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Year in Review

2010 – Victories and challenges

Dreams fulfilled amid struggles

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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To describe 2010 for Las Cruces and southern New Mexico in a single sentence is not easy.

On a number of fronts, longtime dreams were fulfilled:

- Las Cruces once again sent a governor to the Roundhouse with the historic election of Susana Martinez. (See related story on page A3.)
- Also historic was the arrival of Barbara Couture, New Mexico State University's first permanent woman president.
- Construction of Spaceport America, north of Las Cruces, is nearly completed – an effort that has taken more than 20 years and is already attracting international attention to the area. (See related story on page A11.)
- The Las Cruces Convention Center, an effort that also has taken many years to complete, opened its doors.
- A new federal courthouse, City Hall and Regional Aquatic Center have changed the city's profile. Work on re-opening Main Street continues as the Downtown revitalization effort picks up steam, attracting several new businesses.

Although the city wasn't hit as hard as some communities by the recession, its key non-government industry of construction slowed considerably. (See related stories in the Business and Homes sections.)

State government support, which helped pay for much of the new construction projects, will be harder to come by in 2011 with a \$400 million budgetary shortfall. Besides one-time construction money becoming more scarce, regular funding to municipal and county governments to offset losses of gross receipts taxes through food and medical exemptions could be in jeopardy as lawmakers seek ways to cut spending.

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Gov.-elect Susana Martinez and her running mate John Sanchez are showered with confetti at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces on election night after giving her acceptance speech.

Martinez pulls off upset

New governor already made history

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

On New Year's Day, Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, a new era will begin in New Mexico politics when Susana Martinez is sworn in as governor.

Not only is she the first woman to be elected as governor in New Mexico, she will be the first Hispanic woman in the nation's history to be a governor.

Perhaps it was a historic gravitational pull that helped Martinez beat Democratic Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, because even the assured four-term Doña Ana County district attorney admitted she was the underdog when she first announced her run at Roberto's Mexican Food in July 2009.

She quickly lined up endorsements and traveled the state to win over Republicans for the nomination in June. The intense campaign that followed had both women spending millions into the final months of the election.

Martinez's campaign made ending corruption in state government a central theme. Her opposition to issuing driver's licenses to illegal immigrants also struck a chord with voters worried about the violence in Mexico.

Gov. Bill Richardson's inability to head off

the state's growing budgetary shortfall didn't help Denish. The shortfall was estimated at more than \$250 million during the election and now it is more than \$400 million.

Denish's campaign was also a victim of self-inflicted wounds, especially from calling Martinez a "Tejana" in reference to her growing up in El Paso.

Martinez responded to the characterization in her victory speech when she said her win showed "that someone who grew up in a working-class family a few miles from the border can achieve anything. I hope the message sent to all those children watching tonight is the American Dream is alive and well, and with hard work, dedication and honesty, everything and anything is possible in the greatest state in the greatest nation on earth."

Martinez will be sworn in at 10 a.m. Saturday on the Santa Fe plaza, followed by a public reception at noon at the New Mexico Museum of Art's St. Francis Auditorium. At 2 p.m., she will hold a Children's Inaugural Ball at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. The Bold Inaugural Ball starts at 8 p.m. at the Santa Fe Convention Center. Before leaving for Santa Fe, Martinez held a send-off at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

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From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

Looking back on 2010

2010 was a very good year in Las Cruces and 2011 is expected to be even better

In this week's Bulletin, our writers and editors take a look back at some of the important and entertaining highlights of 2010. This "year-in-review" edition is always one of my favorites as we are reminded of the many reasons why we choose to live in Las Cruces.

Highlights of the year include a Las Cruces, Susana Martinez, being elected governor, and another state championship for the Mayfield Trojan football team. The New Mexico State University Aggies won Western Athletic Conference titles in men's golf and men's basketball. We welcomed Barbara Couture as the new president of NMSU and Bill Allen as the new president/CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. The City of Las Cruces celebrated the opening of our new City Hall, a new aquatic center and the long-awaited opening of our new convention center. Monte Vista Elementary and Mesa Middle schools both opened on the East Mesa.

Other openings include the magistrate court building and the impressive federal courthouse in the Downtown area. Construction began Downtown for the final phase to open Main Street, a project that, once completed, should add tremendous vitality to the retail center of our city. Additional construction projects are now under way for our newest high school, the NMSU Arts Center and the new bookstore on the NMSU campus.

Preliminary census statistics indicate that Las Cruces has maintained its position as the second largest city in New Mexico. Several economic forecasts project Las Cruces to be one of the fastest-growing cities in the nation over the next decade. Reasons for this optimism include great weather, friendly, hardworking people, being a safe place to live and an excellent strategic location on the Rio Grande at the confluence of Interstate highways 10 and 25.

It appears that 2011 will bring the addition of a couple of major retailers CVS Pharmacy and Pro's Ranch Market. Spaceport America will continue to interest a variety of high-tech innovators. These factors support the idea of a strong potential demand for housing in Las Cruces.

We are pleased that the Las Cruces community has continued to embrace the Bulletin as its local, hometown newspaper. In an era when job-hopping has become the norm, we have been blessed to have maintained continuity in our staffing. We have several members who have now been with our young company more than five years. Those include editors Todd Dickson and John Keith, reporters Marvin Tessner and Craig Massey, advertising manager Claire Frohs, production manager Rachel Courtney and assistant to the publisher Stephanie Griffin.

Because our company has continued to grow and expand in Las Cruces, we have also been able to add several new positions this year. Bulletin newcomers this year included ad salesperson Jason Scott, administrative assistant Cyndi Armijo, circulation manager Joey Morales, designers Rafael Torres and Steven Parra, writers David Edwards and Samantha Roberts and accountant Gisela Torres. The Bulletin's extended family increased by two as art director Theresa Montoya Basaldua and accountant Gisela Torres brought baby girls into the world in 2010 (Ava Rose and Jacqueline, respectively). In September, Richard Coltharp joined the Bulletin as general manager. All other employees have been with our company between one to five years. In addition to our loyal employees, we also work with a couple dozen independent contractors including writers, photographers and carriers. Each person has contributed to our company's growing success over the past several years.

Highlights of the Bulletin's year in 2010 included two of our most popular magazines, the Southwest New Mexico Legislative Guide and the second edition of the "Life is Good in Las Cruces" community guide. Both colorful magazines were delivered statewide and helped to tell the story of why Las Cruces and southwest New Mexico are important to the state of New Mexico.

Thanks to each of our employees, our readers and all the people who make Las Cruces such a special place to live, work and play. We wish each of you a Happy New Year, and the very best in 2011.



Letters to the Editor

Policing for justice

The recent problems associated with the police performing their duties reminds me of talks I gave at the police academy years ago on justice. I tried to explain how justice, properly understood, was the goal of lawyers, police and, quite surprisingly, all of us. Unfortunately, justice is not a conscious aim and this explains all the aberrant behavior we witness.

My point: Let us get back to basics. Everyone, especially civil servants, need to understand justice – rendering to everyone what is rightfully their due. We need to realize that a democracy is measured by the extent to which justice prevails. It is wishful thinking to recite in the Pledge of Allegiance that we have liberty and justice for all when we don't.

Anthony Avallone

Kiwanis offer thanks

Recently, the Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces held its annual Christmas CanTree Drive and collected more than 2,200 pounds of food, which was distributed to the Gospel Rescue Mission, El Caldito Soup Kitchen, Casa de los Peregrinos and Character Kids. It is at times like these, with the depressed economy on everyone's minds, that the spirit of giving truly shines through. The Las Cruces community stepped up to the plate and unselfishly gave, hoping to brighten the Christmas holiday of

those less fortunate. For that gift of altruism, we are truly grateful.

Additionally, the Kiwanis would like to thank Curtis Rosemond and all of his employees at the WalMart store on Walton Boulevard for allowing us to collect food at their location. A special thanks also goes to Oscar Andrade of PicQuik for his more than generous donation of \$1,000 to buy canned goods and staples, which served as the base for the CanTree. Without the help of these two businesses, and the community's spirit of giving, the holiday season would be just another day on the calendar for some very deserving people in Las Cruces. On their behalf, we thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts.

Debra Melcher
Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces

Medicare a lifesaver

This is a positive report for Medicare. I was very lucky to have medical insurance all the days I worked. That was very lucky because I had a minor hereditary medical problem that kept needing minor surgeries, all expensive.

The day I retired and began to collect Social Security I also began to pay for Medicare. That has not only saved my life. It has extended it I never expected to live this long, but I am still healthy at almost 80. Regular medical care has made all the difference. Thank you, America.

