending the Western Athletic Conference volleyball tournament in Las Vegas just prior to our planned Oklahoma City visit, we had planned to fly together from Las Vegas to Oklahoma City. However, due to some unforeseen personal circumstances, I had to change my flight and return to Las Cruces while Jaki proceeded as planned to Oklahoma City on Thanksgiving Day.

Unfortunately, Jaki's flight was delayed several hours on the runway in Las Vegas, and her plans to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner with her mom was modified to snacking on peanut packets with her new best friends seated around her on the plane.

When Jaki finally arrived in Oklahoma City, and showed up at the Budget counter, she was told that she would not be able to get the car we had reserved and prepaid, and that even though she was listed as an authorized driver, the reservation was in my name and only I, in person, could be allowed to accept the car.

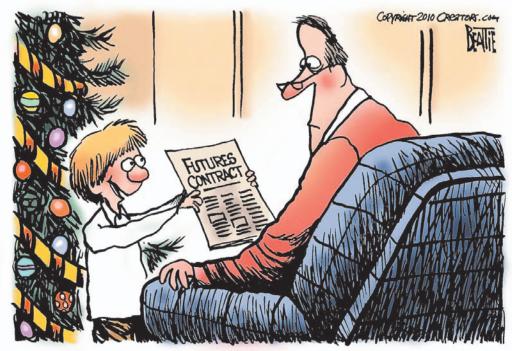
The friendly clerk at the Budget counter said it would not be a problem for their company if Jaki would call Priceline and have them list Jaki as the primary driver. However, after a couple of contacts with Priceline's alleged "customer care" department their only response was a very tightly scripted "no can do." A third call, this time to a Priceline supervisor, produced an identical, word-for-word response. However, she closed her comments with the absurd question, "What else can I do to help you today?" She obviously was oblivious to the fact that she had not yet provided any help to us.

After conceding defeat in our dealings with the impersonal Priceline personnel, Jaki then offered to simply pay Budget at their going rate for the car we had reserved. Incredibly, the Budget representative told Jaki that there were no cars available to rent. The clerk could offer no explanation as to what happened to the car we had reserved and prepaid.

Consequently, in the late afternoon and early evening of Thanksgiving Day 2010, Jaki had to scramble from counter to counter to find a rental company with an available car. She finally ended up with a micro-mini mystery car that she barely fit into with her luggage. Needless to say, mama was not happy. It was not the Thanksgiving Day she had envisioned.

What we discovered is that in situations like ours where unsuspecting customers are forced to forfeit their prepayment, companies such as Priceline.com win big time. They hit the jackpot because they get all the money and do not have to pay the provider (like Budget) because no service was ever provided. Their only costs appear to be credit card fees and the expense of providing robot-like, international phone service that masquerades as "customer service." Also, we learned that the negotiated prices for travel that require non-refundable, non-changeable prepayments are not for us.

Thank goodness I did not try to save more money by booking a hotel room through Priceline.com. My advice is to avoid the Pricelines of the world and either make reservations directly, or use an experienced local travel agent. I am convinced you will save money in the long run and will avoid the inevitable grief that we experienced on Thanksgiving Day 2010.



"The Chinese want to buy all the coal I'm getting from Santa this year!"

#### **Letters to the Editor**

#### Military weddings

I know that most citizens of Las Cruces or Doña Ana County have no idea of the number of military weddings that occur in this county each week.

Since New Mexico has no "waiting period" between the issuance of the marriage license and the ceremony, and due to our proximity to Fort Bliss and White Sands Missile Range, the Magistrate Court receives three or four calls a week from servicemen about to be shipped to a war zone. It is my pleasure as the pro tem magistrate to perform most of these weddings.

Since in most cases they are "last-minute affairs" with the bride flying in and few, if any, family members to witness the ceremony, when possible, I use Veterans Park as the site of the nuptials. Thanks to the efforts of the city and the veterans organizations, the park is always kept clean and in beautiful condition. This is not only a beautiful place, but with the flags flying, a symbolic one. I would also like to thank the users of the park for their cooperation. On several afternoons, teams or groups are playing sports and when the coaches see the wedding, they suspend the activity for the few minutes the ceremony takes to perform.

Many times the couple has only themselves or one witness, and park visitors have never refused to be a witness and sign the license. Many times, people will just come and stand by the ceremony, congratulate the couple and wish them well.

So, if you are in Veterans Park while a wedding

is being performed, please come over and stand in for the family that could not be there. Your best wishes to the couple will be deeply appreciated.

> Patrick J. Curran pro tem magistrate

#### **Searching for dog**

To the gentleman walking his son's dog on Baylor Canyon Pass on Sunday, Oct. 17, I had stopped to admire the dog you were walking (a large white young dog) and asked you if I could pet him.

He was very playful, and during the course of petting him, his tooth caught on my skin. I didn't realize it until I got home – my shirt didn't have a hole in it, but unfortunately my skin did.

I am asking you to please contact officer Herrera with Doña Ana County Animal Control at 525-8801, extension 2157. If I am unable to confirm that the dog was vaccinated against rabies, I am told I am going to have to go through the rabies vaccination myself. It is extremely expensive and probably painful.

This was your son's dog. You told me the city your son was visiting and what he was there for. I will communicate that to Herrera to verify your identity.

I have told animal control that the dog was not aggressive at all, just very playful and I was the one who approached the dog, not the other way around. I just need to know the dog has been vaccinated for rabies.

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## **Doors closing for pardon**

#### Reprieve for Billy the Kid seems unlikely

Pardon, pardon, who's got the pardon? 'Tis the season for pardons

While President Barack Obama was busy pardoning not one but two turkeys for Thanksgiving, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson was working hard at pardoning 186 chimpanzees who spent many years at the Alamogordo Primate Facility undergoing space flight tests for the military and being exposed to HIV and hepatitis C for various federal government agencies.

Now, the feds want the chimps back to run more tests in Texas. Richardson contends they have already put in full careers of government service and should be retired to lives of leisure.

Then comes Florida Gov. Charlie Crist announcing plans to pardon Jim Morrison, lead singer of the fabulously popular '60s rock group The Doors. Jeanette and I used to dance up a storm to "Light My Fire," "The Other Side" and "The End." They were our favorites. Admittedly, Morrison did get a bit out of

Two undercover cops insisted he exposed himself on stage one night in Miami. No one else in the audience could testify to the assertion and neither could a video of the event. Nonetheless, a jury of Morrison's "peers," all over 40, convicted him of indecency and sentenced him to six months in prison. Morrison died while his case was on appeal.

Crist, feeling it was a miscarriage of justice, wants to posthumously pardon Morrison for his crime.

So now the big question is whether Gov. Richardson will follow suit by carrying through with his observations during the past eight years that he is interested in pardoning Billy the Kid.

Richardson's plan was always to hold some sort of trial involving Lincoln County War historians to make a recommendation to the governor concerning a pardon. In 1993, Richardson threw in with some southern New Mexico lawmen to investigate several questions involving Billy the Kid, including whether he should pardon The Kid.

66 As the governor's popularity declined, so did the idea of a pardon.

That relationship fell apart for various reasons. In 1996, Richardson sought \$1.2 million from the Legislature to publicize Billy the Kid. More than \$100,000 of that was to be used for a Billy the Kid trial. The Legislature only appropriated \$200,000 for the governor's initiative. None of that went toward a trial for The

Then, in late March of this year, Richardson made a final push. He wanted a hearing in Lincoln County, preferably during the Cowboy Symposium the second weekend in October. He wanted cameras there for a TV documentary and he wanted to gauge reactions to his plan, especially **Jay Miller** Inside the Capitol

among the Billy the Kid community.

That reaction was essentially positive until the political community got hold of it. As the governor's popularity declined, so did the idea of a pardon. As far as any outsider can tell, no plans for a trial or hearing have been planned, although Richardson says he still might do it.

In September, Santa Fe author Hampton Sides wrote an article for the New York Times predicting that Richardson would stage a pardon hearing in Lincoln in November, complete with period costumes and Wild West facial hair.

November has now come and gone. No rumble has been detected among the Billy the Kid community about anyone being asked to participate in a trial or a TV production. And no new facial hair has been detected.

The only action likely at this point is a last minute, end-of-the-year pardon, without any hearing. Governors and presidents can do that. Some governors must take their case to a clemency board, but not in New Mexico.

A pardon would provide Richardson a spot in the Billy the Kid legend, just where he would like to be. And maybe he could get that TV documentary filmed after he leaves office.

Obama's two turkey pardons this year and last are his only pardons thus far. But maybe Crist and Richardson can get him in the spirit. How about pardoning Martha Stewart? Her sentence seemed harsh. And John Scopes has never been pardoned for teaching evolution.

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#### **Letters to the Editor**

#### Thank you from El Caldito

Las Cruces is a very caring community and this Thanksgiving, the city once again demonstrated its kindhearted generosity in a tangible and wonderful way.

El Caldito Soup Kitchen is only one of several local entities offering meals or food to the less fortunate, but

the generosity of El Caldito's donors and supporters this year has been awesome – in the true sense of the word. The soup kitchen received plentiful food donations for Thanksgiving as well as much-needed donations of money. The only items we had to purchase for our full Thanksgiving dinner were eating utensils (plastic forks and knives) and butter for cooking.

More than 50 people gave their time to fix and serve the meal and more than twice that many generously offered to help but could not be accommodated due to

space limitations at the soup kitchen.
El Caldito Soup Kitchen is proud to be an important way for all of Las Cruces to reach out to those who need it. Thank you, Las Cruces - your concern and your kindness are much appreciated.

Ruth Anderson,

secretary, El Caldito Board of Directors

#### **Hopes and dreams shattered**

During the 2010 elections, dreams and hopes were shattered, but hopefully not for long.

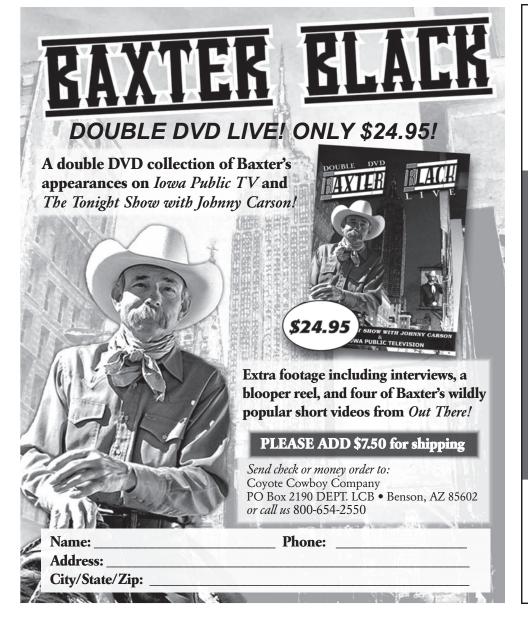
The Democratic Party still has a lot of fight in it, if only

they become aggressive enough to meet the forthcoming congressional challenges.

I, for one, feel the only thing positive that came out of the 2010 elections was the Democratic Party getting rid most of its blue dogs, who were nothing more than hidden closet neoconservatives.

The GOP, it seems, from day one was bent on making the first black president a one-term president even if it meant bringing the whole country down to its knees. It seem that "success" can only come to America wrapped in a package full of unrestricted and unaccountable cash from unknown sources.

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## Intentional mistakes drive fans away

## When the refs don't see it your way, take your paddle and go home

**Michael Swickard** In My Opinion



Years ago, a rather petty moment came and a sports official changed a high school game that took the victory from one team and gave it to another. I was standing right there watching and saw the smug smile on the official's face as he stole our victory. It was the first time such a thing had happened to me, so I was confused.

My coach said, "Forget it, it is just the way things happen."

I could not then and have never had the ability to ignore injustice.

What brought this to mind is that three times this fall I have had the distinct feeling an official took victory from one team intentionally. And nothing can be done since there is no mechanism to correct such injustices. More later.

**66** Sports depend on fan support, which I no longer provide.

At a national table tennis tournament years ago, I was far ahead of my opponent. My opponent did not take the realization that I had the match well in hand very well. He called me foul names several times and was incredibly rude. In tournaments, I never showed any emotion. People could not tell by looking at me if I was winning or losing. Inside, I was not taking a cussing well.

The third time my opponent used a bad word upon me, I turned to the referee and protested that I would not accept that kind of language used upon me. It involved words that cannot be said on the radio. The referee was from that same town as my opponent and shrugged, "Play on."

My opponent continued using four-letter words. I continued winning. The fifth time he unleashed a string of nasty words upon me, I walked away from the table, got my bag and went to the tournament director to tell him I would not be verbally abused. He also shrugged. It was my last match in that sport where I was fairly good but would not take the dishonor of verbal abuse.

The long drive home from Lubbock, Texas, to New Mexico gave me time to reconsider, but I resigned from the sport as soon as I got home and have never competed again.

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Western Athletic Conference and the first year or two officials took several football and basketball games away from NMSU in what I considered "intentional mistakes."

I am not an expert, but I have attended college games for decades. I was left sputtering each time angered that the replays showed these "intentional mistakes" by the officials. The WAC even apologized, but nothing otherwise was done.

After several times of being mad, my reaction to the WAC not caring about the integrity of their sports was for me to likewise not care about their sports. I do not go to college

Some people say, "Oh, well, it is his loss."

Perhaps so, but these sports depend on fan support, which

This brings me to this year, in New Mexico high school football. In three games this year it appeared to me that "intentional mistakes" gave the win to the other team. The first two times I just sputtered and muttered and tried to hope that this could be excused by a mantra of "Win a few, lose a few" with the hope that the "intentional mistakes" by the officials would balance out by season's end.

Saturday in Albuquerque, there was a high school football playoff game where the contest did not rest upon the actions of the student athletes, rather, upon one official. In this world of YouTube videos, it is now obvious that an "intentional mistake" was made and the game given away. And, there is no mechanism to correct this injustice.

The integrity of the sport is under the direction of the New Mexico Activities Association, which did not perform their duty to have a mechanism for integrity. So I will turn my back upon that sport because they do not have integrity.

The NMAA may be glad to see me go like the Western Athletic Conference is glad I do not care any longer about them. If enough people join me, where will these sports be without fans?

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## Lessons from Bud's dad

It is not uncommon for me, as a windy storyteller, to be asked, "Is that really true?"

"Well, of course," I begin, "it's true – I think."

Mark Twain had a quote that seems to fit some of us elaborators. He said, "I have reached the age that the things I remember most clearly - never even happened!'

Bud's dad was a good horseman and he taught his boys to be good horsemen, as well. The boys rodeoed.

As time went by, they made their own lives, but came back to Montana often to visit the folks. On one visit, Bud and Dad went out to look at the horses.

"Did I tell you about that paint horse I got from Buster

"I don't think so, Dad," Bud said, "Does it have anything to do with your limpin'?'

'Yeah. It was the strangest thing. I had just made a little circle through the pasture and was comin' round that gate by the creek and danged if I didn't just slip off! Lit on my butt. Left a big ol' bruise. I couldn't believe it.

"Maybe I'm gettin' old."

On Bud's next trip home, he and his dad were settin' on the porch waitin' for supper and Dad said. "Did I tell you about that paint horse I got from that dadgum Buster Walls?"

"No, I guess not," Bud said, humoring his pop.

"Well, I was trainin' on him. I had him wore down and was bringin' him back to the corral when we swung through that gate down by the creek a pheasant spooked him and

that spotted sucker pitched a fit! I wasn't expectin' it, of course, but, I mean, he throwed me into the post! Thank goodness I was wearin' my hat or I'da been hurt a lot

Bud came home for Christmas and he and dad found themselves mid-morning having coffee in the living room

"Did I tell you about that rank paint horse that Buster

Walls fausted off on me?" asked Dad.
"No," Bud said, feigning interest, "what happened?"

"I'd only had him a couple weeks but we were getting' acquainted. I rode him out to check the well and when we were comin' back, right down there by the creek where the gate is, kerzowie! That spotted snide bogged his head and blowed up! I mean it was Casey Tibbs all over!

"I hung in there but I got sideways and he pitched me into the board pile! I mean splinters went everywhere! Lucky all I hurt was my ribs. Yeah. And you know I can still ride 'em, but he got me that day."

Bud was back for the branding in April. Dad drove him out to see the cows.

'What's new?" asked Bud.

"Did I tell you about that man-killing' bronc, that paint horse Buster Walls stuck me with?"

"Yeah, nearly broke my hip, I had took him out to the junipers, gave him a good work-out and we were comin' in but when we hit the creek by the gate kerzowie! He came unglued! I mean he stuck his nose in the dirt and went to buckin'! Well, I laid into him, you know I can, but he bucked across the creek like he was auditioning for the finals! Then he wiped me off on the gate post, left me in the mud. I'll tell ya, son, he's one crooked booger.'

Dad sat back with a sigh and took a sip of coffee. "Well, one thing for certain," said Bud to his dad, "you

keep tellin' that story and one of these days you're gonna get

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Las Cruces Public Schools photo

Students at Conlee Elementary signed pledges and held a parade as part of anti-bullying week activities at the elementary school Nov. 15-19. The events are intended to prevent future violence and educate students about the effects of bullying.

## **Conlee tackles bullying**

#### Students pledge to prevent violence in class

Conlee Elementary School held its firstever anti-bullying week Nov. 15-19

"All students received a bully-free pledge that was recited every morning on Colt TV, the in-school TV station," school counselor Beverly Tenorio said. "A giant anti-bullying pledge banner saying, 'Conlee is Bully Free! Please sign this banner if you agree with the Bully free pledge!' was hung in the main hallway for all students to sign. All students who signed received a 'Be a Buddy, Not a Bully' sticker. Special lessons on bullying prevention were taught all during the month of November."

The anti-bullying week "culminated in a schoolwide bully-free parade with student-made posters and banners. Twenty-six students nominated by their teachers were recognized for being role models in the school. Their names were announced on Colt TV and they received a free pizza party donated by Papa John's. They also got to dance

to 'Just Dance' on the school's Wii and received a recognition certificate and a bully-prevention book mark," Tenorio said. "The week was quite a success, and Conlee hopes to do even bigger and better activities next year," she said.

"All of our staff deals with bullying behavior on a daily basis," said Conlee Elementary Principal Jennifer Terrazas. "We are all trying to hit it hard and wipe it out for good. That's why we are taking the 'Bully Proofing Your School' curriculum seriously. We are also trying special events like Anti-Bullying Week and a special parent night in January 2011 to prevent future violence by educating our students and parents now on the effects of elementary bullying. We want Conlee to be as proactive as possible in the battle against bullies."

For more information, call Tenorio at 527-9656 or email btenorio@lcps.k12.

## **Gymkhana season finishes**

Nakamae takes home title as top rider

By **Marvin Tessneer** Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Horseman's Association ended its 2010 gymkhana season with a two-day go-around Nov. 6 and 7 at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds to make up for the October gymkhana.

The October gymkhana was postponed because LCHA riders were competing in the Southwest Rodeo that was held in Lordsburg.

Kaysha Nakamae, 18-39 age category, was the top rider on both days. On Nov. 6, she won five first places – barrels, 18.28 seconds; flags, 7.76; poles, 22.93; pumpkin ring fun event, 8.60; and goat tying, 10.25 for 50 points. On Nov. 7, Nakamae won two first places – poles, 22.31 seconds, and goat tying, 11.30; and two seconds – barrels, 18.01, and flags, 7.63, for 46 points. She placed second for season-high points honor with 321 points.

Other first-day leaders were:

Anda Williams, 40 and older, firsts in barrels, 18.48 seconds, and pumpkin ring event, 9.48. Justine Smith,13-17, three second places – poles, 22.44; pumpkin ring, 8.03; and goat tying, 11.95.

Caroline Taylor and Samantha Wagner, 10-12, both earned 42 points. Taylor received firsts in flags, 8.03, and pumpkin ring, 9.70. Wagner earned first in goat tying, 14.02, and seconds in flags, 8.23, and pumpkin ring, 10.50. In the 7-9 category, Bladen Reno won a first in barrels, 18.00 seconds, and three second-place awards — flags, 8.49; pumpkin ring, 12.89; and goats, 24.95.

During the Nov. 7 contests, other top performers were:

Laya Curry, 40 and older – one first place, baseball diamond for fun event, 16.81 seconds, and one second, poles, 23.28. Jordan Norris, 13-17, one first, poles, 22.16, and one second, diamond, 16.88. Caroline Taylor, 10-12, two firsts, barrels, 18.74, and flags, 7.74, and a second, diamond, 18.13. Payton Hooper, 7-9, three firsts, barrels, 18.41 seconds; flags, 7.68; and poles, 23.51; and goat tying, 18.86, and one second, barrels, 18.41.

About 70 LCHA members competed during the gymkhana year, and the 2010 high-point winners are:

Forty and older, Nancy Alexander, 305, and Anda Williams, 303; 18-39, Brady Reno, 362; 13-17, Justine Smith, 358; 10-12, Caroline Taylor, 338, and 7-9, Cameron Taylor, 353.

# Police use new messaging service for public notices

## Nixle allows police to warn of dangers

The Las Cruces Police Department and the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority are now using a new communications service that is capable of sending important and valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technologies.

The Nixle community information service allows LCPD to communicate directly with residents via cell phone text messaging and electronic mail. Notifications also can be found online at Nixle's website, www.nixle.com.

Registering with Nixle is free and available to anyone who receives text messages or email. Anyone with Internet access can read local alerts online on Nixle's website.

Subscribers to the text and email messaging service can be assured that Nixle is a secure site, and they will not receive any spam. There are

no hidden costs but standard text messaging rates in accordance with the user's cell phone plan do apply.

One feature of Nixle allows LCPD to send messages to residents who reside within a quarter mile radius of a specific address. This feature could be beneficial in alerting the residents of a missing child, a sudden road closure or other potentially vital information.

The Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority, the public service answering point for local 911 calls, frequently sends Nixle messages from other law enforcement and public safety agencies in Doña Ana County.

Residents, and non-residents can log into www.nixle.com and click on the "Start Receiving Alerts Today for Residents" link to sign up.

## **NM history classes return**

#### Heritage museum hosts popular program

Two New Mexico history classes will again be taught by Jo Tice Bloom, a retired history professor from New Mexico State University, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

One class will be from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays from Jan. 12 to March 23, 2011, and the other class will be from 1:30 to 4:30

p.m. Thursdays from Jan. 13 to March 24, 2011.

The cost is \$35 per person. Friends of the Museum receive a \$10 discount. Payment is required for pre-registration, and the classes usually fill up by late December. Each class is limited to 32 people.

The format will be lecture and discussion with each week focusing on a different aspect of New Mexico history. Each week, participants will receive a talk outline and a reading list of fiction and non-fiction. There are no papers to write, no exams to take – the classes are just a relaxed time to share facts and ideas about New Mexico's vibrant history.

To register and reserve your spot, drop by the museum. For more information, call 522-4100 and ask for Scott Green.



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#### **Coming Up**

#### **Museum hosts** seasonal events

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum will hold its sixth annual Old-Fashioned Holiday Display from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3.

Children will get the chance to meet and take a photo with Santa Claus while holiday music is performed by the Vista Vibrations Bell Choir and the Central Elementary School Choir.

The free event marks the first time the museum will turn on its holiday lights.

The Railroad Museum is located at 351 N. Mesilla St. at the Las Cruces Avenue intersection.

For more information, call 647-4480 or visit www.lascruces.org/museums.

#### Park announces month's events

The Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, 5000 Calle Del Norte, will celebrate its first year with an anniversary fiesta from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11.

Visitors are invited to join the staff and volunteers for a special birding tour at 3 p.m. Snacks, refreshments and entertainment will be available. Luminarias in the park plaza will be lit at 4:30 p.m.

Birding tours will begin at 8:15 a.m. Saturdays, Dec. 4, and Dec. 11. Visitors can learn the birds that are in Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. Bring binoculars, water, closed-toed shoes and sunscreen.

On Centennial Saturday, the park will present a demonstration on making tamales and a visit with Teddy

Roosevelt. "Tamale Making 101" features Corrine Luchini as she demonstrates the art of making tamales beginning at 10 a.m. in the classroom. Class size is limited, so registration is required. To register, call 523-4398. From 2 to 4 p.m., Jon Hunner will lecture on statehood and visit with Teddy Roosevelt - played by Randy Milligan. Travel back in time with living historians and celebrate 100 years of statehood.

On Saturday, Dec. 18, visitors can participate in a beginning birder class or learn about frogs. The birding class starts at 8:15 a.m. in the classroom. Bring binoculars, water, closed-toed shoes and sunscreen. At 10 a.m., naturalist Richard Quick will speak in the classroom about frog species in the Mesilla Valley.

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

The Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park is open until March 31 for winter hours, which are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. The park is located at 5000 Calle Del Norte, west of Mesilla.

For more information, call

#### MVCS book fair

The American Heritage Girls Troop NM0003 will team up with Barnes & Noble Booksellers to hold a book fair is to benefit Mesilla Valley Christian Schools library and the troop.

Troop members will be at the store in the Mesilla Valley Mall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. The troop receives a portion of books

purchased for the library.

For more information, call 649-9256 or email jkdklcnm@ gmail.com.

#### LC Academy book fair

Las Cruces Academy, 212 S. Main St., will participate in WinterFest Friday, Dec. 3, with a Scholastic book fair. Available at the fair will be inexpensive holiday gifts and a display of seed pod jewelry, some of which may be pur-chased. The academy will be open from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

In addition, the academy will have a Scholastic book fair from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, during the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market. There will be a display of magic tricks by David McDonald, a magician who recently moved to Las Cruces and a display of seed pod jewelry. The magic show will start at about 10 a.m. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of books for the students of Las Cruces Academy, a private, K-12, nonprofit, secular school serving gifted and academically advanced students.

#### County blood drive

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. 3, in the main rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Appointment slots are available every 20 minutes.

To make an appointment for a screening and donation,

call Janine Divyak at the Doña Ana County Planning Department at 525-6130. Each donor will receive a snack and juice, along with promotional materials to show to family and friends who might consider making a donation.

Giving blood normally takes less than an hour, and the results save lives throughout our region. The staff at United Blood Services screens each applicant and then allows qualified donors to take a seat in one of the comfortable recliners where the donations are processed.

All materials used in the donation process are sterile and disposable. Donors cannot contract any blood-borne disease by giving blood. All donated blood is typed to determine the A-B-O group and the Rh factor and then tested for safety, including a test for the HIV virus. Tainted blood is not distributed. Most units of accepted blood are separated into several components, allowing one donation to help several people.

#### Santa at Albertsons

Albertsons, 2501 N. Main St., will get some help spreading holiday cheer this season with a visit from Santa Claus from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4.

Children can see Santa and have their pictures taken for free.

#### Simpson tribute Friday

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The Amador Foundation will honor one of the group's

pioneers, Billie Ruth Ritter Simpson, at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Amador Hotel, 180 W. Amador Ave.

Simpson spent her wedding night at the Amador Hotel in 1933 when she married John Barnes Ritter, founder of the J.B. Ritter Distributing Co.

She made a very generous gift to the Amador Hotel to further the restoration renovation efforts and the foundation will recognize this contribution by mounting a plaque at the door of the east bedroom on the ground floor of the hotel in her name. Mayor Ken Miyagishima, members of the foundation and members of Simpson's family will attend.

This is the first year the Amador Hotel has participated in WinterFest, and the public is welcome to come out and enjoy food and festivities.

Simpson was a prominent and colorful leader in the community. As a benefactor to New Mexico State University, she established a graduate fellowship in business administration and was a member of the President's Associates, the University Ambassadors and Aggie Boosters. She was a board member of Planned Parenthood, served as a volunteer candy striper at Memorial Hospital and was president of the Las Cruces . Garden Club.

For more information, call Amador Foundation Board member Heather Pollard at 644-7765.

#### Tree lighting ceremony

The City of Las Cruces' annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, between the new City Hall, 700 N. Main St., and Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Mayor Ken Miyagishima will host the tree

lighting.

Hot chocolate and snacks will be served, and entertainment will be provided by the Starlight Children's Theatre Company. After the tree lighting ceremony, the Las Cruces Downtown Partnership will present WinterFest 2010 between Las Cruces and Griggs avenues on the Downtown Mall. There will be horse drawn carriage rides, vendors and entertainment at the event.

#### Doña Ana Woodcarvers

The Doña Ana Wood-carvers Club will meet from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Those interested in becoming a new member are welcome.

For more information, call Charlotte Oleksy at 523-5199.

#### Meeting takes on bullying

District 4 Doña Ana County Commissioner Scott Krahling will host a community meeting to discuss bullying at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center.

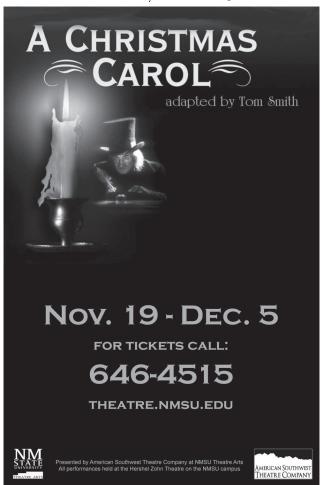
A panel of community leaders will outline their respective views on the issue and how the community can best act to stop bullying behavior against children and teens. Audience participation is encouraged.

Students, parents and the media - along with the general public - are encouraged to attend.

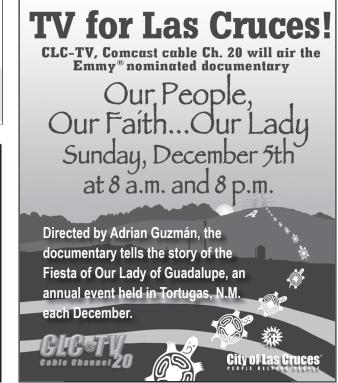
#### Walk honors **DWI victims**

Mesilla Valley Resource Center and New Mexico Survivors of Homicide

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#### **Coming Up**

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will have a candlelight walk from San Andres High School at Avenida de Mesilla and Boutz Road to Mesilla Plaza at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. The walk will be in memory of victims of DWI crashes and homicide.

The event will include music, special speakers, readings and a memorial balloon release at Mesilla Plaza before walkers return to San Andres High School for a reception.

Organizers ask everyone to do what they can to prevent friends and relatives from getting behind the wheel after having a few drinks.

## Pet adoption events listed

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASC-MV) will offer pet adoptions from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on the Downtown Mall.

Regular adoption fees are \$75 for dogs or puppies and \$50 for cats or kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay or neuter and microchip.

At the Pet's Barn event, microchipping for pets that already have homes will be available for \$20, and city pet licenses will be available to neutered pets for \$5 each. Li-

censes for unaltered pets are \$25 each. Proof of spay or neuter is required before a \$5 license will be issued. Pet owners also must bring current proof of rabies vaccination for each animal to be licensed.

The ASCMV also offers low-cost spay and neuter operations at the rate of \$35 for dogs and \$25 for cats. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the shelter offices.

For more information, call the ASCMV at 382-0018, or visit the www.ascmv.com. People who are hearing-impaired may call 541-2182.

Other upcoming companion animal-related events include:

- A garage sale benefitting the ASCMV will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4-5, at 2292 Divot Drive. No early birds.
- A Critter Christmas Celebration, benefiting SNAP, DACHS and For the Sake of Animals (friends of the animal shelter) will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the historic Amador Hotel, 180 W. Amador Ave.

#### **DACSAR** meets

Doña Ana County Search & Rescue Inc., a volunteer search and rescue team will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, in conference room No. 114

of the main building at Doña Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina St. Visitors are welcome and the group is currently accepting and training new members. For more information, visit www. dacsar.org or call 526-4918.

## GOP women meet Dec. 10

The Federated Republican Women of Doña Ana County will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, for its Christmas luncheon. The Good Time Singers will provide entertainment. Lunch is \$8 and reservations are required by Monday, Dec. 6. For more information or to make reservations, call Anna Mae Evans at 635-9174.

## JPT academy meeting set

The J. Paul Taylor Academy will hold its regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, in the Roadrunner Room at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The meeting is open to the public.

## Kiwanis can drive begins

The Las Cruces Kiwanis Foundation will be holding its

eighth annual CanTree Drive starting at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, and running through 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. Donations will be accepted 24 hours a day. The Christmas CanTree is a unique community-wide project showing loving and caring for our fellow citizens during the holiday season. Although only canned goods will be used to erect the actual CanTree, dried and packaged foods will be accepted for distribution as well. Cash donations will be accepted on-site by Kiwanis members or may be mailed to the Foundation at P.O. Box 6357, Las Cruces, NM 88006.

The 2010 Christmas CanTree will be erected and decorated with Christmas lights at the east end of the Walmart Supercenter on Walton Boulevard. The food collected will be donated to Gospel Rescue Mission, Casa de Peregrinos, El Caldito Soup Kitchen and the Character Kids organization for distribution to needy families in Doña Ana County.

For more information, call Debra Melcher at 202-6366.

## Genealogy society meets

The Doña Ana County Genealogical Society will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Roadrunner Room. New of-

ficers will be elected for the coming year. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. For more information, email dacgslc@gmail.com.

#### **NAACP** meeting

The NAACP, Doña Ana Branch, holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. every second Thursday of the month at the AFSCME Union Hall, 183 Downtown Mall. The public is invited.

For more information, call 527-5765.

## Sobriety checkpoints

The Las Cruces Police Department has scheduled at least three sobriety checkpoints to be conducted within city limits between the dates of Friday, Dec. 10, and Friday, Dec. 31.

The checkpoints are part of the department's efforts to reduce and eliminate the number of motorists who drive while intoxicated. The enforcement activities also may include saturation, underage and party patrols.

The Las Cruces Police Department encourages those who plan on consuming alcoholic beverages to arrange ahead of time and use a designated driver – someone who will not be drinking alcoholic beverages – for their transportation needs.

Residents of Doña Ana County are reminded that they can take advantage of Project HOME, an initiative of the local DWI Program. For a minimal fee, Project HOME (Helping Others Make it home Every time) offers a safe ride home to anyone who may have consumed too much alcohol.

Project HOME is available Fridays, Saturdays and holidays between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 3 a.m.

For more information, call 524-TAXI (8294).

## NARFE meet set for Dec. 11

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 182 will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Columbus Conference Center, Days Inn Suites & Mesilla Valley Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Entertainment will be provided by East Mesa, playing Christmas favorites and other special tunes.

All current and retired federal employees are encouraged to attend the meeting and become part of the group. There is a cost (cash only) for the breakfast buffet, and reservations must be made by Tuesday, Dec. 7, by calling Joy Davenport at 522-1160.

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# Networking at Space Industry Day

#### Chamber links locals to spaceport bidders

In one of the first events at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 60 area businesses had booths at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Industry Day event Wednesday, Dec. 1, to possibly get attention from 10 contractors interested in bidding on Spaceport America operational contracts.

Participating businesses offering services for sub-contracting ranged from hi-tech companies with sophisticated communications and computer capabilities to more basic needs like security screenings and CPR

The event also included presentations on the spaceport's two main customers - Virgin Galactic and UP Aerospace.

Construction of Spaceport America is expected to be completed by early next year. Virgin Galactic is currently testing its new spaceliner and could possibly begin taking six passengers per flight into suborbital space above southern New Mexico.





Wayne Savage, who chairs the chamber's spaceport commerce committee, gives a presentation on Virgin Galactic, Spaceport America's anchor tenant. Virgin Galactic already has more than \$50 million in deposits from people wanting to take suborbital space flights.

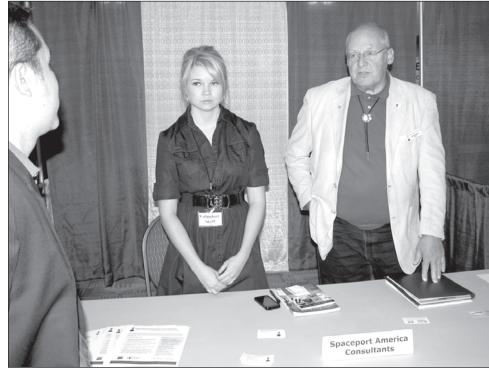




Manuel Medina, an EMT-paramedic, and Rod Campion, executive director of Region II EMS-**Emergency Care Systems Development, tell how** their business can provide CPR training at job sites.



Chad Rabon, infrastructure director at the New Mexico Spaceport Authority, welcomes participants of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Industry Day event Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Area businesses gathered to attract attention from contractors bidding on Spaceport America operational contracts.



Davin Lopez, president-CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, chats with Morgan McPheeters and Jim Hayhoe, consultants of Spaceport America.



Jack Wigley, president of All Aboard America!, greets a visitor to his booth. His bus service has transported visitors to Spaceport America, such as the runway dedication in October.

## Three generations of scouts



Submitted photo by John Yarbrough

John Yarbrough of Las Cruces joins his grandson Charles and son Paul during the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Court of Honor held recently in Corrales, N.M. John and Paul both received their Eagle Scout honors in Las Cruces, marking three generations of Eagle Scouts. John is a retired rancher, Paul is an attorney in Albuquerque and Charles is a cadet at the New Mexico Military Institute and has joined the New Mexico National Guard.

## **NMSU** regents meet Dec.10

#### Closed session precedes public meeting

The New Mexico State University Board of Regents will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in the Regents Room of the Educational Services Center on the NMSU campus.

A closed executive session will be held at 8 a.m. Dec. 10 in Room 2 of the Educational Services Center to discuss personnel, real estate and legal matters in accordance with sections 10-15-1 H (2), (8)

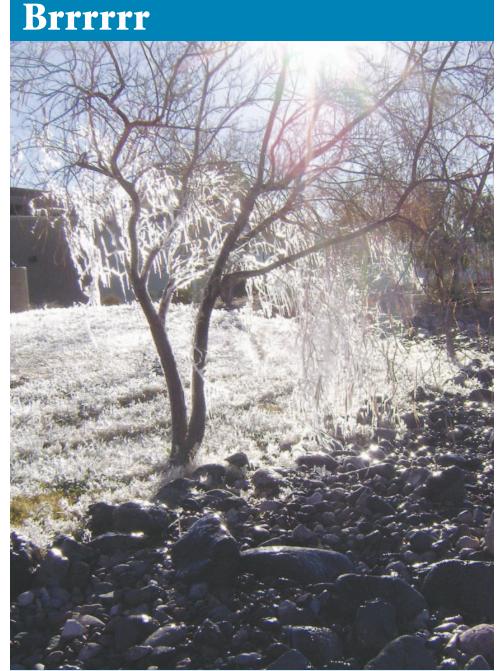
and (7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Copies of the agenda for

copies of the agenda for the regular open meeting will be available at Zuhl Library on the NMSU campus not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting. The agenda will be posted 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 should contact the Regents Office 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. Call the Regents Office at 646-1727 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Richard Coltharp

Below-freezing temperatures ushered in December in Las Cruces as evidenced by this icicle tree in front of Kitchen Kraft on North Telshor Boulevard. A water sprinkler created this mini-winter wonderland Wednesday, Dec. 1.







# Braving the elements for Black Friday sales

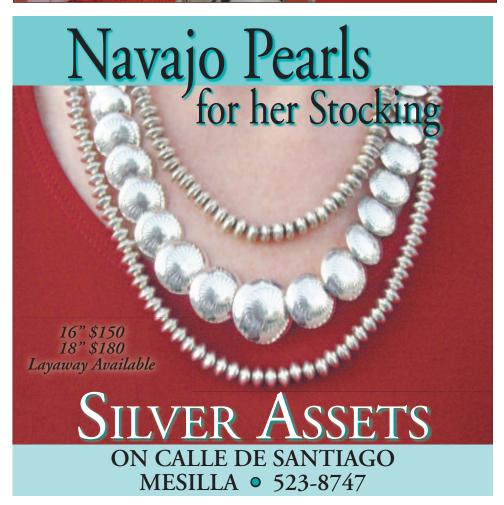
Photos by Derek Brandt

Victor
Holguin said
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more than
two hours for
his 46-inch
flatscreen TV.
"There's only
nine left!" he
exclaimed as
he left.

Annabella Esparza, a parole officer from El Paso, said she came to Las Cruces to miss the El Paso crowds.









endured the cold to find deals when stores such as Target opened their doors in the wee hours of Nov. 26 – better known as Black Friday - to mark when retailers hope to begin making a profit on the year.

**Bargain** 

A line of shoppers wrapped around Albertsons to Lohman Avenue.





An excited crowd awaits in below-freezing temperatures.

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# Sheep and Goat Barn open house at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

Photos by New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum







These churro sheep were on display during the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's open house in the sheep and goat barn on Sunday, Nov. 14.

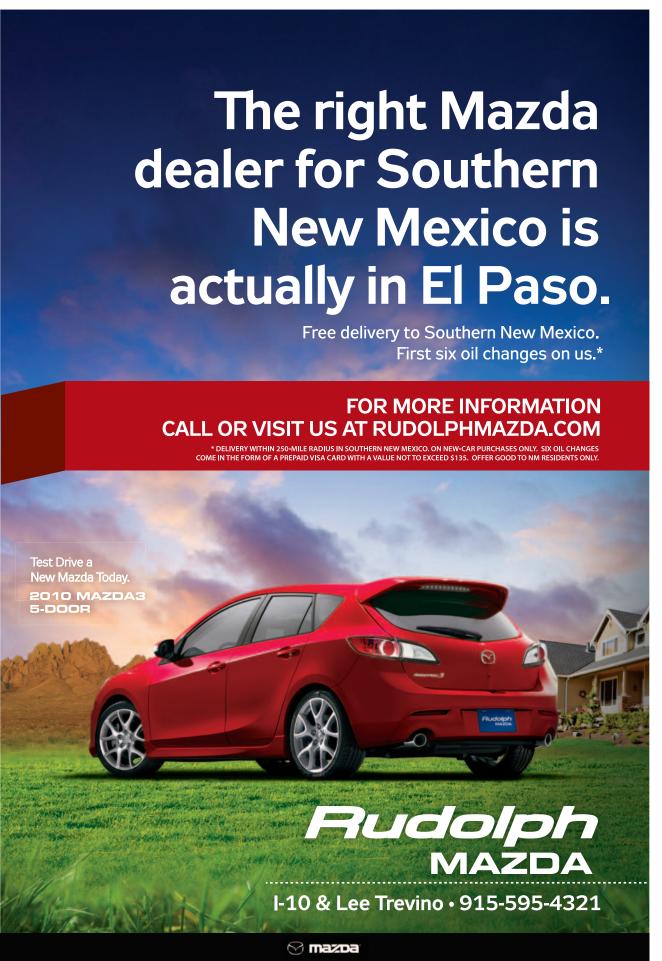
Ash, a border collie owned by Pat Howard, herds a group of barbado and dorper sheep.

With the help of his father Francesco Borghesi of Seattle, Beniamino Borghesi, 3, participates in children activities.



Lana Eckman, a volunteer at the museum, demonstrates weaving on her table-top loom.







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New Mexico State University photo

The RoadRUNNER Aggie transit bus makes a stop in front of Frenger Food Court at New Mexico State University.

## Study to scrutinize buses

## Engineers examine transit inefficiencies

New Mexico State University industrial engineering professor Hansuk Sohn decided he might be able to improve the efficiency of the city's bus transit system, when he realized he would have to commute a mile from his home to the nearest bus stop, take two separate buses and arrive to work on campus an hour later.

"I live in the Highway 70 area, about 10 miles away from the university," Sohn said. "One bus trip takes about an hour, but if I drive, it takes less than 30 minutes, so why bother?

"In the last five years, Doña Ana County, especially the city, has been growing and expanding a lot. I've been thinking it's about time to expand the current RoadRUNNER transit system. I'm an industrial engineer, and unlike many other engineers, industrial engineers are mainly involved in system improvement or system optimization."

Sohn and a group of engineering students are researching the RoadRUNNER transit system through communication with city officials, producing and distributing surveys and collecting ridership data.

After studying current bus routes, Sohn recognized coverage lacking in student residential areas as well as other populated areas in the city and near campus. "If we do have a

route in these student-populated areas, ridership would be high," he said.

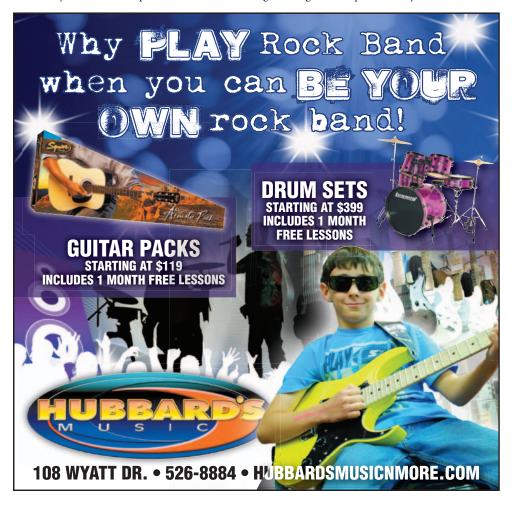
"I prefer to park my car in a free parking area and get in the bus that will take me anywhere I want on campus," said Haytham Alodan, an industrial engineering graduate student. "For students who don't have cars, the city buses will help them get anywhere in Las Cruces as well."

Though just starting to collect data, students are reviewing several surveys and ridership information from the previous spring semester. Already, the group has found the peak demand for the Aggie Transit system does not reach maximum bus capacity.

"The buses used were large-capacity buses, meanwhile, the yearly utilization of buses did not exceed 16 percent of the capacity of the buses," reported Daniel Agyenim-Boateng and German Reyes, industrial engineering graduate students.

"There is a positive relationship between fuel consumption and the size of the vehicles. Simple decision – Aggie Transit should use the smaller buses and that would save around \$30,000 annually," Sohn said.

The group plans to conduct more data gathering, on campus and citywide.





# **Sports**

Friday, December 3, 2010

## Give the referees a break



Jim Hillev Bulletin in the

The men in the black and white stripes are not very popular in Las Cruces right now.

Fans of the Las Cruces High School Bulldawgs are still outraged at what they see as a blown call at the end of the state semifinal football game in Albuquerque, Saturday, Nov. 27.

Bulldawg Geoff Segovia believes he caught a "Hail Mary" pass in the end zone to win the game against the Man-

zano Monarchs.

The referees didn't see it that way, and Manzano prevailed 35-31, and will face the Mayfield Trojans in Albuquerque's Wilson Stadium at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4.

In the Aggie-Miner game at Pan American Stadium Tuesday, Nov. 30, officials seemed quick to call technical and flagrant fouls against the home team, but appeared to allow the visiting Miners to play "physical" defense.