Patti Graff

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Predictions used to be so easy

Richardson stays in Santa Fe, Susana Martinez arrives

After closely watching the New Mexico political scene for more than 50 years, it had become fun and easy to predict events of the next year. Regardless of what was said by our politicians, actual events fell into a predictable pattern.

Until two years ago, that is. At almost exactly this same time in 2008, Gov. Bill Richardson announced he would not be leaving New Mexico midway through his second term to join the cabinet of the incoming Barack Obama presidency.

Lt. Gov. Diane Denish's transition team had about finished its work. Bill Richardson was just an afterthought. And then came the bombshell. Richardson wasn't leaving.

His 500 political appointees, who had been busily assuring Denish of their loyalty, were running over each other in the Roundhouse hallways to reassure Richardson they were still solidly in his corner. And my predictions of what would be happening during a Denish administration could be thrown in the waste can.

Despite losing her chance to take over early as governor, Denish built up a \$2 million campaign war chest and scared out all possible Democratic challengers. And both Steve Pearce and Heather Wilson, considered Denish's two toughest possible opponents, had decided this wasn't the time to run for governor.

Denish looked unbeatable. It was at that point that I boldly predicted Denish would best Allen Weh for governor. But Gov.-elect Susana Martinez came from statewide obscurity to a place on the national stage in less than a year.

This coming year will be equally difficult to call. Who knows how Martinez's first year in the saddle will go? She still is a relatively unknown quantity. I have been chided for putting her on the national stage before even serving a day in office.

But let me remind you that 10 years ago, when Bill Richardson was still working for the Clinton administration and Gary Johnson had just begun his campaign to legalize drugs, I predicted both would be running for president before the decade was over.

Everyone but Bill Richardson told me I was crazy. I may not be crazy about Martinez's possibilities either. There is ample evidence Martinez still is receiving national assistance to assure a successful tenure in office.

Martinez made public schools and Medicaid priorities during her campaign. Her choices for cabinet secretaries of the Public Education Department and the Human Services Department were both people of national stature – probably not an accident.

A year ago, I picked Reps. Martin Heinrich and Ben Ray Lujan to win their congressional seats again. I demurred on the Teague-Pearce race. I picked libertarian-leaning Adam Kokesh to win the 3rd Congressional District Republican primary.

I based that on Kokesh's fundraising ability and his aggressive full-time campaign. I should have heeded an anonymous tip from a GOP leader that beating Kokesh was a Republican Party priority because the guy was scary.

I predicted New Mexico's economy would remain bad throughout this year despite legislative predictions of a 6-percent increase. That was an easy one. So was my prediction that ethics reform would continue to receive much lip service but little action.

We heard much about ethics and corruption during the recent political campaigns but it isn't likely to result in any stricter laws.

My prediction that former Gov. Gary Johnson would

Jay Miller
Inside the Capitol



become more visible nationally but wouldn't get invited to any Republican functions because of his libertarian views on drug legalization and foreign entanglements turned out to be only half right. He has been invited to Republican functions in states with early presidential primaries.

And my final prediction, which proved accurate, was that Billy the Kid would remain in the news in a big way this year. That was an easy one too because Richardson was sure to take one last shot at linking his name with the world's most famous New Mexican.

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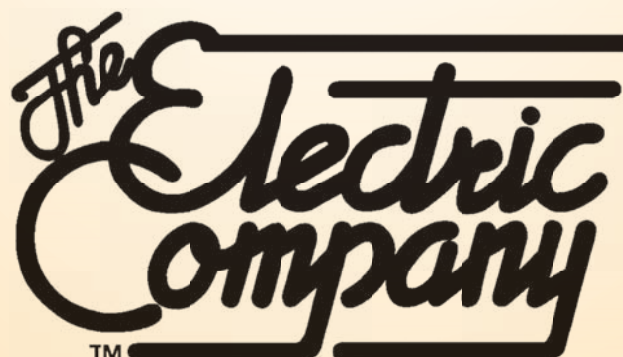
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Out with the old, in with the new

Aspiring writer dumps frustrations on hapless watchman

This is the time of the year when people say, "Out with the old, in with the new." Others say, "In with the new, keep the old."

Some years ago my father had just passed away. My mother was in a nursing home because she needed 24-hour care. It was in the first year of my Ph.D.

I had to clean out their house 70 miles from my home and sell it to pay for the nursing home. I had a tight deadline. Wading through 40 years of stuff, I separated it into sentimental stuff to keep, stuff to give to charity and trash.

I bought large garbage bags, 40 to a box, 22 boxes in all, 880 bags plus lots of shopping bags. I took the big bags 30 at a time out to the dump in my pickup.

It is amazing how many plastic butter tubs

people can use and then keep in the course of 40 years of marriage. The infuriating thing was: trash, trash, treasure, trash, treasure, trash, trash, trash. The trash was intertwined with the good stuff so I couldn't just trash everything. Each day I would go to class and then drive 70 miles to see my mom and work on the house. I did much of the work on weekends. One day my mother asked what I was doing.

I said without thinking, "Hauling stuff to the dump."

She looked concerned, "What for?"

It was like I was hauling the family jewels to the dump.

"Just some tree branches," I reassured her.

Then it was final exam week at the college, and I only had a couple of days before the house had to be empty. I shuttled between the two towns night and day. I kept hauling those trash bags out to the dump. Each time the watchman looked at the water bill I took with me to see that it was domestic trash and then waved me through the gate.

Finally I worked through the night and loaded the last group of bags in the truck. With

red-rimmed eyes I headed out to the dump for the last time. When I got there that morning the watchman looked at the truck suspiciously.

"I don't know," he said with a shake of his head. "You say you have hauled all of this from one house. You know what I think? I think you are hauling trash for a living."

Suddenly my tiredness was gone. I was furious. I jumped out of the truck, grabbed him and dragged him to the back of the truck.

"I'm an artist," I hissed. "I don't haul trash for a living, I write stories, do I look like a trashman?"

I ripped open the first bag.

"Look at this mess my parents kept. This letter that says my parents might have won 3,000 dollars a year for life; do you know how old this junk mail is? Well do you?"

I still had him by the collar and he shook his head, though I suspect I was scaring him because he said, "I'm sorry, go on ahead, it's all right."

But I was just getting wound up. I pulled more bags down and ripped them open while I showed him what my parents had

Michael Swickard

In My Opinion



saved: TV dinner forks, used plastic straws, magazines, partially used tissues, ash trays from Las Vegas, even junk mail which was not for my parents but was misdelivered by the post office. He finally was able to slip from my grip and run back to his shack.

"Go on," he shouted at me.

I had more stuff to show, but he wouldn't come back. I picked up some of the stuff to put in my truck.

"Just go," he shouted, obviously not trusting me. "I'll get that stuff later."

So I drove on up to the dump. By then I felt a lot better having gotten that out of my system, but when I stopped to say thanks to the watchman, he was gone.

So it's time for out with the old, in with the new. We should recycle some of those old butter tubs before some other dump watchman gets scared.

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Opponents still fear wilderness bill

Rancher: Iranians lurking in Mexico waiting to cross border

By **Marvin Tessneer**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Although Senate Majority leader Harry Reid dropped his plans on Dec. 21 to put an omnibus land bill to vote during the lame-duck session of Congress, southern New Mexico ranchers still are concerned a proposed wilderness bill may be resubmitted, rancher Steve Wilmeth said.

The omnibus bill contained 110 land and water legislation proposals, including the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Wilderness Act, co-sponsored by New Mexico Democratic Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall.

The proposal called for 241,400 acres of federal land in Doña Ana County be designated as wilderness and another 99,150 acres of federal land to receive a less restrictive National Conservation Area designation.

A Doña Ana County coalition of more than 800 individuals and businesses is concerned that it could still get passed in the future, which the group contends would be a threat to border security.

"There were simply too many unresolved concerns in the omnibus bill, as it was presented, to pound this legislation through Congress," Wilmeth said.

Wilmeth, a fifth-generation New Mexico rancher, is active with the pro-ranch People for the Preservation of Our Western Heritage.

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico and Las Cruces Association of Realtors have opposed the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Wilderness Act.

"The opposition to the bill entails continuing concerns of border security, flood control and unknown National Conservation Area actions in the future," Wilmeth said. "Never has there been a question of the preservation of these lands. The question has been how to preserve them in the light of various concerns."

"Sen. Bingaman has never acknowledged or responded to questions of storm water management by the Doña Ana Soil and Management Water and Conservation District."

Wilmeth charged these concerns aren't being given enough consideration.

"The news media diminish the reports or just push them aside," Wilmeth claimed.

"The bill that Sen. Bingaman introduced along with Sen. Udall would do a lot to improve border security in the area," Bingaman spokeswoman Jude McCartin said. "For example, it would give Border Patrol agents significantly more flexibility than they currently have to perform routine patrols."

Bill's future unclear

Bingaman said that he needs a few weeks to think about the possibility of reintroducing the bill in the next Congressional session. The U.S. Senate was faced with several issues that it tried to resolve before Congress adjourns, such as the arms control treaty with Russia and a bill to aid 9/11 first-responders.

Congress ran out of time before it had a chance to consider the public lands package, even though the bills contained in it had bipartisan support, McCartin said.

The original wording in Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Wilderness Act deferred too many unknowns because the Wilderness Act of 1964 does not allow roads or mechanical vehicles, which the coalition charges would curtail patrolling by law enforcement. Proponents counter that government agencies have agreed to cooperate in wilderness areas for the sake of national security.

The agreement doesn't hold the weight of law as does the original wilderness enabling law, Wilmeth said, and therefore be easily be thrown out by the courts.

The Potrillos are close to the U.S.-Mexico border and offer the kind of seclusion that has been used by human and narcotic smugglers in Arizona, Wilmeth argued.

Bingaman's office counters that it has redrawn the proposed southern border for the Potrillos to provide a 5-mile buffer zone where the Border Patrol can regularly patrol and conduct surveillance.

Opponents of the wilderness proposal remain unconvinced.

Below the Potrillos is a transcontinental railroad that has four to six trains standing there at any time awaiting priority for rerouting, Wilmeth said.

"We know that people from other countries, like Iran, are landing in Mexico and can easily cross the border there," Wilmeth said.

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Legislature 2011

Meet the freshman lawmakers

Only one Democrat among 12 new state House members

By **Steve Terrell**
The New Mexican

There are two high-school teachers and one retired high-school principal among the incoming freshmen elected last month to the state House of Representatives.

There are also two involved in real estate, an engineer at a national laboratory, a surgeon, one in the construction business and one in the structure-moving business.

And don't forget the lawyers. Three more lawyers will fill the ranks of state lawmakers in the upcoming session.

There are 11 new Republicans and one new Democrat who were elected on Nov. 2, a net gain of eight seats for the GOP. In addition to this dozen, there will be a yet-to-be appointed replacement for Rep. Keith Gardner, R-Roswell, who was chosen by Gov.-elect Susana Martinez to be her chief of staff.

That means more than a third of the Republican caucus will be first-year

representatives.

The New Mexican recently interviewed all 12 new House members to ask them about various issues.

As one would expect after the big Republican gains in the election, they're a more conservative group, and they're excited to be working with a new Republican governor.

Most of those interviewed said they want to take time to study the finances before offering specific solutions to the projected \$400 million budget shortfall.

Most said they want to avoid across-the-board layoffs of state employees, but that everything has to be on the table – such as employee layoffs and more furloughs – and most said cuts in benefits also might have to be considered. Everything has to be looked at, except, say the incoming Republicans, raising taxes.

All the new members interviewed agreed with Martinez's pledge to sell the state jet purchased during the Richardson

administration. Many of them say the state might have to seriously consider the possibility of stopping the Rail Runner commuter train between Santa Fe and Belen.

Among the new lawmakers, there's overwhelming support for a law to require doctors to notify parents of girls seeking abortions. There's virtually no support among the freshmen for a bill to allow same-sex couples to enter into state-sanctioned domestic-partnership arrangements. All the Republicans interviewed say they'd vote to bring back the death penalty for some murders.

But they're split on some issues. For instance, about half of those interviewed say they're inclined to agree with Martinez that the state should dismantle the Health Department's medical-marijuana program – which was passed in 2007 with bipartisan support, including a majority of GOP senators. But several of the newbies say they're not sure whether they would repeal the program.

Restored history



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Members of the Doña Ana Historical Preservation Committee – Julia Serna, David Giron, Marano Martinez, Teresa Reyes, state Sen. Mary Jane Garcia and Yolanda Gonzales – gather Thursday, Dec. 23, by the restored bar of the De La O Saloon, which will become a community center. Since 1977, the group has been able to get \$800,000 in state grants to restore several adobe buildings dating back to 1850 as part of the village's revitalization efforts.

Meet the new lawmakers

Rick Little, R-Chaparral

Rick Little moves structures for a living. He defeated Democratic incumbent Nate Cote in the general election.

Instead of building new community colleges, Little said the state should look at the possibility of using existing school buildings to conduct classes. "They're empty at night," he said.

Terry McMillan, R-Las Cruces

Terry McMillan is an ear, nose and throat surgeon. He defeated Rep. Jeff Steinborn in November.

McMillan said one way to trim the budget would be to reform Medicaid, with the state establishing co-pays. McMillan said he needs more information about the state's medical-marijuana program. "I know there's a group of patients who really benefit from it," he said. "There are appropriate uses of all drugs, even cocaine and morphine."

Alonzo Baldonado, R-Los Lunas

Alonzo Baldonado, a real-estate salesman, won a seat that has belonged to Democrats for years. He beat Democrat Julian Luna in the general election. Luna defeated incumbent Elias Barela in the Democratic primary.

While the Rail Runner commuter train has become a symbol of government excess for many Republicans, Baldonado says his community benefits greatly from the train.

Cathrynn Brown, R-Carlsbad

Cathrynn Brown is a Carlsbad lawyer. Her husband, Mike, is an engineer who works for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

She defeated House Democratic caucus Chairman John Heaton. She has served two terms as Eddy County GOP chairwoman and has been on Carlsbad's Right to Life board.

Brown is a skeptic on global warming. "I believe Al Gore's movie 'An Inconvenient Truth' was helpful," she said. "It gave us sources to evaluate. It was helpful in debunking the theory."

David Chavez, R-Los Lunas

"I was born and raised in the state Capitol," David Chavez joked in a recent interview. He's the son of the late Tibo Chavez, a former lieutenant governor and state senator – and a Democrat who ran for governor in the 1970s.

George Dodge Jr., D-Santa Rosa

George Dodge Jr. is the only new Democrat entering the Legislature this year. He won the seat held by Joe Campos, who ran for lieutenant governor instead of seeking re-election.

As a Democrat, Dodge probably would be classified as moderate-to-conservative. He's a believer in global warming but doesn't like the proposed cap-and-trade program

David Doyle, R-Corrales

David Doyle, a first-time candidate, defeated Democrat Ben Rodefur for his seat. He's the owner of a construction business.

Legislators, as a part of the move to reorganize the government, will consider combining the Tourism and Economic Development departments. Doyle said he's against that. "I see Tourism as the marketing department for the state," he said. "It creates jobs. I want to see more emphasis on that and on economic development."

Nate Gentry, R-Albuquerque

Lawyer Nate Gentry has never been in the state Legislature, but he's got experience in the U.S. Congress. He worked for U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici and for three years served as legal counsel for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. He currently practices law in Albuquerque, specializing in environmental law. He defeated Democrat Karen Giannini for the seat.

Gentry said he supports the state's medical-marijuana program and is one of the three freshmen interviewed who said evolution should be taught in schools without having to teach creationism.

Yvette Herrell, R-Alamogordo

Yvette Herrell is one freshman who won't be completely

lost when she comes to the Roundhouse for the next session. She worked for two years as a legislative assistant in Santa Fe for Rep. Dianne Hamilton, R-Silver City, and more recently for Rep. Nora Espinoza, R-Roswell.

Conrad James, R-Albuquerque

Conrad James is an engineer who has worked for Sandia National Laboratories for the past eight years. He earned a doctoral degree in applied and engineering physics from Cornell University. He's replacing Rep. Janice Arnold-Jones, who gave up her seat to make a bid for governor.

Jim Smith, R-Sandia Park

Jim Smith is a science and technology teacher. He's been in the profession for 15 years, the last five at East Mountain High School, a charter school. Smith says he's a strong supporter of charter schools, which are publicly funded but have more autonomy. "I'm not a big supporter of (school) vouchers," he said, taking a stance different from many Republicans.

Tim Lewis, R-Rio Rancho

Tim Lewis is another Republican schoolteacher coming into the Legislature. He teaches business at Cibola High School in Albuquerque. He beat Democrat Jack Thomas in November.

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White Sands Missile Range remains a strength to the economy. The base being home to the 2nd Engineer Battalion has brought the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan home through deployments and a war casualty – Sgt. Brian J. Pedro, 27, of Rosamond, Calif., from wounds suffered in an insurgent attack in Afghanistan.

Supporters of creating wilderness areas in the county had hung their hopes on it being passed by the current Congress, but an omnibus bill carrying the controversial legislation was pulled in the final hours of the lame-duck session. (See related story on page A6.)