Though New Mexico State's backup center Abdoulaye N'doye was called for a flagrant foul on hot-shooting Miner Randy Culpepper in the first half of that game, an equally physical foul that laid Aggie Christian Kabongo on the floor in the second half was missed by the referees. That quickly led to a confrontation that sent Aggie Chili Nephawe and Miner John Bohannon to their locker rooms early.

I can understand why fans gather around the coffee machine the next day and complain about the calls. Some of the calls do seem implausible.

But personally, I don't buy the biased referee meme.

Like everyone else, I like to yell at them. Call their mothers names. Maybe recommend an optometrist or two.

But I have never walked around in a referee's shirt. I have never tried to run up and down the court chasing a bunch of human gazelles for two hours. I can't imagine how they keep enough focus to see where so-and-so's feet are when a pass is caught or a foul is committed.

It's easy to sit on the sidelines or in front of a television and second-guess a call made on the field or on the floor.

While it's only natural for sports enthusiasts to pull up a replay on YouTube to vindicate their point of view, fans should stop and consider that those guys making the calls are human, too.

There may be an occasional bad apple out there that tries to influence a game, but I think that is a rare case.

Maybe I just have a naïve view of human nature.

Call them names, if you want. Insult their family members and seeing-eye dogs. But spare me the conspiracy

# Throne within reach

### Trojans will challenge Monarchs for state championship Saturday

They're

(Manzano) the

highest-scoring

team in the

MICHAEL BRADLEY,

Mayfield coach

state ...

By Craig Massey

What do the Mayfield Trojans and the Manzano Monarchs do for an encore?

Last week, Mayfield stunned second-ranked La Cueva, 21-17, in a highly physical battle that

saw Bears running back Ronnie Daniels carry the ball an astounding 52 times for 353 yards. It's being called one of the biggest victories in Mayfield's great football history.

In the other semifinal game last week, Manzano (the only team that had beaten La Cueva this year before Mayfield) rallied from a 24-7 halftime deficit and defeated Las Cruces, 35-31, in a game that ended

with one of the most controversial finishes in state playoff history.

The Class 5A semifinals were two amazing games that still have football fans in the state talking and debating. Now what?

Mayfield (9-4) and Manzano (11-1) will try to top that at 2 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4, when they meet for the state championship at Wilson Stadium in Albuquerque. Las Cruces radio station KSNM-AM 570 will carry the game.

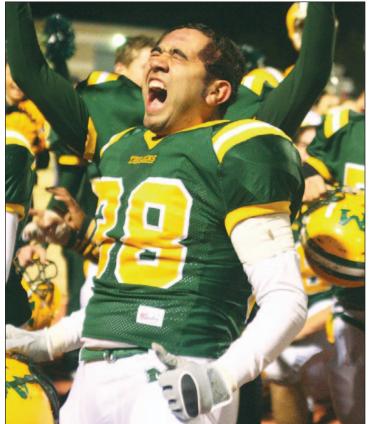
Mayfield's mission was clear in the contest against La Cueva - figure out a way to slow down Daniels. While the Texas Tech-bound

runner put up huge numbers, he had to fight and scratch for every yard. He was hit often and hit hard. By the fourth quarter, Mayfield coach Michael Bradley said Daniels "wasn't finishing his runs."

The challenge this week is different for the Trojan defenders. Their target won't be as apparent and obvious. This week, they won't always know from where

the attack will come.

Top-ranked Manzano, under coach Aaron Ocampo, runs what Bradley calls "the new style of spread offense" that features the quarterback in the shotgun formation most of the time, with one back and four receivers. Ryan Tru-



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Raul X. Ruiz Ro Mayfield High School senior Andrew Zapien lets out a yell after the Trojans upset La Cueva Friday, Nov. 26 at the Field of Dreams. Mayfield will meet Manzano High School at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Wilson Stadium in Albuquerque for the Class 5-A state championship.

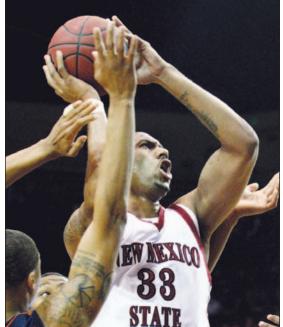
jillo is the Monarchs' quarterback and his two top receivers are Josh Bowen and Kevin Reaves.

"They can run and pass," Bradley said. "They use a lot of playaction, and they have two or three

big-time receivers. Their quarterback (Trujillo) has a 70-percent completion percentage and that's almost unheard of, especially at

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## Late surge not enough for Aggies



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney

Troy Gillenwater goes up for two of his 22 points in a 74-72 loss to the UTEP Miners Tuesday, Nov. 30, in the Pan American Center.

## Miners escape Pan American Center with victory for second straight year

By **Jim Hilley**Las Cruces Bulletin

Coach Marvin Menzies must be feeling a little snake bit about the 2010-11 New Mexico State Aggie basketball season.

It started shortly after last season, when WAC Player of the Year contender Jahmar Young had a confrontation with the Las Cruces police and had to take his chances as a pro prospect.

In pre-season practice, All-WAC forward Wendell McKines broke his foot, and the timetable for his return to the team is still up in the air.

After a grueling road trip that found the Aggies losing by double-digits to Arizona, UMass, Southern Cal and UTEP, a home game against the Miners seemed like just the right time for NMSU to get a muchneeded home win.

Then down goes starting center Hamidu Rahman with a calf injury. His status is being called "day to day."

So at tipoff for the rematch against the Miners on Tuesday, Nov. 30, Menzies was down to only one returning starter from last year on the floor - point guard Hernst

As if to throw a little salt in the Aggies' wounds, UTEP guard Randy Culpepper continued where he left off in the first game and exploded for 25 points in the first half, leading the Miners to a 40-35 halftime

At halftime, Laroche was a miserable 0-for-5 shooting, with no assists and one turnover.

Early in the second half, senior UTEP center Claude Britten came in and outplayed the Aggies still formidable frontcourt. Soon the Aggies found themselves in a familiar place – down by double digits. With only 5:48 to play, the visitors had a seemingly comfortable 12-point lead.

But the Aggies wouldn't quit. Laroche finally connected on a

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## **Dreams come true** at Field of Dreams

## Bitter cold doesn't deter Mayfield fans

By **Jimmy Currier**Las Cruces Bulletin

The Mayfield Trojans did their part in making the New Mexico Activities Association 5A football championship an all-city affair by defeating highly favored La Cueva 21-17 at the Field of Dreams Friday, Nov. 26. Unfortunately, Las Cruces High couldn't hold up its end of the bargain, falling 35-31 in Albuquerque to Manzano Saturday, Nov. 27.

A green-and-gold convoy will travel up I-25 Saturday, Dec. 4, to cheer on the sixth-ranked Trojans (9-4) as they try to pull off another upset, this time for the state crown against No. 1 Manzano (11-1)

More than 10,000 people braved the bitter cold Friday, Nov. 26, to cheer on the Trojans. Nestled in green and gold blankets, the crowd had plenty of excitement to keep them warm.

Stopping Texas Tech-bound Ronnie Daniels, who is the career-rushing leader in New Mexico, was the game plan for the Trojans. While the running back's name was called all night - 52 rushes for 353 yards - he only found the end zone once and fumbled the ball twice.

"All we focused on all week was stopping Ronnie Daniels," said Bobby Chavez, senior linebacker for Mayfield. "We prevailed and we did good. I can't believe that.'

Jeremy Chavez, Bobby Chavez, Irma Chavez, Danae Rosales, Marisa Rosales, Kristy Soto and Junior Molina braved cold temperatures to support the Mayfield Trojans in their 21-17 playoff win over La Cueva.





A long line greeted ticket purchasers before Mayfield kicked off against La Cueva Friday, Nov. 26, at the Field of Dreams.

Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Jimmy Currier

Chavez, whose family had come to support him and the team, was elated after the victory.

'This is a dream come true," he said. "I always wanted to be a Mayfield Trojan, and now I am a Mayfield Trojan, and I can't thank my teammates enough that backed me up since I've been here. I can't say enough.'

How fitting that Chavez' dream of playing in the state championship came true at the Field of Dreams.

The only football on Thanksgiving weekend that Chavez had seen was the Dallas Cowboys or Detroit Lions on television. After playing in Santa Fe for three years, Chavez moved south.

"This is my first time in the state championship," he said. "It's great to be with Mayfield. All the fans and the support, we did it. We practiced all week and it paid off."

Chavez, who suffered a mild injury earlier in the game, wasn't going to miss out on the action and helped lead the defense.

The cold didn't keep people away. In fact, people were rolling into the stadium as late as the second quarter. Before

kickoff, the ticket line on the home side of the stadium resembled a miniature version of the lines that were meandering outside several retail establishments throughout Las Cruces on

But, Friday at 5 p.m. was Green and Gold Friday in the City of Crosses.

"It feels great," said Mayfield supporter Tom Trujillo. "I told my son coming into the game that Mayfield had something for them this time. It feels really great. I'm really proud of the program."

From the opening kickoff to the final seconds being ticked off the clock, the crowd was loud and raucous, clanging their cowbells and cheering on their team.

Zach Nelson's pass inside the red zone and Daniels fumbled again, this time with 5:12 remaining in the game at the Mayfield 32 yard-line.

With the turnovers spelling trouble for the Bears, Mayfield quarterback Axten Franzoy was impressed with the defense.

"La Cueva was the best team in the state," Franzoy said. "They played hard. We played hard and it came down to who wanted it more and we had so much we wanted to get done after those two losses. The third time is the charm."

The turning point of the game was an 80yard march culminating with Ricky Milks'

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MICHAEL BRADLEY,

Mayfield coach

year long.

1-yard plunge into the end zone that opened the second

The Trojans took the lead 14-10 on Milks' 85-yard run with 22 seconds left in the third quarter. After giving up a touchdown with 8:38 remaining in the fourth quarter, Mayfield took the lead for good when Brandon Betancourt followed his 75-yard run with a threeyard push into the end zone.

Mayfield coach Michael Bradley said his team stepped up the whole game.

"We held them to seven points (in the first half), and no one has done that all year long," he said. "The defense had an unbelievable performance tonight.'

Mayfield, who lost to La Cueva in last year's championship game, 31-14, was not expected to return to the finals after a sluggish start.

'It's huge. Our kids kept going all the time, and they believed in each other," he said. "This is the best game we've played all year long and it was an unbelievable performance. Everybody came out on fire tonight and we wouldn't take no for an answer."

The game was a memorable one, and Mayfield seniors Hannah Seward and Felicity Vigil were on the sidelines capturing all the precious moments on film for the yearbook. Let's hope Saturday provides more memories for the



### Throne

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the high school level. And he can run the ball, too. They have a very dangerous offense."

While the high-scoring Monarchs will attack differently than La Cueva, Bradley said the goal is the same this week.

"They're going to get their yards and points, but we've got to limit them and not break," he said. "If they score 40 or 50 points, we'll have a hard time winning the football game. We have the same game plan as last week – try to get some stops and turnovers and score enough points to win."

While Mayfield endured a huge dose of Daniels, the Trojans



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney
Mayfield defensive end Juan-Carlos Badillo closes in on La Cueva fullback Andrew Kline.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Niki Rhynes

Mayfield coach Michael Bradley gives instruction to a player as the team prepares for the state championship



countered with a powerful combination themselves. Trojan running backs Ricky Milks and Brandon Betancourt had 12 carries for 154 yards and nine carries for 114 yards, respectively.

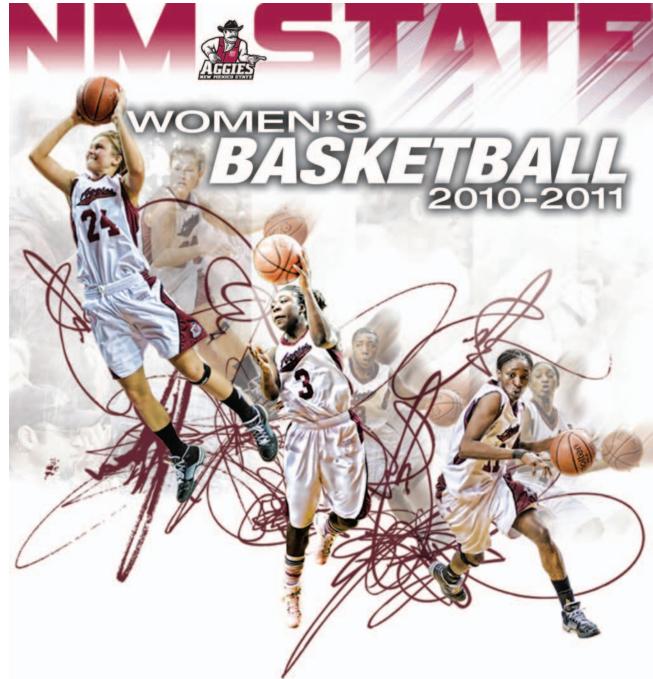
"Two good backs are better than one, and that was the case last week," Bradley said. "We need to mix it up, both run and pass and hopefully find a groove. We need to control the football and not give it up to them. They're the highest-scoring team in the state probably behind La Cueva.'

Milks and Betancourt are joined in the Trojan backfield by junior quarterback Axten Franzoy, fullback Andy Zapien and another talented back in Kiefer Payne. Juan Godoy is the tight end and Avron Garcia is the top receiver. Matt Ramondo and Sean O'Neil start at offensive tackle, and Daniel Garcia and Joaquin Acosta are the guards. Cayman Green starts at center.

On defense, the 6-5, 290-pound Ramondo is the anchor at nose tackle. He is joined by tackles Jesus Olivas and Steve Benavidez, and ends Bobby Chavez and Godoy. Brock Baca and Galen Spencer are the linebackers, and the secondary consists of Payne, Lucas Ogaz, Devonte Minor and Braxton Smith. Baca also serves as the team's kicker and punter.



Keifer Payne gets a victory hug from Offensive Coordinator Coach Jim Bradley after the victory over La



## NM State vs. Cal-Northridge **Sunday, December 5 at 1PM**



## Aggielnsider

## **Another rivalry game**

Lobos and Aggies hook it up again

The New Mexico State and New Mexico men's basketball teams hook it up again Saturday, Dec. 4, as the annual raising of local fans' interest and blood pressures takes place. I was recalling my first broadcast of an NM State-UNM men's game in December 1976. UNM came to town as the "on-paper" favorite with a wide open offense and a coach that was a lightning rod for attention. The Aggies were in their second year of rebuilding and the opposing head coaches couldn't have been different types of people. Oklahoman Ken Hayes was

Oklahoman Ken Hayes was in charge of the Aggies and the flamboyant Norm Ellenberger was running the Lobo program. Hayes was a down-home, good-old boy who enjoyed playing spades when he wasn't coaching his team, and Ellenberger, at that time, was the darling of Albuquerque, hanging out at "Ned's" night spot in his off hours. The teams had a roster of stars on both sides that would provide the pyrotechnics in my inaugural instate rivalry game.

The Aggies were led by seniors Richard Robinson and Dexter Hawkins at the guard positions. Doug Jones was a returning letterman at center, the small forward was super athlete Notie Pate and the Aggies power forward was freshman Slab Jones.

Ellenberger had assembled a lot of junior college talent that would jell the next year, putting UNM in the NCAA Tournament. Michael



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

Cooper was a starter for the Lobos along with Marvin Johnson, a scoring machine from the Texas junior college ranks. Their center was a guy named Jimmy Allen, who would get into foul trouble early on that night. The Lobos wanted to run, and that suited Hayes just fine. Robinson and Pate were sprinters who could shoot from the perimeter and Jones was the main threat when it became a half-court game.

I had done one other NM State basketball game prior to the Aggie-Lobo shootout and was not used to calling a game with such a quick pace. There was no shot clock then, "young-uns" and the 3-point basket was something that existed in the ABA.

I did keep up, and at the end, 215 points were scored that night with the Aggies claiming a ninepoint 112-103 win. Subs Danny Lopez and Micah Owens added to the scoring barrage along with "Tip" Cormier.

Ellenberger and the Lobo faithful went back home muttering over the road loss that seemed unfathomable to them hours before based on their "on-paper"

The Pan American Center held a lot of magic that night and can again. That is up to you and your support of the Aggies whenever they play.

## **Passion starts early**

## Equestrian riding requires skill and lifelong dedication

Almost every little girl goes through some phase between 5 and 10 years old when they are head-over-heels in love with horses, myself included. More often than not, parents will get them a My Little Pony or stuffed animal and hope that they will stay interested in ballet instead.

My parents thought it would be a good idea to sign me up for a horse-riding lesson for my seventh birthday. Little did they know that one riding lesson would turn into a lifelong passion. Right now, New Mexico State has 27 young ladies with that same passion that make up our women's equestrian team.

In 2004, NM State decided to add equestrian to its list of NCAA Division I athletics programs. Currently, 23 universities participate in NCAA equestrian. It is completely unique from any other NCAA sport in one big way – our athletes are human and horse. Not only are the team members accomplished at the national and international level, our 30 horses have impressive résumés themselves. With the talents of rider and horse combined, equestrian is the marriage of human and animal made into sport.

There are currently four categories of riding that make up the sport of NCAA equestrian. Two of these are based in the Western discipline, and two in English.

About half of our team participates in the Western style of riding, which has evolved to what it is today from working cattle in the fields (note: the reason why people ride with one hand in Western is because of the necessity to use a lasso to rope in livestock). In Western reigning, the rider must put the horse through maneuvers, such as sudden or sliding

Audrey Van Eman Equestrian head coach



stops, rollbacks, spins and gallop, which are all common maneuvers necessary to work a herd of cattle. In our other category of Western riding, Western horsemanship, emphasis is placed on the riders' positions and how effectively they can maneuver a horse through a set pattern.

The other half of our team competes in the English or hunt seat style of riding. This style was developed in Britain and brought to the United States by our founding fathers. The saddle is smaller and designed to allow the rider to have a freer range of movement when following the hounds over fences and hedgerows on the hunt. In our equitation over fences division, a rider navigates 8 to 10 obstacles similar to what is seen in a hunt field. In our other division, equitation on the flat, emphasis is placed on the riders' positions and how effectively they can maneuver a horse through a set pattern, much like Western horsemanship.

Some people do not understand equestrian as a legitimate sport within itself. Once you come to our competitions and see the demonstration of athleticism and skill required to navigate a 1,200 pound animal over numerous 3-foot-6-inch obstacles or watch as a rider asks her mount to slide 20 feet on their back hooves to a final stop, you will start to understand the dedication and training involved. Like in football or basketball, our athletes train and hone their skills from a young age to adulthood.

I invite you all to come out to one of our home competitions this spring and see us in action: Feb. 12, 2011 versus Oklahoma State and March 26, 2011 versus Tennessee-Martin. See you there.

#### This Week

#### In Aggie Athletics

Saturday, Dec. 4 Swimming and Diving Northern Arizona Flagstaff, Ariz. 11:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, Dec. 5 Women's Basketball Cal State Northridge Las Cruces



#### Aggie student-athlete spotlight



#### **Danisha Corbett** Senior Women's Basketball

Senior guard Danisha Corbett sparked the Aggie offense with an average of 18.5 points per game in the two Aggie Thanksgiving Classic wins. She scored a season-high 20

points against Alcorn State. In the championship against Northern Iowa, Corbett snared a seasonhigh eight rebounds to go with a team-high 17 points.



## **Troy Gillenwater** Junior

Men's Basketball

Junior forward Troy Gillenwater scored a teamhigh 18 points at UTEP Nov. 23. He also grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds along with a blocked shot in a career-high 38 minutes of action. Gillenwater

was 6-for-15 from the field and 6-for-10 from the free-throw line in the first rivalry game of the season



## **Tabytha Wampler** Junior

Women's Basketball

Junior forward Tabytha Wampler averaged a double-double in three games last week. Wampler pulled down a career-high 18 rebounds in the win against Northern Iowa,

Nov. 27. She recorded an amazing assist-to-turnover ratio of 2.4 that included 10 assists at the Thanksgiving Classic.





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## Onthegreen

## With inspiration from Arnie

## Ten golf tips to get you where you need to go As the celebrity spokesman for a big HR services company, 90 percent of small businesses went belly-up within the first 1

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golf legend Arnold Palmer recently endorsed a magazine ad consisting of "Tips from the Pros at Administaff." I was impressed, since all 10 "tips" seemed applicable as much to golf as

they were to succeeding in business.

Inspired by Arnie, I'll offer my own version of the 10 tips for getting where you want to go.

1. Aspire to excellence. Nobody ever became great by set-

tling for average, middle-of-the-pack, "gentleman's C." Always try to be the best you can be. Sounds like Arnie – and the Army. Well, they go together.

If you're someone who is not continually working to improve, how do you expect to be competitive? It may sound harsh, but sandbaggers and dolts are loathsome creatures. I know folks who would argue

"Oh, I just want to play golf the way I play golf," they retort.

As for me, I'm the son of an athletic coach who wanted me to do the best I possibly could every time I took the field or dove into the pool. That ethic tends to dominate one's personality, and it did mine. The friends I choose to play with are competitors who aren't satisfied with mediocrity.

**2. Have a vision.** As the saying goes, "If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there." If you're one of

those golfers who play regularly, but can't seem to take your game to a higher level, I suggest you set some specific goals and write them down, like you would if you were running a smart business. Then create a logical plan that will lead you to accomplishing those goals. Be sure to stay focused on your goals, not all the obstacles that you feel are standing in the way. Regularly update your progress and revise your plans. Good things will happen.

3. Choose wisely. Golf is all about decisions. Choices. From picking the right club for the right shot to choosing the line and speed of your putt. That's why some many golfers – good and not so good – falter. They don't know how to go about making correct decisions, and sometimes they're too impulsive, and it usually means negative consequences

It works that way in golf and in life. Just ask Tiger Woods. To make winning decisions, you have to know in advance what you value – safety versus risk, for example – and how you plan to play, then stick to your strategy. The best decision-makers are clear-headed, extremely focused and unencumbered by emotional turmoil. It's no different in the office. If your philosophy is based on fairness and highly ethical behavior, you're probably going to make the right decision when it comes to solving dicey human conflicts.

4. Play to win. That's Arnie all the way – and I agree, with a certain measure of caution. I'm not a riverboat gambler or hustler when it comes to golf. I have a lot of pride, so I'd rather play masterfully and bravely and lose, than play like a chop and win money. My first priority is not to lose, a mindset that

stems from my experience years ago as a start-up entrepreneur in the treacherous athletic footwear business. I knew that more than

90 percent of small businesses went belly-up within the first 18 months, so I decided I would not fail and I didn't.

In golf I approach risks with much the same mentality. I try to be intelligent, and win, but I try mostly to not do what I see so many high-handicappers do – fail to assess the risk and then do something stupid that results in a disaster.

5. Avoid hazards. In a manner similar to the avoid-losing

strategy, staying away from hazards seems to be a key to success in all sports, not just on the golf course. In sports there are penalties, fouls, obstacles and rules infractions of all

sorts. Just as in life. Getting entangled with hazards because of poor choices off the field has mired so many sports stars the list would go on for pages – competitors who were great on the field but dumb off the field. On the golf course, bunkers, boundaries streams and lakes are usually positioned in spots that attract overzealous or inept golfers. Not unlike the temptations in business and life, which also seem to attract the unprepared, unthinking and unaware.

6. Play by the rules. It's an unfortunate reality, but most golfers don't know a lot about the rules of golf. Serious golfers usually do, but most golfers aren't serious or studious players. The rules can sometimes work in your favor, just as in

I grew up in the 40s and 50s, and it was a time when folks "played by the rules" more so than they do today, at least in middle-class America in the Midwest. Lowlifes who did drugs were labeled "dope fiends," and criminals who were sent to jail shamed their families permanently. Whatever happened to shame, anyway? One thing I like about golf is that the rules have very little bend in them.

7. Become mentally tough. There is no other characteristic of successful people that is more shared between business leaders and sports winners than mental toughness. I think that's because the challenges are so similar in terms of emotions. Being tough mentally isn't simply a matter of never choking, never getting nervous or never losing your cool.

No, you become stronger from within as you learn to become emotionally resilient. On the golf course and in organizations and on sales calls, bad breaks happen. Things turn sour

**Charlie Blanchard** Golf Doctor



and it seems like the cards (and world) are stacked against you. How we respond to setbacks and adversity defines how genuinely strong we are, and often, whether we will ultimately prevail.

8. Attend closely to details. The one thing I have noticed

about people who are expert in what they do is that they pay attention to details. I don't care if we're talking about musicians, architects, lobbyists, surgeons or tour golfers. Solid leaders in their fields sharpen their understanding of their work every hour of every day. In organizations, leaders of people learn to understand the spirit within their companies or work teams. They're acutely aware of the "corporate culture" and history, while making the people they lead feel important and valued by doing and saying those critical little things – the details.

The best golfers I know stride confidently onto the putting green, quickly observing the several slopes, gauging the distance, the break and the grain of the grass, subconsciously remembering preceding similar putts and noting where the intelligent leave would be. Those details are all processed in seconds by a mind that is focused and practiced

9. Maintain a positive attitude. One of the all-time, most owerful books ever written is Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's "The Power of Positive Thinking," which posited that what we reap in reality is proportionate to what we sow mentally. Do you like working with negative whiners? Do you like playing golf with angry, grouchy folks who trudge around all 18 holes with bad vibes? I like to hang out with positive, upbeat people - not downers. If you want good things to happen in your organization, you're wise to encourage your people to perform brilliantly, not continually threaten them with punishment. If you want to play good golf, think positive. Think possibilities.

10. Get professional help. No one in this world can go it alone. If you want to get ahead, whether in sports or in busi-

ness, you need a team. You need a number of other people supporting and assisting you. As a certified executive coach, I observe with astonishment how many business leaders, managers and CEOs actually derail themselves because they are too proud or too ignorant to get professional help when they desperately need it. For us golfers, it's about recognizing that we need feedback and coaching with our golf swing and our game. The smart ones have a teacher.

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# High School Athlete of the Week



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#### **Jeremy Buurma**

Jeremy Buurma is a 17-year-old senior at Las Cruces High School. He is the quarterback on the 'Dawgs' football team. Buurma has tallied 110 completions on 170 passing attempts for 1,550 yards and 14 touchdowns. He has also rushed for 831 yards and six touchdowns on 113 carries.

Buurma is a leader on and off the field. His teammates can trust him to leave it all on the field each and every game. He is focused and humble. His work ethic can only be described as exceptional. He learns and applies himself quickly and extremely well. Buurma is an extraordinary student with a 4.1 GPA and is the perfect example of a Las Cruces High School student athlete. He is the type of student athlete every teacher and coach would like to have in their classroom or on their team.

When not on the football field or in the classroom, Buurma loves to watch movies. He also supports other sports and activities at LCHS.



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## **Aggies**

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jump shot to cut the lead to 10.

A few moments later, freshman Christian Kabongo cut the lead to eight with

After Culpepper boosted the lead back to 10, Kabongo was fouled hard under the basket, and the following confrontation led to the ejection of Aggie Chili Nephawe and Miner John Bohannan.

After a time out, Kabongo made one of two free throws to cut the lead to nine.

Both teams then missed several opportunities to score.

At the 2:30 mark, Troy Gillenwater scored for the Aggies, cutting the lead to seven. He followed that by blocking Christian Polk's shot at the other end.

Bandja Sy nailed a 3-pointer, and suddenly the lead was down to 4 with less than two minutes to go.

The Pan American Center was rockin' and rollin.'

After Culpepper pushed the lead back to five on 1-of-2 free throws, Laroche scored in the paint to cut the Miners lead to three with 54 seconds to go. It was a one-possession ball game.

Julyan Stone missed a jump shot and the Aggies got the rebound, but Tyrone Watson missed a layup at the other end, Stone got the rebound and Watson fouled going after the ball. Stone's second free-throw attempt was good, giving the Miners a 4-point lead.

Laroche connected on a layup with six seconds to go, but two Polk free throws put the game out of the Aggies' reach. A Laroche three cut the Miner lead to one with 6 seconds left, but Culpepper's foul shot pushed the final score to 74-72.

The Aggies are now 2-5 on the season.

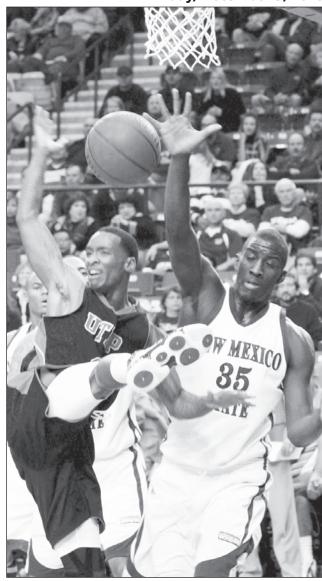
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Even though the Aggies ended up being swept by the Miners, Menzies was pleased with his team's ability to get back in the game in the final minutes.

"I'm really proud of my guys, I thought they showed a lot of resolve, only having one senior on the team and playing that way," he said. "Brighter days are ahead. We just have to keep working towards putting a quality product out on the floor for more than three or four minutes at a time – the spurts were the thing that killed us."

The Aggies will return to the court at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Pan American Center to face another arch rival – the University of New Mexico Lobos.

"No rest for the weary," Menzies said. Fans can listen to the Lobos game with the "Voice of the Aggies" Jack Nixon at 6:30 p.m. on KGRT-FM 103.9.



B.J. West gets a block against a Randy Culpepper during the Aggies' loss to the Miners in the Pan American

UTEP's John
Bohannon delivers
a hard foul to the
Aggies' Christian
Kabongo with
under three minutes
to go in game. After
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# Davon House Senior, Football Senior defensive back Davon House intercepted his 11th career pass in his final game as an Aggie against Hawai'i Nov. 27. He took that interception for a touchdown, recording his third interception for a touchdown in his four years with the Aggies. House finished the game with four tackles, an interception and a pass



## HIGH SCHOOL

## SportsSchedule

#### **Las Cruces High School**

Dec. 3-4	Boys Basketball	. at Jefferson High School Tournament	TBA
Friday, Dec. 3	Girls Basketball	. at El Paso High School	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4	Swimming	. at Dawg Quad II	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 7	Girls Basketball	. Chapin High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	. at Burges High School	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9-11	Girls Basketball	. at Rio Rancho Tournament	TBA
Dec. 10-11	Wrestling	. at Las Cruces High School Invite	TBA



#### **Mayfield High School**

Friday, Dec. 3	. Girls Basketball	. Montwood High School	7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4	. Football	. at Manzano (State championship) .	2 p.m.
	Girls Basketball	. Hobbs High School	3:30 p.m.
	Wrestling	. at Los Lunas Invite	TBA
Tuesday, Dec. 7	. Girls Basketball	. Santa Teresa High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	. at Andress High School	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9-11	. Girls Basketball	. at Moriarity Tournament	ТВА
	Boys Basketball	. at Mt. View Tournament	TBA
Dec. 10-11	. Wrestling	. at Las Cruces High School Invite	TBA



#### **Oñate High School**

Saturday, Dec. 4	. Girls Basketball	Roswell High School	2:30 p.m.
,,		at Los Lunas Invite	
Tuesday, Dec. 7	. Boys Basketball	at Clint High School	6 p.m.
	Girls Basketball	Parkland High School	7 p.m.
Dec. 9-11	. Girls Basketball	at Albuquerque Academy Tournament	TBA.
Dec. 10-11	. Wrestling	at Las Cruces High School Invite	ТВА



#### **Mesilla Valley Christian Schools**

Friday, Dec. 3	. Boys Basketball	. at Penasco High School	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4	. Boys Basketball	. at Bosque High School	5 p.m.
	Swimming	at Hobbs Invite	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 7	. Boys Basketball	. at Hatch High School	7 p.m.
Dec. 9-11	. Girls Basketball	. at Lake Arthur Invitational	TBA
	Boys Basketball	at Tularosa Invitational	TBA



## Sportsbriefs

## Crimson & White Out at UNM game Saturday

The New Mexico State athletic department announced the men's basketball game at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, against New Mexico at the Pan American Center will be a Crimson & White Out Game.

Fans are encouraged to wear a crimsoncolored shirt if they are sitting in a section ending in an even number and a white shirt if they are sitting in a section ending in an odd number. For those fans sitting in general admission seats, choose a seating section (either odd or even numbered) based on the color of their shirt.

#### Harlem Ambassadors event will support Big Brothers Big Sisters

The internationally acclaimed Harlem Ambassadors will visit Las Cruces for a game benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Oñate High School gymnasium, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive.

The Harlem Ambassadors offer a unique brand of Harlem-style basketball, featuring high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks and hilarious comedy routines.

The Ambassadors feature non-stop laughs and deliver a positive message for kids wherever they play.

"At our shows, we want the kids to know that they're part of our team, too," coach Ladè Majic said. "We invite as many kids as we can to come sit on the bench, have a front-row seat during the show, and get involved in all of the fun stuff we do."

The Ambassadors work with local nonprofit

and service organizations holding Harlem Ambassadors shows as community fundraising events. For the Las Cruces event, the Ambassadors have partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico to help raise funds for youth mentoring in southwestern New Mexico.

The Ambassadors have worked extensively with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters and American Red Cross as well as Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs in communities throughout the U.S., and perform more than 200 shows a year. Those shows have helped raise millions of dollars – an accomplishment of which Ambassadors President Dale Moss is very proud.

"It feels good to be able to provide quality entertainment and create memories that the fans will take with them," Moss said. "We're able to give even more when we can help provide funding, and that feels great."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico facilitates one-on-one mentoring relationships with children ages 5 to 17, more than 95 percent of which come from single-parent or low-income families. Children in the program are less likely to use drugs or alcohol, less likely to skip school and are more likely to earn higher grades.

Tickets are available for \$7 for students and seniors or \$9 for adults before the game and \$9 for students and seniors or \$11 for adults at the door.

For more information on how to become a sponsor or purchase tickets, call the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at 523-9530 or visit www. bbbsofswnm.org.

#### **Swimmers in Flagstaff**

The New Mexico State swimming and diving team returns to dual meet action at Northern

Arizona at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in Flagstaff, Ariz. The Aggies are looking for their third consecutive win over the Lumberjacks.

"The next three weeks will be a great challenge for our team, and starting with NAU in Flagstaff is always a great team building meet," coach Rick Pratt said. "At high altitude and in a 25-meter course things will not be easy, and with finals around the corner and intense training, certainly the team has a lot on its mind."

Last season, the Aggies edged Northern Arizona, 152-147, in Las Cruces. NMSU also defeated the Lumberjacks, 167.5-132.5, in December 2008 in Flagstaff.

"NAU is a much improved team and is racing very tough," Pratt said. "We're going to have to focus on our strategies and be positive to win this weekend. We're in a great place and doing the things necessary to succeed in February, and this weekend is a great test for our group. I feel confident that we have the strength to do some great things up there and we're looking forward to it, everyone will have to step up and fight for those points."

The Aggies end the semester at the UNLV Invitational, Dec. 11-13, in Las Vegas, Nev.

## Sonic honored for support



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney

New Mexico State University Director of Athletics McKinley Boston presents an autographed basketball to Donna Volz, senior marketing director for The Merritt Group, during the UTEP vs. NMSU men's basketball game Tuesday, Nov. 30. The long-running I-10 rivalry series between the Aggies and Miners now bears the name of Sonic America's Drive-In. Fans are encouraged to keep their Sonic receipts, click on UTEP or NMSU's athletic website and vote for their favorite team.

# NM STATE Supporter of the Month

#### **Benefiting the Journey to Excellence**

- Created first of its kind endowment— the Bob and Brenda Porter Point Guard Endowed Scholarship
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- Making a difference in the lives of student-athletes

#### **Essence of an Aggie**

- Both value education, learning, and working with people
- Brenda serves on the NMSU Foundation Board & the NMSU Sports Enterprises Board
- Family legacy of farming in the Hatch Valley
- Brenda was recently elected President of the Aggie Athletic Club Board of Advisors
- Bob played basketball for the Aggies from 1948 to 1951

#### **Make a Difference**

The father-daughter team of Bob and Brenda Porter is an Aggie legacy. They both place significance on giving back to their alma mater. Bob had originally planned to create a gift through his estate. However, Brenda successfully influenced him to make a gift now so that he could experience the positive impact it would have on the program today. Bob and Brenda encourage you to make a gift to the Aggie Athletic Club today that will impact current student-athletes. Give now and see the results of your donation today!

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#### **Bob Porter**

B.S. Agronomy in 1951 M.A. Education & Psychology 1956 Exec. VP, NM Farm & Livestock Bureau

#### Brenda Porter

B.S. Elementary Education 1983 M.A. Education 1986 Las Cruces Public Schools - Retired Realtor, Steinborn Real Estate

officials, housing authority board members and representatives

of the New Mexico Supportive Housing Coalition Tuesday, Nov. 30, in council chambers at City Hall about a proposal to convert the former city office building,

which was originally a hospital, into an affordable housing complex. Called Alameda 575,

the project would have 60 units, be designed for sustainability and include services to help the

residents become more self-

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

# First public input meeting held for housing proposal

Some question approach

By Todd G. Dickson

Attendance was light for the first public hearing Tuesday, Nov. 30, concerning a 60-unit affordable housing apartment complex in the city's former office center.

Critics of the proposal asked few questions because they said the City Council earlier approved the project in the month,

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nullifying the need for public comments.

This marks the second attempt by the Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico to secure funding for the project, now estimated to cost \$7 million.

The Albuquerque-based group intends to use the lure of tax credits to get funding from investors, the New Mexico Finance Authority, federal loans and grants, among other sources.

The tax credit financing also takes the property off city tax rolls during the term of its 99-year low-cost lease. That's why the apartment complex will be able to provide lower rental rates than what can be found in the local private market, said Mark Allison, executive director of the Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico.

"We have no real debt service to speak of," he told residents asking about the financing. "And we're a nonprofit, which is

another reason we can offer low rent."

Allison said his organization will resubmit its application by February 2011 to gain approval for the tax credit financing, which will be followed by efforts to attract investors seeking a tax break.

Should everything get lined up – which includes the city demolishing the building, once the local hospital – construction could start by early 2012 to open about a year later.

Some have objected to the building's demolition, but city officials contend that no private or other nonprofit group has shown an interest in rehabbing the building. Also, the state historical office did not find significant historical value in the building and signed off on the city's request for demolition.

Local architect Jerry Lundeen said his objections stem from his concern that the sources for supporting this kind of denser low-income housing approach may not be in the future as newly elected officials seek to rein in government spending.

Also, the cost is very high when the project total is broken down, which Lundeen estimated at a little more than \$108,000 a unit.

If the city wanted to provide more affordable housing, it could buy foreclosed homes for a better return, he said. An individual home would be more desirable to low-income residents, as well, he said.

Lundeen is the architect working on the renovation of the former county courthouse across Lohman Avenue from the building facing Alameda Boulevard. The courthouse project is a private venture to convert it into a hotel, but with an historical renovation approach. Lundeen admitted that the owner is concerned about having a low-income housing project nearby.

Supporters of the housing proposal contend it's in line with Downtown revitalization efforts by providing a place where workers could live close to their jobs.





## **City manager**

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them from attempting to micromanage city operations.

Garza promised he wouldn't be a city manager who is a stranger to the community, but more involved through participation on local boards, committees and task forces.

One of his first tasks as city manager, Garza said, will be budget preparation. Though the city finances are now doing well, Garza said he is concerned about the state budget crisis and is worried that the city could lose a lot of state funding support – noting that more than 7 percent of the city's budget comes from state "offsets."

Besides finding more efficiencies by listening to staff suggestions, Garza said he wants to look at new ways for the city to earn revenues. For example, the city doesn't charge for first-responding fire crews to accidents, which is something many other cities do with the cost covered by insurance, he said.

Sometimes, charges for services can help reduce the need for them, Garza said. Police respond to thousands of false alarms, often to the same residential or business address, he said. If they had to pay a fee for false alarms, there would be incentives for businesses and residents to be more careful.

Also in immediate need is getting final resolution to revisions of light and dust ordinances, as well as updating and possibly expanding impact fees.

"We put a lot on the plate, but we're not eating it," Garza said. "These issues need to be put to rest, one way or another. We just can't keep all these irons in the fire."

The current dust mitigation rules resulted from the need to comply with federal drainage and erosion required, but doesn't adequately address the concerns of air quality, Garza said.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Las Cruces Assistant City Manager Robert Garza, sitting in a gray suit at mid-right, visits with community members gathered by Councillor Miguel Silva Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the former Tommy's Roller Rink. Garza was interviewing with city councillors as they look for a new city manager with the departure of Terrence Moore.



ROBERT GARZA, assistant city manager

"It's still the same dirt," he said.

For those concerned about smart-growth concepts hindering development, Garza responded that people's expectations are changing – they want to live in a more compact environment where they don't have to drive to everything.

Rather than impose smart growth on all

new development, Garza said the city is looking at concepts called smart codes, not as a replacement for existing codes, but as another avenue, similar to the planned unit-development option the city currently has.

In response to complaints from business members about difficulties in getting permits approved, Garza said he is well aware of the problem, which he blamed on having too many people reviewing the application and plans – a carryover in staffing from when the city was growing at a much faster rate.

Garza said he has ideas for streamlining the development review process and wants to reassess all of the city's building and land holdings.

"These terrible financial times are actually very good for the city – it's forcing us to do things that the rest of us are having to do," he said.

Years of "working in the kitchen" in Las Cruces city government gives him insight to where things can be improved, the 46-year-old Garza said, who noted that he believes he still has 20 more good working years left in him, preferably in Las Cruces.

Garza also acknowledged there have been concerns about not only the cost manager at risk process used for construction of new buildings, but also about cost over-runs that process was supposed to have prevented. Garza said he is specifically asking for an external audit of the City Hall construction project because he is not satisfied with the paperwork.

Lee Rawson, a former state senator in the construction-supply business, said the midterm election results reach down to the local level in that people are rebelling against what they perceive as arrogance in government.

"What the public wants is a serving gov-

"What the public wants is a serving government, not an arrogant government," Rawson said.

Garza said he has always tried to be a manager who thinks about everyone affected by a decision.

Moore is leaving to become city manager of Morgantown, W.Va., where news reports there have him starting work Dec. 21. Moore was selected over two other finalists, including Morgantown's current assistant city manager who was serving as interim city manager.

Las Cruces City Council will meet in

Las Cruces City Council will meet in closed session Monday, Dec. 6, to make a decision on Garza's future.

To bring back jobs, the state needs to restructure its taxes

But facing lawmakers is the harsh reality that 75 percent of

the state spending comes in the form of salaries and benefits,

"We're going to have to make some hard choices," he said.

of what it would like to provide, such as cultural amenities, Kintigh said. It's how a family makes the decision to cut cable TV

in order to pay the electric bill, he said. Even if the wage-earner

finds a second job, the income won't come in time to keep the

lights on, he said.
"The shortfall is now, and the need is immediate," Kintigh

That means evaluating what the state has to provide instead

and regulations to attract jobs, Kintigh said.

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## **Budget**

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from oil and gas.

Instead of needing his warnings, lawmakers and the administration agreed to giving back tax rebates, and Smith was dubbed "Dr. No" by members of Gov. Bill Richardson's administration – some of whom are now calling him "Dr. Know."

Since everyone benefited from the state's financial windfalls before the recession, "we all have to share the pain, and it's going to get tougher before this gets a lot easier," he said.

Public schools, higher education and health care combined make up about 85 percent of the state budget, Smith said. There is little room for cutting in the rest of state government to make up for a nearly half-billion-dollar shortfall, according to Smith.

Though some in the education community are calling for tax increases, Smith said he didn't agree in raising taxes during a time when so many people have lost jobs. Also, he noted that public education spending grew by 41 percent over the past seven years while enrollment growth statewide during the same period was between 1 and 2 percent.

The day after the new budget shortfall estimate was an-

nounced, Martinez held a press conference to say the challenge will be maintaining "critical government services, such as classroom spending and basic health care for those most in need."

Even though Martinez said in her campaign that she believed the budget shortfall was greater than the Richardson administration let on, she said the \$452 million was "far worse" than she anticipated.

Smith said he wants to close tax "loopholes" with special attention to the film tax credit, which began at \$15 million, but is now approaching \$80 million. Smith said the credit should be capped at \$30 million, because of the jobs, facilities and training that now depend on income from the film industry.

Rep. Dennis Kintigh, R-Roswell, said he will reintroduce legislation to kill off the film subsidy, which he said has cost the state \$135 million the past two years with little economic return. According to a study by New Mexico State University Arrowhead Center, the state gets back 14.5 cents for every dollar it loses to the film industry tax credit.

Kintigh likened this kind of investment to "fairy dust" economic development – sprinkle money around and an industry will grow. Public-sector investment should be based on a realistic evaluation of costs versus benefits, he said. The Rail Runner in northern New Mexico is an example where the benefit isn't making up for the cost, he said.

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P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004 or via email at rkyle@las-cruces.org.

There will also be a public input meeting regarding the proposed ordinance on Monday, December 13th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm inside city council chambers, 700 N. Main St.

For more information, call Robert Kyle, Building Official at 528-3106. The TTY number is 528-3157.

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U.S. Rep.-elect Steve Pearce responds to comments from constituents at a listening tour meeting Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the Staybridge Suites in Las Cruces.

## **Pearce preps for return**

#### Congressman says voters sent message

By Todd G. Dickson

Voters shaking up Congress in the midterm elections were telling the nation's leaders they want to be listened to, U.S. Rep.-elect Steve Pearce said Tuesday, Dec. 30, in Las Cruces.

With this introduction, Pearce responded to comments from area constituents as part of a listening tour through the 2nd Congressional District.

Many of the concerns were related to the economy and federal budget deficit.

"I don't think in this unsettled environment, we should raise taxes on one American," Pearce said.

That includes the higher-income earners, he said, because they are the job creators, and Pearce vowed to make job creation his top priority when he returns to Congress. Job creation is the best way to grow government revenues, he said.

Pearce also vowed to be a strong advocate for small businesses, which he said are hurt most by higher taxes and strict regulations.

Pearce promised to fight against federal bureaucracy and said he believes that the federal government is in need of a "forensic audit" to determine what services are essential and which workers truly serve useful functions.

## **Udall visits veterans**



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

During his Veterans Day visit to Las Cruces, U.S. Sen Tom Udall listens to George Carrillo, one of 15 veterans who were previously homeless before getting into a veterans transitional housing apartment complex, made possible by a combination of state and federal money and run by the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope.

#### **Death notices**

**Rita Torres**, former Doña Ana County clerk, died Nov. 23 at the age of 79.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cath-

olic Church in Tortugas. Her family requests that memorial donations be made to La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice.

She is survived by her husband Mark; sons Mark Alan and Frankie; and daughters Anna Lee, Josephine and Kathy Provencio. She also raised two grandchil-

dren as her own – Katherine Ware and Jose Gonzalez. Other survivors include sisters Eloisa Vasquez, Santos Guevara and Theresa Ramirez; and brother Frank Matta.

In 1964, Torres was hired by former Doña Ana County Clerk Lorraine Gutierrez. She was elected as Doña Ana county clerk in 1973 and served a total of four full terms, with her last term as clerk ending in 2008.

**Caroline Sweezy**, New Mexico State University mathematics professor, died Nov. 6 at the age of 68 after battling cancer.

"She was a very private person, but when it came to the university, she was very involved," Mathematical Sciences Academic Department Head Joe Lakey said.

Sweezy graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles, with a Ph.D. in mathematics. She began teaching at NMSU in 1986, and during her tenure taught calculus and undergraduate- and graduate-level mathematical analysis, participated in numerous campus programs and, most importantly, worked to ensure the success of her students.

Beginning in 2002, Sweezy organized the "Great Southwestern Math Competition" for New Mexico high school students. She was active in the Mathematics Modeling Competition for undergraduates.

Sweezy served on the Arts and Sciences College Improvement of Instruction and Student Relations committee. She was also an active member of the department's Undergraduate Majors and Minors committee and for many years served as committee chair.

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## CrimeStoppers

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## **Armed robbery suspects**

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the suspects who invaded a home and committed an armed robbery.

Shortly before 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, Las Cruces police were called to the 200 block of North San Pedro Street where two Hispanic men entered a residence without permission and held a woman at gunpoint for a short period of time. Police learned that the men eventually took some cash and candy from the woman and left the residence.

The woman was not injured during

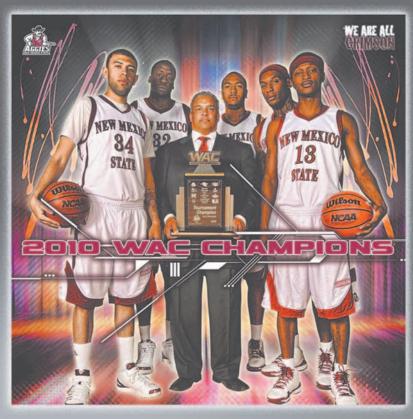


the incident. The suspects were described as young, Hispanic men with short hair. One of the suspects was armed with a firearm.

If you have any information on the identity of the suspects involved in this armed robbery, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477).

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

# RIO GRANDE RIVALRY CRIMSON & WHITE OUT







# NM State vs. UNM Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7PM at Pan Am Center

Please wear a crimson shirt or a white shirt, depending on your seating location. If you are in a section ending with an odd number, please wear WHIII.

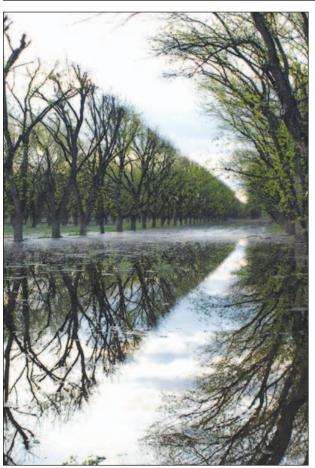
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## Contest winners from the Doña Ana Camera Club

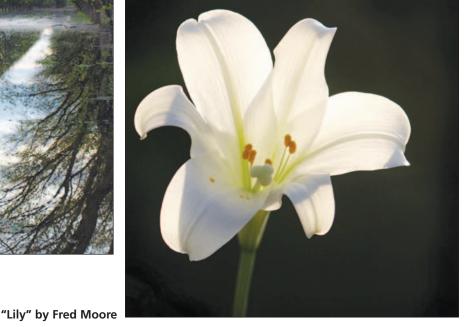


on Wednesday, December 8th

"Reflections" by Olivia Rios

## Beauty in focus

Doña Ana Camera Club recently held its Photo of the Year competition. Reproduced here are the top four photos. Fred Williams, a retired professor and lifelong photographer living in Deming, was judge for the show. About 70 photos were entered by club members. The competition is a new tradition of the club and is intended to help members become better photographs, club President Ron Wolfe said.



"White Sands Water Reflection" by Dave Brown



"Galinas Creek Grasses" by Will Keener (overall winner)

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## **NMSU** repeats military-friendly status

## Magazine ranking is fourth of the year

For the fourth time in little over a year, New Mexico State University has been designated a military-friendly institution, a recognition that will continue to make NMSU appealing to the military population.

"Our mission is to provide educational oppor-tunities and services that meet the dynamic needs of the military population," said David Melendez, military coordinator for the Division of Student Success. "The fact that this is our fourth designation in just over a year motivates us to keep our initiatives going in serving our military."

Military Advanced Education magazine puts

out an annual guide of military-friendly colleges and universities based on a criteria that include the evaluation of an institution's academic programs, online programs and the support the institution offers to the military population.

NMSU was highlighted in the magazine's November/December 2010 edition for the wide range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs it offers that attract high interest from students in the military. The magazine also highlighted NMSU in its November/ December 2009 edition.

NMSU was also named a military-friendly

school in G.I. Jobs Guide to Military Friendly Schools for its 2010 and 2011 editions.

One of the biggest challenges service members face is that they do not spend a significant amount of time in one place, and frequent moving makes it difficult to finish a degree at one college or university. Students can easily end up with several transcripts from the vari-

ous institutions they have attended.

NMSU accepts American Council on Education recommendations regarding transferring credits from military transcripts and NM-SU's Veteran Affairs Office serves as a liaison between NMSU students and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This includes certifying student transcripts for required courses that can apply to a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree program. The university also accepts credits through Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support programs.

NMSU's Doña Ana Community College offers classes to the military at White Sands Missile Range, and NMSU-Alamogordo has offered classes to service members at Holloman Air Force Base for the past 20 years.

NMSU and WSMR recently renewed an agreement to provide quality degrees to the military population at White Sands. NMSU is a member of Servicemembers Opportunity College and is a Letter of Instruction school, as well as a participant in GoArmyEd. Courses are taught online and at locations on or near military installations.

NMSU also offers these services to spouses, children and the civilian population.

## Psychology gets new perspectives

## NMSU adds international professionals to training

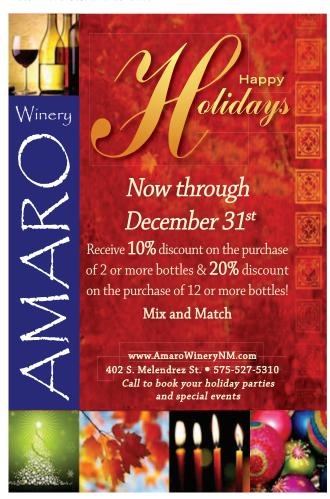
The way psychology is practiced varies between countries. With the development of the International Training Program, New Mexico State University professor Ivelisse Torres Fernandez is now able to train students and other professionals in education and psychology, sharing her knowledge and learning from them at the same time.

Though the program is still in the development stages, Fernandez has had the opportunity to train school counselors, teachers, psychologists and NMSU doctoral students in child and adolescent mental health issues.

For every educator I train or get in contact with, there will be at least 30 students who will be impacted by that," Fernandez said.

Fernandez received a grant to hold a symposium over the summer to teach the Strong Kids curriculum, which teaches children from preschool to 12th grade how to identify and express feelings, stress and anger management, as well as solve problems and other emotional and social matters. Professionals from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic and Mexico came to the free, two-day event.

Her goal for the program is to develop a more global view of psychology that acknowledges the diverse social, cultural and political factors that impact the provision of mental health services in the U.S. and abroad.





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# Business

**Section B** 

## **Think SBA** for **Christmas**

Gabriel Vasquez Business Editor



If you're a small business owner looking for financing before the year's end, you better act fast.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) offers some of the most reasonable loan terms in the nation for small businesses.

The loan programs are operated through private sector lenders, such as the Enchantment Land Certified Development Corp. in Las Cruces. The SBA itself does not lend any money, but guarantees repayment.

Special SBA incentives, such as waiver of certain fees, are still available until Dec. 31. If you've got a solid idea of what you'd like to invest in but don't have the resources or expertise to put the right paperwork together, Rachel Zippwald, vice president of California Bank & Trust, a major SBA lender, recommends these helpful tips to get your SBA loan approved before 2011.

1. Provide details on exactly how much financing you need and how you will use it. Banks like specifics, so be prepared to provide a precise dollar amount and give details of how you will use the funds. For example, if you're seeking \$125,000 to expand your business, explain to your lender how you will use the funds, such as you need \$75,000 for working capital to support three months of expenses and another \$50,000 for seven networked computers and a server. Detailed loan amounts with copies of bids, promissory notes or proposals can help strengthen your loan package because your lender can understand the facts backing up the request.

2. Provide information about

**company management.** When banks lend money, they like to understand who runs the company and be familiar with their backgrounds. This is a key factor in presenting your loan for approval. Help your lender by provid-ing a résumé for each owner or key employee and describe their functions and responsibilities.

**3. Be prepared to offer collateral.** The SBA requires collateral to fully

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Kathleen Foreman, owner of Josefina's Old Gate in Mesilla and president of the Old Mesilla Association, is helping organize a marketing campaign to draw business activity to Mesilla during the holiday retail season.

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## Mesilla ready for the holidays

## Businesses band together to increase Christmas sales

By Gabriel Vasquez

For the businesses in Old Mesilla, the tourism-driven economy can be bank or bust. While most Las Cruces retailers are experiencing a spike in sales as Christmas approaches, Mesilla businesses are doing what they can to get a slice of the regional market.

"We're trying to pull people from (Las Cruces) to come down here and let them experience shopping and dining in Mesilla," said Kathleen Foreman, president of the Old Mesilla Assocation, a nonprofit group of about

30 Mesilla business owners that focuses on promoting businesses in the town. "There's a good number of restaurants and gift shops here that people should visit. We just really need people to come down here.

Foreman, also the owner of Josefina's Old Gate in Mesilla, said the town's businesses have not fared well this year.

"It's been slow," she said. "Many of us are struggling."

To boost Christmas sales, the Old Mesilla Association has started a promotion called "Shop and Dine Mesilla, Late Til 8." Every Thursday through Dec. 23, many Mesilla shops and restaurants will stay open until 8 p.m. to accommodate after-work shoppers, Foreman said. Additionally, various musical acts will perform on the Mesilla Plaza from 6 to 8 p.m., and merchants will be serving hot apple cider, cookies and other refreshments

"We need to do something big this year," Foreman said. "We need to promote ourselves a lot more. We're competing now with the Mesquite (Historic) District, which is really organized. I know the Town (of Mesilla) is trying to help us, but we still need some

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## Chamber CEO gets acquainted



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Gabriel Vasquez

In his new office, Chamber CEO Bill Allen goes over The Bottom Line, the chamber's newsletter, with chamber employees Alyssa Gintant, Liz Banegas and Joel Courtney Monday, Nov. 29.

## Allen in 'learning mode' until Jan. 1

By Gabriel Vasquez

After a 1,750-mile drive, Bill Allen, the new president and CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce (GLCCC), arrived at his new home, not tired, but excited.

"I only relaxed a few minutes before I headed out and started driving around," he said. "I was trying to get lost so that I could find Las Cruces myself.'

Allen, who comes to Las Cruces from Royal Oak, Mich., a Detroit suburb, officially began work as the chamber's new chief on Monday,

"This is definitely a different chamber situation than the one I was in," he said. "The chamber here is probably two-and-a-half times as large, and the issues and projects they're undertaking are very different.

Allen was recently tapped to be the new See **Chamber** on page B2

## Mesi

cooperative efforts on both ends to make more things happen."

Hiram Davis, owner of Kaya's Cotton and Things for the Desert, a Mesilla retailer, said he's excited about participating in the holiday promotion this year.

"We hope that with more of the merchants being open later in the evenings, it will be an incentive for the Las Cruces and Mesilla communities to come and shop," he said. "Holidays are a busy time for people, and we're hopeful that the extended hours will be a convenience for people to come after work.

Davis' store specializes name-brand casual clothing for men as well as accessories and apparel. Despite the sluggish economy this year, Davis said his business has done relatively well.

"Given the state of the economy, it's been OK," he said.

For Davis, however, holiday sales are critical. "It's very important our holiday sales do well," he said. "We need to attract those people who are looking for local gifts. Even though our business is doing well, you're never too busy in this line of work. These are just tough

economic times, and we need to do everything we can to promote our businesses."

Similarly, Paul Blevins, owner of the Mesilla Book Center, which specializes in literature focused on Southwest history, sees the need for more promotion among the business community.

"It's hard just trying to get people to still come down here," he said. "Travelers are maybe a little bit more cautious with their money

and there's fewer of them. The goal of (the Old Mesilla Association) has always been to get Mesilla's name out there and make people aware of us."

specifically Speaking about the Town of Mesilla's cooperation with the local business community, Blevins said, "there's always room for improvement, although they have been helping more lately."

Davis said he's seen improvement in the relationship with Mesilla business owners and the town government's effort to promote its businesses.

"They're trying," he said. "These are tough economic times for all of us, but we have

to do everything we can to help each other out. It's been getting better."

Foreman said the town's lack of visibility and marketing has hurt the area businesses, but is encouraged by Mesilla Mayor Nora Barraza's willingness to help.

"She's trying to do what she can," Foreman said, "but they're short-staffed over there. We

#### **Shop and Dine** Mesilla

Every Thursday through Dec. 23, the Town of Mesilla will host a shopping and dining experience starting at 6 p.m. on the plaza. Local musical talent will perform in the plaza and many area merchants will stay open until 8 p.m. Hot cider, cookies and other beverages will be served.

Thursday, Dec. 9 Zia Middle School Band

Thursday, Dec. 16 Las Cruces High School Brass Quintet

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#### **Christmas Eve**

"A Magical Mesilla," with luminarias, apple cider and cookies on the plaza.

For more information, call Old Mesilla Association president Kathleen Foreman, 526-2620.

need their help. We need a line item for marketing business in Mesilla instead of it always coming out of our own pockets and we're working toward that."

For more information on the Shop Dine Mesilla promotion, call Foreman at 526-2620.

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6. Explain your projections. Now is the time to brag about you and your business and to sell your lender on your vision and forecasted success. If customers have expressed a desire to do business with you, give your lender a copy of their correspondence. Prove to the lender that a market for your product or service exists and demonstrate the validity of your sales and expense figures.

7. Expect questions and be patient. Your lender needs to connect with your story and business and will appreciate your assistance in doing so. Take the time to thoroughly explain the nature of your business, your vision and your background. Your banker will likely be presenting your loan approval to other parties. The process may be time consuming, so it helps to be patient.

For more information on SBA loan products, visit www.sba.gov.

## Chamber

president and CEO of the GLCCC following a national search to replace retired executive Jim Berry. Allen learned of the job opportunity through a job posting on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce website, he said.

Allen is the former director of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce in Royal Oak, Mich., a town of about 55,000.

Allen has been a lifelong Michigander. He was born in the Detroit metro area, attended high school at Royal Oak Shrine High School and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees – in finance and business, respectively - from Northwood University in Midland, Mich.

Since arriving, Allen has taken several trips to explore the city.

"I've visited the areas up on Picacho Hills, Mesilla, Sonoma Ranch, Downtown and a few other places here so far," Allen said. "The roads are in so much better shape here, and there's building activity taking place. That's a welcome sight.'

Allen, who recently closed on the sale of his home in Royal Oak, will rent a condo for the time being, he said. He has no plans of leaving anytime soon.

"I feel from what I know so far that this chamber is really active in issues that are designed to help the business community and the community at large," he said. "I'm glad to be part of that."

This week, Allen met with key chamber leaders, committee members and volunteers and was briefed on chamber services and programs, part of the "learning curve" for Allen until he gets better acquainted.

"The calendar is just flying," he said. "I plan to get in front of a lot of key folks in town as soon as I can, but right now it's all internal meetings. I want to make sure that I'm helping the staff out as much as they're helping me out, considering they've been shorthanded for several months."

Some chamber events Allen will attend include the chamber's New Year's party, which takes place Friday, Dec. 31, at De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery; the chamber's Annual Banquet, which takes place Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, at the Las Cruces Convention Center; and Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, which takes place Jan. 29-31, 2011, in Santa Fe.

"I'll be ready to hit the ground running Jan. 1," he said. Of great importance to Allen is adding value to the cham-

ber's membership.

"People are investing money to be part of the (chamber), and we must continue to look for ways to add value to that," he said. "Not everything we do fits every business, so we have to keep our eyes open."

The GLCCC was recently awarded a four-star accreditation

by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for its excellence in providing services and programs to membership as well as community involvement.

That's outstanding work," Allen said. "That just proves the chamber is in wonderful shape. It has all of its processes documented, and they're doing things the right way."

Allen said he's not looking to shake things up right off the bat, considering the success of chamber, but will make his presence felt once he's settled in.

"My goal is to come in and take what's already a very wellrun and exciting chamber and take it to the next level," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting my hands dirty and helping out our local businesses, both small and large, and I think that's important. We have to make sure that everyone's needs are being taken into consideration.

For more information or to contact Allen, call the GLCCC office at 524-1968.



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## New and existing home sales nosedive

#### October numbers show effects of sluggish market

Sales of new and existing homes, town-homes and condominiums fell sharply in October, according to reports from the National Association of Realtors (NAR), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR) and U.S. Census Bureau.

Nationally, sales of new homes fell 8.1 percent below September's pace and 28.5 percent below the pace set in October 2009. The \$194,900 median price of the 23,600 newly constructed homes sold in October fell 9.4 percent below the \$215,000 median price set one year ago. The median price is where half homes sold for more and half sold for less. The estimated 202,000 unsold new-home properties now in inventory across the U.S. represent an 8.6-month supply at the current sales pace, up from 7.2 months in September. A six-month supply reflects a balanced market.

Locally, the 12 newly constructed Las Cruces area homes sold in October represented a 33.3 percent drop from the 18 homes sold in September and a 47.8 percent decline from

the 23 sales reported a year earlier. October's median new-home sales price of \$164,430 was 3.4 percent above the \$158,680 median price posted a year earlier. The 118 new homes, townhomes and condominiums currently for sale in the Las Cruces area represent a 9.8-month supply.

October's pace of U.S. existing home sales fell 2.2 percent below September's production numbers and 25.9 percent below the number

of homes sold one year ago. October's median price of \$171,200 remained steady, hovering just 0.05 percent below October 2009's median price of \$172,000. At the current sales pace, it would take about 10.5 months to deplete the nation's existing-home inventory of a little more than 3.8 million homes.

The 60 existing homes, townhomes and condominiums sold in the Las Cruces area during the month of October fell 13.3 percent short of the number of homes sold in September and 49.6 percent below the pace set in Oc-

### October home sales - New and existing

New homes	# Sold	vs. Sept '10	vs. Oct '09	Median price	vs. Oct '09	# Active listings	Month's supply
U.S.	23.6k	-8.1%	-28.5%	\$194,900	-9.4%	202k	8.6
Las Cruces	12	-33.3%	-47.8%	\$164,430	-3.6%	118	9.8
Existing homes	# Sold	vs. Sept '10	vs. Oct '09	Median price	vs. Oct '09	# Active listings	Month's supply
U.S.	369.2m	-2.2%	-25.9%	\$171,200	-0.05%	3.86m	10.5
Las Cruces	60	-13.3%	-49.6%	\$163,500	2.8%	1,001	16.7

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tober 2009. October's median price of \$163,500 represented a 2.8 percent increase over last October's median price of \$159,000 and a 7.9 percent increase from the \$151,447 median price set in September. The local inventory of 1,001 existing homes would be exhausted in about 16 months at the current sales rate.

First-time buyers purchased 32 percent of the existing homes sold in October, unchanged from September, but down from 50 percent a year ago during the initial surge for the first-time buyer tax credit. Investors accounted for 19 percent of transactions during the month. They were responsible for 18 percent of the purchases in September and 14 percent in October 2009. The balance of sales were to repeat buyers. All-cash sales were at 29 percent in October, unchanged from September but up from 20 percent a year ago.

See you at closing.

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## **Stabilizing the Euro-zone**

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#### Bond woes not a problem for U.S., Las Cruces

The European Union (EU) is in the grip of a financial crisis. Investors appear to put little confidence in the latest efforts to restore confidence.

Last May, the EU finance ministers, in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund, approved a \$150 billion bailout for Greece, followed by the establishment of a \$1 trillion umbrella bailout fund. But investor confidence first slowly, then more rapidly eroded. Last Sunday's announcement of a \$90 billion bailout for Ireland and the establishment of a permanent stabilization fund did little to stave off investor fears.

Spain and Portugal have seen sharp selloffs in their bonds. Investors also express fear that losses by European banks may be greater than reported. The near-panic has even spread to Italy and Belgium. The cause of the sell-off seems to arise from the details of the new permanent fund. The announcement of the fund was meant to provide certainty, but the bond market turmoil seems to be related to a provision of the permanent fund insisted on by Germany that requires investors to absorb some of the costs in defaults on bonds issued after 2013. Previously, it had been assumed that the EU would stand behind the sovereign debt of its member states.

Some have suggested that the current turmoil will result in the breakup of the Euro. No doubt both Ireland and Greece, and probably Spain and Portugal, would prefer to be able to devalue their currencies relative to Germany, if they still had separate currencies. In retrospect, both they and the Euro-zone would have been better off had



**Chris Erickson** *State of the Economy* 

they not joined the Euro. But the Euro is like the Hotel California – you can check in, but you can never check out. The cost of leaving the Euro and re-establishing an independent currency is just too high.

Some have suggested that it won't be the weaker countries of Euro-zone that will leave the currency union but rather Germany, the zone's powerhouse. But this scenario ignores the fact that Germany has benefited mightily from the Euro from greatly increased exports. While German taxpayers certainly dislike bailing out profligate Greek or Irish banks, Germans have benefited from low unemployment and strong growth since establishment of the Euro.

For the United States, the main fallout from the European instability is the depreci-

ation of the Euro, which makes U.S. exports less competitive where they compete with European products. But this effect is likely to be small. Should Europe be pushed into recession, this will also have negative impacts for us in that Europe is a major consumer of our products. For New Mexico, the impact is likely to be less intense than for the nation as a whole as Europe is not as important a trading partner. We trade more with Asia.

That the European financial crisis will translate directly into a U.S. crisis – that the contagion of European financial panic will be transmitted to our shores – is not likely. Since 1987, when I started working at New Mexico State University, there have been 39 financial crises around the world. None of these have significantly adversely affected the United States. In fact, the only financial crisis to significantly affect the United States was of our own making.

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# Variety of opportunities keeps community involved

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The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) is more than a foundation that manages numerous funds for nonprofits, organizations and individuals who want to make an impact in the community. The CFSNM also supports philanthropic change through scholarships and groups created specifically within the foundation.

In addition to managing 35 nonprofit endowments, 40 private endowments, five scholarships, three donor-advised funds and 15 temporary funds, the CFSNM is home to SpringBoard!, a women's fund created through the foundation to improve the lives of women in southern New Mexico, the Border Region Coalition for a Drug-Free Doña Ana County, the Estate Planning Institute and the Young Philanthropists.

By offering a variety of opportunities, community members such as Monica Dallago, an accountant and member of the Young Philanthropists, can find philanthropic opportunities to match their desires.

"I enjoy being involved in the community and helping others, and when I heard about the Young Philanthropists, it sounded interesting and inspired me to get involved while meeting new people around my age," said Dallago, who volunteers at La Piñon Sexual Assault Services, a nonprofit with an endowment within the CFSNM and Kid Talk, a child warm line

developed after members of the CFSNM's group ChildSafe/NiñosSeguros sought ways to end the cycle of child abuse. Dallago is also a member of Kiwanis of Las Cruces.

Through events, the Young Philanthropists focus on social networking and philanthropy by contributing funds then donating a portion to a nonprofit and placing the remainder of the funds in an endowment for future use. Dallago currently serves on the organization's first grant's committee.

"Involvement helps me grow by strengthening my philanthropic goals," she said. "Being involved with the Young Philanthropists and the Community Foundation as a whole makes me confident that there are other young adults who want to help the community and this is one way we can do it."

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the Southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the CFSNM offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of the foundation is that donors need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people in our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds, donors can sustain local charitable

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# **State launches online Culinary Treasures Trail**

#### Several Las Cruces restaurants dot the map

In the restaurant world, "what's new and hot" may grab the attention, but it's the more-established places that create the character and provide the foundation on which these newer dining establishments can thrive, according to Mike Stauffer, communications director for the New Mexico Tourism Department (NMTD).

To celebrate these cuisine classics, the NMTD has launched its online Culinary Treasures Trail at www.newmexico.org/culinarytreasures.

The Culinary Treasurers Trail – a follow-up to the popular Green Chile Cheeseburger Trail that debuted last year – promotes restaurants that have stood the test of time; independent spots that are beloved in their neighborhoods and beyond. Many are operated by the founding family or by someone handpicked to carry on their legacy, but in all cases are still family-owned and operated – and have not expanded beyond a second restaurant – to help ensure personal hospitality.

"New Mexico is full of venerable independently owned spots that most New Mexicans and their visitors know quite well," said Michael Cerletti, secretary of the New Mexico Tourism Department. "With the help of the New Mexico Restaurant Association, each culinary treasure chosen must have reached a minimum of 40 years of continuous service. We put out the word statewide and received nominations from loyal patrons, cooks, chefs,

wait staff and owners.

"We then convened a team of culinary experts to confirm their qualifications. The result? Whether you're ravenous for huevos rancheros, hungry for hash browns or craving a plate of stacked red enchiladas, you're going to find something on the trail that fits the bill."

The list of 75 treasures includes cafés, diners, drive-ins and some of the state's most elegant dining venues, such as The Compound in Santa Fe with its imaginative James Beard award-winning chef-owner Mark Kiffin, and the dining room of the Hotel St. Bernard in Taos Ski Valley, presided over by ski legend Jean Mayer for more than four decades.

Famed outposts for New Mexican cuisine are featured, such as La Posta de Mesilla and Rancho de Chimayó. There's the delightful Pappas Sweet Shop Restaurant in Raton and Billy Crews Fine Dining and Cocktails in Santa Teresa

From west to east, great spots remain from the golden age of Route 66, the El Rancho Hotel Restaurant in Gallup and the Dog House in Albuquerque, for instance, and onward to the Silver Moon Café in Santa Rosa and Del's in Tucumcari. Historic Pie Town on State Road 60 was designated an honorary Culinary Treasure for its long history of cafés serving, you guessed it, pies.

The interactive map is the heart of the Culinary Treasures Trail. The map makes it easy to

# Las Cruces market loses momentum

#### New data: Unemployment on the rise again

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the Las Cruces metropolitan area was 8.4 percent in October, up from September's revised rate of 8.2 percent, the latest figures available from the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions.

A year ago, the area's unemployment rate was 7.8 percent.

Over the month, the continuing return of students to institutions of learning added 700 government jobs to the Las Cruces economy. Employment was unchanged overall in the private sector, with gains in professional and business services offsetting losses in construction.

Over the year, the Las Cruces area added 2,000 jobs for a growth of 2.9 percent. The area has recorded positive job growth for five consecutive months following 16 months of year-over-year losses. Six of the 12 industries expanded employment, two were unchanged and four lost jobs over the year.

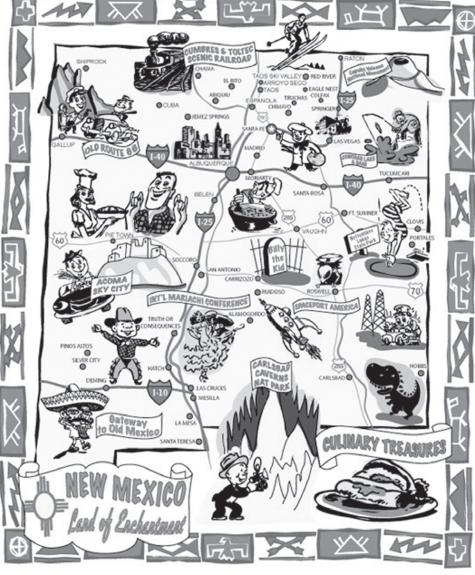
The professional and business services

industry added 1,200 jobs to lead all industries. The other private-sector gainers were educational and health services, up 400; leisure and hospitality, up 200; and information and retail trade, each up 100. All three government-sector components added jobs, with state government up 200 and the federal and local levels each up 100.

Four other industries – financial activities, miscellaneous services, manufacturing and construction – were each down 100 jobs from their year-ago levels. Employment was unchanged from October 2009 in wholesale trade and transportation, warehousing and utilities.

New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.4 percent in October, up from 8.2 percent in September and 8 percent a year ago. The national unemployment rate remained at 9.6 percent.

Editors' note: The above data is provided by the New Mexico Department of Workforce



The New Mexico Tourism Department recently launched its online Culinary Treasures Trail, which features several local and regional restaurants. To see a bigger version of the map or to learn more about local restaurants featured, visit www.newmexico.org/culinarytreasures.

check out what's along your route, try a tasty detour, or grab some friends and plan a whole itinerary around these personality-filled spots. The trail also provides a snapshot of each restaurant's history, style, and food. Many establishments shared vintage photos, menus from early years, and signature recipes, such as The Shed's Chile Verde con Papas or Bobcat Bite's Coleslaw.

For more information, call Cheryl Alters Jamison, culinary liaison, at 505-982-2041 or email b-c-jamison@msn.com.

#### On the Agenda

#### **NMSU Research Rally**

New Mexico State University will hold its inaugural Research Rally at 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at Anderson Hall, Room N-2018. The rally will honor NMSU faculty and staff for their recent \$2.34 million grant, funded by the Air Force, to study better ways to grow algae and refine its oil into jet fuel. NMSU students, faculty and staff as well as New Mexico legislators, local government officials, the general public and media are invited to attend. The lead researchers will speak about the algae project and its potential economic development impacts on the state of New Mexico. They will also be available for questions.

Date: Friday, Dec. 3 **Time:** 9 a.m. **Location:** NMSU campus

Anderson Hall, Room N-2018

**Contact:** 646-4346

#### **Think Local First** luncheon

The Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce will host a Think Local First luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at El Tiburon Restaurant, 504 E. Amador Ave. Cost for the buffet lunch is \$7. The Las Cruces green chamber will kick off its Think Local First campaign and is inviting locally owned businesses to share their products and services at the event. Each businessperson will have one minute to spread the news about their holiday specials. A maximum of 40 businesses can participate. To RSVP or for more information, call 649-7694.

Date: Friday, Dec. 3 Noon to 1:30 p.m. Time: **Location:** El Tiburon Restaurant

504 E. Amador Ave. **Contact:** 649-7694

#### **HTC Digital Media** Summit

The High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico will host its fourth annual Digital Media Summit in conjunction with the Creative Media Institute at New Mexico State University at 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at CMI, located inside Milton Hall on the NMSU campus. People interested in the local high-tech industry, digital media and the CMI program at NMSU are invited to attend. Discussions will revolve around taking stock of current resources, identifying opportunities and setting goals for digital media work in southern New Mexico. Six workshop sessions will focus on animation, gaming, entertainment, production management, marketing and visibility and recording, mixing and editing. Demonstrations will include CMI's motion capture facility, the only THX multi-soundtrack mixing stage in New Mexico and motion control techniques. For more information, email Richard Majestic at rmajestic@msn.com or call 521-0018.

Date: Friday, Dec. 3 Time: 8 a.m.

Creative Media Institute Milton Hall, NMSU Campus

**Contact:** 521-0018

#### **SIGGRAPH** meeting

The Rio Grande chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group on Computer Graphics and Interactive Techniques (ACM SIGGRAPH) will conduct its winter meeting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Doña Ana Community College East Mesa Campus, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd. The meeting will be hosted by DACC's Creative Media Technology department. Attendants

can learn more about the Rio Grande ACM SIGGRAPH, attend workshops and listen to a special keynote speaker – industry pioneer Alvy Ray Smith, an NMSU alumnus and cofounder of Pixar Animation Studios. To register for the event, visit http://siggraphsouth. eventbrite.com. For more information, call Matthew Byrnes at 527-7573.

> Date: Saturday, Dec. 4 Time: 11 a.m.

Location: DACC – East Mesa campus 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

Contact: 527-7573

#### **Business on the Border**

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance will host its monthly Business on the Border forum from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Naomi Engelman, Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program (SATOP) project engineer, will be the featured speaker. SATOP is a free service designed to provide technical assistance and speed the transfer of space technology to the private sector. SATOP has helped companies with machine design, process engineering, material selection and many other technical issues. Luncheon cost is \$20, payable by cash, check or major credit card. Due to space limitations, reservations are required. Confirm your attendance no later than Friday, Dec. 3, by sending an email to rsvp@mveda.com or by calling 525-2852. The meeting is open to the public.

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 6 **Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Location: Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Contact: 525-2852

#### **Young Philanthropists** networking and grant donation

The Young Philanthropists (YP), a local organization of young professionals dedicated to fostering philanthropy among people ages 21 to 50-something, will host its final event of the year from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the Preston Contemporary Art Center, 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. The event is open to YP members as well as the public. Members can attend free. Cost for non-members is \$10. A round of speed networking will take place prior to the Young Philanthropists' grant donation presentation to a local nonprofit. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. For more information, call the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico at 521-4794.

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 8 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Time: Preston Contemporary Location: Art Center 1755 Avenida de Mesilla

Contact: 521-4794

#### Chamber's new year's party

De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery will host the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce New Year's Eve Affair from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at De La Vega's, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. All white attire is requested. Cost is still to be determined. For more information, call

Date: Friday, Dec. 31 Time: 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery 500 S. Telshor Blvd.

**Contact:** 524-1968

#### **Briefs**

#### **Businessman Bradley Gordon to be** honored by NMSU



GORDON

New Mexico State University will honor businessman and NMSU alum Bradley Gordon with an honorary degree during the fall 2010 commencement emony at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Pan American Center. Tickets are not required. The Pan American Center

will open an hour before the ceremony. Gordon will be honored for his generous support of the College of Business, leadership in the national and international business community and overall commitment to New Mexico State University - the place he credits for giving him a second chance. Gordon earned a degree in marketing from NMSU in 1978, graduating near the top of his business school class. Gordon said he was helped by NMSU's smaller, more intimate classes, where he got to know his instructors and where they got to know him on a personal level. To show his thanks, Gordon later established the Robin Peterson Chair in marketing at NMSU. Gordon went on to earn an MBA at the University of Southern California and later worked in venture capital. He then turned to launching several companies with other entrepreneurs. Since 1981, Gordon has been involved in the startup of 11 companies, mostly in the biotech field. He is now a retired corporate executive, serving most recently as vice president of finance and corporate planning of the Celgene Corporation, a New Jersey-based biopharmaceutical company.



NMSU post-doctoral researcher Prafulla Patil and NMSU professor Shuguang Deng examine containers of algae to be refined into algal biofuel.

#### **NMSU** to study algae-based jet fuel for Air Force

The U.S. military wants New Mexico State University to find improved ways to turn algae into a sustainable source for jet fuel. The research project is part of a \$2.34 million grant funded by the Air Force for NMSU to study better ways to grow algae and refine its oil. NMSU will work with the University of Central Florida to determine the effects of algae-based fuel on jet

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engines. Shuguang Deng, a chemical engineering professor at NMSU, said the Department of Defense consumes 4.6 billion gallons of jet fuel each year and all airplanes globally consume approximately 80 billion gallons of jet fuel yearly. He believes with that level of consumption, the sustainable use of biofuels for aviation has the potential to create far-reaching military and commercial development opportunities. The research outlined by the grant is meant to develop the technologies needed to establish a viable algal biofuel alternative for replacing petroleum-based jet fuel in the military. Researchers will also study the effects of biofuels on engine operations, the process for scaling-up operations and the overall economics of the algae production process.

## Carruthers selected to head task force

Gov.-elect Susana Martinez has named Garrey Carruthers, former New Mexico governor and current dean of New Mexico State University's College of Business, to head a task force on government efficiency. The task force will offer recommendations to make government more efficient and cost effective during a time of looming budget cuts. Other members include former state Sen. Ray Kysar, former state Rep. Joe Stell, former state Higher Education Secretary Beverlee McClure and former Finance Secretary Willard Lewis. Others on the task force include New Mexico Business Roundtable CEO Jacki Riggs, former purchasing agent Ronn Jones, former Carruthers press secretary Eddie Binder, engineering and architectural firm owner Del Archuleta and Harvey Yates, who owns one of the largest oil and gas companies in the state.

## Sheep shearing training Dec. 14-16

In New Mexico, many skilled shearers are retiring and not being replaced by the younger generation. Especially in these tough economic times, the chance to receive training in sheep shearing might appeal to young people wishing to supplement their income with the seasonal work. With 126,000 sheep needing to be shorn every year, there's work out there for an industrious person. Annually, 900,000 pounds of wool is produced in New Mexico bringing in \$1.25 million in sales. New Mexico State University's Extension Animal Science and Natural Resources Department will host its annual shearing school from 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, to noon Thursday, Dec. 16, at the school's sheep barn on the NMSU Las Cruces campus. The cost is \$30 per person. A professional will share the tricks of the trade, from basic equipment, including the types of combs and blades needed for the various shearing conditions, to how to maintain the equipment and basic sheep handling skills. The registration deadline is Dec. 8. To register or for more information, call 646-3326.

## City declares local shopping week

During its regularly scheduled City Council meeting Monday, Dec. 6, the city will declare Dec. 6-12 as "Think Local First Week" in conjunction with the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce's "Think Local First" campaign. The proclamation encourages citizens to support the efforts of local businesses during that week. On Monday, Dec. 13, a New Mexico State University professor will speak about the economic benefits of shopping local during the 1 p.m. City Council meeting.

## **Building Las Cruces**

## **Diamond Shamrock**



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Gabriel Vasquez

The Diamond Shamrock gas and service station at 800 El Paseo Road is being remodeled and converted into a Valero gas and service station. The old gas pumps have been bulldozed and workers are currently doing utility work to install new pumps. A new parking lot will also be constructed and the back wall of the service station will be knocked out to make room for a walk-in cooler. Construction is expected to be complete in early January, according to a local Valero store manager.

## City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report Nov. 19-26

Building Industry	Association of Southern New Mexico					
Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20107109	Silvia M. Sierra	Silvia M. Sierra	Reroof	906 Stagecoach Drive	\$7,526	\$72
20107029	Clayton Donnelly Roofing	Clayton T. and Linda S. Donnelly	Res/Add	1825 Candlelight Drive	\$24,000	\$169
20107110	Approved Roofing	James E. and Lois L. Sheldon	Reroof	2592 Scenic Crest Loop	\$3,388	\$48
20107059	Robins & Morton Group	Memorial Medical Center	New/Comm	2450 S. Telshor Blvd.	\$2,747,753	\$8,003
20107050	Jose F. and Sandra V. Provencio	Jose F. and Sandra V. Provencio	Reroof	2724 Custer Way	\$2,000	\$46
20107126	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	P I Holdings #1 Inc.	Res/New	4254 Cymbaline Court	\$195,078	\$3,861
20107141	Sweetwater Homes LLC	KB and Elizabeth J. Chang	Res/New	7530 Monte Verde Place	\$161,130	\$1,743
20107132	Iron Cross Construction	Isabel J. Romero	Reroof	1615 Altura Ave.	\$5,200	\$58
20107129	Veloz Homes Inc.	Camino Real Builders Inc.	Res/New	3530 Sierra Prado Court	\$148,994	\$3,782
20107155	Gilbert & Sons Roofing & Plastering	John J. and Marcy A. Lee	Reroof	4252 Capistrano Ave.	\$12,095	\$99
20107158	Jeff R. Creason	Jeff R. and Elsie Creason	Res/Add	520 Old Farm Road	\$4,000	\$51
20107146	R Builders Inc.	R Builders Inc.	Res/New	1722 Ava Ave.	\$162,196	\$3,642
20107138	Gulfstream Roofing & Construction	Mary and Paul Morales	Reroof	710 Lenox Ave.	\$11,824	\$97
20107139	Sweetwater Homes LLC	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	7373 Vista de Sobre Drive	\$194,586	\$3,860
20107144	Antonio Gamez	Cecilia M. Fernandez	Reroof	1825 Las Tunas Drive	\$7,500	\$72
20107164	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Name not required	Res/New	5855 Organ Peak Drive	\$0	\$4,069
20107165	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Name not required	Res/New	5867 Organ Peak Drive	\$0	\$4,066
20107134	P & S Construction	Keith Floren	Reroof	1741 Palo Verde Ave.	\$2,000	\$46
20107167	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Name not required	Res/New	5863 Organ Peak Drive	\$157,850	\$4,048
20107194	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Sonoma Ranch East II LLC	Res/New	4362 Calle Amarilla Arc	\$152,274	\$3,593
20107203	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Ornithes Inc.	Res/New	7558 Sierra de Luna Place	\$169,740	\$1,758
20107202	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Sonoma Ranch East II LLC	Res/New	4366 Calle Amarilla Arc	\$175,972	\$4,078
* Information from	om the BIA-SNM is provided by City of Las Cruces	and Doña Ana County permit offices				

## 🔙 Doña Ana County Building Permit Report Nov. 19-26

Building Industr	ry Association of Southern New Mexico						
Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit	
36151	Self	Jay and Colleen Chapman	Swimming pool	817 Three Hawks Road	N/A	\$94	
36157	Ridge Top Construction	Ronald and Carol Fronczek	Reroof	5050 Black Quartz Road	N/A	\$180	
36159	Soria's Construction	Luis Cardenas	Reroof	14990 Stern Drive	Del Cerro Estates	\$110	
* Information f	* Information from the RIA-SNM is provided by City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County permit offices						

## Thanksgiving cheer at the Hispano chamber Mix and Mingle

Photos by the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces



Hispano chamber Executive Director Amanda Olivarez Cruz and Amber Woodman of Budweiser helped refill drinks for Mix and Mingle attendees.



Hispano chamber past president Toby Rue, chamber Vice President John Muñoz, Marketing Committee member Robert Paquette and Secretary of the Board Gabriel Vasquez



Olivarez Cruz and Chris Lucero of Hacienda Carpet and Tile

Olivarez Cruz, UNO co-owner Richard Fry and wife Donna Fry.



El Caldito Soup Kitchen board member and volunteer Gabe Chavez, City Councillor Dolores Connor and Doña Ana Community College instructor Daniel Sandoval catch up during the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces Mix and Mingle networking session held Wednesday, Nov. 17, at UNO Chicago Grill.



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## Profile

## **Laura Kindseth:** The new face of Downtown Las Cruces

## Minnesota native thrives on pride and progress

I love

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and metal

LAURA KINDSETH.

fronts ...

Are historic preservationists artists?

Laura Kindseth thinks so. Kindseth, the new executive director of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, gets a certain feeling of jubilation when old, dusty properties are un-boarded, un-dusted and repurposed.

"I would consider that art," Kindseth said. "And I would consider myself an artist, sure."

Kindseth has extensive experience in historic preservation and community revitalization, two challenges she'll have to tackle as the new direc-

tor of Downtown revitalization.

"I have always been very interested in historic buildings," she said. "That's why I got a degree in architecture. Not to build, but because I knew it would help when I was renovating these properties."

Kindseth comes to Las Cruces from Baltimore, Md., where she served as the Waverly Main Street Manager for the Greater Homewood Community Corporation. There, she established annual budgets and work plans, initiated Downtown cleanup, street beautification and organized safety awareness events. She also promoted Waverly's historical and cultural assets and coordinated revitalization efforts with area business owners and public officials.

When Kindseth began her job in Las Cruces Nov. 8, she said she knew her skills would be put to good use.

With what's already happening Downtown, there is great potential," she said. "I feel very positive about the Downtown space itself. The buildings are in much better condition than ones I've previously dealt with, and already great work is being

Prior to her position as Waverly Street manager, Kindseth served as an architectural design and drafting consultant for

Real Life Design in Stillwater, Minn., her home state. Before that, she worked as a designer and project manager in St. Paul, Minn., and in her early career, Kindseth worked as a historic renovation consultant and historic renovator in Colorado.

"I was lucky enough to do work dealing with historic structure assessments of old buildings all around Colorado," she said. I love uncovering these old buildings that have been covered up with plywood and metal fronts and making use of them."

In Gunnison, Colo., as a historic renovation consultant, Kindseth drafted a plan to consolidate two historic properties,

private homes, to become a battered women's shelter. At the same time, she was reconstructing a partially burned 1800s-era wooden railroad water tower for the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum.

"My interests vary, but I can say that I am very passionate about architecture, history and food," she said.

Since arriving in Las Cruces, Kindseth has had the chance to meet with the DLCP board as well as City Council to discuss Downtown revitalization plans. She's been in and out of committee meetings, out and about exploring Las Cruces and recruiting volunteers to join

"Everybody has made me feel so welcome," she said. "I have found that the farmers market is a great place to meet people. Everywhere I go, really, people are very friendly and outgoing and willing to share their thoughts."

DLCP executive director As far as the food goes, "I love it," she said. "It's definitely different than the Mexican food in Baltimore. You can actually smell and taste the fresh

tortillas here." In the spring of next year, Kindseth said, DLCP will organize a "façade squad" to beautify Downtown through renovation projects that include painting, minor building repair and cleanup projects, she said.

"I think specifically, the Las Cruces Community Theatre will show some great results," she said. "The project will give the whole Downtown a boost."

Kindseth has also been busy working on the upcoming WinterFest, which takes place Dec. 3 and 11 at various Downtown and Mesquite District locations.

That starts this Friday, and we encourage people to come out and celebrate and do some of their Christmas shopping," she said.

Ultimately, Kindseth would like to see a stronger, more vibrant business community establish itself Downtown.

"We definitely need some more retail Downtown – the spaces are big enough for that," she said. "There are a couple of nice new restaurants that recently opened and existing ones as well, but I think we need more restaurants and more diversity. And there really is no grocery Downtown either, which I think would really bring people Downtown."