So, while there is progress to point to, there are other signs that urge caution and carry concern.

NMSU's triumphs and travails

Couture had barely enough time to get unpacked from her move to NMSU before heading off to the last legislative session – with much at risk as the state's budgetary crisis came more clearly into focus.

The post-session assessment was painful with the state cutting NMSU's instruction and general budget for the Las Cruces campus total by 9.8 percent, or \$12.3 million. It was the largest percentage decrease among the four-year institutions in New Mexico.

Couture returned from Santa Fe recognizing a trend to reduce the state's share of higher education funding.

"The state is very generous to higher education, 15 percent of the appropriation budget goes to higher education, and that is higher than many other states," she said after the session. "They're tightening their belt, and I believe they are looking at higher education to carry more of its own costs."

Couture put out the call to the university community to find cost-effective measures for



Garrey Carruthers, former governor and current dean of New Mexico State University's College of Business, visits with state Rep. Joseph Cervantes at the Governor's Mansion during Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe in late January. Some would like to see Cervantes become the House speaker at the start of the next session.

running the institution. NMSU also raised tuition by an average of 8 percent and cut departments by an average of 4 percent.

Couture, whose inauguration coincided with the fall convocation, urged those working for the university to be builders instead of critics. Her charge: "Get to work and create a new era for NMSU."

Cooperative accomplishments

The new Las Cruces City Hall officially opened in April. Consolidating city functions into a 117,000-square-foot building allowed

the state Workforce Solutions Department to provide more services at the old city hall. The city's other office building, the old hospital on Alameda Boulevard, is being considered for an affordable housing project.

The new City Hall was made possible by the City Council of 2005-06 approving revenue bonds to pay for the building, which was built on a site that used to be a supermarket the city acquired. The final cost of the new City Hall, however, exceeded \$30 million and added further scrutiny to the city's move to a Construction Manager At Risk process for choosing the construction contractor, a process that was supposed to control costs.

South of the three-story City Hall, the new \$91 million, five-story federal courthouse opened by mid-year.

In October, the \$13 million Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center opened. The 35,000-square-foot facility was made possible

with local legislators pooling together capital outlay funds with some matching state dollars and the city providing the land in its Hadley Sports Complex. The center has a recreational pool with water slide and play features, a 25-meter lap pool, lazy river and room to add recreational facilities in the future.

Las Cruces finally got its convention center through a cooperative effort. The city partnered with NMSU, which provided the land on the corner of University and Union avenues and will use the facility to help train students in its School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management.

The Las Cruces Convention Center opened in early December for small events and already has a number of groups booked in the coming year.

Another cooperative venture resulted in the opening of the Early College High School by Las Cruces Public Schools. The academically focused high school has students learning in a higher-education environment. The school is being built on the NMSU campus at its Arrowhead Research Park, but Doña Ana Community College provided the classroom space for ECHS' first group of students this school year.

Just before Christmas, La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services worked with the city, local businesses, civic groups and the state – with \$250,000 of stimulus money provided for start of operations – to open a Child Crisis Center at a building on the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope campus that once housed homeless families, but in recent years was only being used for storage.

In between these major events, there have been a number of government policies and actions that have been debated considerably – traffic enforcement cameras, a citywide cell phone ban, a new curbside recycling program, the future of the Las Cruces Country Club property, to name a few.

Protracted litigation and worry about the future of water supplies were the reasons given by Las Cruces officials to begin a process that could result in the city taking over Moongate Water Co.

The national debate around illegal immigration and border security has reached Las Cruces and other cities in the Southwest as violence in Mexico crossed over into an isolated area of Arizona.



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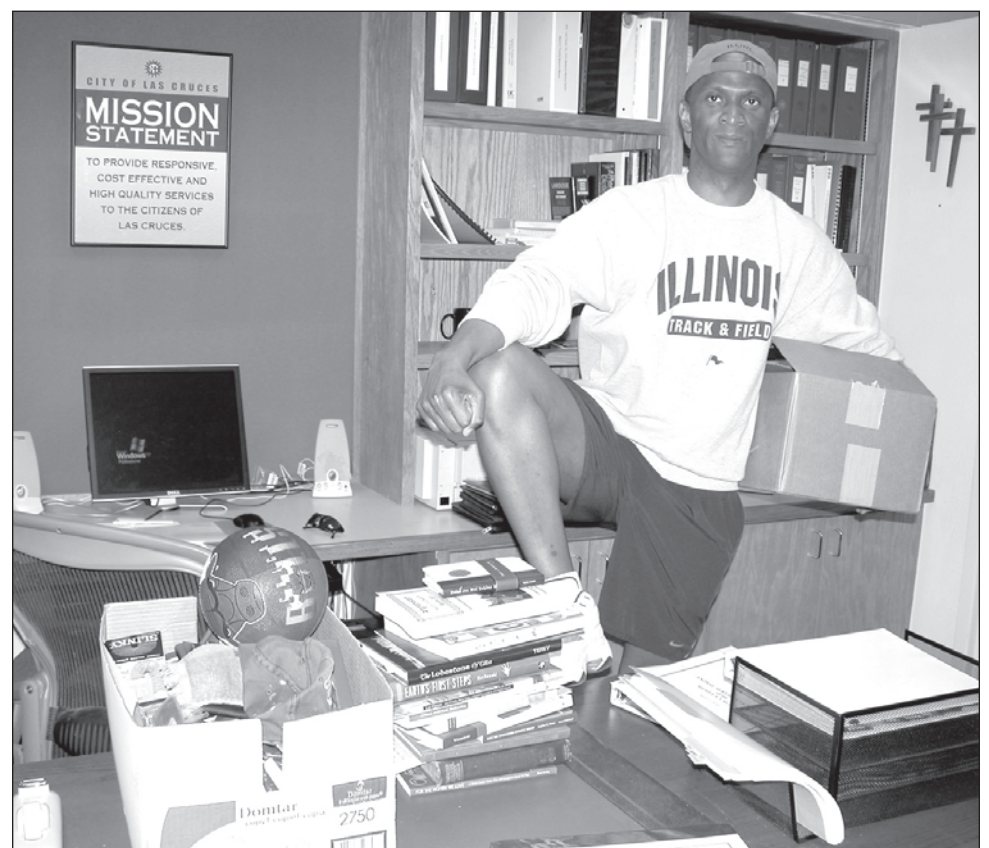
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City Manager Terrence Moore was uncommonly dressed relaxed as he moved his office possessions to the new City Hall at the end of March. Moore has had to move again after accepting the position of city manager for Morgantown, W.Va. His last official day as Las Cruces city manager is Friday, Dec. 31.



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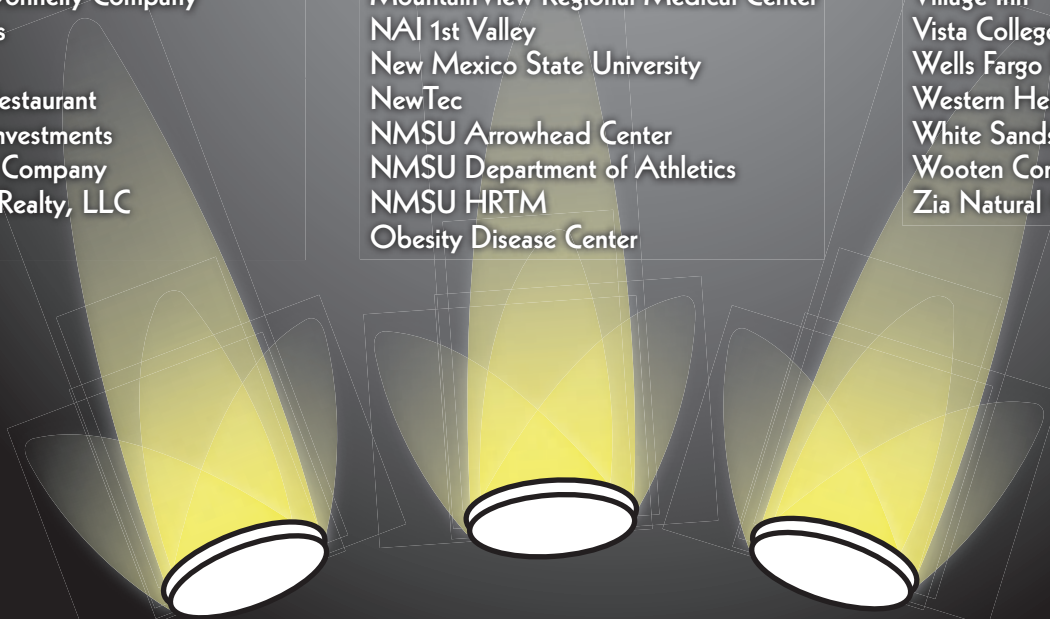
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Spaceport takes shape

Virgin Galactic lands on its future home

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

Despite some minor glitches and a change in leadership, the \$209 million construction of Spaceport America is nearly complete.