To bring additional traffic, Kindseth envisions Downtown

#### **Details**

#### **Laura Kindseth**

Executive director, Downtown Las Cruces Partnership

#### **Family**

Three daughters and six grandchildren

- Bachelor Degree of Fine art, University of Minnesota
- Master of Architecture, University of Colorado-
- Teacher certification, secondary art, Metropolitan State College

#### **Organizations**

- Habitat for HumanityNational Trust for Historic Preservation





Laura Kindseth, the new executive director of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, said she's excited to put her skills to use in a new environment.

Las Cruces becoming the hub for public transportation.

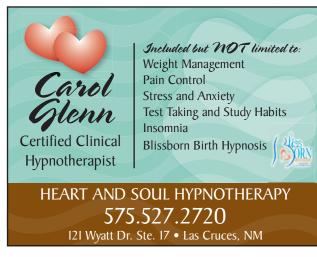
"The RoadRunner is already talking about coming down here," she said. "It would bring a lot of traffic here."

To contact Kindseth, call the DLCP office at 525-1955 or email director@dlcp.org.



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# In Good Company: Milagro Construction & Repair

# **Recession? What recession?**

#### Local construction company excels during dire straits

By Gabriel Vasquez

Not many Las Cruces companies can say that business has doubled during one of the worst economic recessions the United States has ever endured.

Milagro Construction & Repair, 384-A S. Melendres St., is one such business.

When the real estate market was really hot here, you could charge almost anything and homeowners would pay it because they couldn't find anyone else," said Milagro coowner Michael Barnes. "Now, after the recession, there's not much work out there. It's a homeowners' market. They can pick and choose their contractors, and they've picked us. Business has doubled for us in the last two years."

Milagro specializes in remodeling, re-roofing and flooring. Most of its customers are homeowners who have chosen to upgrade their homes rather than try to sell in today's stiff

"That's our specialty," Barnes said. "That's one of the reasons we have been very successful. However, we like to think it's also because of the quality of our work and our customer service that you just can't get anywhere else."

With a crew of about 12 employees, Milagro installs tile and wood floors, resurfaces existing floors and polishes and stains concrete floors. On the construction side, the company does complete remodels of baths, kitchens, living areas and also builds additions and extensions. The company also installs windows, paints and lays concrete.

"We started out doing very small projects, and it's just gotten bigger and bigger since



John Tarango and Michael Barnes are the owners of Milagro Construction & Repair, a local construction company that doubled its business in the last two years.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Gabriel Vasquez

then," Barnes said. "We're very excited about the concrete polishing that we offer. It's neat stuff, and we think it's the wave of the future.'

Currently, Milagro has a contract to install concrete polished floors at the new Early College High School on the Arrowhead Research Park campus at New Mexico State University.

"It's the same, if not competitively priced with tile, and you can get all kinds of different looks out of it depending on what you're looking for," he said of the polished concrete. "It's very low maintenance and there's no grout lines to clean. A lot of the schools are doing

Barnes is originally from Sacramento, Calif., although his family is from Hatch. He graduated from New Mexico State University with a degree in civil engineering in 1992. The co-owner is John Tarango, who has been in construction for about 28 years. He originally started Milagro Maintenance & Repair

Both owners take pride in the work they do. Barnes said they're at every Milagro job

site, big or small.
"We're not a typical contractor in that you

actually get to see and talk to the bosses," he said.

Barnes primarily runs the business side of the company while Tarango manages the construction and repair.

"Another thing that has made us successful is that we do a lot of advertising," Barnes said. Contractors don't really do that.

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"We tell our customers, we may not be the lowest priced, but we're not the highest priced either," Barnes said. "We're going to be there when we say we're going to be there and we're going to do what we say we're going to do. We run this company like any other professional business.

Although the bulk of Milagro's work is in Las Cruces, employees often travel to Silver City, Truth or Consequences and El Paso to do small jobs, Barnes said.

"Our goal is really to be the No. 1 remodeling contractor here in Las Cruces," he said. "I think we're heading in that direction with our motto, 'Quality First, Always!'

For more information, call Milagro at

#### **Talking business** with co-owner **Michael Barnes**

#### What inspired you to become an entrepreneur?

We wanted to work for ourselves and be able to golf on Fridays, but it hasn't worked out that way.

#### Where do you see your business in five years?

We'd like to be the premier, go-to contractor for remodeling work in Las Cruces.

#### What is your opinion of the Las Cruces economy?

I think it never quite got overheated as the rest of the nation. In general, we're in a little bit better shape than most other cities.

#### Who are your customers? Primarily, they are Las Cruces

homeowners.

#### What is the most challenging aspect of being in this type of business?

It's tough to find people to work for you that have the same enthusiasm and drive. So many people are punching a clock nine to five and we try to find guys that take pride in their work – the ones that will go the extra yard to make sure it's done right. People like that are hard to

#### What business would you like to see in Las Cruces?

I'd love to see a new baseball park for younger kids.

#### **Details**

#### Company

Milagro Construction & Repair

7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday

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FOR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS LEASE OF STATE TRUST LAND

Doña Ana County Las Cruces, New Mexico Business Lease No. BL-1985

A public auction will be held at the time, place and date stated below in paragraph A. If you intend to bid at the auction, you must obtain and thorough read the Bid Information Packet, which contains impor tant information not contained in this Notice. The item to be auctioned is a 30-year lease for the planning and development of the lands described in paragraph B. Salient terms of the lease are summarized in paragraph C and D. Requests for the Bid Information Packet or for further information should be made as described in paragraph D. If the Commissioner elects to award the lease, he will select the bid that he determines offers the highest and best benefit to the Trust. The Commissioner reserve the right to require additional information from any bidder before making a selection, and/ or to reject all bids. Bidders must make an offer in three parts: (1) The minimum cash bonus bid will be \$1,000.00, with bidding thereafter in increments of \$10,000.00; (2) the minimum bid for the State Trust Land percentage split for the Planning Development Credit (PDC) will be 50%; (3) the minimum bid for the percentage annual increase of the Base Appraisal Value (BAV) will be 1.0%. Bidders are encouraged to offer amounts greater than these minimums. Bidders are also encouraged to offer additional financial incentives (see the Bid Information Sheet contained in the Bid Packet for more details).

In order to qualify to bid, each prospective bidder must deposit with the Commissioner \$2,096,579.39 in the form of a certified or cashier's check, made payable to the Commissioner of Public Lands by 4 p.m. on December 6, 2010. The deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded.

A) Auction: The auction will be by sealed bid and qualified bid-ders will hand deliver their bid in a sealed container marked 'Sealed Bid for BL-1985" at the following time and place:

December 10, 2010

time: 11:00 am

Doña Ana County Government Center 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007

B) Description of the property to be leased: A certain parcel of land located in Section 18, T22S, R3E, N.M.P.M., Doña Ana County, New Mexico and containing 434.23 acres, more or less. A complete legal description may be found in the Bid Information Packet.

C) Summary of the Terms of the Lease: The term of this lease shall be 30 years. The rent shall be \$ 7,500.00 per annum, with the first year's rent to be due on or before the effective date of the Lease and annually thereafter. Rent shall be adjusted upward every 5 years by 2.5% over the annual rent due during

the preceding lease year. Lessee will be responsible for all appli-cable taxes and utility expenses associated with development of the site. Permitted use of the premises will be for planning and development. A complete description of permitted use is provided in the Lease. The lease also contains terms regarding liens, assignment and subleasing, relinquishment, default, insurance, indemnification, etc., and is subject to all pertinent state statutes and rules.

D) How to Get Information on the Auction, Obtain a Bid Qualification Packet, a copy of the Lease or Other Information:Please Contact: Onlact: Dallas Rippy, NM State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, 505-827-5760, dallasrippy@slo. state.nm.us

Disabled individuals who require aids to participate in the long-term business lease may call 505-827-5768; Fax 505-827-6157 and /or TTY (800) 659-8331. Upon request, these decuments may be available. these documents may be available in alternative formats

bids is expressly reserved and no lease shall be effective unless and until approved in writing by the Commissioner of Public

Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico. this 27th day of September,

Patrick H. Lyons Commissioner of Public Lands

Pub # 10074 Dates 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 2010

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

AUCTION FOR SALE OF LAND BY SEALED BID

Sale No. 5951, Doña Ana County, New Mexico

The Commissioner of Public Lands gives notice that pursuant to the New Mexico Enabling Act (36 Stat. 557), N.M.S.A. 1978, Sections 19-7-1 and 19-7-2, Rule 19.2.14 NMAC, and the public auction process described in this Notice, he is offering for sale, by sealed bid, the surface estate of the following state trust land (the "Land"):

NOTE: THE LAND IS OFFERED BY ALIQUOT PART REGARDLESS OF THE ACTUAL ACREAGE DISCLOSED BY A SURVEY.

Parcel being Lots 1,2,3 & 4, E½SW¼ of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 3 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian Doña Ana County, New Mexico, containing 209.22 acres, more or less.

1. The Land is offered "AS IS": the Commissioner does not make any representations or provide any warranties regarding title to the Land or its con dition or fitness for any pur-pose. The Land is offered for a cash sale (i.e., full payment in cash due at closing) as a single tract only; bids for less than the entire tract will not be considered. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject all bids. The Land will be subject to all valid leases, easements, and other encumbrances shown in State Land Office records and the records of the Doña Ana

County Clerk, and any relevant state or federal records. Bidders are responsible to conduct their own due diligence examination of the Land and its title. To inspect the land, obtain a Right of Entry from Anna Villa (505)

2. Details of this offer, applicable rules, instructions for submitting a sealed bid to purchase the Land, and the required form on which a sealed bid must be submit-ted are in the Bid Information Packet, which may be obtained by written request, in person, by telephone or email. Contact the State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe N.M. 87501, Attention: Dallas Rippy, Assistant Commissioner of Renewable Energy and Commercial Resources Division, phone (505) 827-5760 or email pwalton@slo.state. nm.us. The Bid Information Packet is incorporated in this Notice by reference and should be reviewed in detail before submitting a bid. Sealed bids not complying with the require-ments set forth in the Bid Information Packet are subject to disqualification. Conforming bids received will be evalu-ated by the Commissioner. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject all bids submitted and to re-offer the Land for lease, sale and/or exchange on the same or different terms.

3. The Minimum Bid is set at one million, four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars and zero cents (\$1,485,000.00) (cash price received at closing) The entire cash price must be received by the Commissioner at closing; the Commissioner will not enter into an installment purchase contract. Bidders are encouraged to offer amounts greater than the Minimum Bid. The entire amount offered will be due in cash at closing.

4. All bidders must obtain and thoroughly read the bid information packet. In order to qualify as a bidder, bidders must attend the pre-bid meet-ing at 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico in Room 105 December 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. and submit sealed bid on or before December 17, 2010. Bids must be accompanied by the Transaction and Performance Deposits in the amounts set forth below. Deposits must be in the forms specified in the Bid Information Packet. Failure to include the required Deposits will result in disqualification.

The successful bidder will be required to pay all other costs associated with the transaction. \$30 Sale Application Fee, the Performance and Transaction Deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded. See Bid Information Packet for additional information and requirements regarding the required Deposits.

1. Transaction Deposit: Sale Application Fee (non-refundable) \$30.00

Advertising Cost \$3,500.00

Appraisal Cost

\$5,647.03

Total Transaction Deposit \$9,177.03

\$1,485,000.00

3. Total and Bid -

5. Sale of the Land will be sub-

ject to all valid leases, easements and other encumbrances (collectively, "encumbrances") shown in the records of the State Land Office and the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office. The Commissioner has determined that the prior lessee's improvements have a zero value. The prior lessee has disputed that and asserted that the improvements are worth \$1.9 million. The successful bidder will be liable for payment, if any, for the improvements. The Commissioner cannot estimate if or when, any further or more final determination regarding value will be made.

6. The Land will be conveyed by a single patent, reserving to the State all minerals of whatso-ever kind, geothermal resources, and certain water rights, together with rights of access and surface use necessary for or incident to exploration for and extraction and removal of such minerals, geothermal resources, and water rights.

7. Bids, including one (1) paper copy of required infor-mation and materials as well as any transmittal letter and supplemental materials, and the required Deposits, must be submitted in a sealed container, clearly marked Sealed Bid for Sale No. 5951, addressed to the Commissioner, c/o Assistant Commissioner, Dallas Rippy, at the State Land Office address provided above by 4:00 p.m. on December 17, 2010.

Disabled individuals requiring aid to bid may call (505) 827-5724; FAX (505) 827-6157 or TTY (800) 659-8331. Upon request, this notice may be available in other formats.

Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 5th day of October 2010.

Patrick H. Lyons oner of Public Lands

Pub # 10104 Dates 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 2010

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

No. D-0307-CV-2010-01525 JUDGE: Honorable Jerald A.

BANK OF THE SOUTHWEST, a New Mexico Banking Corporation, Plaintiff.

MICHAEL JONES, ANDREA JONES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a Judgment for Foreclosure as to a certain Mortgage entered in the above-styled and numbered cause on the 18th day of October, 2010, the undersigned Special Master will, on the 13th day of December, 2010, at the hour of 10:45 a.m. at the Entrance of the District Courthouse on Picacho Street in Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the real estate situate in the County of Sierra, State of New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot Numbered 4 in Block Number H of Colquitt Developing Co. Subdivision Number One, Doña Ana

County, New Mexico. As the same is shown and designated on the Plat of said Colquitt Developing Co. Subdivision number one. Filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 22, 1960 in Plat Book 8

The address of said property is 214 Grama Grass, Chaparral, New Mexico.

This sale is being made to satisfy the aforesaid Decree.

Said real estate is subject to unpaid and past due. Doña Ana County property taxes and further subject to rights of redemption.

date of said sale to Plaintiff is the sum of \$15,535.61, plus interest thereon from and after December 13, 2010 at the rate of 9.5 percent being principal, interest, plus attor ney's fees, Special Master's fee, costs of publication and such other costs as may accrue to said date.

The undersigned has the right

/s/ JAIME F. RUBIN Special Master

Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 2010

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

No. D-0307-CV-2010-01992 JUDGE:

norable Manuel I. Arrieta

SOUTHWEST, a New Mexico Banking Corporation, Plaintiff.

MICHAEL N. DANIELS, TINA E. CALZADA and NOHEMI A. MARTINEZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a Judgment for Foreclosure a certain Mortgage entered in the above-styled and numbered cause on the 26th day of October, 2010, the undersigned Special Master will, on the 13th day of December, 2010, at the ho 10:30 a.m. at the Entrance of the District Courthouse on Picacho Street in Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the real estate situated in the County of Sierra, State of New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 12 in Block E of Butterfield Park, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 18, 1962 and recorded in Book 8 Pages 72. Plat Records.

The address of said property is 5281 Isaacks Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

This sale is being made to satisfy the aforesaid Decree.

Said real estate is subject to unpaid and past due Doña Ana County property taxes and further subject to rights of redemption.

The total amount due on the date of said sale to Plaintiff is the sum of \$5,167.75, plus interest thereon from and after December 13, 2010 at the rate of 12.5 percent (12.5%) being principal, interest, plus attor ney's fees, Special Master's fee, costs of publication and such other costs as may accrue to said date

The undersigned has the right to reject any and all bids.

/s/ IAMIE F. RUBIN Special Master

Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,

ANDREW MARTIN LANDWERLEN; KAREN LYNN LANDWERLEN; CITIBANK, N.A., successor by merger to Citibank Federal Savings Bank, Defendant(s),

AND

CITIBANK, N.A., successo by merger to Citibank Federal Savings Bank, Crossclaimant,

ANDREW MARTIN LANDWERLEN; KAREN LYNN LANDWERLEN, Crossdefendant(s), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 15, 2010, 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 abovenamed Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3715 Mesilla Hills Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly

described as follows: A tract of land situate west of the limits of the Town of Mesilla, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in the SW1/4 of Section 2, T24S, R1E, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and more particularly described as

BEGINNING at an iron rod set for the southwest corner of the tract herein described: whence a brass cap found for the southwest corner of Section . T24S, R1E, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears S 0 deg. 18' 05" E., a distance of 271.70 feet;

THENCE from the place of beginning along the west line of Section 2, N. 0 deg. 18' 05" W., 8.30 feet to an iron rod set for a corner of this tract:

THENCE leaving said section line East 145.90 feet to a corner of this tract:

THENCE North, 398.65 feet to a point on the west line of Mesilla Civil Colony Grant for the most northerly point of the tract herein described;

THENCE along the said grant

ne S. 61 deg. 01' 20" E., 148.44 feet to angle point 15 of said grant line for an angle point of the tract herein described:

THENCE continuing along said grant line S. 50 deg. 57' 00" E., 531.50 feet to an iron rod set for the most easterly point of the tract herein described;

THENCE leaving said grant line S. 89 deg. 59' W., 688.47 feet to the place of beginning, containing 2.7205 acres of land, more or less. Field notes by A & M Surveys, Inc., March 1980.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judg-ment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on October 27, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$264,299.22 and the same bears from August 31, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$4,261.37. The Crossclaimant Citibank, N.A.'s judgment, entered on October 27, 2010, is \$122,295.40 and the same bears interest at the rate of 4.00% per annum from August 31, 2010. The amount of sale will be \$1,434.04. The Plaintiff and the Crossclaimant Citibank, N.A. have the right to bid at such sale and submit their bids verbally or in writ-ing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment

to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The Crossclaimant Citibank, N.A. may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash after first paying the judgment of the Plaintiff. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assess-ments 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 contamina-tion on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A. PO Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 575-642-5567

Pub # 10192 Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO THIRD IUDICIAL DISTRICT

D-307-CV-201002019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

MARCO A. VARGAS; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARCO A VARGAS, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 8, 2010 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

LOT 61, BLOCK 1, THE RIDGE AT NORTHRISE PHASE V, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 4011 ON AUGUST 23, 2004 IN BOOK 20 PAGE(S) 770-771 OF PLAT RECORDS.

MORE CORRECTLY KNOWN

Lot 61, Block 1, THE RIDGE AT NORTHRISE PHASE V, 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. 4011 on 08/23/2004 in Book 20 Page(s) 770-71 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 3515 Midnight Ridge Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 20, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and where in Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$350,126,30 plus intersulfi of \$350,126.30 pius interest from October 26, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.375% 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 mort-gagee 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

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herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

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

Pamela Carmody Special Master c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski 999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1 Denver, CO 80202 (800) 286-0013 (303) 285-2222 10-1932 FC01

Pub # 10197 Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 2010

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

No. CV2008-00872

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,

VS.

DANIEL RANGEL and BELMA RANGEL, husband and wife; THE CIT GROUP/ CONSUMER FINANCE, INC; DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY- INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 707 Lauren St., Sunland Park, NM 87124, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 2, Block 2, Mason Farms Subdivision Unit 2, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4040 on October 26, 2004 in Book 21 Page(s) 18-21 of Plat Pageord's

The sale is to begin at 1:45 p.m. on December 10, 2010, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Los 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 Aurora Loan Services, LLC.

Aurora Loan Services, LLC was awarded a Judgment on April 21, 2010, in the principal sum of \$148,789.24, plus outstanding interest on the balance through April 5, 2010, in the amount of \$22,591.45, plus late charges of \$1,065.50, plus recoverable/ escrow balance in the amount of \$6,666.67, plus other fees of \$9.00, minus a suspense balance of \$356.05, plus attorneys fees in the sum of \$800.00 and costs through April 5, 2010 in the sum of \$947.13, with interest on the Judgment including late charges, property preservation fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 7.79875% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

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. Aurora Loan Services, LLC 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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

property, if any.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Faisal Sukhyani, Special Master 2222 Park West NW Albuquerque, NM 87120 (505) 228-8484

Pub # 10198 Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3 2010

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

No. D-307-CV-200903087

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN H. SHADE, a single man; ABC Corporations I-X, XYZ Partnerships I-X, John Does I-X and Jane Does I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1103 Idaho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land being the Westerly part of Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4) in Block of Amended Plat of Valley View, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on April 24, 1907, in Book 3, Page 44, of Plat Records and being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof: Beginning at the southwest corner of Block 11, Valley View Addition, City of Las Cruces which corner

is marked by an angle iron

Thence N.76 deg 00'E., 64.5 feet along the north line Idaho Avenue to the Southeast corner of this tract at a fence corner,

Thence N.14 deg 53'W., 100.00 feet to the northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.76 deg 00'W., 63.1 feet to the northwest corner of this tract, marked by an angle iron;

Thence S.14 deg 05'E., 100.00 feet to the place of beginning.

The sale is to begin at 1:45 p.m. on December 10, 2010, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Los 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 Aurora Loan Services, LLC.

Aurora Loan Services, LLC was awarded a Judgment on June 28, 2010, in the principal sum of \$84,980.01, plus outstanding interest on the balance through April 15, 2010, in the amount of \$5,443.35, plus late charges of \$115.08, plus recoverable/ escrow balance in the amount of \$405.59, minus a suspense balance of \$29.29, plus other fees of \$9.00, plus attorneys fees in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through June 21, 2010 in the sum of \$1,144.93, with interest on the Judgment including late charges, property preservation fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 8.125% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of

redemption.

PROSPECTIVE
PURCHASERS AT SALE
ARE ADVISED TO MAKE
THEIR OWN EXAMINATION
OF THE TITLE AND THE
CONDITION OF THE
PROPERTY AND TO
CONSULT THEIR OWN
ATTORNEY BEFORE
BIDDING.

By: Faisal Sukhyani, Special Master 2222 Park West NW Albuquerque, NM 87120 (505) 228-8484

Pub # 10199 Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 2010 STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LUNA SIXTH IUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-182 Judge Viramontes

FIRST NEW MEXICO BANK,

vs.

DAVID VARGAS, SARA VARGAS, ESTEBAN TALAVERA, and CHRISTINE R. SOLIS. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance to the Luna County Courthouse, 855 South Platinum, Deming, New Mexico, sell and convey all or the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the below described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1980 La Susida, SW Deming, situated in Luna County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lots Numbered One (1), Two (2), Three (3), and Four (4), of Block Numbered Five (5), Unit Numbered Forty-Three (43) of the DEMING RANCHETTES, subdivision in a Luna County, New Mexico, according to the plat thereof filed September 4, 1962 in Plat Cabinet 8, Slide 127 in the Office of the Luna County Clerk, Deming, New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will

he made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court, the above-entitled and numbered cause on August 12, 2010, being an action to foreclose a real estate mortgage under which Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first and prior lien against the above-described real estate securing payment of its Judgment in the principal sum of \$41,753.51, with interest at the rate of 13.5% per annum from August 12, 2010, until paid, plus attorney fees of \$2,894.51, and tax thereon, plus the costs of this action including Special Master's fee and publication of this notice. The Judgment bears interest to date of sale. Sale is being made to satisfy the Judgment plus interest and will be made to the highest and best bidder for cash, except that the Plaintiff may bid its .judgment or any part thereof. The time and date of sale may be postponed by the Special Master if he deems it advisable.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

The attorney for the Plaintiff is Blaine T. Mynatt of Holt Babington Mynatt Martinez P.C., Post Office Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-

/s/ Stephen F. Hosford

SPECIAL MASTER

Pub #10208 Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201001120

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

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JOANN MENDOZA; JESUS MENDOZA; COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORPORATION; THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOANN MENDOZA, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 15, 2010 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 abovenamed defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 12 in Block 16 of Dale Bellamah Manor, Section 2, Plat 5, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, recorded in the office of the County Clerk on February 18, 1959 in Book 8 at page 39 of the Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 2317 Bellamah Dr. Las Cruces NM 88001 Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 25, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mort-gage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$43,553.19 plus interest from August 13, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 10% 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 judgment to th in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgage giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

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

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

Dated: 2010.

Pamela Carmody Special Master c/o Castle Stawiarski, LLC 999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1 Denver, CO 80202 (800) 286-0013 (303) 285-2222 10-1008 FC01

Pub # 10210 Dates 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD IUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200901443

GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

STEPHEN M. SCOTT; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEPHEN M. SCOTT, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 15, 2010 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 abovenamed defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 4 in Block numbered 9 of The Ridge at Northrise Phase V, Replat No. 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said The Ridge at Northrise Phase V, Replat No. 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 25, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Folio 200.

The address of the real pror

erty is 3065 Moonlight Ridge Arc, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 28, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and where-in Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$482,016.11 plus interest from November 3, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.25 % per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful

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

bidder for any damages.

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

and taxes that may be due.

Pamela Carmody Special Master c/o CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC 999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1 Denver, CO 80202 (800) 286-0013

Pub # 10211 Dates 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-1729

(303) 285-2222

09-0649

NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff.

vs.

JOHN THOMAS MEETZE; and TERESA MEETZE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 22, 2010, 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 abovenamed Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2945 Doña Ana Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate in the NW1/4 of Section 1, T23S, R1E, NMPM of the USRS Surveys being part of the Las Cruces Realty Company's Ware-Shropshire Tract (Plat filed June 26, 1910 in Plat Record 4, Page 2, Records of Doña Ana County, New Mexico) as USRS Tract 7-17B1D, lying north of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at an iron rod found on the west side of Doña Ana Road, (Doña Ana County Road D-062 formerly New Mexico State Road 28) for the southeast corner of Lot 20 of the Las Cruces Realty Company's Ware-Shropshire Tract and for the southeast corner of the tract herein described;

Thence from the point of beginning leaving the aforesaid road S71 deg. 08'W., 190.00 feet to an iron rod set for the southwest corner of the tract herein described:

Thence N18 deg. 52'W., 90.00 feet to the northwest corner of the tract herein described:

Thence N71 deg. 08'E., 190.00 feet to an iron rod set on the west side of Doña Ana Road for the northeast corner of the tract herein described;

Thence along the road S18 deg. 52'E 90.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.3926 acres of land more or less.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judg-ment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 10, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$166,548.48 and the same bears interest at 7.000% per annum from November 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,660.92. The Plaintiff and/ or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A. PO Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 575-642-5567

Pub # 10212 Dates 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 2010

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 9, 2010, John L. Nelson, 2950 W. Union Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-1080 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-1080, located at X.—1,469,462 Y = 460,103 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on

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land owned by Baltazar Flores, and drilling a new well to an unknown depth with 10-inch casing to be located at X = 1,470,628 Y = 458,691 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico for the irrigation of 12.16 acres, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 of projected Section 36, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, as described by Subfile Order, No. 1RN-28. Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-013-0144 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The site for new well LRG-1080 POD2 is located south of

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the applica-tion: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the fac-

State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 10221 Dates 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-649

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

VINH Q. TRAN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 22, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4089 Calle de Luna, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

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

THE FOREGOING SALE

foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$137,476.75 and the same bears interest at 7.875% per annum from September 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,351.70. 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

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, description home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufac tured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A. PO Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169

Pub # 10224 Dates 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 12, 2010, Robert C. Woody, 671 Tumbleweed, Chaparral, NM 88081 filed application with the STATE ENGINEER under water ENGINEER under water right file HU-338, for Permit right file HO-338, for Permit to Appropriate Underground Waters in the Hueco Basin, Doña Ana County, from proposed well HU-338-POD1 to be drilled in the NW1/4SW1/4NW1/4 Section 9, Township 26 South, Range 5 East, NMPM and more specifi-East, NMPM and more specifi-cally described at a point where Latitude: 32d 3m 45.39s and Longitude: -106d 26m 39.72s meet. Applicant proposes a diversion of up to 41.7 acre-feet per annum for the irriga-tion of up to 10 acres in the NW1/4SW1/4NW1/4, of said Section 9 all on property owned Section 9 all on property owned by the applicant. The ten acres will be cleared and planted with pasture grass. Proposed use will

The general location of the property and proposed well is at the physical location of 1080 Finley Street, Chaparral, NM.

be for irrigation a pasture, trees

and watering animals.

Any person, firm or corpora tion or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writ-ing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the applica-tion: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show 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 pro-test 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 # 10225 Dates 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 2010

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT Cause No. PB-2010-105 Judge Arrieta

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD C. CAUBLE, DECEASED. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Jean C. Herbert has

been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard C. Cauble, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative 363 Pioneer Road, Lyons, CO 80540, or filed with the District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88005.

DATED: November 16, 2010

/s/ Jean C. Herbert Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard C. Cauble 363 Pioneer Road Lyons, CO 80540

THE WOOD LAW FIRM, P.C.

By /s/ D. Lyle Wood P.O. Drawer 16288 Las Cruces, NM 88004 (575) 524-4000

Pub # 10227 Dates 11/26, 12/3, 2010

NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE November 2010

#### TO REGISTERED OWNERS. SECURED PARTIES AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has Dona Ana Sherin's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses:

Description VIN# REGISTERED OWNER

1992 GMC PICKUP WHITE 1GTCS14Z5N8521360 DAVID CASTRO

1990 CHEVROLET PK WHITE 1GCDC14Z9LZ103019 TRACA STEVENS

2000 KIA 4DR GOLD KNAFB121XY5815804 TERRY HERNANDEZ

1992 PLYMOUTH VAN BLUE 1P3XA46K9NF173130 NANCY COOLEY

1987 HONDA 2DR WHITE 1HGCA5342HA071262 TEDDY SEGURA

If you do not demand judicial review within 30 calendar days from the date this notice was published by filing a claim for the described vehicle with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle.

Pub # 10228 Dates 11/26, 12/3, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COURT

No. CV-2010-2468 Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT OF FRANK M. JONES SIGNED AUGUST 30, 2006, RESTATING THE TRUST AGREEMENT OF OCTOBER 28, 2001, AND AS AMENDED

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: LAURA ROHL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta will hear the Petition for Order Determining Beneficiary Share of Laura Bohl and Approving Deposit of Beneficiary Share of Laura Bohl to Court Registry in the above matter in the Third Judicial District Court County courthouse located at 201 West Picacho Avenue, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, Cou #3, at TIME: 9:00 AM, DATE: Tuesday January 4, 2011.

30 MINUTES is allotted for

If this hearing requires more or less time than the court has designated, or if this hearing conflicts with any prior set-ting, please contact us immediately as continuances will not be granted on late notice. The District Court complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Counsel or PRO SE persons must notify the Clerk of the Court of the nature of any disability at least five (5) days before ANY hearing so appropriate accommodations can be nade. The same requirement applies if an interpreter will be needed.

DATED: 11-19-10

BY: /s/ Nancy A. Heavner Deputy (SEAL)

Dates 11/26, 12/3 12/10, 12/17, 2010

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. PB-10-104 Judge Arrieta

THE ESTATE OF CHARLES Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Karen Andrews has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles Martin Andrews, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be resented either to the Personal Representative at the address shown in this notice or filed

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

with the District Court of Doña

Ana County, New Mexico.

DATED this 18th day of

/s/ Karen Andrews

Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 2950 W. Union Ave. Old well LRG-1080 will be retained for simile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid will be made to satisfy a judg-ment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be numbered cause on November protest or objection is filed, the other rights. Complex, Las Cruces, New 15, 2010, being an action to due. Plaintiff and its attorneys

The Las Cruces Bulletin is looking for postcards for our "Postcards from the Past" weekly feature. If you have any old postcards that feature Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico, bring them to our office at 840 N. Telshor, Suite E Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm, or call Rachel at 524-8061. We will scan your postcard and return it to you immediately. We will record your name and recognize you for your contribution when the postcard appears in our paper.

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# **LEGAL**NOTICES

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Personal Representative 6820 Raasaf Circle Las Cruces, NM 88005

Pub # 10230 Dates 11/26, 12/3, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201002659

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff.

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF DEBBIE PETTES, DECEASED; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY, THE UNKNOWN SURVIVING SPOUSE OF DEBBIE PETTES, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Debbie Pettes, Deceased and The Unknown Surviving Spouse of Debbie Pettes, 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 2913 Ancho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 39 OF LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION, PHASE III, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2005 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 21 AT PAGES 340-343, PLAT RECORDS

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 20 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted, CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI

By: Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
Keya Koul
LeNatria Holly Jurist
Kendrick W. Dane
Kevin W. Pyle
Susan Carter
Steven J. Lucero
Castle, Meinhold & Stawiarski,
LLC
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013;
(505) 848-9500

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 16 day of November, 2010.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By: Deputy

10-2963 FC01

Pub # 10231 Dates 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201002805

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v

JIMMY S. ORTIZ; MARIA M. ORTIZ; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Jimmy S. Ortiz and Maria M. Ortiz.

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 2823 San Miguel Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 214, LEGENDS WEST NORTH, PHASE I, 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 AND SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 27, 2006, IN BOOK 22 PAGE(S) 83-91, OF PLAT RECORDS.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 20 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted, CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI

By:
Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
Keya Koul
LeNatria Holly Jurist
Kendrick W. Dane
Kevin W. Pyle
Susan Carter
Steven J. Lucero
Castle, Meinhold & Stawiarski,
LLC
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013;
(505) 848-9500

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 15th day of November, 2010.

Gregory Toomey CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Deputy 10-2805 FC01

Pub # 10232 Dates 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.

D-307-CV-201002699

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,

v.

DAVID R. GORDON;
MICHELLE M. GORDON;
DESERT SAGE BUILDING
AND DEVELOPMENT;
INC. A NEW MEXICO
CORPORATION; PIONEER
BANK; UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA BY AND
THROUGH THE INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE;
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE
NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF
ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Desert Sage Building and Development, Inc. A New Mexico Corporation.

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 1120 Pueblo Gardens Court,
Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña
Ana County, New Mexico, said

property being more particu-

larly described as:

LOT NUMBERED 11 OF PUEBLO GARDENS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID PUEBLO GARDENS, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2005 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 319-320

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 20 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you. Respectfully Submitted,

CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI

By:
Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
Keya Koul
LeNatria Holly Jurist
Kendrick W. Dane
Kevin W. Pyle
Susan Carter
Steven J. Lucero
Castle, Meinhold & Stawiarski,

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

WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A. VALENTINE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 9th day of November, 2010.

Gregory Toomey CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Deputy 10-1209 FC01

Pub # 10233 Dates 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 2010

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

No. P13-10-114 (Arrieta)

IN THE MATTER OF TEE ESTATE OF PEGGY LYNN SUNDAHL, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE STATE OF NEW

To: DONALD MERLE SUNDAHL; PAULINE SUNDAHL; RONNI HOMOMICHL; JOHN SUNDAHL; DONNA HOWARD; LYNDA MORROW, GARY SUNDAHL; TERRY LEE SUNDAHL and CAROL ANN PALESE;

And

To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PEGGY LYNN SUNDAHL, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF PEGGY LYNN SUNDAHL, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Donna Howard has filed a Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative, in which Donna Howard seeks to be named Personal Representative. Hearing on the Petition will be held before The Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, Third Judicial District Court, at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

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

DATED: November 30, 2010

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

Pub # 10234 Dates 12/3, 12/10, 2010

NOTICE is hereby given that on August 23, 2010, Ronald and Nancy Watson, 1697 Highway 192, La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-1381 POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-1381 POD2, also know as well LRS08-0004 as described by Subfile No:: LRS-28-008-0003 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey, located within the SW1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 15, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and drilling new well to a depth of 300 feet with 6-inch casing to be located at X = 1,492,077 Y = 413,495 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one household purpose. The new well site is located northwest

of La Mesa, NM and may be found at approximately 1,485 feet south-southeast of the intersection of County Road B-010 and Gavilan Avenue. Old well LRG-1381 POD2 will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corpora-tion or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if pub-lic welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the fac-simile. 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 ections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 10235 Dates 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 10-0202

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSE H. SANCHEZ, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MAGDALENA I. SANCHEZ has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: November 23, 2010.

MAGDALENA I. SANCHEZ 1345 Sexton Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

Prepared by: ALAN D. GLUTH New Mexico Bar #14980 Gluth Law, LLC 2455 East Missouri, Suite A Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001 Telephone: (575) 556-8449 Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Pub # 10236 Dates 12/3, 12/10, 2010

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

Judge: Valentine No. CV-2010-2515

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT,

Petitioner,

TIMOTHY BLACK, AND 1994 FORD MUSTANG, RED; VIN: 1FALP4044RF124730; New Mexico License Plate No. LGW 422, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Timothy Black, the above named Respondent.

The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1994 Ford Mustang, Red; VIN: 1FALP4044RF124730; New Mexico License Plate No. LGW 422.

You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES By: /s/ Harry S. (Pete) Connelly Interim City Attorney P.O. Box 20000 Las Cruces, NM 88004 575-541-2128 Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine, 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 17th day of November, 2010.

JAMES H. DEMPSEY CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: /s/ Josie A. Gomez DEPUTY

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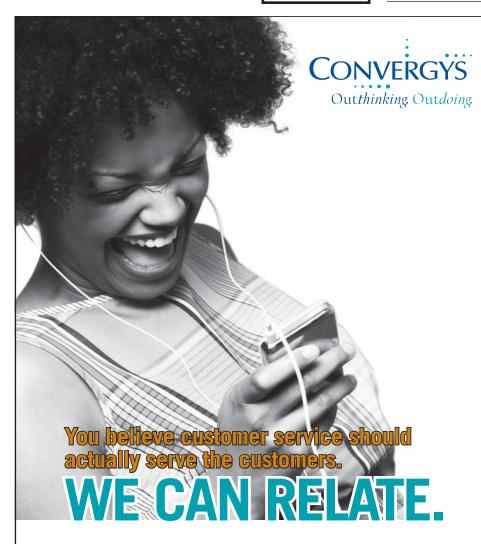
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# **Cyber shoppers beware**

#### Attorney general warns against piracy, identity theft

New Mexico Attorney General Gary King's office is warning cyber shoppers in the state to beware of pirated and/or counterfeit goods for sale on the Internet, as well as the risk of identity theft.

The New Mexico Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division Chief Karen Meyers said the Cyber Monday warning is good advice any time of year, but especially important now that consumers are flocking to the Internet to do their holiday shopping.

"Counterfeit and pirated goods have found a worldwide market online," Meyers said. "Unfortunately, unless a consumer takes the time to learn about how to recognize potential frauds, they run the risk of being cheated when purchasing online goods or having their identity stolen when fake websites ask for personal

information like credit card account

Counterfeiters and pirates with basic Web design skills can set up online storefronts that look as authentic as those operated by legitimate enterprises. Simple coding, and even cutting and pasting, allows them to display on their websites corporate advertisements, government logos, seemingly secured forms of payment and fraudulent documentation to fake their authenticity.

These websites are highly deceptive to consumers, who believe they are buying legitimate goods. Additionally, consumers' online purchases can facilitate identity theft and the spread of spyware and malware. Especially dangerous possibilities arise when the goods purchased are bogus pharmaceuticals, medical devices or other health products.

King's office offers the following tips to help avoid becoming a victim of online piracy or counterfeit goods:

1. If an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Use your common sense. If you think something is fishy with the website, it may be an illegitimate company. Look out for sites that have poor quality photos, spelling mistakes and lack of terms. If you are purchasing items from an auction site, see how many identical products they have available for purchase. For example, if they are overstocked for an expensive couture handbag, the handbags are probably fake. Also, avoid websites offering unlimited downloads of music or movies, or mixed versions of songs.

2. Look for secure websites. Shop from online sites that display "https://" rather than "http://" in the

address bar. Also look for a padlock image at the bottom of the browser. These indicate the website is secure and has a safe encrypted connection. Sites that do not have secure connections are not storing customer data in a secure manner.

3. Shop at authorized retail sites. Many companies have lists on their websites or product packaging that indicates sites where you can buy their goods. These sites are generally considered authorized online retail stores, and you are likely guaranteed your purchase is a legitimate product. If you are uncertain that a site is selling genuine products, ask the retailer where they got the goods and for other verifiable information.

4. Product shipping. Unfortunately, many illegitimate goods may look genuine, and unless you are a professional working at the company in question, you may not be able to tell the difference. However, look for the small details. Are the "use by" dates missing or expired? Are the safety seals broken or missing? Did it come with the appropriate warranty information? Is there anything unusual about the packaging?

#### Friday, December 3, 2010

5. Prescriptions. Be extra careful when ordering prescription drugs online. Only buy drugs from a reputable pharmacy. If you purchase medicine from a website you haven't used before, compare the new drugs to your current ones; do they match up in size, shape, color and taste? Are you experiencing any new side effects after taking a dosage? You may also contact your pharmacist or the manufacturer to determine if the new vendor is a legitimate company. Remember, all online pharmacies located in the United States must be licensed by the state board of pharmacy where the online vendor is located.

Almost everyone wants to save money during the holidays but savvy consumers understand that a "great deal" often translates to "great risk." Consumers may not receive what they pay for or the information they provide may be used to steal their identity. For more about consumer protections and dispute resolution, visit the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division website at http://nmag.gov/office/Divisions/CP.

## Pepsi, Pic Quik give back



To support the Pepsi Refresh national campaign on a local level, Pepsi Beverages Co. of Las Cruces participated in a fundraiser during Employee Appreciation Week Nov. 7. Pepsi employees paid \$1 per ball to dunk their managers in a dunk tank. At the end of the event, Pepsi raised \$108 dollars, which Pic Quik Food Stores matched with a \$200 contribution. To support the project further, Pepsi Co. matched the total raised, which totaled to a \$408 donation awarded to Valley View Elementary School Nov. 12.

# **Dodging the long lines**

Shopper Alan Pando, **Best Buy sales** associate Andrew Hernandez and **Andrea Pando were** shopping for an MP3 player home docking station Monday, Nov. 29, at Best Buy. Pando said he chose to forgo Black Friday shopping because of the large crowds. Best Buy **Customer Solutions** Manager Gregory Smith said Black Friday at Best Buy had a "good earlymorning turnout that was very orderly." He added, "The best sellers over all were video gaming systems and inexpensive laptops."

> Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney



# A manageable approach to online marketing

#### Blogs, Google-awareness can help your business succeed

By **Ray Gulick** 

Principal and creative director at Evolution Web Development

This article appears courtesy of Finance New Mexico

Many business owners remain unsure how to market their companies online, even though they know that today's consumers use the Internet to research products and decide what and where to buy. They know a static online brochure won't generate business, but many perceive social media as a waste of precious

The middle way between the set-it-and-forget-it website and the time-sucking demands of social media is an effective and manageable

approach to online marketing. This approach recognizes that more than 70 percent of shoppers use Google to tell them who provides the desired product in their local area. Meanwhile, phone book distribution has been decreasing steadily for at least five years as fewer people use the traditional Yellow Pages to do this research.

## Put Google to work for you

The primary aim of Google's search engine is to deliver "relevant' search results. Google delivers local results to searches based on a visitor's Internet Protocol (IP) address. Local results often appear higher

in search results than results from companies farther away.

Providing frequent, focused content about a business's products or services makes its website relevant and maximizes search engine optimization, or SEO. This requires a business to devote time to creating content for a website platform that supports content creation and sharing. Blogs are made for doing this.

# An interactive Web platform

The questions businesses commonly field about products and services can be used as subject matter for blog posts. Employees with expertise in products and services

can share this information with potential customers, approaching them as resources rather than salespeople.

Many readers will get useful information from a 500-word blog post written in clear, understandable language that reads as an ongoing conversation with prospective clients or customers. Businesses serious about this marketing tool set aside a few hours each week to write blog posts. Two posts per week can reap SEO benefits within a few months.

Businesses should choose a platform that integrates a blog into the business's website so that traffic attracted to the blog benefits the website as a whole and attracts search engine "spiders." (If a business blogs at a separate blog site, traffic to those accounts doesn't benefit the business's website.) Using a platform such as the WordPress open source application (wordpress.org) installed on the business's Web host account gives the business control over the blog under the business's domain name.

Each time a new blog post is published, Google is alerted to the new content, and the search engine sends a searchbot to catalog it for searchers. A company that alerts Google about the new content a few times each week is soon recognized as a producer of frequent, focused content. Google ranks the content as more relevant, presenting it nearer the top in search results. And that means business.

Finance New Mexico is an initiative of the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation (NMSBIC) and its partners to assist individuals and businesses in obtaining skills and funding-resources for their business or idea. To learn more, go to www. financenewmexico.org.

# Arts Entertainment

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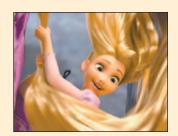
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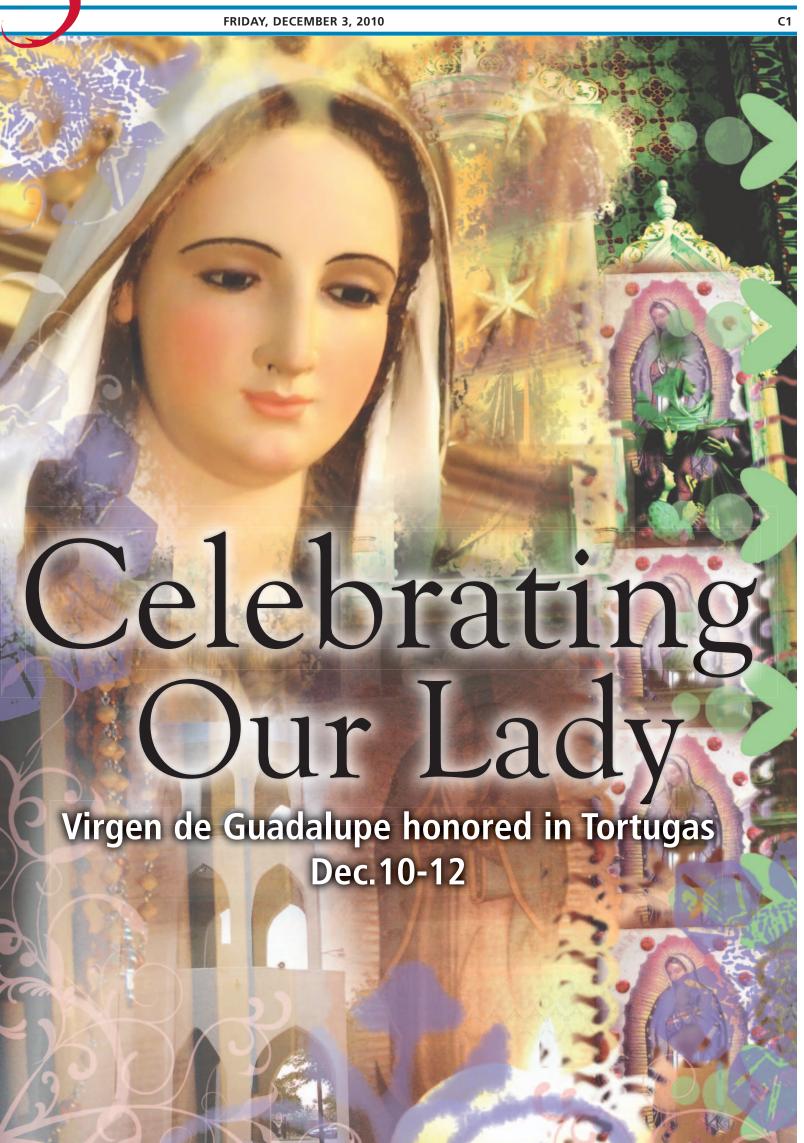
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#### NEXT WEEK

#### Jazzing things up

Jam Session celebrates uniquely American music



# In honor of Mexico's patroness

#### Annual celebration solves the mysterious lights

By David Edwards

I don't remember when I was aware of the flickering of torches as they progressed up "A" Mountain – likely not too long after I moved to Las Cruces in 1965. It was probably my dad – in love with things Native American – who explained the spectacle of the Tortugas Indians making a pilgrimage up the mountain.