For a select few among the hundreds attending a runway dedication ceremony Oct. 22, a spaceport in southern New Mexico built for the next generation of private spaceflight was becoming real after 20 years of effort.

Once testing is completed in the coming year, Virgin Galactic – Spaceport America's anchor tenant and the leading company attempting to make spaceflight more accessible – will fly passengers into suborbital space for \$200,000 a ticket.

Also at the ceremony were 30 future space passengers from among the more than 380 future astronauts who have put money down on their spaceflights. More than \$50 million has been collected.

A landing by Virgin Galactic's spaceliner prototype was as much an attraction as its creator Richard Branson, the British billionaire who is funding development of the mid-air launch system and the private space company.

The ceremony served as a final hurrah for Gov. Bill Richardson who took a major political gamble in getting lawmakers to agree to fund the venture on a new emerging industry.

So far, testing of the carrier aircraft has gone well, reaching altitudes and durations that it will have to fly daily once operations begin. The actual spaceship has only taken "capture-carry" flights, but has successfully made a free-fall glide test at the Mojave, Calif., spaceport and airport where it is being perfected by Burt Rutan's Scaled Composites.

It is based on the technology and spaceflight

system that Rutan used to win the \$10 million X PRIZE for successful back-to-back privately funded flights to suborbital space.

The 42-inch-thick runway can handle any aircraft. It is made up of 24 inches of compacted earth – including a layer mixed with cement, covered by four inches of asphalt and finished with a 14-inch layer of concrete.

Virgin Galactic is Spaceport America's anchor tenant, with the two-mile runway primarily for its use. Virgin Galactic flights will be staged out of the Terminal Hangar Facility now taking shape.

Designed by Foster + Partners, the 110,000-square-foot building appears to emerge out of the desert floor, which serves a dual purpose. The building's shape, facing the west, is meant to blend in with the desert to protect the views from the historic Camino Real – an early Spanish trade route from central Mexico to Santa Fe. Buried deep in the earthen berm are tubes to absorb natural heating and cooling and provide a 65-percent reduction in power needs. The building is designed to be as sustainable as possible and is expected to earn LEED gold certification.

The building and roof is made up of more than 9,000 tons of steel and the design team is working on its interior look. The floor portion facing the runway will be an area for family and friends of the passengers to watch a video feed of the flight. The second floor will be for operations and the third floor will be an exclusive place for Virgin Galactic passengers – a kind of astronaut's lounge.

Meanwhile, the New Mexico Spaceport Authority is also working to help businesses and workers in Sierra and Doña Ana counties benefit from the tourism, hospitality, supply and support opportunities.



Virgin Galactic photo by Mark Greenberg

Virgin Galactic's White Knight 2 – also called the mothership Eve – carries Spaceship 2 – also called Enterprise – during its Oct. 22 flight to Spaceport America in the desert between Las Cruces and Truth or Consequences. It landed in front of hundreds attending the runway dedication ceremony. Virgin Galactic will be the anchor tenant of Spaceport America and is currently testing the mid-air launch system that will take passengers to suborbital space starting in late 2011 or early 2012.

In July, Rick Homans returned as executive director of the New Mexico Spaceport Authority after Steve Landeene quit for what he said were personal reasons, although there was criticism of his intent to buy land near the spaceport.

In a recently published column, Homans said 2010 will be considered a milestone year for the commercial spaceflight industry, and for Spaceport America:

- In March, Richardson signed legislation authorizing the Space Flight Informed Consent Act, limiting liability for launch operators and keeping New Mexico competitive with other states such as Florida, Texas and Virginia.
- In August, the New Mexico Space Grant

Consortium at New Mexico State University was selected by the Federal Aviation Administration as a Center of Excellence for Commercial Space Transportation.

- In September, Armadillo Aerospace announced plans to launch three NASA-funded tests of its vertical takeoff and landing rocket from Spaceport America.
- In December, dozens of local companies in Doña Ana and Sierra counties were able to meet with "prime" contractors bidding to operate Spaceport America.

"As momentous as the year 2010 has been for the commercial space industry, all indications are for 2011 to be even more exciting," Homans said.

At the close of another year, we gratefully pause to wish you a healthy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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The year in review: 2010 seen through pictures

Henry Garza hits one of many high notes during Los Lonely Boys' performance at the Whole Enchilada Fiesta Sept. 25.



New Mexico State University student Drew Gentry brushes dirt from the fossilized skull of a cuvieronius at a sand and gravel quarry near Mesquite Aug. 24.



City Councillor Miguel Silva has his band leader's hat festooned with chile at the Downtown SalsaFest Aug. 29.



Sgt. Alfio Artino of the 2nd Engineer Battalion at White Sands Missile Range holds five soldier dolls during a deployment fair in March. The dolls were made with his photo to keep his children company. All members of the battalion have been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan.

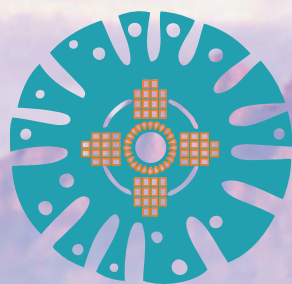
Journalist Sam Donaldson moderated the lively debate between Karl Rove, President George W. Bush's former senior adviser, and Fox News commentator, and Joe Lockhart, President Bill Clinton's former press secretary and Democratic political strategist, Sept. 2, at the Domenici Public Policy Conference at New Mexico State University.



Vanessa Carrillo, a senior at Mayfield High School, adds her handprint to a mural she designed for the corner of Walnut Street and Nevada Avenue during the Neighborhood Pride Day in the Young Park area March 25.

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New bosses in charge

Las Cruces, Mesilla see leadership shifts

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

The start of the new year means the beginning of a new phase for city government with the promotion of Robert Garza from assistant city manager to city manager.

When he was being interviewed for the position, Garza said he would push for a stronger customer-service focus in city government, improve employee morale and develop clear standards for all departments.

Garza, who describes himself as a "trained problem-solver" because of his background 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.

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



GARZA

look at new ways for the city to earn revenue.

Also in immediate need is getting final resolution to revisions to 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."

Meanwhile, residents of the historic tourist town southwest of Las Cruces overwhelmingly picked Trustee Nora Barraza to be the next mayor of Mesilla, defeating incumbent Mayor Michael Cadena.

Barraza said her election showed that residents were ready for a change and new direction in the town's governance.

"They want stability," Barraza said. "They want communication. I want to preserve Mesilla's open spaces and agricultural land. I also want to improve ethics and bring back integrity and honest government."

Cadena's last term as mayor was marred by controversies, most publicly a 2007 incident in which he drove an unmarked police vehicle to Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino. He allegedly used the car's siren upon his arrival and his sobriety was in question, though charges were never filed.

Mesilla trustees ended the year by making permanent the interim selections of Nick Echart as the town's clerk/treasurer and Jeff Gray as the town's marshal.

The recession has hit the town government's finances hard, which is heavily dependent on gross receipts taxes. The town has been working to attract more shoppers and visitors from surrounding communities to help offset



Former Mesilla Trustee Nora Barraza reviews the vote totals electing her as the town's new mayor March 2 as Trustee Jesus Caro talks to a well-wisher on his reelection victory.

the loss of tourism.

Back in Las Cruces, Police Chief Richard Williams is close to rolling out significant changes that will affect how police are deployed and supervised in the city.

Williams gave a preview of those changes at a City Council meeting in September. He noted that the department's basic organization and schedules have been relatively unchanged since 1997, even though the city has since grown.

The department works in three shifts – day, swing and graveyard – with an equal number of officers on the streets. Williams is proposing that the department change to what he calls non-conventional shifts, in which more officers are available when more are needed, based

on statistical trends.

To make this approach work, officers will work longer shifts, but they will have more days off. Williams said he believes police union representatives are "on the same page" with him on the change, but negotiations probably won't be completed until early next year.

The other major change is taking a more geographical approach to command authority in the city. Using Interstate 25 as a dividing line, watch commanders will be in charge of either the east or west parts of the city.

Williams said taking a more geographical approach should support his community policing philosophy in which people get to know the officers assigned to their neighborhoods.

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Noted passings of 2010

Rita Torres

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

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

Thomas Gale

Thomas Gale, 84, former interim provost of New Mexico State University and retired dean of its College Arts and Sciences, died at his home July 1.

Gale was dean and professor of history at NMSU from 1971 to 1991. During his tenure as dean, he guided the College of Arts and Sciences as it became the largest of the university's six colleges.

Born in Green Bay, Wis., in 1926 and raised in California, he served in the Army during World War II. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Latin American history from the University of California, Berkeley, and his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1958.

He was appointed by Gov. Bruce King to the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education in 1993 and served as vice-

chair from 1997 until his term ended in 1999.

For many years, he served on the NMSU Foundation Board of Directors and was elected board president in November 2001. After being the first chair of the New Mexico Humanities Council (now Foundation) from 1972 to 1978, he was awarded the Endowments Lifetime Achievement Award.

Gale is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary Margaret Hardman Gale; son Thomas Hardman Gale, daughter-in-law Gail Hudgens Gale and grandson Thomas Jonathan Gale, of El Paso; son John Martin Gale, daughter-in-law Martha Cameron Willcox and grandsons Nathan Rossiter Gale; and Thomas Willcox Gale of Washington, D.C.

Jimmy Honeycutt

Jimmy Honeycutt, publisher of American Classifieds of Southern New Mexico since 1993 and Beaumont/Houston, Texas, since 2002, passed away Nov. 6, in Houston, after a short battle with cancer.

Honeycutt was born Jan. 30, 1947, in Shreveport, La. He is survived by his wife of 17 years and partner of 23 years, Marla Honeycutt; his children, Robert of Dallas; John of Slidell, La.; Matt of Dallas; Amie of Shreveport, La.; Brittany, Savanna and Jazzlin of Las Cruces and six grandchildren.

Billie Ruth Ritter Simpson

Billie Ruth Ritter Simpson, 95, of Las Cruces died Oct. 6 at her Mesilla Park home. She was born in Joplin, Mo., on Dec. 3, 1914. At the age of 3 she moved to El Paso with her parents.

In 1933, she married John Ritter. In 1954, John Ritter was killed in an auto accident, leaving Billie Ruth Ritter as a 39-year-old widow with four children. On Feb. 6, 1957, she married W.K. "Ajax" Simpson, a Marfa, Texas native.

She graduated from El Paso High School and received her teaching certificate from the Texas College of Mines, now the University of Texas-El Paso. She was an accomplished ballet dancer and considered a professional dancing career.

On July 24 a celebration of her life took place at New Mexico State University.

Leon Wagley

Leon Wagley, 89, who headed NMSU's Agriculture and Extension Education Department for 25 years, died July 2.

He was born in Forrest, N.M., the third of six children. He had worked on the farm and came to NMSU and graduated in 1947. He taught in Deming a number of years.

Wagley earned his doctorate from the University of Arizona in 1964. He spent several years in Arizona before returning to New Mexico, where he immersed himself in agricultural education.

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Looking in the crystal ball for '11



Jim Hilley
Bulletin in the Zone

Las Cruces are generally an optimistic bunch. Even with three of the Aggie basketball team's projected starters having their seasons shortened – or ended – with injuries, Aggie fans still have hopes for a WAC basketball championship.

Must be the altitude.

With that in mind, let's look into our always rosy crystal ball and see what kind of best-case scenarios we can dream up for 2011.

The Aggie basketball team will get healthy and tear up the WAC in the regular season. The fat boy in Logan will have to ride that blue cow character into the WAC tournament wearing a Crimson and White tutu after he loses a bet with Pistol Pete. NMSU will go on to win the WAC Tournament championship and earn another NCAA bid.

The Aggies will once again be that 12 seed that makes it past a five seed in the first round.

Can you say Sweet Sixteen?

For the past couple of years, the Aggie baseball team has earned some national recognition and flirted with a WAC championship. This will be the year the Aggies reverse their recent history of late-season swoons and move on to post-season play.

Aggie football will show some real improvement and will maintain its winning streak against those Lobos from up north. Plus, we'll get wins against the Miners and Utah State in Aggie Memorial Stadium. Quarterback Andrew Manley and running back Kenny Turner will put up some big numbers as the Aggies have their first winning season since 2002 and earn a bowl bid for the first time in more than 50 years. NMSU will get into the New Mexico Bowl by the back door and go two-for-two in the Duke City in 2010.

The Aggie golf program will have a banner year. Senior Tim Madigan will garner a couple of tournament championships and Justin Shin will add another. After winning the WAC championship, NMSU will break through and make it out of the regionals and into the NCAA Tournament.

Aggie volleyball will also return to form after coach Mike Jordan threatens to grow a 'fro. Look out Hawai'i, your run of WAC championships is over!

In high school sports, another high school will give the City of the Crosses another chance at winning championships. Four are better than three, right?

Dripping Springs High School will drop right in the middle of everybody else's plans and bring home a state title in its first year.

What sport?

Hey, I don't even know the team nickname yet, give me a break!

Year of the underdog

Ag hoopsters win WAC title, scare Spartans

Edited by **Jim Hilley**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

The most memorable moment in local sports for 2010 had to be NMSU winning the WAC Tournament over Utah State in March, but there were plenty of other sporting events that are worth taking a glance back as the year ends. Here is a sampling of key events from 2010, generally in chronological order.

In January, the Aggie men's basketball team opened conference play in 2010 with a 55-52 home win over defending conference champion Utah State.

Utah State held a brief one-point lead with 15:28 to play in the second half, but Jonathan Gibson scored eight straight points, putting New Mexico State ahead for good with 15:11 to play. Gibson knocked down one of his three 3-pointers during a 14-6 NMSU flurry that opened a 53-42 advantage with 6:53 remaining in the game.

A few days later, New Mexico State football coach DeWayne Walker announced that Mike Dunbar had accepted the Aggies' offensive coordinator position. Dunbar would bring more than 25 years of coaching experience to NMSU, along with his high-powered style of football.

Back in basketball, the Aggie men's team swept the state of Idaho in its first road trip of conference play, and followed that up with an 86-77 win over the visiting Fresno State Bulldogs Jan. 16 in the Pan American Center.

On Jan. 23, junior guard Jasmine Lowe hit two free throws with nine seconds remaining to give the New Mexico State women's basketball team a 56-55 road victory over Utah State at the Spectrum Center in Logan, Utah. Lowe

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Aggie forward Wendell McKines cuts down the net at the Lawlor Events Center in Reno, Nev., after winning the WAC Tournament Championship by defeating regular-season champion Utah State 69-63 on March 13, 2010.

Trojans snatch crown from Monarchs' grasp

By **Craig Massey**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

Mayfield's return to the top in football highlighted another banner year for high school sports in the area.

The Trojans ended 2009 with a loss to La Cueva in the state championship game. Twelve months later, Mayfield was back on the artificial turf at Albuquerque's Wilson Stadium holding the blue trophy.

The Trojans, who had four losses during the season, hit their stride during playoff time, knocking off La Cueva in the semifinals and defeating top-ranked Manzano, 69-42, in the championship game. It was Mayfield's third state title under head coach Michael Bradley.

One of the Trojans' losses was to rival Las Cruces High and the two

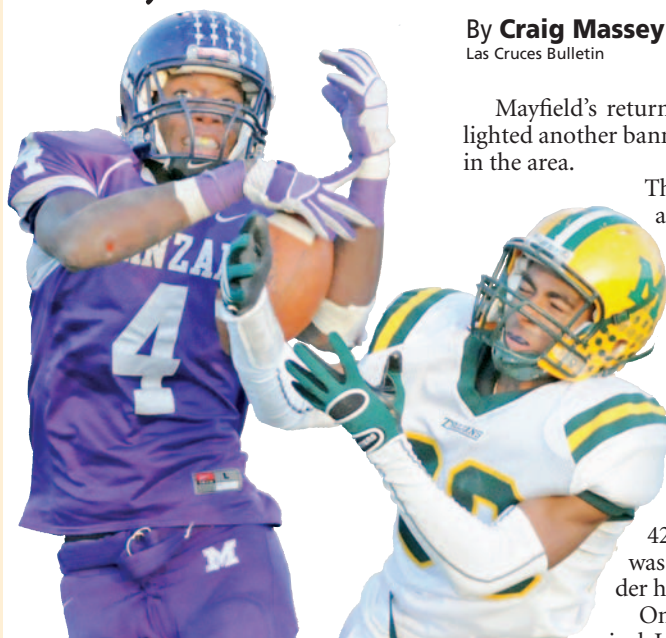
schools were featured in a documentary, which drew crowds to the local theaters in October and November. The Bulldawgs, who won the 2008 state title, had another good season, but fell to Manzano in the state semifinals on a controversial last-second play.