It was many years later before I had any understanding of the annual event and its significance, not just to Native Americans, but also to area Catholics. It was just something that happened in mid-December every year and my comprehension of what was going on continued to be very limited until ... well, now.

I guess that a large part of my lack of awareness comes from "gringocentricity" or self-involvement. There are an extraordinary number of happenings during the holidays to draw your attention, yet this particular one stays a little below the radar because it isn't really an entertainment for tourists (although they are welcome), – it is an expression of faith and an honoring of their beliefs.

Every Dec. 10-12, the Village of Tortugas holds a fiesta in honor of the Virgen de Guadalupe, a key part of which is the four-mile pilgrimage up Tortugas (A) Mountain. I guess that begs the question, "What's it all about?"

A brief history lesson is in order.

On Dec. 12, 1531, a vision of the Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego, an indigenous peasant. She instructed him in his native tongue to tell the local church officials to build a church at the top of Tepeyac Hill – where she had appeared to him.

After telling the bishop, Diego was asked to return and ask the Virgin for a sign to prove

her existence. She told him to gather flowers from the top of the hill, even though it was winter and there normally were none. Diego found flowers of all types but especially roses. The Virgin herself gathered the flowers into Diego's peasant cloak or tilma. When he took the cloak back to the bishop, the flowers fell to the floor and the image of the Virgin had been miraculously imprinted on the cloth.

The Virgen de Guadalupe has become known as the patroness of the Americas, embracing the indigenous people into the Catholic church – blending their ancient beliefs with Christianity.

It is believed that the Village of Tortugas was established some time in the early1850s by mission Indians from El Paso. There are several theories about how the village got its name. One is that the stragglers or slow travelers (the tortugas, or turtles), such as the old and sick, were left behind as northern Isleta Indians fled to the south. Another is that it was named for the nearby butte or mountain that resembles a turtle, and the third theory is that it was named for the large numbers of turtles that used to bask in the sun on the rocks of the bosque or wetlands south of the village.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the celebration in front of the village church, which was only partially complete in 1910. The feast day goes back to the 1870s when the celebration took place in Las Cruces at St. Genevieve's Catholic Church.

The three-day fiesta is sponsored by La Corporación de los Indigenes de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, more commonly known as Tortugas Pueblo. The fiesta incorporates the customs and traditions of the Piro and Tigua Indians, who are the ancestors of the village.

Even though it is full of color and pageantry,

the fiesta is a very solemn religious and cultural event and the pueblo asks for the general public's assistance and cooperation in respecting its time-honored traditions. Restrictions are imposed on picture taking throughout the fiesta. As in past years, the pueblo expects visitors from all over the country and some come from as far as Canada and Europe to participate – to give thanks and to pray for special intentions.

The celebration begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, with a candlelight procession from La Capilla (the little chapel) to the Casa del Pueblo (community center) where an all night vigil, or velorio, is held. The Danzantes and the Malinches – traditional dance troupes – will be performing dances throughout the night.

At 5 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, a candlelight procession is held as the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is taken from La Casa del Pueblo to the Sanctuario (sanctuary) de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Saturday is also the traditional date for the annual pilgrimage to Tortugas Mountain. (History has noted the similarity of the journey to the mountain to that of Juan Diego's experience on the hill of Tepeyac.) The pueblo leads the pilgrimage and is under the guidance and direction of the Capitanes, or Captains. Registration for the pilgrimage begins at 6 a.m. at La Casa del Pueblo. The general public is requested to gather at La Casa del Pueblo and join the procession to the top of the mountain.

As in past years, the 11 a.m. Mass on Tortugas Mountain will be celebrated by Bishop Ricardo Ramirez. There will also be confessions before the mass. The pilgrims traditionally stay on the mountain and construct quiotes, or walking sticks, during the day. At 4 p.m., a Rosary is recited on the mountain, before the pilgrims descend. The journey is completed with a ceremony in front of La Casa del Pueblo at around 7:30 p.m.

#### **Details**

# The Fiesta of the Virgen de Guadalupe

When

Dec. 10-12

#### Where

The Village of Tortugas, located just south of Mesilla Park

#### For more information

Contact the Parish office, 526-8171 Felipe Chavez, 640-9448 David Fierro, 496-1693

On Sunday, Dec. 12, the Fiesta continues with a 9 a.m. Fiesta Mass celebrated at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe. After the Mass, dance groups – the Tortugas Pueblo dancers, the Danzantes and two Matachine groups – La Danza Azteca Chichimeca and La Danza Guadalupana perform traditional Indian and Danzante dances all day throughout the village.

In addition to the traditional Mass, another highlight of Sunday, Dec.12, is the traditional noon meal at La Casa de Comida (the common kitchen). The meal consists of albondigas (meatballs), beans, macaroni and red chile. The meal is open to the public at no charge. Sunday's celebration continues with a procession around the village at 4 p.m. and a Rosary at 5 p.m. The last event of the day is a reception in honor of the newly elected mayordomos, responsible for the planning of next year's fiesta.

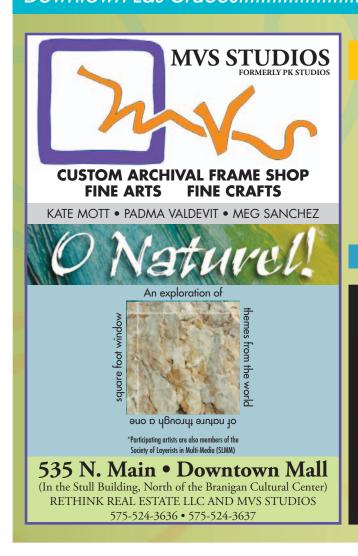
I am embarrassed to admit that it took about 45 years for me to find what those dancing lights on the mountain represented, maybe I won't have walk those four miles on my knees to make up for it.

311 North Main Street at Las Cruces Ave. 647-0508

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Woody Hoffman Annette Paajanen

# Featured Artist: Mike Edwards

# **Directing The Living Christmas Tree for 15 years**

#### Extravaganza is 'God's gift' to the community

By **David Edwards** 

Living Christmas trees have been around since 1933 – well, the choral performance kind I mean – the actual living Christmas trees have been around much longer, since there have been trees I suppose.

They are sometimes called "Singing" Christmas Trees (I prefer "Living" myself, mostly because I am all about keeping Christmas traditions, and what they represent, alive and well). You know what I mean when I say LCT right? It's a large steel, half-conical



A 24-foot tall Living Christmas Tree is the centerpiece of the First Baptist show.

structure, decorated like a Christmas tree that actually has the singers placed in it – kind of like live human-sized decorations.

I hadn't heard of LCTs until our local First Baptist Church started doing theirs. Apparently they are much more common – go online and you'll see a bunch – in the southern and eastern part of the country. According to Firipedia (just a little Christmas tree joke there), the first LCT appeared in 1933 in Mississippi and in 1958 one was moved indoors for the first time in North Carolina. One in Knoxville, Tenn., had 60,000 attendees in 2007.

"It was the vision of our former pastor Dr. Frank Zamora that we take on the ministry of the Living Christmas Tree," said First Baptist's Minister of Music Mike Edwards. "It was in 1996, my third Christmas here that we started."

Edwards has directed the LCT from the beginning, and this will be his 15th year. The event has grown enormously, and the five performances are virtually sold out each year, packing the 800-seat worship center. In 2009, more than 3,000 people were in attendance. It is an enormous undertaking, and the tree, orchestra and choirs take up every inch of available space in the First Baptist sanctuary.

There are usually around 60 to 65 singers in the tree itself, but Edwards supplements that with a children's choir, youth choir and senior adult choir. There is also a 32-piece orchestra. He spends the summer selecting music for the upcoming Christmas show, so the concert changes every year – keeping

it fresh for audiences, his performers and himself.

At a recent rehearsal, I heard everything from Handel's "Messiah" to "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" with some more modern Christmas music added to the mix. The 20-song program ranges from classical to traditional to contemporary selections. The computer-programmed lights, sound engineering and decorating take a huge volunteer effort from the church membership and community.

The Living Christmas Tree is quite an extravaganza. If you don't believe me and you've never been, you can look up a video on TreeTube (just a little Internet joke there). The finale from a few years ago is pretty eyepopping. The 24-foot tree reaches the ceiling of the First Baptist worship center and for 90 minutes, audiences enjoy the music accompanied by 65,000 computer-controlled lighting effects.

Edwards graduated from Baylor University and served at several churches in Waco and Odessa, Texas, before coming to Las Cruces.

"Every year, we look forward to presenting this gift, God's gift, to the community," he said. "If it wasn't for the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, it would happen. It is through the Lord's power and his presence that we are able to do this. It really has nothing to do with our efforts – Man's efforts. We are just vessels of the Spirit."

God has certainly blessed this event over the years, and it has become an enduring holiday event in the community. Audiences

#### **Details**

#### The Living Christmas Tree

#### When

1:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11

7 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday Dec. 12-14

#### Where

First Baptist Church 106 S. Miranda St.

Cost

\$5

**Contact** 524-3691

needing a dose of Christmas spectacle have five opportunities to see this year's edition of the Living Christmas Tree – 1:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 12-14. The performances are at the First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the church office 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 524-3691 for information. Tickets can also be purchased at Johnston's True Value Hardware, 1002 W. Picacho Ave., or Picture Frame Factory Outlet, 382 S. Walnut St.

it's really happening.....

#### Museums

on the Downtown Mall



Museum of Art Looking Ahead: Portraits from the Mott-Warsh Collection

December 3 -January 22

Elizabeth Catlett, b.1915; Sharecropper, 1968; Linocut Photo courtesy ArtoElizabeth Catlett / Licensed by VAGA, NY, NY



#### Branigan Cultural Center

Jam Session: America's Jazz Ambassadors Embrace the World

Organized by the Meridian International Center, Washington, DC

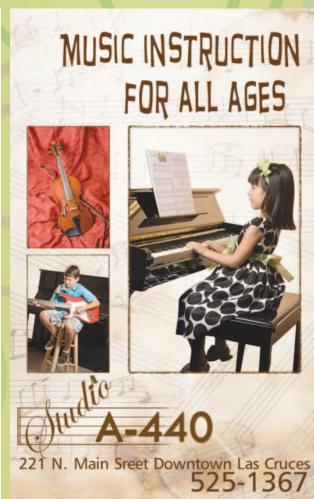
Dec 12 - Feb 3

Branigan Cultural Center 501 N Main Street Las Cruces, New Mexico (575) 541-2154 Hours: Tues-Sat, 9-4:30

www.las-cruces.org/museums

Museum of Art 491 N Main Street Las Cruces, New Mexico (575) 541-2137 Hours: Tues-Sat, 9-4:30







# **EventsCalendar**

#### FRI. 12/3

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Community blood drive, Doña Ana County Government

Center (main rotunda), 845 N. Motel Blvd. Appointment slots available every 20 minutes. Free. Call 525-6130.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Various art pieces by the Brain Injury Group, Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces, 926 S. San Pedro St. Free. Call 805-1301.

**5 to 7 p.m. Art Ramble,** Downtown Las Cruces, galleries along Main Street. Free.

5 to 8 p.m. La Casa Holiday Bazaar 2010 "First Night Party," Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Enjoy live entertainment while you shop among Southwestern arts. Cost \$15. Call 526-0100.

5 to 9 p.m. Sixth annual Old-Fashioned Holiday Display, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Meet Santa at the observation deck from 5 to 8 p.m. with holiday music by Vista Vibrations Bell Choir and the Central Elementary School Choir. Free. Call 647-4480.

**5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Christmas tree lighting,** Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St. Free.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music by Nicole Martinez, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

6 p.m. "Yee Haw Haw" comedy and dinner, Boba Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St. Cost \$27.50. Call 647-5900.

**6:30 p.m. Howling Coyote,** First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Open to acoustic

musicians, singers, poets and storytellers. A full stage, sound and lights are provided. Free. Call 525-9333.

7 to 9 p.m. "Mr. Magoo's a Christmas Carol" and "A Pink Christmas" screening, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Free. Call 523-6403.

7 p.m. Billie Ruth Simpson honoring, Amador Hotel, 180 W. Amador Ave. Members of the Simpson family will be in attendance as will Mayor Ken Miyagishima and other dignitaries. Free. Call 644-7765.

7:30 p.m. "Kings of Pastry" showing, Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. "Kings of Pastry" follows contestants as they prep for and then compete in the Meilleur Ouvrier de France, a three-day baking marathon. Cost \$5-\$7. Call 524-8287.

**8 p.m. "Cockeyed," Black Box Theatre,** 430 N. Main St. A romantic comedy directed by Ceil Herman. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 523-1223.

#### **SAT. 12/4**

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Garage Sale benefiting the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, 2292 Divot Drive. No early birds. Free.

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Email staff@ lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. La Casa Holiday Bazaar 2010, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Come for a silent auction, raffles and shopping. Food, beer and wine will be available for purchase. Cost \$5. Call 526-0100.

**9** a.m. to 1 p.m. Pet adoptions, Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Cost \$50-\$75. Call 382-0018.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Arts & Crafts Christmas Bazaar, Mikey's Place, 3100 Harrelson St. Shop from fine arts and crafts by local artists. Santa Claus will be available for photos. Pets are welcome. Free. Call 640-3869

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Various art pieces by the Brain Injury Group, Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces, 926 S. San Pedro St. Free. Call 805-1301.

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pet adoptions,** Pet's Barn, 1600 S. Valley Drive. Cost \$50-\$75. Call 382-0018.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cowboy Holiday Class, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Create seasonal cowboy decorations and ornaments and much more. Bring a sack lunch. Cider and cookies will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Cost \$5. Call 522-4100.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317. N Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Loni Todoroki will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Judith Ames will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. 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 to 5 p.m. Santa Claus visits Albertson's, 2501 N. Main St. Free.

1 p.m. Community meeting about bullying, Doña Ana County Government Center (Commission Chambers), 845 N. Motel Blvd. Free. Call 525-5801.

1:30 p.m. "Desert Bloom" screening, Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe. Cost \$1-\$4. Call 524-8287.

2 p.m. "Festival of Carols" by the Starlight Children's Theatre, Good Samaritan Society auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Festival of Carols is a joyful celebration of the music of Christmas. Free.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class, My Place Jewell 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 p.m. "Yee Haw Haw" comedy and dinner, Boba Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St. Cost \$27.50. Call 647-5900.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music by Tuco John, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310. 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 Jim Corrons. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

7 p.m. New Desert Harmony Singers Christmas Show, Onate's Performing Arts Center, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. Come listen to Christmas songs we all know and love in "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." Cost \$10. 522-1639.

7:30 p.m. "A Holiday Extravaganza," by NMSU choirs, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The NMSU Gospel Choir, NMSU Campus Choir, Women's Choir and Men's Choir will present a holiday concert with special guest NMSU President Barbara Couture. Free. Call 523-6403.

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#### **SUN. 12/5**

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10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Growers Market, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Call 523-0436.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. La Casa Holiday Bazaar 2010, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Come for a silent auction, raffles and shopping. Food, beer and wine will be available for purchase. Cost \$5. Call 526-0100.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Various art pieces by the Brain Injury Group, Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces, 926 South San Pedro St. Free. Call 805-1301.

Noon to 4 p.m. Uptown Craft and Growers Market, Mesilla Valley Mall in front of Sears in the parking lot. Shop from local arts, crafts and produce. Call. 650-7414.

Noon to 5 p.m. Arts & Crafts Christmas Bazaar, Mikey's Place, 3100 Harrelson St. Shop from fine arts and crafts by local artists. Santa Claus will be available for photos. Pets are welcome. Free. Call 640-3869.

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3 to 7 p.m. Open mic, Blue

Moon Bar, 13060 N. Highway 185. Free. Call 647-9524.

**5 p.m. Organ Concert,** First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road. Eight local organists will be playing music for Advent, Christmas and beyond. Music by Bach, Liszt, Balbastre, Buxtehude and others will be performed. Free. Call 532-9239.

**3 p.m. Holiday concert by Celestial Sounds,** Stucky
Auditorium at Good Samaritan
Village, 3011 Buena Vida
Circle. Under the direction of
Jeannine Vigurust, the group
will feature Benjamin Britten's
"A Ceremony of Carols" and
other holiday music. Free. Call
524-0930.

6 p.m. UTEP Jazz Singers, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. The UTEP Jazz Singers, under the direction of Chris Sanders, will perform at the monthly meeting of the Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society. Bring potluck finger foods. Cost \$1-\$8. Call 525-9333.

6 to 8:30 p.m. 5,000 luminaries, NMSU campus. Walkways and buildings beginning at the Educational Services Center on the east end of campus, wrapping around the duck pond and down the International Mall surrounding Corbett Center Student Union. Free. Call 646-4415.

6:30 p.m. Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Company, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. America's premier school for improv comedy is coming to Las Cruces with comedians from New York City and Los Angeles. From the theater that regularly supplies talent for Saturday Night Live, Late Night with Conan O'Brien, MadTV, The Daily Show and more. Cost. \$15. Call 523-6403.

9:30 to 11 p.m. Live music, SB's Late-Night Lunch Box, 120 S. Water St. Daniel Morin and Rico Dominguez present solo guitar performances. Free.

#### **MON. 12/6**

**10 a.m. Yarn Junkies,** Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Meet in the café for fun and exchange knitting ideas. Free. Call 522-4499.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Various art pieces by the Brain Injury Group, Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces, 926 S. San Pedro St. Free. Call 805-1301.

**7 p.m. Wind Soloists of New York,** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Cost \$20, free for Las Cruces Civic Concert Association subscribers. Call 521-4051.

7:30 p.m. "Kings of Pastry" showing, Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. "Kings of Pastry" follows contestants as they prep for and then compete in the Meilleur Ouvrier de France, a three-day baking marathon. Cost \$5-\$7. Call 524-8287.

#### **TUE. 12/7**

2 to 4 p.m. Harvest Cooking Class, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Recipes include avocados, leeks and

#### **Playbill**

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A Christmas Carol Hershel Zohn Theatre New Mexico State University 646-4515 Tickets \$10-\$15 Through Sunday, Dec. 5

Cockeyed Black Box Theatre 430 N. Downtown Mall 523-1223 Tickets \$7-\$10 Through Sunday, Dec. 11

Yee Haw Haw Boba Cabaret 1900 S. Espina St. 647-5900 Tickets \$10-\$27.50 Through Saturday, Dec. 4

# Soon "Why the Bells Rang"

Black Box Theatre 430 N. Downtown Mall 523-1223 Tickets \$5 Saturday, Dec. 11

Keeping it Riehl Comedy Troupe Black Box Theatre 430 N. Downtown Mall 523-1223 Tickets \$9-\$10

Sunday, Dec. 13

A Child's Christmas in Wales Black Box Theatre 430 N. Downtown Mall 523-1223 Tickets \$7

Wednesday, Dec. 15

persimmons. Carol Koenig is the instructor. Cost \$15. Call 522-4100.

**5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class,** My Place Jewell 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

**7 to 9 p.m. Fiber Club,** My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

7 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango Group, Las Cruces Country Club, 2350 N. Main St. Beginners, singles and couples over 21 welcome to join the Big Band Dance Club partner. Cost \$5-10. Call 642-1699.

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performances at the NMSU Atkinson Music Recital Hall

December 16, 17, 18, @ 7:00 pm December 19 @ 2:00 pm

Tickets available at Pan Am Box Office (575) 646-1420



CULTURAL CORNERSTONES:

# LAS CRUCES Museums



# Happy holidays from your museums

#### A variety of celebrations and exhibits on tap

The City of Las Cruces museums have a number of holiday gifts for local residents and visitors this month – the ever-popular Old-Fashioned Holiday Open House at the Railroad Museum, the exciting Jam Session in Las Cruces activities anchored at the Branigan Cultural Center, "Looking Ahead: Portraits from the Mott-Warsh Collection" at the Museum of Art and, over at the Mesilla Valley Mall, the continuation of "Bats, Wolves and Wildflowers of New Mexico" at the Museum of Natural History.

Friday, Dec. 3, is filled with holiday spirit from 5 to 9 p.m. Luminarias lead the way from the Downtown WinterFest to the beautifully decorated Railroad Museum at Las Cruces Avenue and Mesilla Street. Santa will be on the observation deck from 5 to 8 p.m. to listen to children's Christmas wishes. Holiday music will be provided by Vista Vibrations Bell Choir

and the Central Elementary School Choir. Throughout the evening, visitors can view the model trains, take in the holiday decorations, enjoy homemade cookies and children can complete a craft project. If you can't visit during the open house, come from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Thursday through Saturday through Jan. 3, 2011 to enjoy the festive decor.

That same Friday evening from 5 to 7 p.m., the Museum of Art on the north end of the Downtown Mall opens "Looking Ahead: Portraits from the Mott-Warsh Collection," which includes 30 contemporary portraits of people of African descent. Artworks by renowned artists such as Romare Bearden, Chuck Close, Robert Mapplethorpe and Elizabeth Catlett convey the personalities and moods of their subjects with stirring clarity. Several of the works are small, intimate pieces, while others are large in scale

and dominating in their presence. The next Friday, Dec. 10, the Branigan

Cultural Center kicks off a big event with the opening of "Jam Session: America's Jazz Ambassadors Embrace the World." The exhibit has inspired Iam Session in Las Cruces, a collaborative effort by the cultural center and many other organizations. Jazz lovers can enjoy the exhibit, featuring photographs of the jazz greats who traveled the world as goodwill ambassadors in the mid-1950s, along with a series of concerts at the Rio Grande Theatre, the Atkinson Recital Hall and Branigan. Exhibit-related gallery talks by New Mexico State University professor of Music James Shearer, Bob Burns and Ken Neidig will take place at 11 a.m. Saturdays at the Branigan Cultural Center with the exception of Christmas and New Year's Day. The talks are free and open to the public. For details on the events related to this exhibit, go to www.lcjazz.org.

The Museum of Natural History continues

#### Cheryl **Fallstead** Las Cruces Museums



with the exhibit "Bats, Wolves and Wildflowers of New Mexico," and has recently unveiled a new habitat area for their reptiles. While you're at the mall doing your holiday shopping, be sure to come in to see the exhibit and enjoy viewing the animals in their new habitats.

Each of the museums has a variety of other events, exhibits and classes you may want to enjoy this month. Go to the museum website at www.las-cruces.org/museums for additional information.

If you'd like to reciprocate to the museums and give a gift to support continued excellent exhibits, you may drop some cash in each museums' donation box. For larger gifts, contact the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums at friendsoflcm@gmail.com. Happy holidays!

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#### **WED. 12/8**

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10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Various art **pieces by the Brain Injury Group,** Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces, 926 S. San Pedro St. Free. Call 805-1301

6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit meeting, Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative ideas and good conversation are shared. To participate, bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625, email meadows@ zianet.com or visit lascrucesstitches.multiply.com.

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6 to 9 p.m. Live music by Alister M, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310

7 p.m. Stories of Holidays Past, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Enjoy a series of living history perfor-mances. The historical characters will bring to life past holi-day traditions in New Mexico. Cost \$2. Call 522-4100.

7:30 p.m. Bluegrass Americana concert, Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Steve Smith and Chris Sanders with Anne Luna and special guests of original Bluegrass Americana will perform. Cost. \$12-\$15. Call 649-1595.

7:30 p.m. "Kings of Pastry" **showing,** Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. "Kings of Pastry" follows contestants as they prep for and then compete in the Meilleur Ouvrier de France, a three-day baking marathon. Cost \$5-\$7. Call 524-8287.

#### FRI. 12/10

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Various art pieces by the Brain Injury **Group,** Housing Authority of Las Cruces, 926 S. San Pedro St. Free. Call 805-1301

2 to 5 p.m. Holiday Artesian's Fair, Catholic Charities Store, 2205 S. Main St., Suite B. Free. Call 523-7577

6 to 9 p.m. Live music by Mark Tibbs, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7:30 p.m. "Jack Goes **Boating" showing,** Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Directed by Philip Seymour Hoffman. Cost \$5-\$7. Call 524-8287.

8 p.m. "Cockeyed," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. A romantic comedy directed by Ceil Herman. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 523-1223

#### **SAT. 12/11**

9 a.m. to noon, Holiday **Artesian's Fair,** Catholic Charities Store, 2205 S. Main St. Suite B. Free. Call 523-7577

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Email staff@ lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Dorthy Ormes will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Sonya Weiner will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. Free. Call 526-8377.

11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Camino del **Arte,** Mesquite Street Historic District, along Mesquite Street. Some participating studios include Studio 308 No.1, participating for the first time, and Mesquite Street Studios, which will feature demos of metal work. Free.

Noon, Artist talk with Nancy Frost Begin, Main Street Gallery, 311 N. Main St. Begin will talk about her out-of-the-box creative process. Free. Call 647-0508.

1:30 p.m. "Christmas in the Clouds" showing, Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe. Cost \$1-\$4. Call

1:30 p.m. Living Christmas Tree, Las Cruces First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St. Tickets are available at the church office; Johnson's True Value Hardware, 1002 W. Picacho Ave.; and Picture Frame Outlet, 382 S. Walnut St. Cost \$5. Call 524-369.

2 p.m. "Amazing Magical Musical Adventure," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St A musical based on the holiday classic, "Why The Bells Rang, by Raymond Macdonald Alden. Cost \$5. Call 523-1223.

3 p.m. New Horizons Orchestra and Voz Vagueros concert. Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. The Singing Men of Las Cruces join New Horizons Orchestra to perform Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. Free. 646-1420.

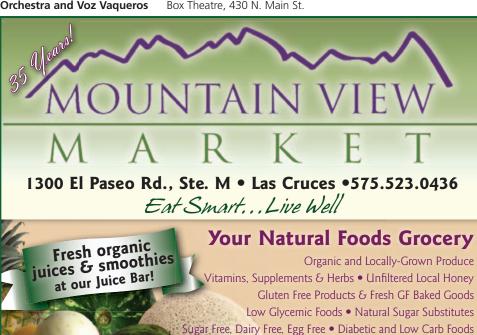
3 p.m. "Instant Classics" by the New Horizons Symphony Orchestra, Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. The concert program is made up of a variety of tunes and holiday songs that fit the theme. Free. Call 522-5571

4 p.m. "Amazing Magical Musical Adventure," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

A musical based on the holiday classic, "Why The Bells Rang," by Raymond Macdonald Alden. Cost \$5. Call 523-1223.

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

5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Winterfest, Mesquite Street Historic District, along Mesquite Street. Ride a horse-drawn wagon, tour the historic area, sample the galleries and restaurants, enjoy chocolate delights and see the luminaries. Free.



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#### CONTEMPORARY ART

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#### **NEW MEXICO FARM** & RANCH HERITAGE

**MUSEUM** is showing "Skylines and Byways: Art from The City of Artists Promotional Association." The show features 43 pieces that will be in the museum through Friday, Dec. 3. The museum is at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-4100.

#### **NOPALITO'S GALERÍA**

features Irma Lee and Raquel Ortiz's art exhibit titled 'Welcome to Our World." The show will run through Saturday, Dec. 4. The gallery is at 326 S. Mesquite St. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday or by appointment. Call 524-0003

#### **UNSETTLED GALLERY** hosts

Joan Jensen and Margaret Bernstein in their exhibit titled "Interpret Xerophilia with Brush and Needle." The inspiration for their exhibit springs from the recently published book, "Xerophilia: Ecocritical Exploration in Southwestern Literature" by author Tom

exhibit consider human affection for arid places, such as the desert Southwest. The exhibit continues through Saturday, Dec. 4. Unsettled Gallery is at 905 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday or by appointment. Call 635-2285

#### OPENING **QUILLIN STUDIO AND**

#### **GALLERY** presents new works by all three artists for the Downtown Ramble Friday, Dec. 3. New items include

magnetic-mini paintings and collages, "fingerless" gloves, copper jewelry and more. Robert Brown will play his hammered dulcimer from 5 to 7 p.m. Holiday refreshments will be served. The gallery is at 317 N. Main St. behind COAS Books. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 312-1064.

#### **BRANIGAN CULTURAL**

**CENTER** presents "Encaustic Painting: Reviving an Ancient Art," an exhibition by Carol Lopez Friday, Dec. 3-30. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. The evening will feature music by pianist Bill Thompson from 5 to 6:45 p.m. Lopez's retablos, small religious icons, are painted with beeswax on weathered wood and examples of encaustic art. Lopez will give an artist talk at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Encaustic painting dates back 2,000 years by melting wax and then using it as a pigment medium. The center is at 501 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2154.

#### LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF

**ART** will present "Looking Ahead: Portraits from the Mott-Warsh Collection," an rary portraits of people of African descent from Friday, Dec. 3-Jan. 22, 2011. With each portrait a story in itself, the works explore cultural perceptions and socio-political concepts in a variety of media, including drawings, paint, prints, photography, mixed media and sculptures. Portraits range from less than five years to more than 70 years old. Several of the works are small, intimate pieces, while others are large in scale and domineering in their presence. The Mott-Warsh Collection was created by Maryanne Mott and her husband, the late Herman Warsh. The gallery is at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933.

#### SB'S LATE-NIGHT

LUNCHBOX will open "Visually Speaking," a photo society group show Friday, Dec. 3-31 in conjunction with the Downtown Ramble. The event is free and snacks will be provided. The gallery is at 120 Water St. Hours are 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

#### **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**

**GALLERIES** will feature jazz art and memorabilia with Southwestern flavor Friday, Dec. 3-January 2011. The El Paso Electric Gallery will host historical artifacts detailing the rich jazz history of Las Cruces and El Paso. The Doña Ana Arts Council Bistro Gallery will feature jazz photography by Albuquerque artist Jim Gale. The exhibit will run in conjunction with the "Jam Session in Las Cruces" exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center, An artist reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, as part of the Downtown Ramble. The galleries are at 211 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday

#### through Friday. Call 523-6403.

**BLACK BOX THEATRE** will

present "Kicking Nature up a Notch," an exhibit by Karen Currier and the Mesilla Valley Musical Arts Chamber Friday, Dec. 3-Jan. 31, 2011. Currier is a Las Cruces artist specializing in uniquely handcrafted gourds and creative walking stocks. The exhibit will open in conjunction with the Downtown Ramble. A wine and cheese reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. Mesilla Valley Musical Arts will provide cello music. The theatre is at 430 N. Main St. Viewings are one hour before performances or by appointment. Call 523-1223.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY will host a juried Fine Arts Craft show Sunday, Dec. 5-31. An opening reception will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 5. This juried show includes contemporary craftwork. The juror for the exhibit, Suzanne Kane, is an award-winning ceramicist. NMSU instructor and Archie Bray Fellow. She will give a talk on contemporary crafts at the reception. Other artists include: Les Fairchild, segmented wood turnings; Lynn Kelly, doll art; Aubrey de Cheubell, ceramics; Michael B. Heard, woodwork; Meredith Loring, mixed media; Lois Wilson, fused glass; Robin L. Baxa, fiber arts and Greta Burger, cast glass. The gallery is at 2000 Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281

#### **UNSETTLED GALLERY**

hosts Cassandra Lockwood's "Pushing Through," Wednesday, Dec. 8-31. An artist reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Unsettled Gallery is at 905 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday or by appointment. Call 635-2285.

#### THE CUTTER GALLERY

will have a special Holiday Gallery Show from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, featuring ceramic artists Susi and Richard Bergquist. Susi Bergquist has a background in anthropology, geology and fine arts. artwork depicts her love of folklore in several medias. Her ceramic figures are constructed from materials she and Richard Bergquist find near their home in southeastern Arizona. Richard Bergquist has been making clay Santos since the 1970s. Each season there are some different colors and special emphasis on holiday

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#### **Camino del Arte**

Saturday, Dec. 11 The Mesquite Historic District, call 571-8349

#### The Southern Chapter of the New **Mexico Watercolor Society, fall** exhibit

Thursday, Dec. 16 New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, call

Santos and nativities. These artists will be in the gallery to tell stories about the pieces and visit with old friends. The gallery is at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-0658

MVS STUDIOS will host "Oh Naturel!" an exploration of themes from the world of nature through a 1-square-foot window through December. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, in conjunction with the Downtown Ramble. The gallery is at 535 N. Main St. Call 524-3636. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

#### ONGOING

#### **MESILLA VALLEY FINE** ARTS GALLERY features

Judy Bess and Phil Yost through December. Bess is an acrylic artist who specializes in capturing the vivaciousness and beauty of the desert Southwest. Yost is a signature artist with the New Mexico Watercolor Society. The gallery is at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933.

#### LE RENDEZ-VOUS CAFÉ

hosts "Autumn in the Desert" through December. Artists include Jan Addy, Margaret Bernstein, June Decker, Alice Dressler, Penny Duncklee, Barbara Howe, Marjorie Moeser and Jean Smith. The café is at 2701 W. Picacho Ave. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 527-0098.

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**THE MAIN STREET GALLERY** hosts "Cirque d' Fantastique," featuring works by Nancy Frost Begin through December. A world of fantasy and cautionary tales are represented in a series of original watercolors, the "Boys in the  Band," Begin's latest edition of her Monster Boxes and "Cautionary Tales," the first edition of her lap-sized handmade pictorial books are featured. An artist talk will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. The gallery is at 311 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 647-0508.

#### **BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO**

presents "Winter Gifts of Art," an exhibition of abstract to traditional pieces presented by the City of Artists Promotional Association, Featured artists are Pat Bonneau-White, Rebecca Courtney, Joe Dominick, Penny Duncklee, Les Fairchild, Susan Frary, Jan Kosnick, JoÁnn Alcala Milam, Hetty Smith, Kurt Van Wagner and Roberta Widner. The gallery is at 2825 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call 526-6126.

#### NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM is showing "The

Dust Bowl: Dark Times in New Mexico" is on display at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum through August 2011. The exhibit revisits the dramatic Dust Bowl and sheds light on the causes, effects and aftermath in New Mexico in the 1930s. "Red or Green? The Origins and Cultural Significance of the Chile Pepper in New Mexico" is on display at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum through September 2011. Chile is the subject of this educational exhibit that focuses on New Mexico chile varieties, their history and evolution and how they came to have such a central place in the state's culture. The exhibit traces the origins of the chile, the emergence of regional production centers and how the Spanish brought the plant to the American Southwest in the early 1600s. The museum is at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-4100.

#### THE WILLIAM CONROY **HONORS CENTER** at New

Mexico State University is providing access to Cuba and an important piece of Cuban history in the form of a photography exhibit titled "El Cubano se Ofrece: An Exploration of Cuban Identity." The show features the work of internationally recognized Cuban photográpher Íván Cañas until the end of the semester. The gallery is at 2745 S. Espina St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.





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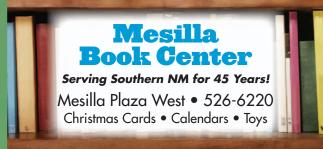


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# **ArtsBriefs**

#### 'Greetings' at LCCT



Mickey Gorski (Stephen Caroe) and Emily Gorski (Robin Dorfman) in "Greetings"

Las Cruces Community Theatre is happy to announce "Greetings" by Tom Dudzick. "Greetings" has plenty of the usual elements we might expect in a Christmas-themed play. There is a grumpy old man, a lovable handicapped character, a struggle of beliefs and even a spirit who supplies a miracle. All familiar, but this is clearly not "A Christmas Carol" or any of its variations.

The play opens on an airplane bound from New York City to Pittsburgh, Pa. Aboard are Andy Gorski (Bob Singer) and Randi Stein (Indrani Rauth). They are traveling to Andy's home to spend the Christmas holiday. Pretty standard stuff except that Andy is a Catholic from a very Catholic home and Randi is not only of Jewish decent, but an atheist as well, and Andy's folks are unaware of Randi's beliefs or that the couple is engaged.

This sets the stage for what Andy considers a disaster in the making, and once the couple arrives, it appears that he is correct.

However, as promised, a miracle in the form of a spirit visits the disparate gathering. Come see what happens.

The play is directed by Ken Eastlack and amply aided by assistant director Karen Caroe. Opening night with post performance drinks and buffet will be offered at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. Regular performances will be held Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. through Dec. 18, and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. through Dec. 19. For more information, call 523-1200 or email boxoffice@lcctnm.org.

## Steve Smith and Chris Sanders in concert

Appearing with special guests Jane Horton and Doug Holly, Steve Smith and Chris Sanders bring stories abound where the prairie meets the hills. Come listen to modern/retro harmonies and groove in original and traditional Americana and bluegrass music. Smith (vocals, mandolin, mandola and guitar) and Sanders (vocals and guitar) have captured audiences across the country with the depth of their songwriting and the power of their distinctive voices.

Smith and Sanders are in demand as teachers and clinicians including Camp Bluegrass, Hill Country Acoustic Music Camp, California Coast Music Camp and Zoukfest. They welcome the exciting groove of Anne Luna (bass, vocals).

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Tickets are \$12 in advance at Enchanted Gardens, Hubbard's Music and More and Mountain Music or \$15 at the door. For more information, call 649-1595.

#### 'Instant Classics' by the New Horizons Symphony Orchestra

The New Horizons Symphony Orchestra's concert "Instant Classics" is made up of a variety of tunes and holiday songs that fit the theme, including "Dreams of Flight" by Las Crucen Justin Raines.

The rest of the program consists of "L'italiana in Algeri" by Gioachino Rossini, "March Miniature" by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson and "Hallelujah Chorus" by George Frideric Handel.

The High Velocity Sax Quartet will also be featured during the performance of "Stephen Foster Revisited."

The concert will be performed at the Atkinson Recital Hall on the New Mexico State University campus.

The orchestra is directed by Shawn Robinson, principal conductor of the group. Robinson is also head of the Performing Arts Depart-

ment at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools and the principal conductor and music director of the New Horizons Swing Band.

The concert is at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and free to the public. Families are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 522-5571

#### La Casa Holiday Bazaar 2010

The 2010 La Casa Holiday Bazaar will be the first official function at the new Las Cruces Convention Center (LCCC) and will open with a "First Night Party" from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. Tickets are \$15 and available at the La Casa administrative offices, 800 S. Walnut St., from any La Casa board or guild member or may also be purchased at the door.

First Night offers the opportunity to shop among some of the most outstanding Southwest artisans. Attendees will also enjoy live entertainment and hors d'oeuvres, as well as be among the first to see the beautiful new LCCC.

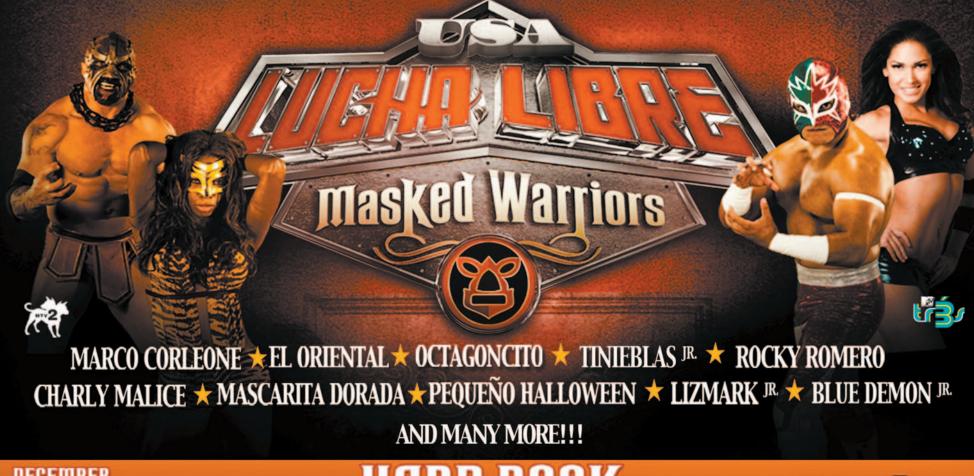
The bazaar will continue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door.

Special features of the bazaar include a silent auction of original birdhouses, the La Casa Cupboard and raffles. A new feature this year is the man cave, where guys can watch a game while you shop. The LCCC will have food items as well as beer and wine available for purchase throughout the weekend.

#### Call to Artists

#### **ONE-ACT PLAY FESTIVAL**

This year's One-Act Play Festival includes a broad range of short plays, from a monologue by David Mamet to several new plays written by local playwrights. Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, at the Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Downtown Mall. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and/or improvisations. The Las Cruces Community Theatre will produce this festival January 7-16, 2011. The One-Acts Coordinator is Marcus Vickers. For more information, call 523-1200.



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# A good meal in Mesilla

Los Mariachis offers authentic 'New Mexican-Mexican' dishes

By **Samantha Roberts** 

Las Cruces Bulletin

Located on Avenida de Mesilla, Los Mariachis offers authentic Mexican food with a rich New Mexican influence.

Before I tell you how much I loved this eatery, I have a confession – I was nervous about this review. Not because of the restaurant, it was great, but rather because of the anticipation of Dave Edwards' colorful writing, and I wasn't sure if my Tex-Mex taste buds were ready for authentic New Mexican cuisine.

Being only recently a Las Crucen, I have tried to maintain a local's mentality and made it a personal goal to search for the best. But even with the tension on my taste buds, I believe I have found the perfect restaurant to please anyone's palate.

Los Mariachis has been in Mesilla for a little more than six years and presents a wide array of Mexican food as well as a lot more.

During my first experience, I was greeted with a wonderful surprise – they serve breakfast all day. And since I'm a big breakfast-for-dinner person, I picked the classic huevos rancheros (fried, over easy). The boyfriend, also dining with me, ordered tacos al carbon (pulled pork tacos).

But when the food arrived, I couldn't keep my eyes off his tacos al carbon so he switched. Isn't he sweet?

The tacos were simple and delicious. The pork was juicy and seasoned in a way that brought out the natural flavor of the meat. Topped with the right amount of fresh onions and cilantro, these tacos don't even need a special sauce to make them memorable.

The huevos rancheros were equally as tasty. They were flavorful, authentic and had just the right amount of spice, he said. And since he's tried huevos rancheros at nearly every Mexican food estab-

lishment in town, I am obligated to trust his opinion.

I was also very impressed with the sauces. Both the table salsa and green chile sauce on the huevos were rich, chunky and had a little keek – that's French for leaves a perfect linger of spice.

I wish we had room for dessert because the pecan pancakes were calling my name. Unfortunately,

there was not an ounce of room left in my stomach after this delicious meal. I will definitely return for the pancakes.

Los Mariachis also serves cheesecake, flan and tres leches cake for dessert. Oh.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

Los Mariachis, 2790 Avenida de Mesilla, has been gladly serving Las Cruces for more than six years.

tres leches cake. Anyone who knows me, knows how I feel about this dessert. I whole-heartedly believe it was invented by the goddess of goodness who wanted everyone to know what heaven on Earth is like. I will return for this cake, too.

Overall, the experience was exceedingly pleasing and it's clear that owner Ramiro Nuñez knows his chiles.

After working in the restaurant business for more than 25 years, Nuñez opened Los Mariachis Nov. 8, 2004.

He describes his restaurant as New Mexican-Mexican food, and said he learned how to cook during his 12 years as a cook. Nuñez has taken his experience as well as his own ideas to create a wide variety of menu items, including

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traditional Mexican food such as tacos, enchiladas, burritos, folded and rolled tacos and chile rellenos (the most popular item).

The menu also includes chicken items, steak selections and my favorite – breakfast.

Eggs any style, huevos rancheros, pancakes, omelets and much more are served all day.

Offering mariachi music from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Fri-

day, this restaurant is a comfortable little place you can call your own.

"This is a family restaurant," Nuñez

Nuñez's brother, Antonio is the

manager, daughter Vanessa is a server and wife Azucena is always willing to lend a hand.

"I started the business so my family would have a place to eat, enjoy and work," he said. "Without my family I couldn't to it. I thank them. I have stayed in business because of them."

Although Nuñez claims his family has kept him afloat, I would argue the consistent quality of food, comfortable atmosphere and friendly staff have played a significant role.