Most of the football news at Oñate High School was off the field. After struggling through a 2-10 season in 2010, head coach Kelly McKee resigned in early December. McKee had been the program's head coach for 14 years and guided the Knights to the 4A state championship in 2002. Among the storylines for 2011 will be who will replace McKee.

In other coaching news at Oñate, Ben Trujillo was named as the school's new girls basketball coach last summer after Rick Viramontes stepped down. Viramontes, a longtime coach at the school, had come out of coaching retirement to guide the team for the previous two years. Also, former New Mexico State standout Alice Borden was named Oñate's new volleyball coach in 2010, replacing Jennifer Jordan.

The big volleyball news in 2010 came from south of Las Cruces where the Gadsden Panthers

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Albuquerque Journal photo by Jim Thompson

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scored all nine of her points in the second half after missing her initial eight attempts in the first 20 minutes.

In early February, coach Walker announced the signing of 16 players to Letters of Intent, including quarterbacks Matt Christian and Andrew Manley.

"He was a steal," Walker said about the 6-foot-3, 215 pound Manley. "I think he came in a little under-recruited."

NMSU nabbed two player of the week awards at the end of January. In men's basketball, sophomore center Hamidu Rahman earned the honor by leading New Mexico State to a 91-77 road victory at Louisiana Tech Jan. 30 handing the Bulldogs their first home loss of the season. Rahman tied his career high with 22 points in the win. Rahman shot a career-best with 10 made field goals in 15 attempts, and was a perfect 2-of-2 from the charity stripe. He also pulled down a team-high 12 rebounds and had one block.

In track and field, freshman distance runner Courtney Schultz was named the Western Athletic Conference Women's Indoor Track Athlete of the Week.

Schultz won the 3,000-meter event at the New Mexico Invitational in Albuquerque Jan. 30. She posted a time of 10:01.98, securing the top spot in the WAC at that point in the season. With her time, Schultz also breezed to the top of the New Mexico State all-time records list with a result nearly 5-seconds faster than the previous record holder.

The following week, junior guard Jahmar Young picked up the player of the week honor. Young led New Mexico State to a 94-82 win over San Jose State Feb. 6, scoring a team-high 25 points on 8-of-13 shooting from the field, including a 4-of-6 mark from 3-point range. Young also connected on 5-of-5 shots from the free throw line.

After handling a depleted University of Hawai'i team 88-64 in the Pan American Center, the New Mexico State Aggies traveled to the University of Pacific in Stockton, Calif., for a game in the ESPN BracketBuster Tournament. The Aggies surprised the Tigers 84-78. Sophomore forward Troy Gillenwater had a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds, while Young had 22 points and Gibson scored 20.

On Feb. 23 the NMSU women's basketball team outscored Utah State by 17 points in the second half to put away the Utags, 73-54, at the Pan American Center. Senior guard Crystal Boyd led all scorers with 24 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

Aggie men's basketball played their final regular season home game Feb. 27 against the Boise State Broncos, and said a final goodbye to Tray Britt, Kelly Merker and Gibson. The Aggies won the game 95-92.

The Aggie men then departed on their toughest road trip

of the season, playing March 4 at Nevada and March 6 at Utah State. The Aggies hung tough for most of the game at Reno, losing 100-92, but were blown out in Logan 81-63.

Walker announced March 4 that running back Kenny Turner had signed a National Letter of Intent to attend NMSU and play football for the Aggies after a careful vetting by a variety of university officials, including President Barbara Couture.

The New Mexico State baseball team hammered the No. 20 New Mexico Lobos 17-8 at Presley Askew Field March 3. The Aggies posted 17 runs on 17 hits and didn't commit a single error.

"It was one of those days where we got out early and hit the ball well," coach Rocky Ward said. "We were able to hit the ball well with runners in scoring position."

In men's basketball, Young earned a second-straight selection to the all-WAC first team, while Gibson returned to the all WAC second team after being selected for the team in 2008. Junior forward Wendell McKines was also recognized as a member of the honorable-mention team, his first conference recognition as an Aggie.

After getting past San Jose State 90-69, the Aggies men's team took on Nevada on their home court in the Western Athletic Conference Championship Semifinals on March 12. Behind Gillenwater's 21 points and 8 rebounds, and McKines' 16 points and 10 rebounds, the Aggies stunned the Lawlor Events Center with an 80-79 victory over the home team. Young hit the game-winning shot with five seconds remaining in regulation to lift the Aggies to the victory. With the Aggies trailing, 79-78, Young sank a jumper from the elbow to finish with 15 points. Gibson also scored 10 points for the Aggies.

The win put the Aggies in the championship game against regular-season champion Utah State the next night.

Aggies win WAC championship

The next night, the Aggies won their second WAC tournament championship, besting the Utah State Aggies 69-63 to earn the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Young was named WAC Tournament Most Valuable Player after a team-high 19 points.

The Aggies drew No. 12-ranked Michigan State in the NCAA Tournament and despite falling behind by 13 points at halftime, the Aggies came out firing in the second half with a 13-2 run in the first 4:03 of play. Young started the rally with a pair of baskets to cut the Spartan lead to nine, 42-33, within a minute of action.

The Aggie offensive surge continued when Gibson sank a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 16:48 remaining to bring NMSU within two, 44-42.

At 11:41, the Aggies took their first lead of the second half, 53-52, on a Gordo Castillo baseline 3-pointer. NMSU outscored Michigan State, 24-10, in first eight minutes of the second period.

After five lead changes, the game was tied, 63-63, following two free throws from Gibson with 4:36 to play. Michigan State scored the next four points before McKines hit 1-of-2 free throws at the 1:28 mark to cut the Spartan lead to 67-64.

Michigan State made a free throw to extend the advantage to 68-64, before Gillenwater nailed a 3-pointer with 18.6 seconds left in regulation to bring the Aggies within one, 68-67. The Spartans made both free throws on the next possession, and the Aggies couldn't get a 3-pointer to fall in the final seconds.

Michigan State went on to win the West Region and earn a Final Four appearance, but an outstanding effort by the Aggies against the Spartans left Aggie fans hungry for the 2010-11 season.

Sunland Derby earns graded status

In a historic day for New Mexico horse racing, Endorsement moved past Conveyence in the final turn as a record crowd watched during the Sunland Derby March 28 at Sunland

“ He (Manley) was a steal, I think he came in a little under-recruited. ”

DEWAYNE WALKER,
NMSU football coach



Tim Madigan was WAC Player of Year in 2010, leading the Aggies to a WAC Championship and winning the U.S. Amateur qualifier in Albuquerque.

Park Racetrack & Casino. Following Mine That Bird's stunning win in the 2009 Kentucky Derby, the Sunland Derby became a Grade 3 stakes race, with an \$800,000 guaranteed purse, making the winner of Sunland Park's premier race an almost automatic qualifier for the Run for the Roses at Churchill Downs the first Saturday in May.

With an 11-game winning streak and a No. 20 national ranking, the Aggie baseball team opened WAC play April 9 against the Nevada Wolfpack.

NMSU earned the ranking after taking 2-of-3 from UC-Santa Barbara and sweeping Wofford as well as Houston Baptist. The Aggies also took a game from Texas Tech during the winning streak.

"National ranking is always a goal to start the season and it is satisfying to have reached that goal," coach Rocky Ward said. "I think that the No. 20 ranking is the highest in school history, and the team has played great over the past several weeks. The ranking is well deserved."

The Collegiate Baseball Newspaper released its weekly NCAA Division I Top-30 Baseball Poll May 3 and New Mexico State came in at No. 25.

The Aggies had won 10 straight games and 24 of their last 27 games with a tie coming against Nevada April 11. New Mexico State sat in first place in the WAC at 13-2-1, while they were 35-12-1 overall.

Madigan heats up

On May 5, it was blowing 35 mph in Henderson, Nev., when Tim Madigan, the Aggies' No. 1 golfer, shot 2-under-par 70 for the final round to win the individual championship and help lift the Aggies to the WAC men's team title. It was the Aggies' fourth WAC championship in five years. Nevada, the tournament favorite, finished second. The Ags shot 13-under-par 851 while Nevada fired a 6-under 859.

"I grew up in the wind," said the Albuquerque native.

At the WAC tournament, played on the Rio Secco Golf Course in Henderson, Nev., he shot an almost unbelievable

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14-under-par 202 (64-68-70), was voted WAC Player of the Year and made the all-WAC first team.

In the final day of the 2010 WAC Track and Field Championship May 15 the Aggies wrapped up the conference event with a second-place finish in the 5,000 meters.

Courtney and Camille Schultz finished second and third in the 5,000 meters, respectively. Courtney Schultz clocked 17:16.94 for second in the Aggie record books while Camille Schultz was just seconds behind at 17:24.27.