#### Details

#### **Los Mariachis**

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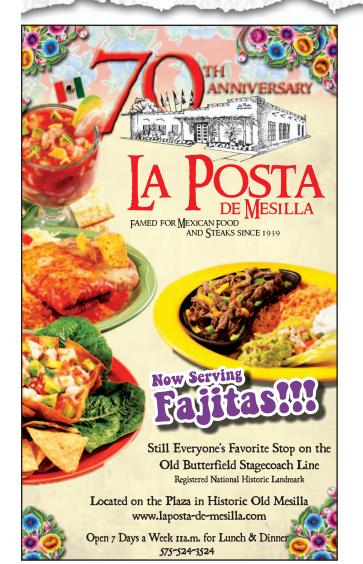
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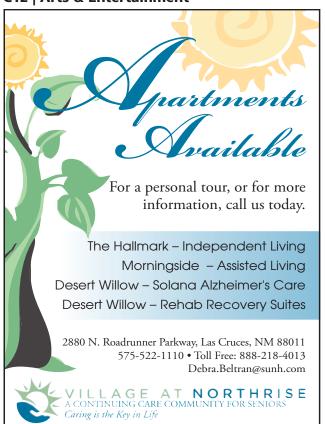
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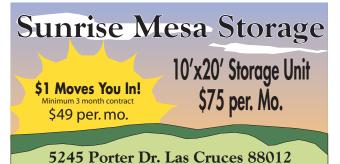












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eltics. NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Utah Jazz. (Live) Sports Smallville "Luthor" Chris Mother Mother Chris Curb NBA NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics. SportsCenter © Boston rathon MAC Championship (:15) College Football Illinois at Fresno State. (Live) College Football: Ma NCIS "Ex-File" \*\*\* "Enchanted" (2007) Amy Adams. © Dukes Bones © ★★ "Swordfish" (2001) John Travolta. Seinfeld Fam. Guy Fam. Guy \*\* "The House Bunny" (2008) Premiere. Office
Colbert Presents Comedy Comedy Comedy Completely Serious Ron W
Mother Reba Reba Reba Reba Reba Mother Glory Daze "Legally Blonde 2" Ron White: Beh Benson Comedy Comedy Dys Reba Reba Mother Mother Mother Reba Reba Diners Unwrap Diners Best Good Unwrap Chopped Diners Food Best Unwrap Diners Property Hunters Hunters Hunters Hunters Hunters Hunters Hunters Hunters House Hunters Criminal Minds **Criminal Minds** Criminal Minds Criminal Minds Criminal Minds (:01) Criminal Minds (:01) Criminal Minds Gangland © Brad Meltzer's Dec. Modern Marvels (N) Brad Meltzer's Dec. Modern Marvels Top Gear © Gangland © What Not to Wear What Not to Wear What Not to Wear Swamp Loggers
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\*\*\* "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. Nanny Nanny Lopez Nanny Lopez Lopez The Walking Dead \*\*\* "Predator" (1987) Arnold Schwarzer SYFY CNN "Monsterwolf" © Stargate Universe WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) © Sanctuary (N) © Stargate Atlantis lohn King, USA (N) Larry King Live (N) Anderson Cooper 360 © Larry King Live Parker Spitzer Anderson Cooper Biography on CNBC American Greed
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PBS	2	22	PBS NewsH	our ©	Body	This Emotio	nal Life (In S	tereo) 🖭 (DV	S)		Change You	r Home & Lif	e!	Health
CBS	3	3	Paid Prog.	Free \$	The Early SI	now (N) (In S	ereo) 🚾		Doodlebop	Doodlebop	Sabrina	Sabrina	TBA	Basketball
ABC	7	7	Sports	Reporter	Good Morni	ng El Paso	Good Morni	ng America	Good Morni	ng El Paso	School	Replacemn	College Foo	tball
FOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	Profit	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Icons	Paid Prog.	House	Paid Prog.	Marketpl	Marketpl	Marketpl	Marketpl
NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.			Geist; Jamie		en. (N)	Turbo	Shelldon		Babar	Willa's	Pearlie
CW	14		(2:00) Storm	Track Weath			Cubix	Cubix	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Sonic X	Dragon	Dragon
WGN	15		Marie Talk	Paid Prog.	Humana	Edenpure	In the Heat	of the Night	In the Heat of	of the Night	Walker, Texa	s Ranger	Walker, Texa	s Ranger
ESPN	26		SportsCente		SportsCente		<b>SportsCente</b>		College Gan			CC	College Foo	
ESPN2	27		Expedition			E:60 ©		NFL Live	English Prei				College Foo	
USA	31					Fat Loss			) Amy Adams.			's Daughter"	(2003) Ashto	n Kutcher.
TNT	32		Law & Order	r (In Stereo)	Law & Order	r "Merger"	Rizzoli & Isl	es 🚾	Southland "[	Derailed"	The Closer		Law & Orde	
TBS	33			Harvey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear			ed, White & E			g Christmas'		
COM	35					Presents	( - /		5) Samuel L.	Jackson.	(:03) <b>* * *</b> * "	Shaun of the	Dead" (2004	.) [CC]
LIFE	39		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Faces	Paid Prog.	No Diets!	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★ "If You E	Believe" (199	<ol><li>Ally Walker</li></ol>	CC
FOOD	40		30-Minute	30-Minute	Ultimate	Boy Grill	Money	Mexican	30-Minute	Ingred. Fix	Home	Paula	Cooking	Secrets
HGTV	41		Income	Kitchen			Holmes on I			Disaster		Income	Designed	To Sell
A&E	43		Celebrity Gh	ost Stories	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This Ho	use 🔯	"Dangerous	Minds"
HIST	44		Heavy Metal		Prehistoric I	Monsters Rev			Last Stand of				Stan Lee's	
TLC	45		TRIALaser		Ninja	Paid Prog.	Home Made		Property La		Property La	dder 🔯	Property La	dder 🚾
DISC	47				Patient Ed		Storm Chas		Swamp Log		Dirty Jobs ©		Dirty Jobs ©	C
ANPL	50				ational Cham		Animals		It's Me or the		Pit Boss "Sn		Pit Boss ©	
FAM	51				ristmas Vaca	tion" 🚾			he Sorcerer's					Harry P
DISN	52					Jungle	9			Agent Oso		Mickey	Phineas	Phineas
NICK	54			Parents	Fanboy			SpongeBob		T.U.F.F.		Planet	iCarly	iCarly
AMC	57		•						im Brown, Rad				rado" (1985)	
SYFY	59					Million \$	*** "Arach		1990, Suspen	se) Jeff Danie		"Species: TI	ne Awakenin	g" (2007)
CNN	62		Saturday	Gupta	CNN Saturd			Bottom	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63				Paid Prog.					Ninja		Paid Prog.	Sexy Body	
<b>MSNBC</b>	64		MSNBC New	s Live (N)	MSNBC Nev	s Live (N)	MSNBC Nev	vs Live (N)	MSNBC Nev	vs Live (N)	MSNBC Nev	vs Live (N)	Born in the	Wrong Body

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CBS E	3	3 (	College Basi	ketball Kentu	cky at North C	Carolina.	Saturday	Football	College Foo	tball SEC Ch	ampionship -	- Auburn vs. S	outh Carolina	a. cc
ABC	7	7 (	10:00) Colle	ge Football 7	Teams To Be /	Announced. (I	ive)	College Foo	tball Teams T	o Be Annound	ced. (Live)			
FOX E	8 i	14	Paid Prog.	Eco Co.	Meaningful	Traveler			002) Jason St			Pledge" (2001	) Jack Nicho	lson.
NBC (	9	9 [	Pets.TV	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Golf Chevror	World Challe	enge, Third Ro	ound. (In Stere	eo Live) 🚾		AAA	Paid Prog.
CW 1	4	'	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Into Wild	Wild Amer	Edgemont	Edgemont	Adventures	Adventures	WHAD	Edgemont	Funniest M	oments
WGN 1	<b>15</b>	L	Law Order: C	CI .	Law Order: 0	Cl	Law Order: 0	Cl	Law Order: (	CI	Law Order:	CI	The Unit "E	xposure"
ESPN 2	26		10:00) Colle	ge Football F	Pittsburgh at 0	Cincinnati.	(:15) College	Basketball	Butler at Duke	e. (Live)	(:15) Colleg	e Basketball	Illinois at Gor	nzaga. (Live)
ESPN2 2	27				ence USA, Fin					ma at Purdue		College Bas		
USA €	31	,	* * "The Dul	kes of Hazza	rd" (2005) 🚾		★ "I Now Pro	onounce You	Chuck and L	<b>_arry</b> " (2007)	CC	★★ "The We	dding Plann	er" (2001)
TNT €	32				r" (1990) Tom	Selleck.				Harrison Ford		*** "Air Fo		
TBS €	33		Glory Daze "		Glory Daze		Glory Daze		-	•	Raymond		Seinfeld	Seinfeld
	35		Scrubs   Scrubs   (:35) ***				Keeping Up V			(:36) ★★ "Th				Harold
LIFE @	39				" (1995, Rom			ne Holidays"	(2005) Sean	Young.		y in Your Hea		ama) 🚾
FOOD 4	10		Gia Christm		Winter Treats	-	Chopped			Bobby Flay	Iron Chef A	merica	Challenge	
	11)				Celebrity Ho		Hits & Misse		Holiday Hon		Genevieve	Color	Designed	To Sell
	13		'Dangerous		(:15) *** "F						The First 48		The First 48	3 CC
	14		Stan Lee's		Stan Lee's		American Pi			Pawn Stars				
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	52	F		Fish Hooks						Wizards	Hannah	Hannah		Good Luck
	54					Big Time	-	T.U.F.F.				SpongeBob		
	57			Silverado" (			(1983, Horro			*** "Preda				
SYFY &	59				et" (2006) Mill			*** "Seren		athan Fillion,	Gina Torres.	CC	"Pirates-De	
	32		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Situation R	
CNBC @	63		Paid Prog.					Faces	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
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PBS	2	22	BellAria	Jan Mulde	r in Conce	rt 🚾	<b>Great Per</b>	formances (	(In Stereo)	CC	Riverdanc	e: Live Fro	m Beijing 🛭	CC	Yanni-Leg	асу				
CBS	3	3	Football	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	⋆⋆ "Evan	Almighty"	(2007) Stev	e Carell.	48 Hours		News	Extra (N)		Judge J.				
ABC	7	7	News (N)	Athlete	College Fo	otball Big	12 Champio	onship Nel	braská vs. C	Oklahoma. (I	_ive)	Insider	ABC 7	(:35) Chea	ters ©	Ent				
FOX	8	14	House "Ug	ly" CC	The Unit ©	C	Cops (N)	Cops	Amer. Mos	st Wanted	News	Seinfeld	Fringe ©	,	Wilde	Office				
NBC	9	9	Raymond	News	News (N)	Lopez	Chase ©		Law-Order	r L.A.	Law & Ord	ler: SVU	News (N)	(:29) Satu	rday Night	Live (N)				
CW	14		** "Striki	ng Distanc	e" (1993)		** "Cana	dian Bacon	" (1995) Al	an Alda.	The Hills	The Hills	Chris	Payne	South Pk	South Pk				
WGN	15		Bones ©		NBA Bask	etball Hous	ton Rocket	s at Chicago	Bulls.	News	Mother	Mother	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Entou				
ESPN	26		Score	College Fo	otball: AC	C Champion	ship	-		(:45) Spor	tsCenter (L	ive) cc	Football F	inal	SportsCer	nter 🔯				
ESPN2	27		Basket	Score	College Fo	otball Con	necticut at	South Florida	a. (Live)		Football S	coreboard	SportsNat	ion (N)	NBA	Rodeo				
USA	31		"Wedding	Plnnr"	*** "Sex	and the Ci	ty" (2008)	Sarah Jessi	ca Parker. 🛭	C	★ "I Now	Pronounce	You Chuck	and Larry'	' (2007)	Becker				
TNT	32		"Air Force	One"	*** "Troy	y" (2004) Br	ad Pitt, Eri	c Bana. Prer	niere. 🚾		*** "The	Fugitive"	(1993) Harr	ison Ford.	C	Master				
TBS	33		** "The h	louse Buni	ny" (2008) [	CC	*** "Me	an Girls" (2	004)	(:45) ** "	Legally Blo	nde" (2001	CC	(:45) Glory	/ Daze	Charlies				
COM	35		"Harold &	Kumar Esc	cape Guant	anamo"	* * "The (	Girl Next Do	or" (2004)	Emile Hirso	h. 🚾	Nick Swar	dson	Chap	Kevin Har	t				
LIFE	39		"The Chris	stmas Shoe	es" (2002) F	Rob Lowe.	"Unanswe	ered Prayers	s" (2010) É	ric Close.	Fairy Jobi	noth.	Wife Swap	CC	Mother	Mother				
FOOD	40		B. Flay	Food	Cupcake V	Vars	Cupcake \	Nars	Cupcake V	Vars	Iron Chef	America	Cupcake \	<b>Vars</b>	Cupcake \	Nars				
HGTV	41		Hunters	House	Celebrity I	Holiday	Dear	Block	House	House	Hunters	Hunters	Dear	Block	House	House				
A&E	43		The First 4	18 CC	The First 4	18 CC	The First	48 CC	The First 4	48 CC	Storage	Storage	(:01) The F	irst 48	(:01) The I	First 48				
HIST	44		Top Gear		American	Pickers	American	Pickers	American	Pickers	American	Pickers	American	Pickers	American	Pickers				
TLC	45		Christmas	Light	Cmas Ligh	nts	Cmas Lig	hts	Cmas Ligh	nts	Cmas Ligi		Cmas Ligi	nts	Cmas Lig	hts				
DISC	47		The Kenne	edy Detail	FBI's Mos	t Wanted	Almost, A	way	Get Out A	live (N)	FBI's Mos	t Wanted	Almost, A	way	Get Out A	live 🚾				
ANPL	50		Dogs 101	CC	Dogs 101	(In Stereo)	Dogs 101	CC	Pit Bulls-F	Parole	Dogs 101		Pit Bulls-F	Parole	Dogs 101	(In Stereo)				
FAM	<b>5</b> 1		Harry	*** "Har	ry Potter a	nd the Gob	let of Fire"	(2005) Dan	iel Radcliffe	. CC	"T. Burton	's Nightma	re"	Prince	My Wife	My Wife				
DISN	52		Good	Good			Hannah	Deck	Deck	Deck	Sonny	Deck	Hannah	Phineas	Fish	Good				
NICK	54		iCarly	iCarly	Big Time F		School G		Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny				
AMC	57					6) Will Smith	, Bill Pullma	an.				6) Will Smith			** "Unbr					
SYFY	59		"Pirates o	f the Caribl	bean: Dead	Man"		es of the Ca	aribbean: A	t World's E	nd" (2007)	Johnny Dep	op. 🚾	"Riverwor	ld" (2010) [	CC				
CNN	62		Newsroom	1	Losing Le		Larry King		Newsroom		Losing Le		Larry King		Newsroon	n				
CNBC	63		American	Greed	American	Greed	Suze Orm			Debt Part	American	Greed	Suze Orm	an Show	Debt Part	Debt Part				
<b>MSNBC</b>	64		Disappear	ance	Lockup		Lockup: F	law	Lockup: R	aw (N)	Lockup		Lockup		Lockup: F	law				

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PBS	2	22	Yanni: A Liv	ing Legacy	YOU: Inner a	nd Outer Be	auty	Lights! Cele	brate Hanukk	rah Live	America's H	ome Cooking	g: Chocolate	CC
CBS	3	3	Home.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bondage	CBS News S	unday Morn	ing (N)	The Nation	Nieman	Paid Prog.	The NFL Too	day cc
ABC	7	7	Athlete	Business	Good Morni	ng El Paso	Good Mornii	ng America	Good Mornin	ng El Paso	This Week-A	manpour	Hannah	Suite Life
FOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Profit-Town	Bndg Brkr	Abndnt L	Paid Prog.	Fox News St	unday	Jones	Cowboys	Fox NFL Su	nday 🚾
NBC	9	9		Old House	Today (N) @			Church	-	AAA	Meet the Pre			Foods
CW	14		(2:30) Storm	Track Weath	er 24/7		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
WGN	15		Winston	Facts	Key-David	Beyond	Feed	Word	Funniest Ho	me Videos	★ "Ladybug	<b>s</b> " (1992) Roo	dney Dangerfi	ield. 🔯
ESPN	26			NFL	SportsCente			Reporters	<b>SportsCente</b>			Countdown	(Live) CC	
ESPN2	27		Whitetail	Territories		Driven	Women's Co				SportsCtr		Wm. Soccer	
USA	31			Creflo Doll			Psych "Dual		Burn Notice			nd Release"	,	
TNT	32		Law & Order	(	Law & Order		Law & Order	(	Law & Order		Law & Order		★★★ "Troy"	(2004)
TBS	33		"The Prince				005) Ashton K				(2000) Camer		★ "Fool's G	
COM	35		Get Ripped	•			Keeping Up V				ck Sheep" (19		,	Scrubs
LIFE	39			Paid Prog.	Hour of Pow			Paid Prog.		Chris		shes" (2006)		
FOOD	40		Dear Food N		Dear Food N			Day Off			Guy's, Bite			Dinners
HGTV	41)			Kitchen	Bathtastic!		Holmes on H			House		Income	House	Hunters
A&E	43		Biography ©		Biography "I		Private Sess		The Soprano	os 🚾	The Soprand		"Remember	
HIST	44		Modern Mar		Modern Mar		Modern Mar		Top Gear		Top Gear "Bl		IRT Deadlies	
TLC	45		Dr. Frederick		To Be Anno		Four Weddin		Four Weddin		Four Weddir		Four Weddir	
DISC	47			Jentezen			MythBusters				MythBusters		Bionic Build	
ANPL	50			Me or Dog		Animals	Me or Dog	•	It's Me or the		Wild Kingdo		Wild Kingdo	
FAM	<u>51</u>				he Sorcerer's	,				•	Potter and the			
DISN	52			Little	Einsteins	Jungle	- 33 3	Movers	-			Mickey	Phineas	Phineas
NICK	54			Parents			SpongeBob				Big Time Ru		iCarly	iCarly
AMC	57			Stooges	_	Stooges			The Sum of A					The Abyss
SYFY	59			Paid Prog.	Vacuum	Bed	** "Mimic 3				ne's Mysteri			
CNN	62			Gupta	CNN Sunday		State of the		Fareed Zaka		Reliable Sou		State of the	
CNBC	63			Paid Prog.		90 Days!		Sexy Abs			Paid Prog.			Paid Prog.
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CBS	3	3	NFL Footbal	II Denver Bror	cos at Kansa	s City Chiefs.	(Live) CC		To Be Annou		To Be Anno			Paid Prog.
ABC	7	7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	AAA	Meaningful	Paid Prog.	AAA	To Be Annou				Entertainme	
FOX	8	14	NFL Footbal	II Washington	Redskins at N	New York Giar	nts. 🚾		NFL Footbal	I Dallas Cowb	oys at Indian	apolis Colts. (	In Stereo Live	e) CC
NBC	9	9		Paid Prog.			Golf Chevror	n World Challe	enge, Final Ro	und. (In Stere	eo Live) 🚾		Paid Prog.	NBC News
CW	14		Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Mo	ments	Storm	Storms	Kickin' It ©				Smash Cut	
WGN	15		** "Snow D	logs" (2002)				<b>c Man</b> " (1990	) Robin Willia		Scrubs	Scrubs	Just Shoot	Chris
ESPN	26		<b>Bowling</b> Pep	si Viper Chan		College Foo		Billiards	Billiards		Billiards		Billiards	
ESPN2	27		Wm. Soccer		Women's Co	llege Basket	ball					2010 Poker		2010 Poker
USA	31			★★ "The We			nnifer Lopez. 🛚	CC	** "The Ga	me Plan" (20	07, Comedy)		*** "Elf" (	2003)
TNT	32			"Troy" (2004				(:25) <b>***</b>	"Saving Priva	ate Ryan" (19	998, War) Ton	n Hanks, Edw		
TBS	33		(10:00) "Foo		*** "Mean	Girls" (2004)	Lindsay Loha	an. 🚾	** "Legally	Blonde" (20	01) Luke Wils	on 🚾	"Along Cam	
COM	35			Scrubs	(:02) ★★ "Ha	rold & Kuma	ar Escape Fro	om Guantana	mo Bay"	(:19) ★★ "Th	e Girl Next [	<b>Door</b> " (2004)	Emile Hirsch.	CC
LIFE	39		"Under the I	Mistletoe" (20	06, Drama) 🛭	C	"Christmas	Child" (2003)	William R. Mo					
FOOD	40			Big Daddy					Ace of Cake		Private Che		Throwdown-	_ , ,
	41			First Place			Bang, Buck					Unsellable		To Sell
A&E	43			nember the T	itans" 🚾			Family Jewe	-		Jewels	Jewels	Family Jewe	
HIST	44		IRT Deadlies		IRT Deadlies		IRT Deadlies		IRT Deadlies		IRT Deadlies		IRT Deadlies	
TLC	45		48 Hours: Ha		48 Hours: Ha		48 Hours: Ha		48 Hours: Ha		48 Hours: H		48 Hours: H	
DISC	47		Swamp Logg		Swamp Log	J	Gold Rush:		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters	
ANPL	50		Venom 911 S		The Haunted		The Haunted		The Haunted		The Haunte		The Haunted	-
FAM	<b>51</b>		"Harry Potte						of Azkaban" (				er-Goblet of F	
DISN	52			Fish Hooks					Suite/Deck			J		
NICK	54		Victorious						SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Big Time Ru	ısh 🚾	SpongeBob	
	57		(10:30) ***	"The Abyss	" (1989) Ed H	arris, Mary E	lizabeth Mastr	antonio. 🚾		The Walking	Dead ©		The Walking	Dead
-	59		"Jules Verne	e's Mysteriou	s Island"	** "Pirates	of the Caribl	pean: Dead N	lan's Chest"	(2006) Johnn	y Depp.	"Pirates of t	he Caribbear	n: End"
CNN	62		Fareed Zaka	ria GPS	Newsroom		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
	63								Paid Prog.			Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
<b>MSNBC</b>	64		In Cold Bloo	od	Meet the Pre	ess cc	A Deadly Af	fair	The Killing a	t Poplar Rive	er		Caught on C	amera



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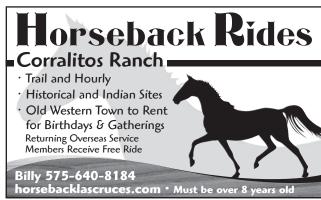
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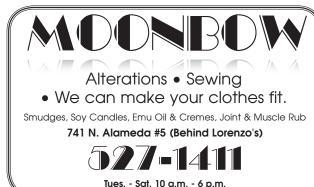












#### Sudoku

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 grey matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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#### CHALLENGER

	<b>EXPERT</b>									
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#### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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	BEGINNER	9	5	6	1	8	4	2	7	3
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# BrainGames

#### **Word Salsa**

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en españo que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente

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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 Egyptian beetles 8 Portuguese wine 9 Symbols of surrender
- Gardner of films Musical discernment
- 16 Locations
- 19
- Wapiti 20 Set aflame
- Certain sailors Fable writer 23 27
- Meet with
- 29 30 31
- Small ruckus
- Step component 32 Unaccounted-for G.I.
- 33 Pinnoint
- 38 Winded 46 City south of Gainesville
- Grave
- 47 48 Hoodwinked
- With tasteful beauty Golfer Ernie 49 52
- 53 Clod chopper
- South Bend school
- 54 61 Highbrow entertainment
- Long-haired cats
- 64 Music units
- "Les Enfants Terribles"
- author 69 Hamster or gerbil
- 70 Tax grp.
- Neighbor of Togo Contend
- 71 75
- Tango team Overly excited 76 79
- 80
- Making beloved Part of WWW
- 84 85
- Alphabet openers
- 88 89 Gershwin song Experimental place
- Ritzy rock Meets
- 90 91
- 98 Biblical language
- 99 Operates a Hula-Hoop

#### **DOWN**

- Smug smile
- Mouse catcher Fruit concoction
- Sports off. Be ill

- Playtex product Bow to gravity
- Very small Actor Holbrook
- 11 Secret agent
- 12 Aspirin's target

- 13 Old hand, briefly Silly person 17
- \_\_ Vegas Pet detective Ventura 20 Floral necklace
- NASA outpost
- Word before hold or nail 22 24 One of the Three Bears
- 25 Prune text
- Ark builder 100 sq. meters 26 27
- In favor Waterproof wool 28 33 34
- Eye: pref. Pinch roller
- 36 Dart player's pint
- 37
- 39 Play for a sap
- 40 Rolodex info 41 Raw mineral
- High-fiber fruit Feathered neckwear 42 43
- 44 Bleed
- Affected lover of beauty 50 51
- Sophia of "Two Women"
  Brewing ingredient
  GOP gathering
  Pridefulness
- 55
- 56 57 58
- Medic
- Knack West of old films
- NASA partner Artist Yoko 60
- 61 School of seals 62
- Nonsense
- 66 Actress Grav
- 67 68 On a cruise
- Vocalized grunt
- 69 72 LL Cool J's genre
- Do ax work
- 73 74 Wolfed down Gist
- 76 Mine car 77 Take the
- Take the gold Hour past noon NYC arena 78
- Be obligated to 82
- Wow! Guinness and Waugh 83
- 85 Lever "48 Hours" network
- 86 87
- Pester continuously Shed tears 92
- 94
- Galley implement Actress Thurman
- 96 Hentoff or Turner 97 Even score

#### **NFL ELEVENS**

#### **ACROSS**

- Unit of magnetic flux density
- Indicate with a finger
- Pers. pension "Everville" author Barker
- 14 19 Frequently
- Sound track 20
- 21 Lever
- 22 Hot and sticky
- 23 24 Incorrect Crawl
- SASE. for example 25
- Directed a weapon
- 27 31 1980's Jets' eleven
- Vilifier 32 Part of the U.K.
- 33 Linden or Roach
- 34 37 Lupino and McKinley
- Indian nursemaids 40 Bruins great Bobby
- Company known as "Big Blue" 42
- High dudgeon Got a top grade
- 49 1970's Steelers' eleven
- Major hubbub
- 56 Government med. grp.
- Light starter?
- Euphemizes Oxfords 58
- 61 Avant-garde French
- sculptor Civil liberties: abbr.
- 65 Panache
- Puts into motion 68 Ventilates
- 1970's Vikings' eleven 78 Those who make amends
- Very reclusive
- 80 Last of Socrates?
- College sports div. 86 FSU or UE
- RAM or ROM, e.g. 88
- gα Setting 91 Sad
- 93 NATO cousin
- Cascade Range state 95 1970's Cowboys' eleven
- 100 Verv drv
- European eagle 102 Lubricant
- Marine shocker 104 Daring feat 107 Light gas

Morque letters

South African golfer Ernie

- 113 Most bloody 118 1940's and 1980's
- Bears' eleven
- Steps over a fence 125 Letters for the queen?
- 126 Port on the Seine
- Oil-spill formation 128 Aids in wronadoina
- Caesar's hail
- 130 Banks or Els From now on 132 Detective's load
- 133 Afternoon social Cherished ones 135 Rival of Sparta

#### and Athens

- DOWN Large villages
- Actor Zimbalist Author of "Dred" Kurt Weill's Lotte
- Type of cat or goat Obsessive collector
- 7 Ones belonging to us
- 8 Novel thought 9 Family member 10 Crest of hair
- 11 Old World wild goat Ponderosa, e.g. 12
- Antiquated 13 Biggers' detective
- 15 Playwright Pirandello 16 Urgency
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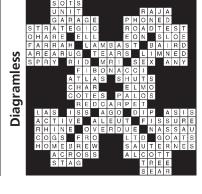
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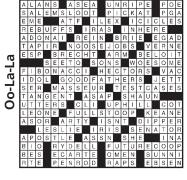
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**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:** 

How do forest deer figure out how to cross the road only at those cute yellow road signs?

# **AtTheMovies**

# Indulging in sweet excess

#### Pledge allegiance to the 'Kings of Pastry'

Review by **Jeff Berg** 

"Kings of Pastry" is not a sweet confection like many cable TV baking shows. Rather it is about an annual baking competition in France that rewards the winner with "The Collar," a most coveted prize by master bakers from around the world. So important to the industry, French President Nicholas Sarkozy is one of the judges for the finals.

Plus, and you may have read it here first, the film has just been nominated as finalist for a "Tasty Award," which garners awards and praise to movies, television broadcasts and online productions for the best shows about food, fashion, drink and style.

The event lasts three days, and during that time, we follow 16 finalists as the



competitors imagine, create and concoct entries they hope will bring them the sought-after prize, a collar worn only by that chef, called the "Meilleurs Ouvriers de France," or best workers.

More specifically, we follow three of the finalists, concentrating on the work and narration by French-born, but Chicagobased pastry master Jacquy Pfeiffer, the founder of the Chicago French Pastry School, as he returns to his homeland to compete in this unbelievably intense and stiff competition, hoping to whip his competitors.

Sugar sculpting is an often shown and used craft, and it is with incredible patience and dexterity that the contestants design, build, and hand-carry, sometimes with evil consequences, their creations to the judging area. There is also a scientific bent involved, when things such as physics, humidity and calibrations become part of the scenario.

Some interesting observations came up in the film for me ... these guys are all thin and seemingly fit. How do they stay that way when working all day with such temptations? Why do the French revere food so much more than we do? Seeing the fascinating and delicate designs done by the contestants is much more interesting than watching some U.S.-based nerd stuff 30 hot dogs down his gullet on Coney Island.



Pfeiffer and Canonne sweat the sweet stuff in "Kings of Pastry."



Pastry master Jacquy Pfeiffer discusses his ideas with his associate Sebastien Canonne who seems less than impressed in "Kings of Pastry" at the Fountain Theatre.

In regards to these questions, Pfeiffer, who also does work in France, noted, "In France, our philosophy is eat the best you can, but in small quantities, to keep your brain happy. All-you-can-eat pigging out on a Saturday night doesn't exist here."

The entries (entrées?) range from silly-but-fun, detailed chocolate lollipops with clown designs to sugar sculpting that literally reach a foot or so into the air. All of this is done in a "beat the clock" sort of atmosphere, creating a necessary and needed tension to the film, putting it several notches above cable shows of similar ilk.

Backed by a nice soundtrack of classic jazz, "Kings of Pastry" is an interesting film that could use a bit more humor, but



Chef Jacquy Pfeiffer decorates a pastry.

certainly won't leave any sugary aftertaste covering your taste buds.

Jeff Berg is the king of sugar-free baking and has been sugar-free since 1978. Read the book Sugar Blues and you'll see why. jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com. Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. These reviews reflect his opinion of the movie, not that of anyone else connected with the film society.

#### **Details**

#### **Special Event**

The Mesilla Valley Film Society has been in touch with a number of local pastry artisans, and prior to several of the screenings of this film, individual treats will be available by donation or for a nominal cost. Here is the schedule at press time. Please check mesillavalleyfilm.org for possible updates.

Friday, Dec. 3 – Milagro Coffee Y
Espresso
Saturday, Dec. 4 – SI (Sweet
Indulgence Italian Bistro)
Sunday, Dec. 5 (evening) – The
Cupcake Hut
Tuesday, Dec. 7 – Le Rendez-vous
Café (formerly The Big Chair)
Wednesday, Dec. 8 – Let Them Eat

# A nuclear coming of age

#### Family also explosive in 'Desert Bloom'

The CineMatinee film for Saturday, Dec. 4, is "Desert Bloom" (1986, 100 minutes, rated PG). Thirteen-year-old Rose (Annabeth Gish) lives outside Las Vegas, Nev. with her two sisters, her cheerful mother Lily (JoBeth Williams) and her alcoholic and abusive stepfather Jack (Jon Voight).

While the town gets ready for the first of a series of atom bomb tests in the Nevada desert, this family undergoes its own emotionally devastating explosions triggered by Jack, a psychologically traumatized World War II veteran whose anger and paranoia burn all too brightly.

Much of her stepfather's nastiness is aimed at Rose with consequent impact on her self-esteem. For instance, he blames her when his short wave radio goes on the blink. He never seems to notice how special she is, even when she does well in school. When Aunt Starr (Ellen Barkin) arrives to stay with them until her divorce is finalized, Rose savors the moments she shares with this clever, sexy, and understanding relative. Thanks to her counsel, Rose begins to see herself as a young woman – she even develops a crush on the boy who lives in the trailer park next door.

Director and co-writer Eugene Corr has

fashioned "Desert Bloom" into a coming-of-age drama that effectively captures the feel of the 1950s from the music of the era to Mom's tuna fish casseroles and Aunt Starr's cocktail dresses. Gish is very natural and convincing as Rose, an adolescent who loves wildflowers – especially "the ones that grow in the hardest places." Voight is quite believable as the unstable Jack, a man whose demons have gotten the best of him. Williams as Lily, the let's-keep-everybody-together mother, delivers just the right mixture of buoyancy and regret in her role as family cheerleader.

On the day of the first above-ground nuclear test, Lily rouses the household by exclaiming, "Rise and shine, it's A-bomb time!"

"Desert Bloom" tries too many themes, but it manages to make one point clear – certain children possess the resiliency to handle the stress and pain of a troubled home. Like a wildflower, Rose blooms in a hard place and transcends the negative fallout from her stepfather.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m. and admission is \$4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$1. The theater is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287 and leave a message

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A unique blend of movies, 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 CineMatinee series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art as well as entertainment. At least one film a month for this series has a "New Mexico connection," drawing from the vast pool of movies made in the state (nearly 500) or perhaps featuring a star/story from New Mexico talent ... film-festival quality movies in an old adobe theater.

# **AtTheMovies**

# Smooth 'Tangled'

#### Latest Disney has an old-school feeling about it

Review by **David Edwards**Las Cruces Bulletin

I would not ordinarily have chosen to review "Tangled" this week, but a hiccup in our view-and-review process caused me to put aside our plan and go "off the board" to rate a new local film.

Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., I found myself in line at the Cineport 10 to watch the new Disney re-telling of the Rapunzel tale – in 3-D no less. I could have been watching "Love & Other Drugs" or, God help me, "Burlesque" or, God help me more, "Faster."

But there I was, "past hope, past cure, past help," going to see the latest in what I consider to be a recent glut of animated 3-D movies. I was headed in (as I should be) with no expectations, but must confess I was leaning toward the negative side of the scale because the trailer hadn't looked all that good. I was surprisingly satisfied with the outcome.

"Tangled" re-invents the famous fairytale (a fairy story, I guess because there is an enchant-ress involved). A childless couple is finally going to have a baby, and the wife starts craving a salad plant known by the German name rapunzel (rampion in English – anyone picked up any of that at your local market lately?). Well it grows next door in the enchantress'

**TANGLED** 

**Bryan Howard** 

**Starring: Mandy Moore** 

**Directors: Nathan Greno,** 

**Running time: 92 minutes** 

garden and so the husband climbs over the wall a couple of times to steal some, gets caught and almost killed but gives up his unborn daughter in order to save his own skin.

The witch takes her when she's born and locks her in a tower where she grows up. Rapunzel lets her hair grow, and climbing it becomes the way the witch has access to the tower. A passing prince discovers Rapunzel and the hair ladder bit, but he gets caught. Some hair cutting, blindness and abandonment follow (oh those laugh-a-minute Grimm brothers) but all ends happily.

"Tangled" changes some things, I can only imagine to make it more palatable and easier to make into a family animated movie with cute animal sidekicks and songs. Yup, it's a musical too. And the songs, (music is by Oscar-winner Alan Menken – who with his writing partner Howard Ashman did a few moderately successful movies such as "The Little Mermaid," "Aladdin," and "Beauty and the Beast; words are by Glenn Slater who wrote lyrics for the animated "Home on the Range.") are pretty good. What was really impressive were the vocal performances by Mandy Moore as Rapunzel and TV's "Chuck," Zachary Levi as Flynn Rider – the thief who breaks into the tower. Donna Murphy, a

Would I have rather

reviewed something else?

Yes. Do I regret

Tony award-winning musical star, voices Mother
Gothel, the enchantress, so I expected her songs to be great. I wasn't prepared for how good

wasn't prepared for how good Moore and Levi were. In this version there is no



Rapunzel (voiced by Mandy Moore) lowers herself to her first-ever day out of her tower in "Tangled" now playing at Allen Theatres.

rapunzel plant, but a single golden flower that springs from a drop of sunlight. It keeps Gothel young, but the flower is discovered when the queen falls ill and needs a miracle cure during pregnancy. The healing and eternal youth-providing properties are transferred to Rapunzel's hair when she is born. Hence her kidnapping by Gothel.

There is no prince here, but an orphaned boy who grows up to be Flynn Rider, the most sought after thief in the kingdom. There is a stolen crown and a deal made to help Rapunzel get out of the tower for a couple of days.

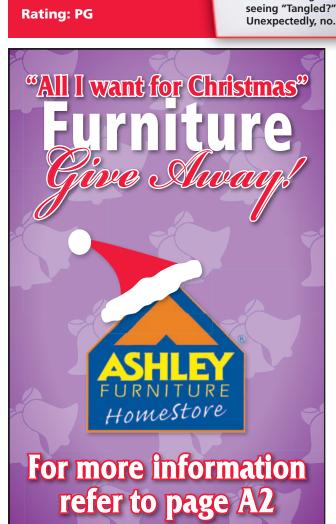
Among those pursuing Flynn is Maximus, actually the horse belonging to the captain of the guard, and is my favorite character. He has more of the characteristics of a large dog (really large, like 1-ton large). He and Flynn have some great comic moments with each other. There is also a hilarious scene at a tavern called "The Snuggly Duckling," which is full of ruffians and smelly guys. It is reminiscent of the scene with Gaston in "Beauty and the Beast." With wonderful character actors such as Jeffrey Tambor, Brad Garrett and Richard Kiel providing the thug's voices as they musically remind everyone "I've Got A Dream."

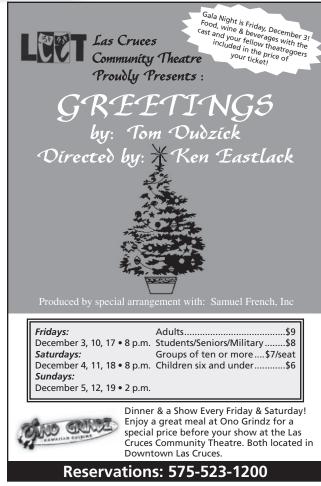
There are chases and narrow escapes as well as some romance – as you might expect – between Rapunzel and Flynn. Almost forgot to mention Pascal, Rapunzel's little chameleon friend who is, of course, very cute.

Every year, the king and queen release floating lanterns in memory of the missing princess on her birthday. Rapunzel sees the lanterns every year on her birthday, and she has an overpowering urge to see where they come from. When Flynn takes her out on the lake to see the lanterns from "a good seat" it is a spectacular scene, rivaling – maybe even exceeding – any from "Beauty and the Beast," "Aladdin" or "The Little Mermaid." I am sure the 3-D really enhanced the effect and may justify what is a hot, but becoming overused, movie gimmick.

There really are some nice set pieces, performances (Donna Murphy's Gothel suffers from the "animated bad chicks are usually pretty hot syndrome") and some sweet sentiment. Nothing too scary for the little ones either.

"Tangled" had the second largest Thanksgiving weekend opening ever with \$49 million. It could be that it was one of the few completely family offerings but I think Disney may have "tangled" themselves up in a bonafide hit.









# **AtTheMovies**

# Picking the Flicks

#### Megamind 3D

Rating: PG

Plot Overview: Megamind is the most brilliant super-villain the

world has ever known ... and the least successful. Starring: Will Ferrell, Tina Fey

Directors: Tom McGrath, Cameron Hood



#### **Due Date**

Rating: R

**Plot Overview:** A high-strung father-to-be is forced to hitch a ride with a college slacker on a road trip in order to make it to his child's birth on time.

Starring: Robert Downey Jr. Director: Todd Phillips



#### **Harry Potter**

and the Deathly Hallows Part One

**Plot Overview:** In this seventh installment, Harry faces new troubles;

— he must collect all of the Horcruxes that the evil Lord Voldemort has

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe Director: David Yates



#### Burlesque

Rating: PG-13

Plot Overview: Ali is a small-town girl with a big voice who escapes hardship and an uncertain future to follow her dreams to L.A.

Starring: Cher, Christina Aguilera

**Director**: Steve Antin



#### **Secretariat**

Plot Overview: Based on the remarkable true story of maybe the greatest racehorse of all time.

Starring: Diane Lane

Director: Randall Wallace



#### **RED**

Rating: PG-13

Plot Overview: An action-comedy about the CIA's former top agents, but the secrets they know just made them the agency's top

Starring: Bruce Willis, Helen Mirren Director: Robert Schwentke



#### **The Next Three Days**

Rating: PG-13

Plot Overview: A married couple's life is turned upside down when

the wife is accused of a murder. Starring: Russell Crowe **Director:** Paul Haggis



#### Jackass 3D

Rating: R

**Plot Overview:** Johnny Knoxville and his buddies are up to their daredevil comic antics again. And this time they're coming at ya in 3-D. **Starring:** Johnny Knoxville

**Director:** Jeff Tremaine



#### **Paranormal Activity 2**

**Plot Overview:** Spooky hauntings are once again the main course in this follow-up.

Starring: Katie Featherston **Director:** Tod Williams



#### **Unstoppable**

Rating: PG-13

Plot Overview: A runaway train carrying toxic chemicals pits an

engineer and his conductor in a race against time.

Starring: Denzel Washington **Director:** Tony Scott



#### Morning Glory

Rating: PG-13

Plot Overview: When hard-working TV producer Becky Fuller is fired from a local news program, her career begins to look as bleak as her hapless love life.

Starring: Rachel McAdams, Harrison Ford Director: Roger Michell



#### Skyline

Rating: PG-13

**Plot Overview:** An otherwordly force is swallowing the entire human population off the face of the earth and survivors must fight for their lives as the world unravels around them.

**Starring:** Donald Faison **Directors:** Colin and Greg Strause



#### **Tangled**

Rating: R

Plot Overview: When the kingdom's most wanted – and most charming – bandit hides out in a mysterious tower, he's taken hostage by

**Plot Overview:** The world's greatest swordsman abandons his warrior clan to start a new life in the American badlands.

Starring: Dong-gun Jang

**OPENING DEC. 3** 

Director: Snamoo Lee

Starring: Mandy Moore Directors: Nathan Greno, Byron Howard

The Warrior's Way



#### Love & Other Drugs

Plot Overview: A salesman competes in the cutthroat world of pharmaceuticals to hawk a male performance enhancement drug.

Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Anne Hathaway **Director**: Edward Zwick

#### Faster

**Plot Overview**: After 10 years in prison, Driver has a single focus — to avenge the murder of his brother during the botched bank robbery that led to his imprisonment.

**Starring**: Dwayne Johnson **Director**: George Tillman, Jr.



# New this week Tuesday, Dec. 7

#### The Twilight Saga: Eclipse

Rating: PG-13

Genre: Drama, Romance

Starring: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson

Director: David Slade

#### Inception

Rating: PG-13

Genre: Mystery, Science Fiction Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio Director: Christopher Nolan

#### **Shrek Forever After**

Rating: PG

Genre: Comedy, Family

Starring: Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy

Director: Mike Mitchell

#### Restrepo

Rating: R

**Genre**: Documentary

**Directors**: Tim Hetherington, Sebastian Junger

#### The Year of Getting to **Know Us**

Rating: R Genre: Comedy

Starring: Jimmy Fallon, Lucy Liu **Director**: Patrick Sisam

#### **Top Grossing** Nov. 24-28

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One

**\$76,284,815** (Week No. 2)

Tangled (Week No. 1) \$69,000,000

Megamind 3D (Week No. 4)

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**Burlesque** (Week No. 1) **\$17,150,000** 

Unstoppable (Week No. 3)

\$16,175,074 Love & Other Drugs (Week No. 1)

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Faster (Week No. 1) \$12,200,000

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Pennebaker.

Jack Goes **Boating** 2010, 90 min., starring

and directed by Philip Seymour Hoffman

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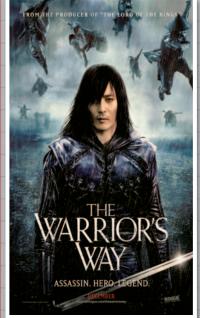
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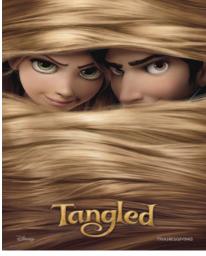




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# Health & Well Being Friday, December 3, 2010 D1

## What are we waiting for?

**Natisha Hales** Adventures in Dieting

Even while I was stuffing my face with holiday turkey and all the trimmings, I was thinking of ways that I could lose weight effectively. OK, I'm lying, but it is something I think about all the time.

I've talked about how difficult it has been to get motivated - over and over again – but I've also talked about ways to get motivated. My sister told me that while she enjoyed my columns, she was still wondering what I was doing to lose weight. And the answer is nothing, yet. I still haven't gotten the motivation that I

But Alyssa getting on my case got me thinking.

The most significant motivating factor, in my opinion, is finding people who are just like you – whatever issues they have, they are struggling with meeting weight-loss goals, but they're ready to get started. So I have an idea, a few actually.

As we gear up for yet another delectable holiday feast, New Year's is also just around the corner, and with that comes the resolution of, "I'm really going to lose weight this time," followed by a mad rush to join a gym, buy a crazy expensive exercise machine and never use the membership or the machine after the first week. I do that all the time, several times a year.

So how about this time we really lose the weight, and we do it together? I've already rallied family members and a few co-workers to join me, but that's not

I'm still looking for people who are interested in sharing their stories with Bulletin readers, just like I've shared mine. You don't have to be as detailed or as personal as I have been, but you could share before and after photos, and revealing your weight is a must. Not only does it help you, but readers can keep track of your progress along with you. Who knows, you may even become their favorite one to read about.

I'm also looking for personal trainers who would be interested in donating their services and expertise to help us get to our goal weight. And maybe a nutritionist or other health care professional who can advise us on the right foods and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Whether it's 10 pounds or 100 pounds, I think we can all lose it more effectively – and keep it off longer – when we do it together, and we'll all have fun in the process and enjoy some friendly competition. And by the way, I don't like

If you're interested in joining my weight-loss group, let me know. I'm ready to start the New Year off with a

Email me at natisha@lascrucesbulletin.com. Or better yet, call me at the office at 524-8061, and I'll give you more details.

# Giving families a head start

#### La Clinica program celebrates 10 years

By **Natisha Hales** 

More than 100 low-income families rely on the services La Clinica de Familia's Early Head Start program has provided for the past 10 years, and dozens more are looking to be

added to the list of families served. The program celebrated its 10-year anniversary with an open house at Myrna's Children's Village on the New Mexico State University campus Tuesday, Nov. 30.

The program has grown significantly since its inception in August 2000, when Director Molly Sanchez was hired.

"I was the one who got the program up and running," she said. "There has been a huge need for infant and toddler care in our community, and the need continues.'

With an initial 11 employees, the program was able to serve 40 families with home-based care as well as center-based care in a building behind the Unitarian Universalist Church on Solano Drive. The purpose of the program is to enhance children's physical, social, emotional, language and intellectual development. But the free program also is geared to assist parents in moving toward self-sufficiency.

In 2005, the center-based program was moved to Myrna's Children Village at NMSU.

We have a licensed child development facility, and the program has been a big part of the lives of families," Sanchez said.

After parents have met federal poverty in-

come guidelines, the program provides services for them and their children up to age 3. In the center, families receive child care, parent education, family strengths and needs assessments, family partnerships agreements, child development, social service referrals, screenings and assessments for infants and toddlers, disability referrals, social and emotional development enhancement and health services follow-up and referrals.

In the center, there is a ratio of one teacher/ caregiver to four children.



Emeliz Hernandez helps her daughters Danna Zubaite, 4, and Renata Zubaite, 17 months, decorate a bag as Geronimo Moreno, 5, works on his project during the LCDF Early Head Start 10th anniversary celebration Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Myrna's Children's Village on the New Mexico State University campus.

For those who receive home-based services, a home visitor comes to the home once a week for 90 minutes to provide parent education as well as child development, assessments and referrals.

Even before the child is born, La Clinica's Early Head Start program is there to help, serving expectant moms with home visits providing parenting and prenatal education, as well as any necessary assessments and referrals. Since its inception, La Clinica's Early Head

Start program has made great strides. The organization was able to secure additional funding that would provide home-based child development services for an additional

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# 'Dads need help, too'

#### Young Fathers Project loses funding, again

By **Samantha Roberts** 

The New Mexico Young Fathers Project (NMYFP) helps young fathers learn valuable skills in parenting and responsibilities, as well as learning how to care for themselves and their expected child, but the program needs help from the community.

Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator Gary Madrid was complacent when he reported that NMYFP funding had been "passed over" this year. This isn't because Madrid is complacent about his job, but because this is a recurring issue he has come to expect.

"There's funding out there," he said. "We just didn't get any this year. This happens every few years. Fatherhood is not a main priority

and funding for teen pregnancy is being lost."

Although the NMYFP is short on cash, they

are still helping young fathers.

"If a young father comes in, we're not going to turn him away," Madrid said. "We have all the supplies, we just aren't able to be as proactive and go into the high schools like we were

Before the funding was cut, the NMYFP saw an average of 200-250 fathers under the age of 26 every year. Participants receive individual case management, mentorship and learn life skills in groups with other young fathers.

We teach them (the young fathers) how to change diapers, feed an infant and how to provide emotional support for the mother," Madrid said. "We really find out where they are at and what their situation is."

Young fathers can also receive care that extends beyond the newborn, such as advice when signing a lease agreement, résumébuilding assistance, job search help, support attaining a GED or enrollment in college, how

to open a checking account and attaining a legal form of acknowledging paternity, if the couple is unmarried.

"We don't just throw them out and say, 'Go do this," Madrid said. "The volunteers act more like mentors or a big brother and go with the fathers.

While Madrid welcomes all volunteers, he encourages experienced young fathers to donate their time to other young fathers.

"I'm not going to make a connection with everyone, but other guy volunteers, especially fathers, can relate," Madrid said. "Helping the guys feel like they are not alone and they belong is important, even if they are just hanging out. A lot of young fathers think they are the only one out there. Then they find out there are other kids in their situation, and they can talk about it.'

Some participants are trained to become peer mentors/educators and conduct presentations to other young fathers and community

In 2005 and 2010, New Mexico counties were challenged to lower teen pregnancy by 15 percent. According to the data collected by the New Mexico Department of Health Family

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The LCDF Early
Head Start
Program, a
communitybased program
for low-income
families with
infants, toddlers
and pregnant
women,
celebrates its
anniversary
with a party for
participants and
their families.

Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Beth Sitzler



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70 families, which brings the current total of families served to  $111. \,$ 

"We're currently fully enrolled, but we maintain a waiting list," Sanchez said.

The program also has received several accolades, including a nomination from Gov. Bill Richardson as a New Mexico Center of Excellence. Also, Sanchez said, the program is part of the SpecialQuest community team leaders because of their experience working with children with special needs.

Sanchez said she has seen many success stories come out of the program, since many families are in the program from pregnancy to their child's three-year limit.

"We have success stories and maintain a professional relationship," she said. "If we happen to see them out in the community, we'll stop and talk and they'll share their progress with us."



Prashish Adhikari, 5, whose sister is in the Early Head Start program, plays with sand during the anniversary event.





Danna Zubaite, 4, and Geronimo Moreno, 5, decorate paper bags during the LCDF Early Head Start 10th anniversary celebration.



Jeremy Smith feeds his son Luke Smith, 19 months. Food, arts and crafts and play time were part of the anniversary celebration.

# Giving the gift of good health

By **Elva Palmer**For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Now that the Thanksgiving holiday is over and we are coming upon the Christmas season, we are bombarded by our teens with gift wish lists. Well, here's an idea! Give them the gift that keeps on giving – year after year. A gift with no price, yet invaluable beyond measure. I am talking about the gift of knowledge. I am specifically talking about chlamydia.

Now, I realize that this is not the usual food for thought around the dinner table. I would not expect someone to say, "Please pass the gravy, and did you know that chlamydia is running rampant in Las Cruces?" Obviously, there is a time and place for such topics. However, it is a topic worth talking about, especially because it is quite prevalent and quite preventable.

So why should we be concerned about telling our teens about chlamydia? Because the numbers are escalating, and the numbers are highest for those in the age groups from 15 to 19 and 20 to 24. Chlamydia is the most frequently reported sexually transmitted disease (STD). It is a reportable disease. This means that if a person is diagnosed with chlamydia, a report must be filed by the provider of service with the public health department. The numbers show a trend – they are getting bigger! Doña Ana has rates only second to Bernalillo County. There also are other trends: Hispanics have the highest rates, and females have higher rates than males.

Chlamydia is caused by the bacterium Chlamydia trachomatis. It is transmitted during vaginal, anal or oral sex. Most people who are infected with chlamydia exhibit no symptoms, which is why the disease is known as the "silent" disease. Symptoms appear from one to three weeks after exposure. Any sexually active individual is at risk for chlamydia. Certain people are more at risk. Those with greater numbers of sex partners are at greater risk. Teenage girls and young women are also at greater risk because the cervix (opening to the uterus) is not fully matured and is more susceptible to infection.

Chlamydia symptoms in women start as an abnormal vaginal discharge or burning feeling with urination. There can be abdominal or low back pain, nausea, fever, pain with sexual intercourse and breakthrough bleeding between periods. If left untreated, the infection spreads from the cervix to the fallopian tubes, uterus and surrounding tissues causing pelvic inflammatory disease (PID). PID can cause permanent damage, which results in infertility, chronic pelvic pain and the possibility of ectopic pregnancy. The infection can also be present in the rectum and throat when rectal or oral sex is practiced. Symptoms in men are exhibited as a penile discharge or burning with urination, or itching.

Chlamydia can be passed to the baby of an infected mother during vaginal birth.

Chlamydia can be treated with the antibiotics azithromycin or doxycycline. It is imperative that all sex partners be treated, otherwise there is the potential for re-infection. Retesting is recommended three months after the initial infection has been treated. The best way to avoid chlamydia infection is to abstain from sexual contact or be in a long-term monogamous relationship where both partners have been tested and are not infected. The consistent and correct use of latex condoms also reduces transmission. The CDC recommends annual chlamydia screening of all sexually active women age 25 and younger, and older women with a new sex partner or multiple sex partners, and pregnant women. For more information, visit the CDC Division of STD Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/std.

Now that we've had our "talk," can you pass me the biscuits please?

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# HealthyHappenings



# ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/ DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Other Dysfunctional Families support group meets at 2 p.m. Sundays at 903 Piñon Ave. This is a 12-step program for men and women who grew up in alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes. They meet in a mutually respectful, safe environment and acknowledge their common experiences.

For more information, visit www.adultchildren.org.

#### **TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381**

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room. For more information, call 523-6240.

#### T'AI CHI CHIH CLASSES

Learn how to activate the Chi (vital force) with T'ai Chi Chih: Jov Thru Movement, a moving discipline comprised of 19 movements and one pose. Each Tuesday, accredited instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado holds free classes for beginners from 9 to 10 a.m. and for more experienced practitioners from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. in the fourth-floor Women's Resource Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4351 E. Lohman Ave No registration is required. For more information, call 526-3016.

#### **WALKING GROUP**

The City of Las Cruces encourages the public to join the Rise and Shine Walking Group at 6 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The group meets at the Meerscheidt Recreation

Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. The cost is \$1.50 per person, per day, and a 30-day punch pass is \$36. For more information, call the Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2661.

#### YOUNG FATHERS PROJECT

The New Mexico Young Fathers fatherhood project meets from 5:30 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday at 1190 Foster Road. For more information, call 532-1536.

#### CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, an activity support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 4 to 6 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St.

The group matches those in need of support with caring volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment. For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

#### **OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. each Monday at Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door. The group also has a big-book meeting at 2 p.m. Fridays at Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive.

#### YOGA CLASSES AT MEERSCHEIDT

The City of Las Cruces offers ongoing yoga classes for all ages from 9 to 10 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Classes are taught by Olivia Solomon, a certified Kripalu instructor. The cost is \$1.50 per class. For more information, call 541-2563.

#### **ZUMBA CLASSES**

The City of Las Cruces

offers a Zumba class from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Mondays and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. The fee is \$1.50 per person. For more information, call 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2661.

#### T'AI CHI CHIH, YOGA CLASSES

Clear Mind Zen Temple, 642 S. Alameda Blvd., will offer T'ai Chi Chih classes from 4 to 5 p.m. each Wednesday with certified instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado

Certified yoga instructor Susie Citrin will offer yoga classes from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. each Thursday at the temple.

A small donation is asked for each class.

For more information, call Harvey Hilbert at 680-6680.

#### OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church on the corner of St. James and South Main streets. For more information, call 647-5684.

#### YOGA CLASSES BY KAREN NICHOLS

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and upper teens at 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardin 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, contact Karen at karen\_f\_n@yahoo.com or leave a message at 882-4943.

#### **GAY COMMUNITY CENTER GROUPS**

The Las Cruces Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Questioning/Queer (GLBTQ) Center, 1210 N. Main St., is open from noon to 8 p.m Monday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The center offers gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender

members of the community counseling, support groups and networking activities. For more information call the center at 635-4902 or email info@ newmexicolbtqcenters.org.

- Pride on Main Al-Anon is a 12-step support group and fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics that meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday. The group is open to all with a focus on the GLBT community.
- A GLBTQ youth support group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. For more information, email Richard at rm@ nmsu.edu.
- A support group for parents, guardians, other family and friends caring for or raising a GLBTQ youth meets from 730 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Share camaraderie while learning new skills, receiving support and advice on raising a GLBTQ youth.
- Sexual Compulsives
  Anonymous meets from
  7 to 8 p.m. each Monday.
  The group is a 12-step program for anyone dealing
  with sexual compulsion.
- A LBTQ women's group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month. The group provides an opportunity for LBTQ women to get know and support each other. For more information, email Dawn at dmbates@ nmsu.
- A men's group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group is an additional opportunity for men in the community to get together and support

each other. It is an intergenerational group with discussions and activities designed by the group members

 Bisexuals' support group meets from 730 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. For more information, email Dawn or Dianna, at dmbates@nmsu.edu or diannag@nmsu.edu.

# BIO-IDENTICAL HORMONES PRESENTATION

A free health presentation about bio-identical hormones, omega 3-Plus, a healthy lifestyle and safe weight-loss procedures, "Optimal Health through Natural Options," will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec.11, at Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana Ave., in the Rotary Room. Presenters are Laura Smart and a guest speaker to be announced. Guests must be at least 18 years old to attend and are asked to use the Foster Road entrance.

For more information, call Laura Smart at 425-233-9082 or 636-2325.

#### TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Community Education Room. The group helps to bring information and support to people who have lost a family member, donor family members and transplant recipients. For more information, call 496-2627.

# 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.ccfa.org).

For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group call Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

#### LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Las Cruces, a group for breastfeeding mothers and mothersto-be interested in breastfeeding, has two monthly meetings. The daytime meeting is at 10 a.m. the first Friday of each month at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Downtown Mall. The meetings are currently held at the home of leader Renee Beltran.

Contact Renee at 635-6683 or reneebeltran1@ comcast.net for directions or any other inquiries specific to this meeting.

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## A little art show for a BIG cause

#### Brain Injury Group members to display art on Fridays

By **Jimmy Currier** 

Art can be found throughout the Land of Enchantment, in places little and big. Members of the Brain Injury Group will display various art pieces Friday, Dec. 3, and Friday, Dec. 10. Both art shows will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces, 926 S. San Pedro St.

Dolores Ann Garcia, who has been involved with BIG for several years, is excited about showing off her art and encourages people to stop by not only to see art, but to check out the organization.

BIG is open to anyone concerned or living with a brain injury. They meet from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Friday morning at the Housing Authority. The group often shares concerns, videos, art, music and friendship while sipping coffee and nibbling snacks.

"Whatever people want to talk about," Garcia said. "It's fellowship."

Garcia has been living with a brain injury since 1977 when she was involved in an automobile accident.

She said she enjoyed BIG because it is a support group, and she can relate to the other members.

"It's good being in a place where people un-

derstand where you are coming from because we have all gone through it (brain injury)," Garcia said. "We've gone through the frustration of how people treat you. A lot of people don't understand and they rush in."

Brain injuries slow down people's minds and cognitive functions, making it harder for them to express themselves.

"A lot of people have never gone through a traumatic head injury, and a lot of people don't have the patience," Garcia said. "We're here to help people. (BIG) helps because a lot people don't understand and have never felt it. It's so different."

For more information on the art show or group meetings, call Garcia at 805-1301.

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Planning Program, Doña Ana County did not meet the 15 percent decrease. The number of teen pregnancies in Doña Ana County rose during the period from 2000 to 2005.

And in 2010 we might see another increase, especially with funding being cut to programs such as the Young Father's Project.

"Before we were talking to counselors and going into high schools to reach young fathers," Madrid said. "Now we just don't have the money to help dads like we were before. Dads need help, too."

To donate or help the Young Fathers Project, call 532-1536.

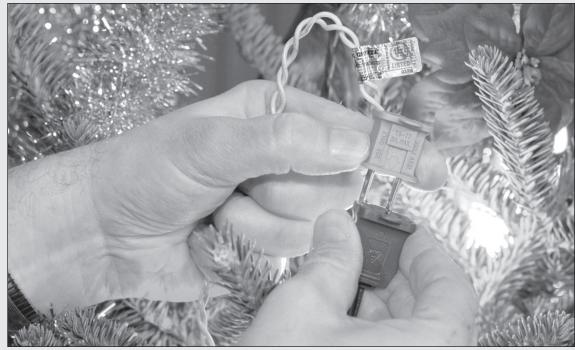
# How to have a safe holiday season

# These tips take a minute or less

This holiday season, Americans are expected to spend approximately \$7.5 million every minute on holiday-related items, including gifts and festive decorations, according to the National Retail Federation. Underwriters Laboratories (UL), a leading independent safety organization, is urging families to dedicate just a fraction of the time and attention spent shopping for gifts and décor on making sure their purchases are being used safely.

On average, about 230 people visit emergency rooms each day in November and December to be treated for holiday-related injuries, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The National Fire Protection Association reports that more home fires occur in December than any other month

"This is easily the busiest time of year, but it's important to make



Inspect light strings for damage, wear or potential shock hazards before hanging them.

time for safety while celebrating the holidays," said John Drengenberg, director of consumer safety at UL. "By committing one minute a day to safety, many accidents can be avoided and your holidays will be memorable for all the right reasons." The following tips – taking as little as one minute each – can help families recognize, identify and prevent hazards that too often can

result in accidents or tragedy:

Water your tree: Dry trees pose a substantial fire risk. After bringing your tree home, make a fresh cut at the base of the trunk before putting it in a sturdy stand. Be sure to water it daily. Additionally, know your tree's expiration date. After about four weeks, the tree will stop absorbing water, dry out and should be discarded.

Check your lights, check them twice: Before hanging light strings, inspect them for damage and wear. Cracks, frays and bare wires can pose fire or shock hazards.

Decorate with a safe eye: Cords should not be run under carpets or tacked up with metal nails or staples. Small decorations can be choking hazards and should be kept out of the reach of toddlers.

Be aware of flames: Always blow out unattended candles and teach children to stay away from lit candles or fireplaces.

Look for the mark and prevent a spark: Only use light strings and other electrical decorations that bear the UL mark near the plug, signifying that safety standards have been met.

For additional ideas and activities on how to "Commit a Minute" this holiday season, visit www.safetyathome.com.

# To every shoe, its season

#### Take care of your feet during the winter

From grandparents to grade-schoolers, we've almost all, on occasion, sacrificed sensible for stylish when it comes to the shoes we select for cold-weather wear.

But wearing shoes that don't protect and support our feet during chilly winter months can cause foot ailments that could last long after the snow has melted into spring. From bunions, dry skin and toenail fungus to frostbite and arthritis, cold can cause and worsen a range of foot health problems.

To every shoe its season, says the American Medical Podiatric Association (APMA).

"Sixty-four percent of Americans admit to wearing shoes that hurt their feet, and three out of 10 who wear painful shoes say they do it at least once a week," said Dr. Kathleen Stone, podiatrist and president of the APMA. "We generally spend a lot of time on our feet, and nearly a quarter of us put in six or more hours on our feet each day. Winter, with its

precipitation and chilly temperatures, not to mention the demands of the holidays, is no time to live with feet that hurt."

The APMA offers some winter foot health fixes for the holidays and winter months:

#### Choose the right footwear

It may seem obvious that when temperatures dip, you shouldn't don footwear that's more appropriate for fun in the sun. But almost all of us have seen someone wearing sneakers in the snow or high heels in the rain.

When there's no precipitation in the air or on the ground, a good, sturdy, comfortable shoe is fine. But when the weather turns nasty, you need quality boots to protect your feet. When buying boots keep this advice in mind for all your favorite styles.

Riding boots: Avoid synthetic materials that trap heat and moisture, which can cause odor or, worse, fungal infections.

Opt for natural materials like leather that allow proper airflow and keep your feet dry.

 Weather boots: Soften rigid rain boots with cushioned insoles and supports. Rigid footwear limits natural foot movement and provides no arch support. Make sure snow boots have rubber soles with deep groves for proper traction.

Trendy boots: Ankle booties are back (you may remember them from the '80s) in style, but they lack ankle support and often have high heels that can cause imbalance. Choose a heel no higher than two inches and don't walk long distances in your trendy ankle boots. Likewise, classic cowboy boots are not made for walking; the narrow toebox can cause blisters and cramped toes. Boots that are narrow and that have very high heels transfer weight onto the ball of your foot and can cause numbness or pain. Lower or stacked heels will provide more support.

## General foot health tips for winter

You'll be on your feet a lot throughout the

holiday season. It pays to take care of your feet, and it's hard to get into the holiday spirit when your feet hurt. Fortunately, there are ways to help your feet feel their best all year-round:

- Simple exercises can help avoid painful cramping. Raise, point and curl your toes for five seconds on each foot. Repeat 10 times. Rotate your ankles to relax your feet. Cup your heel and rotate each ankle slowly five times. This helps loosen ankle ioints
- Massage your feet; it releases tension, promotes circulation and rejuvenates the skin after a long day of walking and standing.
   Add your favorite scented lotion into the mix for a soothing, relaxing experience.
- Elevate your legs. If you're prone to swollen ankles or calves and you sit a lot at work, elevate your legs with a foot stool under your desk. At the end of the day, reduce swelling by lying down and lifting your legs above your heart.

If you overdo it and experience chronic foot pain, a podiatrist – the foot and ankle expert – can help. To find a podiatrist, and learn more about today's podiatrist, visit www.todayspodiatrist.com, or visit the APMA's website at www.apma.org.

# **Quitters always win**

#### Smoking increases health risks in diabetics

By Samantha Roberts

Las Cruces Bulletin

There are several reasons not to smoke – it tastes bad, it's expensive, potential damage to lungs and teeth and other more serious health related threats. If you're diabetic, here are a few more reasons to put down the cigarette.

According to dlife.com, smokers with diabetes find it more difficult to control their blood sugar, even with optimal self-monitoring.

Smoking also results in increased albuminuria (blood protein in the urine), which leads to kidney damage and a greater risk of end-stage renal disease that requires dialysis. Patients who don't smoke have a greater chance of survival through dialysis than smokers.

Diabetics who smoke are also more likely to develop retinopathy (damage to the eyes) and neuropathy (damage to the nerves).

In an article from diabetes.com, "Neuropathy can lead to an increased risk of injury, particularly to the feet. When a foot injury occurs, its healing can be complicated by the diminished blood flow and oxygenation to the extremities that results from both diabetes and smoking.

"This can then result in wounds that do not heal, which can lead to infection. In the most severe cases, infections can result in functional loss of the extremity or even amputation."

The Nurses' Health Study, a life line on women's health and lifestyle issues, showed that diabetic women who smoke have an increased risk of death compared with diabetic women who do not smoke.

In general, people who smoke cigarettes, or who are exposed to any amount of second-hand smoke, experience a higher risk of cardio-vascular disease, lung cancer and head and neck cancers than the general population. Smoking-related cardiovascular problems include high blood pressure, heart attack, high cholesterol and peripheral vascular disease (claudication). Smoking also causes insulin resistance in both diabetic and nondiabetic people.

On a more positive note, studies show that health benefits for people with diabetes who stop smoking begin immediately. According to diabetes.com, as far as the cardiovascular effects of smoking are concerned, 10 years after quitting, a former smoker's risks resemble those of a typical nonsmoker.

Even though quitting "cold turkey" is the healthiest option, it may not be the easiest for you. Pick a quitting technique that is effective, and you are able to stick to. And while your fighting those cravings, curb your smoking appetite with these healthy snacks, designed specifically for people who are trying to quit smoking and diabetic-diet approved.

#### Fruits and vegetables

Most people don't get the recommended daily servings of fruits and veggies. Boost your natural antioxidants and vitamins with carrots, apples, oranges and more. These snacks will also help flush smoking toxins from your body. Dried fruit and vegetable chips are also crisp and delicious, these snacks will take your mind away from taking a puff.

#### Water and ice chips

Drinking water while you are attempting to quit can be very beneficial in several ways. For example it flushes the nicotine out of your system and its fat-free and calorie free.

#### Low-salt pretzels and crackers

Salty treats work great when trying to quit, in moderate amounts. In large quantities the salty food could cause increased blood pressure.

Additional healthy holiday treats include: healthy dips/spreads with baked chips, low-fat cookies, applesauce, fresh salsa, fruit cocktails or, my favorite, celery with peanut butter.

# Almond snack mix

17 ounces rice cereal
2 3/4 cups almonds, sliced
3/4 cup sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
3/4 cup butter, light
and salted
1 teaspoon almond

Combine cereal and almonds in a bowl. Heat sugar, corn syrup and butter in a pot and let boil until a candy thermometer reads 250 to 266 degrees. Take mixture off heat and mix in almond extract. Drizzle over cereal mixture, toss and pour onto baking sheets lined with wax paper to cool. Store in air tight containers for up to one week.

(Recipe adapted from dlife.com)

#### **Health Briefs**

#### **Blood drive planned**

United Blood Services and Doña Ana County are partnering for a bloodrive from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, in the main rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Each holiday season, United Blood Services sees its blood reserves fall to critical levels. Doña Ana County invites county residents to join in giving the gift of life. Appointment slots are available every 20 minutes.

To make an appointment for a screening and donation, call Janine Divyak of the Doña Ana County Planning Department at 525-6130. Each donor will receive a snack and juice, along with promotional materials to share with family and friends who might consider making a donation.

Giving blood normally takes less than an hour, and the result saves lives throughout the region. The staff of United Blood Services screens each applicant and allows qualified donors to take a seat in one of the comfortable recliners where donations are processed.

All materials used in the donation process are sterile and disposable. Donors cannot contract any blood-borne disease by giving blood. All donated blood is typed to determine the A-B-O group and the Rh factor and then tested for safety, including a test for HIV.

# Law boosts rural health care

New Mexico stands to gain from a new health insurance law initiative that helps doctors serving rural communities repay their school loans. U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman helped write the provision of the law that will invest \$290 million next year in the National Health Services Corps Loan Repayment Program (NHSC).

The NHSC offers primary care medical, dental and mental health clinicians up to \$60,000 to repay student loans in exchange for two years of service at health care facilities in medically underserved areas.

"This new health insurance law aims to expand quality health care to millions more Americans," Bingaman said. "Many health care providers serving in rural parts of our state already benefit from the National Health Service Corps. Expanding the loan repayment program will ensure that more New Mexicans can access quality health care."

The Obama administration also announced that under the new health insurance law, in-

surance companies will be required to spend at least 80 percent of the premiums they generate providing quality health care.

# Bingaman supports food safety legislation

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman voted to approve bi-partisan legislation aimed at ensuring only safe foods enter our nation's food supply. The measure passed 73-25.

The bill passed by the Senate, called the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, provides new food safety tools and updates safety standards to detect contaminated foods.

"High-profile outbreaks in recent years revealed major cracks in our nation's food safety system. The aim of this legislation is to ensure that Americans are consuming only safe foods," Bingaman said.

The legislation does the following:

- Requires hazard analysis and preventive controls: Facilities must identify, evaluate and address hazards and prevent adulteration via a food safety plan. In certain circumstances, it gives the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) access to these plans and relevant documentation.
- Requires access to facility records:
   Expands the FDA access to a registered facility's records in a food emergency.
- Requires third-party testing: Provides for laboratory accreditation bodies to ensure U.S. food testing labs meet high quality standards and, in certain circumstances, requires food testing performed by these labs to be reported to the FDA. Allows the FDA to enable qualified third parties to certify that foreign food facilities comply with U.S. food safety standards.
- Requires increased inspection: Increases the number of the FDA inspections at all food facilities.

In addition, the bill requires importers to verify the safety of foreign suppliers and imported food, allows the FDA to require certification for high-risk foods and deny entry to a food that lacks certification or that is from a foreign facility that has refused U.S. inspectors.

The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act improves the capacity to detect and respond to food-borne illness outbreaks. The act also takes the following safety steps:

Surveillance – Enhances food-borne illness surveillance systems to improve the collection, analysis, reporting and useful-

#### **Columbia Elementary celebrates Pink Week**



Third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students at Columbia Elementary School formed a giant pink ribbon on the last day of New Mexico State University's Tough Enough to Wear Pink week, and wrote letters seeking donations to the Pink Week breast cancer awareness campaign, said third-grade dual language teacher Laura Denisse Valdez.

Participating in the event were thirdgraders in the classrooms of Valdez's and fellow teachers Aimee Parra, Starlet McKinney and Leslie Jones; fourth-graders in the classes of Adriana Cardenas; and fifth-graders in the dual language class of Noelle Murillo. The students "wrote letters to local businesses or to a family member who knew someone who had breast cancer," Valdez said. "I personally feel like my students were more aware of this cause and you should read some of their letters and how they persuade others to donate. It gave students a great motive to learn about letter writing and at the same time write with a purpose."

LCPS students and staff raised more than \$8,500 for the 2010 Pink Week campaign, which was held in mid-October. The campaign raised a total of more than \$530,000.

ness of data on food-borne illnesses.

- Traceability Enhances tracking and tracing of high-risk foods and directs the secretary to establish a pilot project to test and evaluate new methods for rapidly and effectively tracking and tracing food in the event of a food-borne illness outbreak.
- Mandatory recall Allows the FDA to initiate a mandatory recall of a food product when a company fails to voluntarily recall the contaminated product upon the FDA's request
- Suspension of registration Allows the FDA to suspend a food facility's registration if there is a reasonable probability that food from the facility will cause serious adverse health consequences or death.
- Enhances U.S. food defense capabilities

   Directs the FDA to help food companies

- protect their products from intentional contamination and calls for a national strategy to protect the national food supply from terrorist threats and rapidly respond to food emergencies.
- Increases FDA resources Authorizes increased funding for the FDA's food safety activities, such as hiring personnel, and includes targeted non-compliance fees for domestic and foreign facilities.
- Regulatory flexibility Modernizes the U.S. food safety system without being burdensome, provides training for facilities to comply with the new safety requirements and includes special accommodations for small businesses and farms, exempts small businesses from certain aspects of the produce standards and preventive control requirements.

# **ThePetReview**

# 'A labor of love'

#### NMSU program controls feral cat population

By Natisha Hales

When Michelle Corella volunteered for a newly formed initiative designed to control the feral cat population at New Mexico State University, she wasn't sure exactly what she was getting herself into.

From what the groundskeepers reported, there were estimates of between 200 and 250 cats living on campus. When the groundskeepers would trap the cats, they would take them to the local shelter where they were euthanized. Despite their efforts, the feral cat population at NMSU flourished.

It wasn't until Kathy Billing, an NMSU employee who had implemented a successful feral cat management program at California State University-Long Beach, met with NMSU administration to implement a similar program

at NMSU that things began to change.

The Feral Cat Management Program (FCaMP) was born in the late spring of 2002, consisting of a trap-neuter-release system. Instead of euthanizing the cats when they are trapped, the cats are spayed or neutered and returned to campus, where they were trapped, to live out their lives.

Corella joined the initiative as a volunteer.

I saw a little email blurb that went out on the list server on campus asking for new members of the organization," she said. "I showed up at the meeting, and here I am. It's a never-ending flow, and it's a labor of love, truly."

That passion for the program's mission has led her to increased levels of involvement, and she was named the director of the program in 2007. Despite her full-time position in NMSU Information and Communication Technologies Department, Corella devotes any extra time to FCaMP.

'College campuses offer pretty decent living

conditions for cats," she said. "There are lots of places to hide and get out of the elements, and a lot of people were feeding these cats before we were even here. It's not just our campus, but college campuses in general.'

Though the original plan to trap and euthanize the cats may seem logical to control the population, Corella said it has never worked.

'It's virtually impossible to get them all," she said. "Cats are too darn smart for their own good. In the mean time, you've essentially created a vacuum. The resources are still available, and other cats are going to come in, and they're going to start breeding. With cat behavior, it just doesn't work, and there is 20 years of shelter data that bears that out. They do it over and over again on the taxpayer dime, and those euthanasia numbers never go down. In fact, they're going up."

FCaMP, on the other hand, takes advantage of cat behavior and allows the cats themselves to manage the population.

"Cats are unique," Corella said. "They're very territorial in nature. Generally as feral cats, they exist as a family or colony, and they will defend that area where they reside. If you sterilize all the cats in that colony, you have created a no-growth zone."

From approximately 250 cats estimated to live on campus in 2002, that number has dropped significantly to around 75. The age of the cats is approaching six years, Corella said, which is indicative of a stable and aging population.

But the work is never done.

"You have to keep doing it," Corella said, "because over time, cats die off and new cats can come into the colony."

In addition to spaying and neutering the cats on campus, each is tested for feline leukemia and AIDS, and they have been vaccinated for rabies, feline leukemia and FVRCP, a



Feral Cat Management Program photo

Abby is among the feral cats that call the New Mexico State University campus home. The Feral Cat Management Program has successfully worked since 2002 to manage the population with a trap-neuter-release system.

respiratory combination vaccine. They also are microchipped and eartipped, at an approximate cost of \$90 to \$125 per cat. To prevent disease spread among cats on campus, the cats that do test positive for any diseases are euthanized.

Unlike the euthanizations that were done before the program's inception, these costs are not passed on to taxpayers, as FCaMP is privately funded, and all who work with the program are volunteers. Most of the program's funding comes from vard sales conducted in April and October and a ButterBraid pastry fundraiser.

We are self-sustaining, and we do not take any money from NMSU," Corella said.

When it's possible, Corella said efforts also are made for foster homes or adoptions. Since FCaMP first began, more than 100 cats have been adopted.

For those cats that are still living on campus,

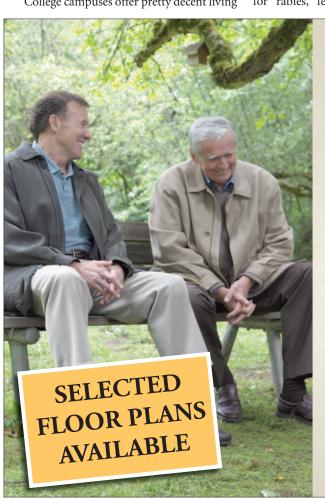
volunteers work to feed them 365 days a year and get to know the animals.

Each cat has a name and a database record that includes veterinary records, where they were initially trapped and their current dispo-

sition on campus.
For Corella, it's hard work and never-ending, but she enjoys it to the fullest.

'I've been involved with this program for eight years, and I think we've made a difference," she said. "In this country, it's estimated that we have as many as 90 or 100 million feral cats. It's something that has to be recognized and dealt with, and we're dealing with it in a proactive way. Based on our program data and on research from other programs, we're getting results.

"It's difficult work, and sometimes it seems like nothing goes right, but ultimately it's very rewarding.







# **ThePetReview**

# **Gracie Grant awarded to ACTion Programs for Animals**

# Funds will assist needy families with pets

Three Dog Bakery, known the world over for its all-natural oven baked treats, food for dogs and the experience of its pet-friendly bakery boutiques, awarded a \$1,000 Three Dog Bakery Foundation Gracie Grant to local Las Cruces organization, ACTion Programs for Animals (APA).

The Three Dog Bakery Foundation received applications from organizations across the country. APA stood out for its

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outstanding programs and services to low-income pet owners needing assistance with pet care and food as well as the organization's important outreach and education to help advocate new approaches to animal welfare issues.

The Three Dog Bakery Foundation was created for the love and desire for all dogs to live long, healthy and happy lives. One of the goals of the Foundation is to raise awareness of and support for dogs in need. In keeping with the mission of Three Dog Bakery Foundation, APA will use the Gracie Grant funds to purchase pet food and administer their pet food bank program.

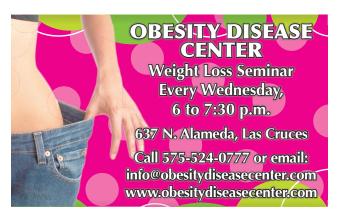
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MICHEL MEUNIER,
APA executive director

"The Three Dog Bakery
Foundation is extremely pleased to award a Gracie Grant to Las
Cruces' ACTion Programs for Animals," said Scott Ragan, Three
Dog Bakery Foundation president and chief pet lover. "Through
APA's pet food bank program, APA is helping economically challenged individuals care for their pets so they don't have to give
them up. We applaud APA for their community outreach and
education. Our hope is that the Gracie Grant funds will help APA
continue to make a difference for animals in Las Cruces."

"Animals and pet owners will benefit tremendously from APA's Three Dog Bakery Foundation Gracie Grant," said Michel Meunier, APA president and executive director. "Many pet owners are struggling in this economy. For some, it is hard to keep





#### **APA's Wish List**

Contact: Michel Meunier

Phone: 644-0505

**Email:** actionprogramsforanimals@yahoo.com **Website:** www.actionprogramsforanimals.org **Address:** P.O. Box 125 Las Cruces, NM 88004

#### Wish List

- Donated or discounted office/storage rental space
- Color copier
- Printing services
- Advertising services for special events
- Bookkeeping/accounting services
- Donations for fundraising prizes
- Clear packing tape, tape guns, duck tape, Zinloc bags
- Pet food and pet items
- Partnerships with other groups who service low-income populations
- Pet services for pet food bank clients

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Pet food distributions
- Special events
- Fundraising events and ideas
- Outreach and tabling
- Social networking and newsletter assistance

food on the table for their families, let alone their pets. We want to make sure those affected in Las Cruces have resources that can help them keep their pets. The Three Dog Bakery Foundation has brought us one step closer to saving animals and helping pet owners in the Las Cruces community."





## **Upcoming events**

#### **Pet adoptions**

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will conduct off-site pet adoption events Saturday, Dec. 4. Available for adoption will be dogs, puppies, cats and kittens.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, adoptions will be facilitated at Pet's Barn, 1600 S. Valley Drive.

Adoptions also will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market in Downtown Las Cruces.

Regular adoption fees are \$75 for dogs and puppies and \$50 for cats and kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay or neuter and microchip.

At the Pet's Barn event, microchipping for pets that already have homes will be available for \$20, and city pet licenses will be available to neutered pets for \$5 each. Licenses for un-neutered pets are \$25 each. Proof of spay or neuter is required before a \$5 license will be issued. Pet owners must bring current proof of rabies vaccination for each animal to be licensed.

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley also offers low-cost spay and neuter operations at the rate of \$35 for dogs and \$25 for cats. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the shelter at 382-0018.

#### **Garage sale**

A garage sale benefiting the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2292 Divot Drive. No early birds.

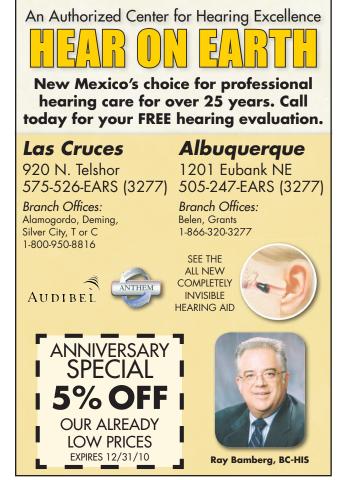
#### **Critter Christmas Celebration**

A Critter Christmas Celebration benefiting the Spay and Neuter Action Program, the Doña Ana County Humane Society and For the Sake of Animals will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Amador Hotel, 180 W. Amador Ave. Tickets are \$50. For more information, call 522-1232.

#### **Photos with Santa**

The Spay and Neuter Action Program will provide pet photos with Santa from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the new SNAP office, 2405 W. Picacho Ave. For \$25, pet owners will receive two 4-by-6-inch prints with a CD. Other packages are available. No appointment is necessary.

Dogs must be leashed and under their owner's control, and all cats must be in carriers while waiting for their photos to be taken. For more information, call 524-9265.



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# Bulletin

welcomes submissions of local church events and activities.

#### Church News

#### **UNIT NONPROFIT STORE**

Unity of Las Cruces has opened a nonprofit store at its location, 125 Wyatt Drive. The store will feature handcrafted jewelry, home décor, gifts and more made by artisans in developing countries. Proceeds will go back to the countries. Store hours are 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.untvoflascruces.org.

#### **CHOIR CONCERT**

Basilica of San Albino on the Mesilla Plaza will host a concert by the Schola Cantorum of Santa Fe titled "El Niño – The Christ Child" at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. The concert will include medieval carols of Europe, masterpieces of the Renaissance and contemporary Christmas carols. For more information, call 526-9349

#### **MENORAH** LIGHTING **CEREMONY**

The Chabad of Las Cruces will light up a 9-foot menorah at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, on the Mesilla Plaza. One of 10,000 public menorahs worldwide, it will symbolize a universal message of religious freedom. The ceremony will feature Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Mesilla Mayor Nora Barraza. Dancing, singing and eating will take place after the lighting ceremony. For more information, call 524-1330.

#### **ADVENT AT UNITY**

The second advent candle, which represents peace, will be lit during the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday, Dec. 5. All are invited to attend. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org

#### A NIGHT IN **BETHLEHEM**

Church on the Rock, 1405 S. Solano Drive, invites the public to "A Night in Bethlehem" from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. During this free, hands-on Holy Land experience, the church will be transformed into a marketplace featuring 12 different shops. Families will also have the opportunity to visit with nativity characters as well as ride a camel for a minimal cost. For more information, call 527-2687

#### **EMMANUEL LUTHERAN ADVENT**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 4675 Bataan Memorial West, will hold advent services at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 8 and 15, before its Christmas Eve service at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, and Christmas service at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 25. For more information, call 382-0220.

#### **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FIESTA**

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# Shoppers, appraisers come together at the St. Genevieve's art sale

Photos by Francisco Tafoya



Barbara Berger, a vendor from Albuquerque, sells new and old artwork during the annual St. Genevieve's Catholic Church arts, crafts, antiques and collectibles show and sale Saturday, Nov. 27, at the church.



Karen Aragon, a pottery vendor from Acoma Pueblo, holds a hand-painted seed bowl.

Customer and vendor Tone Warden admires antique coins during the show. Some of the rare coins are said to be worth more than \$100,000.





Vendor Ignacio Garcia makes wire crosses by hand, which were sold during the two-day event.



Vendor Dennis Wedge holds a miracle cure tool (shock treatment) used by doctors in the 1800s.



Vendor Mariah Korleever makes custom baby shower gifts and arrangements using diapers and baby items.

# St. Mary's Anglican Church gets new clergy

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Rev. Fr. James Patterson, Vicar Rev. Fr. James Reeves and Deacon Melvyn McMinn were installed into St. Mary's Anglican Church Sunday, Nov. 28.

Patterson is a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel and holds a Master of Divinity from Anglican Seminary of the Convocation of the Good Shepherd. After being ordained a priest in September 2006, he has served as a priest at St. Michael and All Angeles in El Paso and vicar at St. Mary's.

A Las Cruces native, Reeves is a retired

research associate at New Mexico State University. He also received a Master of Divinity from Anglican Seminary of the Convocation of the Good Shepherd, and was made priest in February.

McMinn is completing his Doctor of Theology from Andersen Theological Seminary and has served as deacon to the ordinary since February.

Most Rev. Melvin Pickering, presiding bishop of the Anglican Convocation of the Shepherd, instituted the three. Pickering will retire from St. Mary's later in the year and will leave the area for Whitney, Texas.

#### **Church News**

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the members of the Tortugas Pueblo will hold the annual December fiesta honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 10-12. This year is the 100th anniversary of the fiesta held in the village. For more information, call 526-8171.

#### HOLIDAY ARTISANS

The Catholic Charities Store, 2205 S. Main St., Suite B, will hold Holiday Artisans Fair from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 11. The fair will include artisans and farmers from southern New Mexico. For more information, call 523-7577.

#### LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE CONCERT

First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St., will hold its 15th annual Living Christmas Tree Concert Dec. 11-14. The unique festive event blends timeless Christmas tradition with tools of technology. Tickets are \$5, and can be purchased at the church; True Value Hardware, 1002 W. Picacho Ave.; and Picture Frame Factory Outlet, 382 S. Walnut St. Free child care for children under 3 years old will be available. For more information, call 524-3691 or visit www.fbclascruces.com.

#### CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 4675 Bataan Memorial West, will hold Christmas for Kids from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, for children ages 3 to fifth grade. The event will include Bible lessons, arts and crafts, games, music and snacks as well as a provided lunch. Attendance confirmation is needed by calling 636-4988.

#### CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

East Mesa Baptist Church, on the corner of Moongate Road and Bataan Memorial Parkway West, will hold two Christmas programs. The first is a children's program at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, and the second is a Christmas cantata by the adult choir at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. For more information, call 382-0386.

#### SILENT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

East Mesa Baptist Church, on the corner of Moongate Road and Bataan Memorial Parkway West, will hold a silent worship service on Christmas Eve beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24. The service will include selected scriptures and meditative music, and the Lord's supper will be served after. For more information, call 382-0386.

#### EASTERN STAR FUNDRAISER

Las Cruces Chapter No. 20 Order of the Eastern Star is holding a Scentsy Wickless Candle fundraiser just in time for the holiday season. The candles are safe for children, pets and those using oxygen. For more information, contact an OES member or visit www. theredhead.scentsy.us.

#### PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., is providing two prayer groups. A centering prayer group will meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays and will include 20 minutes of meditation. A prayer group focused on support, healing and gratitude will be held at 4:30 p.m. Mondays in Classroom 107. For more information, call 522-7119.

#### SPIRITUAL HEALING Our Lady of Guadalupe

Prayer Center, a Roman Catholic community, offers spiritual healing programs and ministry. Holy Mass is held weekdays at 11:15 a.m. at 5480 Lassiter Road. Also on Mondays, the Healing Prayer Team meets to pray for anyone who is interested. If you or someone you know would like to meet with the team, call 647-1117 for an appointment

## **SeniorActivities**

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

#### **AEROBICS CLASS**

Aerobics class with Luis Ortega is at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. The suggested donation is 50 cents.

#### **AQUATICS CLASS**

Aquatics class (senior exercise class) with Nora Bailey is offered on a first-come, first-served basis from 11:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. The suggested donation is 50 cents.

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Yoga classes are held at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road. Nora Bailey, a certified instructor, leads Hatha yoga classes beginning at 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

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suggested donation is 50

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#### **BINGO MANIA**

Bingo Mania is from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. No money is involved. Donations of old and/or new knickknacks for prizes are welcome. Call 541-2305 or 541-2304 for more information.

#### **PINOCHLE**

Pinochle players meet from noon to 5 p.m. Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

#### HORSESHOE PITCHING

Horseshoe-pitching practice is held from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday behind Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. For more information, call Burt Trujillo at 522-4849.

#### LADIES' POOL TOURNAMENT

A free ladies' pool tournament open to ladies 50 years of age and older is held at 8:30 a.m. the first Monday of each month at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

#### MEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

A free men's 8-ball tournament open to men 50 years of age and older is held at 9:15 a.m. the last Wednesday of each month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up is from 8 to 9 a.m. For more information, call Dan Carrillo at 528-3111.

#### **CANASTA**

Canasta is played from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. All are welcome.

#### WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS

Watercolor painting class is held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

#### WOODCARVING CLASS

Woodcarving class meets from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

#### HANDS 'N' FEET CARD GAME

Hands 'n' Feet card game is from noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

#### STAINED-GLASS CLASSES

Beginning and advance stained-glass class meets at 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and intermediate stained-glass class meets at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

#### **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. The club is currently booking the following trips:

- El Camino Real: Day trip Thursday, Dec. 9. Cost is \$30.
- Fort Davis, Texas, and McDonald Observatory:
  Jan. 17-19, 2011, Cost is \$270 double, \$315 single.
- Sunland Park and War Eagle Museum: Day trip Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, day trip. Cost is \$25.
- Mount Rushmore and Black Hills of South Dakota: May 14-22, 2011. \$760 double, \$1,019 single.

For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

#### **MYSTERY TOURS**

A mystery tour will depart Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., at 9:30 a.m. the last Friday of the month. All trips will be within the surrounding area and will return by 11:30 a.m.

Trips may be for sightseeing, visiting a museum or touring new buildings. Trips are limited to the first 14 participants. Some trips have fees.

Sign up begins the first Monday of each month at the center or by calling 528-3000.

#### **MUNSON HIKES**

Munson hikes are for hikers of all ability levels age 50 and over who are members of Senior Programs.

Hikers need hiking shoes or boots and a backpack, and are required to carry their own food and water. Other recommended items are extra boot laces, sunscreen, hat, rain pancho and a camera.

Hikes generally last from three to six hours and depart Munson Center at approximately 8 a.m. Return time is not guaranteed.

Cost is \$2 per person for local hikes and \$6 for out-of-county hikes. New hikers must begin with an easy hike.

To sign up, call 528-3000. For more information, call Shaunna at 528-3037.

#### DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Area drivers ages 50 and older can take the AARP Driver Safety Program. Classes are scheduled from:

• 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 17, Village at Northrise, 2880 Roadrunner Parkway, in the

 Hallmark Building.
 Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

The cost is \$12 per person for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers, paid at the door. Participants must bring a valid driver's license and a pen or pencil. For more information, visit www.aarp.com.

#### HEALTH BENEFITS INFORMATION

Information and assistance on benefits for seniors are available from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday and Thursday at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

For more information, call Senior Programs at 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

#### SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center meet at 7 p.m. Saturdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 523-1871.

#### THE THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first, third and fifth Thursday of each month at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2350 N. Main St. Cost for lunch is \$9, including tax and gratuity. Cost for bridge is 60 cents. All are welcome.

For more information, call 523-6106 or 373-9309.

#### SANTA FOR SENIORS

Home Instead Senior Care is teaming up with nonprofit agencies and area retailers to sponsor Be a Santa to a Senior, a program that collects, wraps and delivers gifts to lonely and needy seniors in Las Cruces.

The program runs through Saturday, Dec. 18. Trees have up in area stores and businesses.

A community gift wrapping party will be Tuesday, Dec. 21, and the public is invited to help. On Wednesday, Dec. 22, gifts will be delivered to seniors in the community.

For more information, call 522-7133 or visit www. beasantatoasenior.com.

#### AARP TAX PREPARATION TRAINING

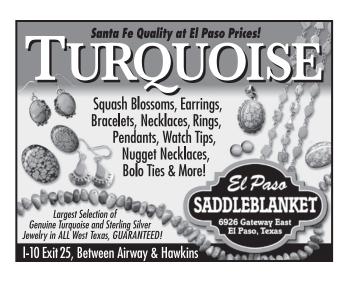
Free tax preparation training will be offered by AARP for volunteers beginning Monday, Jan. 3, 2011. Training will last for one week. All volunteers will be required to pass a written test in order to qualify as tax preparers. Volunteers are also needed to be greeters and translators. Classes will be start at 8:30 a.m. and last until 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 525-0299.

#### Frequently called numbers

#### **Munson Senior Center** 975 S. Mesquite St. ..... 528-3000 **Benavidez Community Center** 1045 McClure Road......541-5185 **Eastside Community Center** 310 N. Tornillo St......541-2304 or 541-2305 **Mesilla Park Community Center** 304 W. Bell Ave. ..... 541-2455 **In-Home Services** 304 W. Bell Ave. ..... 541-2451 **Resource Center** 975 S. Mesquite St. ..... 528-3307 **Retired & Senior Volunteer Program Senior Nutrition Program Senior Olympics** Mesilla Park Center......541-5171 **Dial-A-Ride Senior Transportation**

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## LookingBack

## This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

**Marvin Tessneer**Out of the Past



#### 100yearsago

#### 1910

- An agent was in the process of buying land that would be inundated by Elephant Butte reservoir. Attorney P.W. Dent traveled by wagon with an interpreter. Among the towns to be inundated were Paraje, an important stop on the El Camino Real. The largest towns were Cuata Ricia and Cuatadero, each with a population of around 600 or 700. Other doomed villages were San Jose, San Albino and Alamocito.
- Several prominent Las Cruces ladies narrowly escaped prosecution for smuggling as they returned from Juárez. They attempted to bring several pieces of "drawnwork" across the border, but someone tipped off the authorities. They were finally let go when they paid the customs duties they tried to avoid.
- The Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad began building a track from Engle to the Elephant Butte dam site. The building activity attracted numerous families to move into the towns of Engle and Cutter.

#### 75yearsago

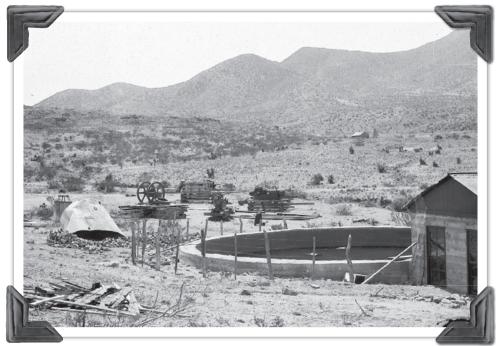
#### 1935

- The New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts football team was preparing to play Hardin-Simmons University in the annual Sun Bowl game in El Paso. Coach Jerry Hines asked his players to stay in condition and be ready. While Aggie coaches were not optimistic, they felt they could give Hardin-Simmons "a good game."
- Rev. Hunter Lewis conducted a short service at Aztec Lodge No. 3 for Joseph Taylor, who had died suddenly on Nov. 27. Originally from Pennsylvania, Taylor had toured the West and ended up buying a ranch in the Organ Mountains he operated until 1906, when he purchased a farm near Doña Ana. Taylor "pictured a new and wonderful Mesilla Valley created from the unsubdued, tough, dry valley lands of that day." Taylor had been director of the Doña Ana State Farm Bureau, a pioneer dairyman and president of Elephant Butte Irrigation District from 1924-28. Survivors included his wife Lulu, his son Joseph and granddaughter Marinna, all of Las Cruces.

#### 50yearsago

#### 1960

• Police arrested Willie Swift of Phoenix and Sherwood Boyer of Albuquerque in connection with the burglary of the La Page



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This tank held water for the smelter at the Memphis mine in the Organ mining district. The Memphis mine was originally mined silver and was one of the oldest American mines in the area. Photo by Louis B. Bentley reproduced courtesy of the New Mexico State Library Rio Grande Historical Collection.

Bar a week earlier.

• The New Mexico State Aggies placed five football players on the Border Conference First Team. They were ends Robert Kelly and E.A. Sims, quarterback Charley Johnson and backs Purvis Atkins and Bob Gaiters.

#### 25yearsago

#### 1985

• The Las Cruces Police Department credited the use of the "Batmobile," a mobile bloodalcohol testing vehicle, for a successful anti-DWI campaign over the Thanksgiving holiday. Police had made 163 arrests since Oct. 6, not including 43 picked up over the weekend – including three police officers.

• Mesilla was featured in New Mexico Magazine, including an article on "Los Pastores de Valle de Mesilla," which was being produced for the 25th time.

Information gathered from NMSU Library's Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections. Edited by Jim Hilley.





## Put healthy indulgence on your holiday list

### You only think it's bad for you

Pie, cookies, peppermint – name the sweet, and it's surely no stranger to the holiday season. For many, this time of year means extra indulgence and, consequently, extra inches added to the waistline. You may be surprised to learn, though, that you can enjoy holiday goodies in a healthy way by incorporating ingredients such as dried fruit, nuts and whole grains.

Indulging every now and then is important to any healthy lifestyle. The key is to eat in a healthful way that not only satisfies your craving for sweets and comfort foods, but also adds nutritional value to your diet. Spending time as a family in the kitchen baking up tasty holiday treats can also be a great way to learn about cooking delicious and healthy foods.

Pick out some new recipes to try this winter and work as a family to choose tasty ingredients that boost nutrients, such as dried fruits and nuts. Follow these healthy baking tips from Sunsweet Growers and learn how easy making healthy choices can be, while still satisfying your need for a little indulgence.

• Try using whole wheat flour. Whole wheat adds both fiber and magnesium to your diet.

- Add sweetness and texture with dried fruits. Try mixing in a dried fruit blend for both great flavor and added nutrition.
- Go nuts. Nuts, such as almonds, walnuts and pistachios, are a heart-healthy addition to holiday baking.
- Substitute fruit purées for oil or butter.
   Puréed prunes make a great swap for fatladen oils.
- Glaze, don't frost. A simple glaze can be the sweet topper to a delicious dessert and

will save nearly double digits in fat grams over butter-rich frostings.

To get started, serve up this new, healthy holiday classic for brunch, incorporating nutrient-rich dried fruits for added flavor and nutritional value. Try adding Sunsweet Antioxidant Blend, a delicious mix of dried blueberries, red tart cherries, cranberries and plums, delivering important vitamins and minerals at only 130 calories per serving. For more healthy recipes, visit www.Sunsweet.com.

#### Whole Wheat Berry Chocolate Loaf

#### Loaf:

- 2 cups whole wheat flour 2 envelopes Fleischmann's
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 3/4 cups milk
- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine

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- 2 eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour 1 package (5 ounces) Sunsweet Antioxidant Blend or dried cherries
- 3 ounces chopped bittersweet or semi-sweet chocolate 1/2 cup coarsely chopped nuts, optional

#### Glaze:

- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar 1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 to 3 tablespoons very hot water Combine whole wheat flour,

undissolved yeast, sugar and salt in a large mixing bowl. Heat milk and butter until very warm (120 to 130 degrees). Add to flour mixture with eggs and beat on medium speed with electric mixer until smooth and elastic, about 3 minutes. Gradually stir in all-purpose flour. Add dried fruit, chocolate and nuts (if desired). Spread batter in two greased 8 1/2-by-4 1/2-inch loaf pans, filling each half full. Let rise in a warm, draft-free place until nearly doubled, about 45 to 60 minutes. Bake in preheated 325-degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 10 minutes and remove from pan. Cool 20 minutes on wire rack.

While the bread is cooling, prepare glaze by combining powdered sugar and vanilla extract and mix until smooth. Pour glaze over top of each loaf and continue to cool. Serve at room temperature.

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BUILDER CREATES LAYERS OF FUNCTION, ENTERTAINMENT



## **Featured home:** 5585 Camino Escondida

Photos by Philip VanVeen



The home at 5585 Camino **Escondida** was designed to have multiple layers sitting atop 1.75 acres.

**Featuring** numerous balconies and porches, the home takes advantage of the surrounding







A chandelier graces the 16-foot foyer ceiling, which also includes windows to fill the area with natural light.



Architectural details. including various ceiling heights, angles and cutouts, create a visually interesting atmosphere.



## A home with dimension

#### Multiple levels, architectural details enhance Las Alturas abode

By **Beth Sitzler** 

When builder Tawfiq Hindash began his construction company in Las Cruces in 1997, he brought a new touch to the Mediterranean style – one that combined various entertainment and living areas with unique elegance.

From his commercial buildings, including Si Señor Restaurant, and residential ventures, this mix of various elevations and functions can be seen. One home that especially exemplifies this characteristic that defies being flat and boring is his personal home at 5585 Camino Escondida.

"My husband designed everything," said Khawla Ibrahim, the builder and architect's wife. "I love the design and what he did."

Located in the Las Alturas area, the approximately 4,300-square-foot home was built in 2008 and featured in the Spring Showcase of Homes that year. Built into a hill, the home captures the expansive view of the area and is split into two levels with the garage area downstairs and the living area upstairs.

"People who come from the north are used to basements," he said. "The garage is like a basement."

The steep driveway leads to the front of the home – an ironand-glass door surrounded by various architectural angles. Through the door is the foyer, which works as a dividing point for the home.

"The foyer separates the living areas," Hindash said. "It breaks up the noise from the living room to the bedrooms."

Not only designed for function, the foyer, which has double doors to the back porch, features a 16-foot ceiling graced by a chandelier and a ceramic and glass tile mosaic on the floor.

"There are some areas we accented the tile with glass tile to give it a classy look," he said.

To the right of the entrance, faux-wood tile covers the hall and guides guests to a carpeted media room, which can also be used as an office. The hall, lined with windows and bench seating, then heads to two of the home's four bedrooms.

Ibrahim said each bedroom has a full bathroom that features black granite countertops and tiled showers.

The wing also includes the master bedroom. A large sitting area with fireplace leads to the bedroom area as well as Hindash's office. Both the bedroom and office feature separate balconies that showcase railings created from cement pillars, a decorative parapet and a one-of-a-kind overlook.

"There are spectacular views from every room," Hindash said.

Beside the master bedroom, which has a 10-foot recessed ceiling, is the master bathroom. Two granite sinks lead to a jetted bathtub encased in a wavy tile pattern designed by Hindash as well as the walk-in shower.

Outside the master suite is an area for an elevator or wheelchair lift as well as stairs leading to the oversized three-car garage. The downstairs also includes a mother-in-law suite, complete with a bathroom and laundry facilities.

The other wing of the home was designed solely for entertainment and includes two sitting areas and a large kitchen with a breakfast nook.

"It is a big space to use for parties and big groups," Hindash said. "The kitchen has access to the backyard. There is a porch in the back for people to mingle. It's a party house."

The ceilings vary from 12 to 14 feet throughout the shared living spaces and add an interesting visual against the

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architectural details of nichos, angles, cutouts, boxed windows and partial walls.

A three-way fireplace heats the area as large windows bring the outdoors in, elevating the luxurious atmosphere.

"I like this area," Ibrahim said of the living room. "All the time, I sit in here. You can see everything when you're in here."

The kitchen also features the black granite as well as a decorative ceramic and glass tile backsplash. The cabinets, accented with crown molding, fill the room, which has its own wine refrigerator.

The wrap-around patio is accessed by numerous doors, which Hindash said automatically close to keep pesky critters out.

In addition to the luxurious style, Hindash said the home was built to be well-insulated with about 90 percent of the roof being tile.

While there are plenty of modern amenities that merge function with style, Hindash said his favorite area of the 1.75-acre property is the northwest corner patio, which faces Las Cruces and the Tortugas Mountain.

"I love that area facing the city at night, I'm always sitting out there," he said. "It has a very relaxing feel because of the city lights, and then you have the valley on the other side. It's shaded and cooled in the summer. It has a nice breeze."

#### **Details**

Featured home
5585 Camino Escondida

**Square footage** Approximately 4,300

Acres

1.75

**Bedrooms** 

Fou

**Bathrooms** 

Fou

**Fireplaces** 

Two

Price

\$780,000

**Special features** 

Expansive view of Organ and Tortugas mountains, Las Cruces and the valley; extended three-car garage; office; media room; area for elevator or wheelchair lift; and 9- to 16-foot ceilings throughout

For more information

Contact Maria Ontiveros at 642-7841 or mariao@lascruceshomesales.com



The kitchen showcases black granite countertops and an abundance of space, great for entertaining.



## Fluffy piles of potato heaven

#### Use ricer not masher for creamy texture

By Beth Sitzler

This Thanksgiving, my mother took over the task of whipping up our fluffy piles of mashed potato goodness – a chore I reluctantly take on when asked.

While I thoroughly enjoy the creamy taste and texture of starchy spuds, I hate the process of mashing. Sure, there are several innovative mashers out there – each designed to make the job go by quicker with a little elbow grease but it seems like no matter how hard I try, I just can't get rid of those pesky lumps and my

forearms turn to Jell-O before I reach that desired silky consistency.

Deciding that there has to be a better way to mash potatoes - or any other soft food, for that matter - I began to do some research. I was searching for something that was easy to use, compact and would banish all lumps and bumps with minimal arm strength. Lucky for me, my time flipping through cooking magazines and kitchen supply catalogs brought me to the ricer.

#### What is it?

A ricer is a handy kitchen gadget that makes mashed potatoes and other puréed foods in a

Resembling a large garlic press, the ricer includes an extrusion plate with several small holes and a solid plate. When used, the end result is a fluffy and creamy purée that has an

Also referred to as a potato ricer, the device is ideal for creating tasty, lump-free mashed potatoes. Since the ricer compresses the soft food and gives it a creamy texture, less dairy is needed in the recipe. The ricer also can be used for removing excess water from the potatoes if you want to make crispy chips or hash

The ricer is also great for other food items, such as pressing pumpkin for pie or puréeing other vegetables for a nutritious side dish. It can also be used to make homemade juices. Just place your lime, lemon or orange slice in the ricer's basket and squeeze. The tiny holes will allow the juice to flow and keep the pulp or seeds out of your drink.

To help you achieve any desired consistency, the ricer usually comes with a variety of extrusion plates that offer an array of hole sizes.

The ricer also comes in a variety of sizes. If you tend to make large quantities of mashed food, then choose a ricer that has a larger compression basket. This will help you get the job

#### How does it work?

The ricer is easy to use. Over a large mixing bowl, place the chopped pieces of cooked potatoes, carrots or other somewhat-soft food item in the ricer's basket. Be sure to hold the ricer so the plate with the holes is facing down. This way, the bowl will catch what falls out.

Don't overfill the ricer or it will be difficult to use, making this easy process a lot harder than it actually is.

Squeeze the lever or handle so the solid plate presses the food item through the tiny holes on the extrusion plate. The soft food will be compressed and forced through the holes, creating strings that resemble small grains of rice (hence its name).

When you're done with the ricer, be sure to wash it by hand using warm, soapy water. Washing it by hand will allow you to scrub away those tiny bits of food that can get stuck in the gadget's

#### **Perfect Mashed Potatoes**

1 1/3 pounds (4 medium) Russet or Yukon Gold potatoes, washed, peeled and cut into uniform 2-inch chunks 1 teaspoon salt, divided

2 tablespoons butter, melted

1/2 to 2/3 cup hot milk, half-and-half, or cream

Cut the potatoes and cook in a large sauce pan with 1/2 teaspoon of salt and enough water to cover the potatoes. Bring the water to a boil, and reduce the heat to a simmer for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the potatoes are fork tender.

When the potatoes are done, drain them in a colander and put them through a ricer. Stir in the hot milk, melted butter and remaining salt. Add additional milk and seasonings if desired. (Recipe adapted from whatscookingamerica.net.)

holes and grooves. If needed, however, most ricers can be placed in the dishwasher.

#### Where can it be found?

The ricer can be found at kitchen supply stores around town, including Las Cosas Kitchen Shoppe in Mesilla, Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

#### How much does it cost?

Depending on the material it is made from commonly aluminum, stainless steel or plastic - the ricer can cost anywhere from \$15 to \$40.

#### Helpful hint:

Great for making mushy foods, the ricer is an ideal present for expecting parents who want to make their own baby food.



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# Artists of Picacho Hills show their work and talent at the Holly Day Open House

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Visitors and shoppers fill the Picacho Mountain Visitor Center Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27-28, for the Holly Day Open House held by the Artists of Picacho Hills.





Rosemary McKeown sells her painting "Mama and Baby" to Ede Burge.



Picacho Hills artists and Holly Day crew members Rosemary McKeown, Alice Terry, Jeanne DeArment and Marty Arndt stand with Picacho Mountain developer Bob Pofahl.



Necklaces created by Kathy Faubion were showcased.





## Featured builder: Ed Jurney

## A remodeling specialty

#### Builder finds niche in renewing homes, installing custom countertops

By **Beth Sitzler**Las Cruces Bulletin

As the housing market has changed over the past few years, many in the industry have found new ways to continue to make a living. For builder Ed Jurney, it was a shift into the

Raised in Roswell before moving to Las Cruces as a teen, Jurney learned early on the satisfaction of using his own two hands to build a masterpiece.

world of remodeling and custom countertops.

"I've always enjoyed being able to stand back at the end of the day and see what I've accomplished," he said.

In addition to lending a helping hand to his

father, a lineman and electrician, and doing handyman jobs around his grandfather's rental properties, Jurney said he would spend his time working on the family ranch.

"Growing up in a ranching background gave me a strong work ethic," he said. "We were just always busy. There was no idle time. There was always something to be done."

He graduated from Las Cruces High School and attended New Mexico State University. He then decided to sit out a semester and took a job with GenCon framing houses. Soon, that job turned into a career and he spent 16 years with the company.

Jurney said he gained a wealth of knowledge while with GenCon and rose through the ranks

to carpenter, ironworker and superintendent.

After several years with the company, he decided four years ago to make a change.

"I just felt that the timing was right to try to do something on my own," he said.

He began Jurney Construction with some encouragement from his wife Gilda Dorbandt-Jurney, owner of 'N Compass Group.

"(I owe my success) to a supportive family, actually a supportive wife, and a strong work ethic and, most of all, to the help from the Lord," he said.

#### Remodeling his focus

When Jurney Construction was first established, it focused on commercial construction, Jurney said.

"For Jurney Construction, the greatest accomplishment was building First Assembly of God Church off Highway 70," he said. "That was our biggest job."

As the market changed, the company soon shifted into new home construction and other residential work.

Now, after the hit to the housing market a few years ago, Jurney Construction changed its focus yet again, this time to kitchen and bathroom remodeling.

"We've seen a lot of people who can't sell their home for what it's worth, or can't receive financing to move," he said. "They decide to upgrade their current home."

He said this includes everything from new flooring and cabinetry to recessed lighting and updated plumbing fixtures.

Over the years, Jurney has employed a crew of about six workers, including a plumber, so the company can take care of most of the remodeling work without having to call in subcontractors.

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- Children Crystal, Sedona and Wvatt
- Three grandchildren



Since focusing on remodeling, Ed Jurney said Jurney Construction has specialized in updating kitchens, which includes cabinetry and custom countertops.

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"I've trained my crew to do a good job so the client is always happy when we leave," he said. "I get compliments on my crew and foreman Paul Lopez."

While the company has found success specializing in bathroom and kitchen remodeling, Jurney said it has been quite a task to keep everything in order.

"The biggest challenge is the coordination of the homeowners, employees and materials. It's a lot of stuff to stay on top of. It takes a lot of hours," he said.

The hard work doesn't stop at time management. An important aspect of his job, he said, is making sure the clients get exactly what they want and that they're spending their hard-earned finances wisely.

"We tell our clients that it's their money so they need to be happy with what they're investing in," he said.

Since opening his own business, Jurney said he has found satisfaction in his clients' happiness and is proud of the many projects he has completed.

"Personally, my greatest accomplishment is opening my own business," he said.

After finding a spot in the remodeling market, Jurney said the company has begun to focus on a new construction facet – custom countertops.

#### Creating custom countertops

While visiting an international builders conference in January, Jurney discovered Shirestone, a countertop material that comes in any color and is created from a blend of crushed stone mixed with a liquid catalyst and poured and formed into place.

"We fell in love with it," he said. "We were having some issues with granite."

Jurney said that while granite is the go-to countertop material thanks to its durability and

value, there are several difficulties associated with the stone, including inconsistencies in its colors and patterns as well as its weight.

"Shirestone is a great answer from a general contractor's standpoint to problems they have with granite," he said. "Shirestone is completely seamless and offers edges you just can't get with granite."

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The product can be poured over existing

countertops or can be formed into a new surface on site, allowing it to be completely custom and go places other materials can't, such as around poles or in small areas with weird angles.

"When Paul and I were at training in Reno, they gave each of us a 2-pound hammer," Jurney said. "We hit the countertop with the hammer and it didn't even mark it. That speaks volumes to me about its durability. It's truly a custom product."

Jurney said that those who have installed the fabricated stone into their homes have been pleased with it.

"Everyone thinks it's extremely beautiful and they're extremely happy with its durability and easiness to clean," he said.

With increased interest in green materials, Jurney said Shirestone has introduced a new product line called Prodigy that is designed to fit the lifestyle of those who are environmentally mindful. Unlike regular Shirestone that is textured, this new line can also be completely smooth, if desired.

Since discovering the countertop line, Jurney said he has been able to fill a niche market and plans to shift his focus solely to installing the product

"I find it beautiful and rewarding to install," he said. "God willing, I want to continue with bathroom and kitchen remodeling, with a primary focus on Shirestone, which will then become my main focus."



Many Jurney Construction clients choose to upgrade their kitchen or bathroom instead of putting their home on the market.



Jurney specializes in Shirestone, a countertop material that is completely seamless because it is poured on site. This allows it to be placed around poles and in small areas.





## Keeping your poinsettia alive and well

not dip below 60 degrees, your plant should

Holiday plant needs TLC to remain jolly this season

be comfortable.

Well it is that time of year already! Poinsettia season is upon us. Here are a few tips to help keep your plant alive throughout and well beyond the holiday season.

First of all, start by purchasing the healthiest looking poinsettia you see. The bottom leaves should be green without any curls. Some varieties will have naturally lighter green leaves, some will have darker green leaves. Avoid any plants that have yellowing leaves – this could be a sign of over-watering or the plants may have been subjected to a cold draft.

Poinsettias come from a subtropical climate. They prefer warm temps and,

Poinsettias should give you their festive colors at least through the early spring.

oremain jolly this season as noted above, do not like cold drafts. As long as the temperature in your home does

At the same time, keep it away from the direct draft of your heater. This will not only dry out the soil prematurely, but will also cause burned leaf tips and lower leaf drop.

When purchasing these plants, it is important to "cover" them up when taking them from the inside of a building to your car and

into your home. Even a very brief cold draft can affect your poinsettia, which often results in lower leaf drop.

Place plants in an area that receives bright filtered light or morning sunlight. Water the soil only when the top inch or so feels dry. You can pick up the pot and feel the weight — if it feels heavy, skip the watering for the day. If it feels light, water

thoroughly. Be sure to discard any standing water immediately, if a saucer is used. Failure to do this will result in root rot.

You may use water-soluble fertilizer to feed your poinsettia, if the lower leaves begin to loose their green color. This should usually be around six to eight weeks after you have

A tropical native, poinsettias need special care to last throughout the holiday season, which includes avoiding cold drafts of air.

**Gary Guzman** *Gardening Guru* 



purchased your plant.

Poinsettias should give you their festive colors at least through the early spring. That is of course if they have been properly cared for.

To get these beauties to re-bloom is a whole new story. They will basically need 12 to 14 hours of uninterrupted darkness followed by the remainder of the day in bright light. This needs to go on for at least 10 to 12 weeks every day! In other words, you will need to mimic what nature does. Provide bright light all day and total uninterrupted darkness all night. This typically should be started on the first day of October and can be ceased around mid-December.

There is still the task of watering, fertilizing and pruning to get the final stage of the blooms and bracts to return to their full glory. There are many books, articles and websites that go into greater detail on this venture, much more than I can possibly list on this page.

If the amount of time and effort it takes to get these rascals to re-bloom seems like a lot, it is. That is why there are professional growers around the world doing it for you. So don't feel bad if you have to "replace" your plant this season or next, with more than 60 million plants produced yearly, there should be one for you.

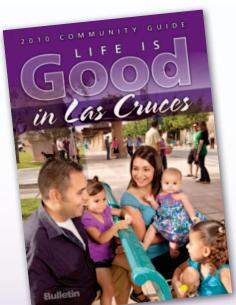
Oh, by the way, the verdict on whether they are poisonous or not is still out there. I have read different articles that list them as both. If you have pets or children in the home, it would be best to assume they are poisonous.

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## Mentholated vapors take care of household problems

Chest rub breaks up congestion, fights off various skin ailments

By Beth Sitzler

With cold and flu season upon us, now is the time to stock up on the essentials - hot tea, cough drops and mentholated

A petrolatum-based gel, chest rub is a temporary solution for impaired breathing. It is applied directly to the chest and should be massaged into the skin using a circular motion. When breathed in deeply, the vapors help break up congestion.

While the scent of menthol and other essential oils work to break down the mucus molecules plaguing the nose and chest, the eucalyptus oil in the goop has antibacterial properties that kill the cold virus, as the camphor calms respiratory inflammation.

A medicine cabinet necessity, chest rub cannot only fight the common cold, but it has many other everyday and theatrical

1. Soften calluses: After a day of pulling weeds or finishing some other do-it-yourself project, your hands may have a callus or two. Skip the heavy, store-bought creams and soothe the rough spots with chest rub. At night, coat the calluses with the goop and wrap them in adhesive bandages. In the morning, remove the bandages and wipe off any excess chest rub. Repeat this nightly until the coarse patches have disappeared.

2. Comfort aching feet: Are your tootsies covered in painful, cracked skin? Soothe them with chest rub. Slather on a thick layer of the grease and cover your feet with socks before you go to sleep. In the morning, your feet will be soft and rejuvenated. Do this as often as you want. It's a cheap and easy way to pamper yourself. Chest rub can also be used on other dry patches of skin, including chapped lips and elbows – just be careful not to get it all over your sheets.

**3. Fight itching:** If you've had a close encounter with a biting



insect, such as a mosquito, you may be covered in itchy welts you just have to scratch. Relieve that annoying sensation with chest rub. Rub a hefty amount on the area and the eucalyptus and menthol in the ointment will soothe the bite and reduce the itching. In addition to treating itchy mosquito bites, chest rub can also comfort wasp stings.

**4. Repel ticks:** The next time you're going to spend a long time outdoors in the wilderness, be sure to protect yourself from ticks and other woodland bugs with chest rub. Spread the product on your arms, legs and other exposed areas of skin before your journey. The strong vapors will be unpleasant to bugs including gnats, mosquitoes and ticks – some of which carry lyme disease.

5. Fight toenail fungus: Along with adding moisture to your dry, cracked feet, chest rub can also be used as an at-home

#### **Vapor Chest Rub** Mustard **Hot water**

Soak a small washcloth in hot water. Lie down and rub the mustard on your chest. Place the washcloth over the mustard. The steam rising off the cloth will help you breathe in the mustard and help ease congestion. (Recipe adapted from www.

remedy to treat toenail fungus. Gentler than soaking your feet in bleach or vinegar, and less expensive than over-the-counter medications, just cover your little piggies with the mentholated goo and the ugly discoloration will be gone. A spoonful of the chest rub can also cure athlete's foot.

6. Get rid of a headache: The next time your head is pounding because of sinus pressure, skip the painkillers and grab your chest rub. Spread it on your forehead, right above your eyebrows, and cover it with a washcloth doused in warm water. Leave it on for about 10 minutes and the headache will be gone.

7. Help the tears flow: It's important for an actor to be able to cry on command. If thoughts of your beloved childhood dog that ran away or other sad memories don't do the trick, go get the chest rub. For years, actors have relied on the mentholated concoction to get the waterworks going. Simply apply it to the lower lashes to mimic the look of tears. Be sure not to get the product in your eye because it will cause irritation and burning.

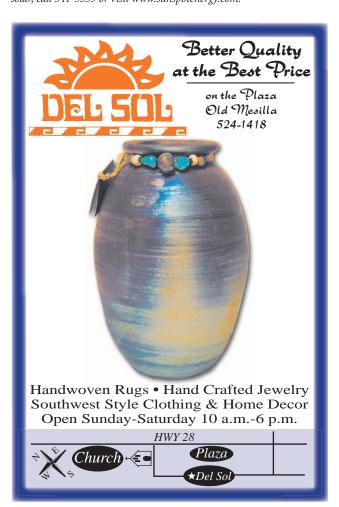
8. Comfort tennis elbow: If repetitive movement from playing sports or other activities has caused your elbow to be sore and tender, get some relief with chest rub. Just rub a generous amount on the problem area and wrap it in a bandage. This will get rid of minor aches and pains because the menthol acts as a

9. Clear up your skin: It may come as a surprise, but chest rub can help treat acne and rosacea. Put a dab of the slick substance on your pimple to shrink it. Or, pat a thin layer of the product on your rosacea at night to help banish those pesky red patches.

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## Living Better Solar Powered



## **Where do you stand on solar?**

#### Survey finds strong support

The Schott Solar Barometer survey conducted in October by Schott Solar (a New Mexico solar panel manufacturer) showed, for the third year in a row that nine out of 10 Americans want solar now!

Here are some of the findings:

- Ninety-four percent think it is important for the nation to develop and use solar energy. This was consistent across all political party affiliations.
- Eighty percent agree that Congress should consider reallocating federal subsidies from fossil fuels to solar.
- More than half (51 percent) would choose to work in the solar industry if they were to work in renewable energy.
- Nearly half (49 percent) considering solar for their home or business plan to make a decision to adopt solar in less than
- Nearly half (49 percent) of Americans are willing to pay more for clean, reliable solar energy.

This strong support for solar remains relatively unchanged since Americans were asked the same questions in August 2009 (92 percent) and June 2008 (94 percent). The difference is within the margin of error for these polls.

One of the most amazing findings is the support across political party lines for the U.S. to develop and use solar power. It is not easy to get Republicans (92 percent), Independents (98 percent) and Democrats (98 percent) to agree on anything these days. Yet on solar, they overwhelmingly agree - this is a notable exception.

The figures are crystal clear. Americans want solar now. Do you? Why did you move here? Did clean air play a role? Would you like to keep our skies free from pollution?

Las Cruces is the best place in the country to produce solar electricity. Compared to other sunny spots such as Phoenix and Las Vegas, we have more sunlight and lower summer temperatures. This means solar panels operating in Las Cruces output more electricity than those located in most other desert towns. No other state and few other cities can deliver on the promise of solar to the extent we can.

Doesn't it seem foolish to waste one of our most abundant energy resources? It would be like Vermont not producing maple syrup or Niagara Falls not using hydropower. We are

given a great resource of sunlight. It should be utilized, wisely and efficiently. I suggest that making electricity from sunlight be the prime New Mexico crop for the 21st century!

But just wanting solar energy is not enough. Contact your elected representatives at the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission – they oversee local electric utilities. Demand the utilities cooperate and better support solar panels on the rooftops of your homes and businesses. Even if you don't have solar on your home or business yet, a phone call or email could help preserve your right to make your own electricity and help grow good jobs in Las Cruces.

Even though only 200 households in the El Paso Electric territory are using solar to supplement the power their homes consume, EPE is spending considerable time and money to reduce the current incentives. It is these incentives along with tax credits that make solar affordable for you.

Look around your neighborhood and see the solar panels frosting your neighbor's rooftops. It's working for them every day. Add your voice to ours and support growing this exciting and valuable industry.

Where do you stand on solar?

You can read more about this and previous Schott Solar Barometer reports online at www.us.schott.com/english/news/ index.html.



## A good start to the new Energy Star program

### Nine local builders sign up for EPE program to build more efficiently

**66** The program

offsets the cost

of home testing

and the additional

ROBIN HARDER,

construction cost.

By **Beth Sitzler**Las Cruces Bulletin

Since being established in the beginning of September, nine area builders have signed up for the El Paso Electric Energy Star New Homes Program.

Inspired by successful incentivized programs offered through utility companies around the country, the new El Paso Electric Co. program is designed to encourage builders to construct more energy-efficient homes.

"Builders who build Energy Star-qualified

homes have, at a minimum, homes that are 18 percent more efficient than code-built homes," said Robin Harder of ICF International, a global firm that offers consulting services and technology solutions in a variety of fields, including energy, environment infrastructure. "Some builders go as high as 80 percent above code.'

Through the program, participating

builders will receive monetary incentives to construct new Energy Star-qualified homes in the El Paso Electric Co. New Mexico service territory.

Harder said that while a number of builders in Las Cruces already build Energy Star homes, the program will give them a better understanding, as well as introduce the building practice to those who don't.

The program helps offset the cost of home testing and the additional construction costs," she said.

Dale Schueller of Schueller Homes was the first to sign up for the program. Already building Energy Star as well as Build Green New Mexico (BGNM) homes for several years, Schueller said the program is an opportunity to further that involvement.

"It's good for the client and it's good for the builder," he said. "It's the wave of the future."

Harder said the program will provide participants with marketing materials and the training and information needed to build Energy Star, including the five construction details important to an energy-efficient home.

First, she said, the builders will use highperformance windows that are either Energy

Star rated or incorporate low-E glass, which reflects heat.

Next, they will use properly sized heating and cooling equipment, which is typically too big. Harder said to properly size the unit, there are several factors to examine, such as size of the home, orientation, number of windows and volume, which includes ceiling height and insulation used.

"With a properly sized unit, it cycles the right length of time more efficiently," she said. "It's common in warmer climates to have more cooling, but it won't run a proper cycle and won't be efficient. With a properly sized unit, homeowners will have a more comfortable home. There will be more consistency with the home's temperature and more consistency in temperature from room to room."

Proper insulation also plays a major role in an energy-efficient home.

"The insulation needs to fully fill the framing cavity," Harder said. "When insulation fully fills the framing cavity, you don't get unwanted



When determining the thermal bypass, or tightness, of a home's envelope, the insulation of the framing and how well it is sealed is examined. This process is part of the El Paso Electric Energy Star New Home Program.

air flow through the walls."

The builders will also be required to use at least one Energy Star product, such as kitchen appliances, HVAC system, lighting and hot water heater.

Lastly, Harder said an energy-efficient home will have a tight building envelope, which is done through caulking gaps and sealing any cracks and crevices.

The tightness of the envelope will be verified by a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) rater who will track the progress of the home throughout the entire building process, beginning at framing.

The HERS rater is going to run a computer scenario (ResNet) to come up with an energy score on the home," Harder said.

The thermal bypass, or tightness, of the homes will be established by blower door and duct leakage tests.

"A home can't have more than 6 percent duct leakage," she said, adding that some existing homes can leak as much as five times that

After the tests have been completed, and a HERS rating has been determined, the builders will receive incentives ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 based on that rating.
For Michael Clifford of Team Builders Fine

Custom Homes, the program gives him the opportunity to learn more about building Energy Star homes while earning money for his efforts.

Currently building his first Energy Star home off Isleta Court, Clifford said he is interested in building homes according to Energy Star and BGNM certifications.

"From the program, I hope to gain new clients who are earth friendly and conscious, and who are willing to spend a little extra to reduce their carbon footprint," he said.

The home, which will be in the 2011 Spring Showcase of Homes, will feature 2,975 square feet of conditioned space as well as energyefficient appliances, spray foam insulation and solar panels.

By building Energy Star homes, Harder said all nine builders – which includes Robert Hall Homes, Soledad Canyon Earth Builders, Sun & Earth Inc., Tierra del Sol Housing Corp., Hakes Brothers, GL Green & Associates and Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity - will save their clients money on their electric bills as well as improve their comfort level.

'Customers have no control over the cost of fuel," she said. "With an Energy Star-qualified home, those customers know their monthly utility bills are going to be lower and they won't be in a situation that they can't live in a house they just purchased because the utility bill is astronomical."

With currently 23 homes registered in the program, Harder said their goal is to qualify 250 Energy Star homes by Dec. 15, 2011.



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**Closed Sales New Homes Closed Sales** 13 **Existing Homes** Pending Home 170 Sales (All)

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**Average Days** on Market (All)

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Same Week Last Year Last Week This Week **Median Price** \$161,950 \$159,625 \$181,475 **Median Price** \$165,000 \$169,000 \$133,500 **Existing** 

Same Week Last Year **Total Homes** 1,256 1,118 on Market (All) **Real Estate** 518 Agents

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## Frugal meals for the days after

#### Save money, reuse turkey leftovers in a spicy way

Raise a hand if you participated in any or all of the following after Thanksgiving Day shopping sprees: Black Friday, Small Business Day, Cyber Monday. Now raise both hands if you paid cash or used a debit card to purchase the "must have" items. Hmm ... that's what I thought.

Retailers may be in the black, but some buyers are in the red from the string of bargain days. A week of hot and spicy frugal meals will help appease "the guilts." Ransack the freezer for Thanksgiving dinner leftovers to create entrees that will stretch your dollars - to get you back on budget, back in the

#### **Healthy Hot and Sassy Sauce Fusilli**

1 tablespoon olive oil

2 cloves garlic, minced

1/4 cup fresh parsley, minced

4 cups ripe tomatoes, chopped

1 tablespoon fresh basil, chopped (or 1 teaspoon dried)

1 tablespoon oregano leaves, crushed (or 1 teaspoon dried)

1/4 teaspoon salt

Favorite hot sauce to taste

8 ounces uncooked fusilli pasta (4 cups cooked)

1/2 pound turkey breast, diced (or

shredded) into 1/2-inch pieces

Heat oil in medium saucepan. Sauté garlic and parsley until golden. Add tomatoes and spices. Cook uncovered over low heat for 15 minutes or until thickened, stirring frequently. If desired, add turkey and continue cooking for 15 minutes or until turkey is heated through and sauce is thick. Cook pasta in unsalted water until firm.

To serve, spoon sauce over pasta and sprinkle with coarsely chopped parsley. Serve hot as a main dish and cold for next day's lunch. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

#### **Green Chile and Turkey-Stuffed Cabbage**

1 head cabbage

1/2 pound lean ground beef

1/2 pound baked turkey breast, shredded and coarsely chopped

2 small onions, one minced, one sliced

1 slice stale whole wheat bread, crumbled

1/4 cup water

1/8 teaspoon black pepper

1 (4-ounce) can diced green chiles (medium-hot) or substitute fresh roasted

1 (16-ounce) can diced tomatoes

1 cup water

1 medium carrot, sliced

1 tablespoon lemon juice

2 tablespoons brown sugar 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Rinse and core cabbage. Carefully remove 10 outer leaves and place in saucepan. Cover with boiling water and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove cooked cabbage leaves and drain on paper towel. Shred 1/2 cup of raw cabbage and set aside.

Brown ground beef. Add minced turkey and minced onion in skillet. Sauté for 3 minutes. Drain fat.

Place cooked and drained meat mixture, bread crumbs, water, black pepper and green chile in mixing bowl. Drain tomatoes, reserving liquid, and add 1/2 cup tomato juice from can to meat mixture. Mix well. Place 1/4 cup of filling on each parboiled, drained cabbage leaf. Fold. Place folded side down

Add tomatoes, sliced onion, water, shredded cabbage and carrot. Cover and simmer for about 1 hour or until cabbage is tender, basting occasionally. Remove cabbage rolls to serving platter, keep warm.

Mix lemon juice, brown sugar and cornstarch together in small bowl. Add vegetables and liquid in skillet and cook, stirring occasionally, until thickened and clear. Serve over cabbage rolls. Makes 5 servings of two rolls each.

#### **Homemade Turkey Soup**

Turkey stock:

6 cups chicken broth

1 large onion, chopped

2 bay leaves

Giblets and neck bone from turkey

2 stalks celery with leaves

1 teaspoon dried parsley

Black or white pepper

In a large soup pot, heat the chicken broth and add remaining ingredients. Bring to boil, then cover and simmer for two hours, skimming any foam from the surface. Strain the stock into a large bowl and discard everything else. Let cool in refrigerator and skim any remaining fat that collects on top.

Turkey soup:

5 cups turkey stock

3 stalks celery, chopped

2 large potatoes peeled and cubed

2 red jalapeño peppers, stemmed, seeded and chopped

2 carrots, chopped

1 medium onion, chopped

1 tablespoon dried parsley

1 cup uncooked noodles

2 cups cooked turkey, cubed or shredded

In a large saucepan, combine turkey stock, celery, potatoes, red chile peppers, carrots, onion and parsley. Bring to a boil on high heat, then reduce to low heat, cover and simmer for 45 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add noodles and turkey meat. Simmer until noodles are tender. To meld flavors, refrigerate overnight and serve the next day. Makes 6 servings.

#### **Grilled Feta Cheese Turkey Burgers with Yogurt Sauce**

**Burger:** 

1pound ground turkey

2 tablespoons fresh oregano 1/4 teaspoon red chile powder

1/4 cup feta cheese

1/3 cup olives (green or Kalamata)

1 teaspoon minced garlic

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#### **Sunny Conley** Chile Knights



1/2 teaspoon salt Dash pepper

Yogurt sauce: 2 cups plain yogurt 1/4 cup feta cheese 2 tablespoons fresh or dried dill Salt to taste

Tomato and grilled onions, sliced for garnish

Pre-heat grill. In a medium-sized bowl, mix together turkey, oregano, red chile powder, feta cheese, olives, garlic, salt and pepper. Make patties. Place on grill to cook for about 5 minutes on each side or until desired doneness.

Meanwhile, prepare the yogurt sauce by mixing together yogurt, feta cheese, dill, and salt. Set aside.

Place cooked burgers on a bun and top with yogurt sauce. Add grilled onions or tomatoes for additional flavor. Makes 5

#### Tom Turkey's Club Pizza With **Spicy Avocado Sauce**

1 pound baked turkey breast or dark meat, if preferred

1 medium onion, thinly sliced

1/2 pound thick cut three-pepper bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled

1/2 cup spicy guacamole

1 teaspoon lemon juice

1/4 to 1/2 cup mayonnaise (to taste)

4 to 6 large slices soft white cheese such

as Muenster, farmer's or Swiss

pizza crust, baked (homemade or purchased)

Salt and pepper

Mix guacamole with mayonnaise. Add lemon juice and salt and pepper. Mix well.

Spread sauce over entire pre-baked pizza crust, stopping just before edges. Cover sauce with turkey, then onion slices, then crumbled bacon. Lay slices of cheese over entire pizza. Broil in oven just until cheese starts to melt, about 2 to 3 minutes. Top with chilled cranberry sauce, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Sunny Conley, a former Las Crucen, is an award-winning cookbook author and food columnist. If you have a chile recipe or idea to share, contact Sunny at sunny.conley@gmail.com.



### **Homeowners: Beware of rodents**

#### Global climate change is the main cause for migrating pests

Global climate changes may lead to outbreaks of diseases carried by insects and rodents, and humans will have to increase pest control efforts to stave off serious health issues.

With the arrival of West Nile in the United States over the last few decades, we've seen the tip of the iceberg with this issue. In fact, there have been 22 reported cases of West Nile Virus in New Mexico in 2010, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Warmer winters will only intensify the problem. It means people will have to pay attention to controlling mosquitoes and other insects that transmit these diseases.

Avian flu is another threat that can hitch a ride with insect and rodent pests, as well as birds.

It's important, especially with winter on the horizon, that homeowners take precaution to keep rats and insect pests out of their homes. Even if rats aren't trying to escape the cooler temperatures, they will be seeking water and food and protection from predators, and houses are an ideal place for a rodent

- Common rodent pests homeowners can expect include: The roof rat, which is also known as the ship rat or black rat. The pests spread disease through droppings and urine. They live in coastal areas and are very common in seaports.
- The Norway rat, which is also known as the house rat and is the most widely distributed rat in the United States. Like its cousin the roof rat, it also spreads disease through droppings and urine, but it is stronger, more aggressive and bigger, weighing between 12 to 16 ounces. These rats prefer meats and proteins to fruits and vegetables, and they have



**Barry Murray** The Bug Guy

adapted to cooler climates better than any other rat species. House mice. This rodent can contaminate food and carry

diseases, such as salmonellosis, rickettsial pox, lymphocytic choriomenigitis, leptospirosis, ratbite fever, tularemia and dermatitis

Some simple steps to follow to help prevent rodent infestations include:

- Seal all food tightly and never allow food to accumulate in open containers.
- If rodent droppings are found, they should be immediately cleaned.
- Check for torn screens and loose attic vents. Seemingly insignificant openings can give rodents access to your home or business.
- Be certain that garbage can lids fit securely.

As national spokesperson for Truly Nolen of America, Barry "The Bug Guy" Murray has more than 20 years of experience in the pest control industry. Murray brings an informative and uniquely entertaining perspective to pest problems of the 21st century. Founded in 1938, Tucson, Ariz.-based Truly Nolen of America is one of the largest family owned pest control companies in the United States. For more information, to ask the expert a question or to see the brand-new "Insect Inquirer" blog, visit www.trulynolen.com.











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