"The twins had a solid day today," coach Orin Richburg said. "Overall it just goes to show us what we need to work on to be competitive in this conference. This is a really competitive conference."

Two New Mexico State baseball players earned 2010 All-Western Athletic Conference honors as announced at the WAC Baseball Tournament Banquet May 25 in Mesa, Ariz.

Senior first baseman Leo Aguirre was named to the first team and junior shortstop Ryan Aguayo was named to the second team.

After 25 years at the helm of the New Mexico State men's and women's tennis programs, head coach Don Ball is retired. Ball was the longest tenured coach in school history. Ball had coached more than 1,100 dual matches in his illustrious career and has won 562 combined matches with his men's and women's teams.

The 2010 WAC Men's Golfer of the Year, Madigan continued his hot streak over by winning the U.S. Amateur Qualifier in Albuquerque. Madigan carded a two-round score of 10-under-par 133 at the UNM Championship Course, winning by three strokes over Andrew Widmar.

Upheaval in WAC

As of Aug. 18, it appeared the WAC would be bolstered by the addition of Brigham Young University as a non-football playing member.

Soon, however, it was reported that numerous sources were saying Nevada had never signed the buy-out clause, and the Fresno Bee was reporting that Fresno would accept a Mountain West Conference invitation, which they did.

After Nevada President Milton Glick announced his school would join the MWC, it became apparent the WAC would never be the same.

The New Mexico State cross country team ran against several national powerhouses Sept. 4 and came out near the top.

New Mexico State redshirt freshman goalkeeper Mikaela Bitner was named the Verizon WAC Defensive Player of the Week, for the week of Sept. 6-12, the conference office announced. It was

her first career honor.

Bitner anchored the Aggie defense to a 1-0 shutout victory over North Dakota, Sept. 10. She collected her first career shutout behind a season-high nine saves in 90 minutes of play. She was the second Aggie to earn the award that season.

Surreaux on a roll

Senior Arthur Surreaux was named WAC Player of the Month for men's tennis for the month of September by the WAC office on Oct. 6.

Surreaux started off the month by winning the main draw championship in both singles and doubles at the Aggie Invite in Las Cruces Sept. 12. Surreaux finished the month of September with a singles record of 10-0 and a doubles record of 6-1.

Aggie Memorial Stadium was the arena for the Battle of I-25 where the Aggies defeated the University of New Mexico Lobos 16-14 Oct. 9. It marked the second year in a row that the Aggies defeated their in-state rivals.

The New Mexico State men's basketball team was picked to finish second in the preseason WAC coaches and media polls.

McKines and Gillenwater were preseason first-team All-WAC selections on both the coaches and media ballots.

The New Mexico State football team defeated San Jose State, 29-27, with the game-winning touchdown on the final play of the game. The win was the first WAC victory of the season for the Aggies. NMSU improved to 2-6 and 1-3 in the conference while the Spartans fell to 1-8 and 0-4 in the WAC.

The Aggie volleyball team finished the regular season Nov. 17, at home with a 3-0 loss to Utah State, sending seniors Whitney Woods and Kayleigh Giddens off without a victory in their final regular season match at the Pan American Center.

"Going through what we did injury-wise and finishing second in the WAC is pretty impressive," said coach Mike Jordan.

In the 2010-11 season debut, the New Mexico State men's basketball team overpowered Louisiana, 92-76, in the Cajundome in Lafayette, La. This was the first win for the Aggies in a road season opener since 2004-05. Gillenwater and junior guard Hernst Laroche

both had career-best performances against the Rajun' Cajuns.

Castillo scored 17 points to lead New Mexico State to a 69-64 victory over Pacific Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Pan American Center.



Courtney Schultz

Trojans

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won their first state championship in school history and the school's first major team title since the Panther baseball team won it all in 1975. The squad, under head coach Al Rosen, compiled a 23-1 record and knocked off top-ranked Cleveland in the title match.

In soccer last fall, the Mayfield boys team battled through a tough district and finished as the state runner-up.

The city had two team championships last spring. The Mesilla Valley Christian Schools boys basketball team roared through the season, knocking off several 3A, 4A and even 5A schools to eventually be crowned the 2A state champions at The Pit in Albuquerque. It was the SonBlazers second state title under head coach Terry Adler.

The other team title was claimed by the Mayfield boys tennis team. Also, Mayfield team leader and senior Austin Hooker captured the state singles title. The state boys doubles title was won by Las Cruces High's Brenner Thome and Jonathan Vigil.

In track and field, the city earned state titles in four events, three coming from Oñate. The Knights' Brandon Garner leaped 6-8 to earn the boys high jump championship, and teammate Zoe Meade won the girls 400-meter dash.

Two relay teams from Las Cruces also won state championships. The OHS girls 4x200 team of Kendra Walker, Jennifer Lopez, Amanda Goodluck and Meade won the championship, as did the Mayfield girls 4x100 team of Kacey Ramos, Jenna Banegas, Amber Lalla and Justina Apodaca.

The Las Cruces High School swim team won state championships in six events. Jorgi Hobson won the 100 butterfly, Rachel Dixon won the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle, and Samantha Harding won the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle. The relay team of Harding, Moranda Modero, Hobson and Dixon won the 400 freestyle.

The city had won state champion in wrestling in 2010. Las Cruces High's Joaquin Marquez won his third state championship in four years at the school, winning the 119-pound title in February.



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

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

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

are small, and you'll get plenty of opportunity to exercise your short game skills.

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

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

Over in the quaint little resort town of Cloudcroft is a nine-hole golf course at The Lodge that sits at more than 9,000 feet in elevation, and at one time was the highest golf course in the United States. Claiming a Scottish tradition from its beginnings with six holes in 1899, The Lodge course is a lot of fun, starting with the very first hole that drops some 200 feet from tee to green. Playing different tees to separate flags one can play a nice 18-hole round. Summer temperatures are pleasantly cool, but the season is only seven months. Cross country skiers take over the hills and valleys in winter.

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

If you didn't settle the bets at Sierra Del Rio slip over to the T or C Municipal Golf Course for an "emergency nine" for under \$20. The nine holes at T or C have tight fairways, rolling hills and mature trees. Tee times aren't required.

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

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

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

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

It's target golf, with few trees but huge, gaping bunkers and wildly undulating greens

that require approach shots in the proper quadrant.

Only 20 miles east of Las Cruces, over the 6,700-foot St. Augustine Pass, you'll have fun playing the golf course at White Sands Missile Range. The golf course itself is flat but the jagged granite faces of the Organ Mountains rise abruptly, almost from the fairways, to 9,000 feet. It's an 11-hole course, which is configured so that you play a full 18, mostly from different tees, and you don't really notice the repeats, since most of the layout is first-quality.

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

Heading just a little west of Las Cruces you might want to make a stop in Deming and play a quick round at Rio Mimbres Country Club, which is open to everyone. At 6,700 yards (tips) Rio Mimbres is a nice departure from mountain golf, since it's absolutely level with subtle crowned greens, and usually a brisk breeze out of the West. You'll marvel at the impressive views of the Florida Mountains just a few miles away. While you're in Deming be sure to visit the St. Clair Winery and store only three miles due east of the golf course.

Less than an hour north of Deming is the Silver City Golf Course in the old copper mining town of Silver City. Some 70 years ago SCGC was one of three golf courses in the mining country of Grant County that all had granule composite "greens" derived from mining waste. Located in the foothills of the 3-million-acre Gila National Forest the SCGC offers high desert vistas, natural wetlands and championship golf all year, at very attractive rates.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers. Email Blanchard at drblanchard@lascrucesbulletin.com.



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Sharayah Newton

Sharayah Newton is a 17-year-old senior at Las Cruces High School. She plays post on the Dawg's girls basketball team with 11.3 points and 4.7 rebounds per game. Newton is a third year varsity player. She is a leader both on and off the basketball court. This fall, she was selected team captain by her teammates for her commitment to Bulldawg basketball. Newton was recently selected to the Rio Rancho All-Tournament team. She is a great student athlete with a 4.0 GPA. Her interests outside of sports include piano, music, youth group, church activities, Habitat for Humanity projects and being with friends and family.





Aggie Insider

Working the holidays

Despite the locale or the celebration, calling Aggies sports always brings joy

The WAC season starts early this year. The second conference game of the year is Friday, New Year's Eve. This is actually the third game I've done on this holiday, and it got me thinking about the other holiday games I have broadcast. Being a bachelor, the call of duty on these days only takes me away from Duchess and Chew-Chew, my two Pekingese and not a wife or children, so the assignment is not as emotionally taxing as it would be with a conventional family.

The first holiday I missed for an Aggie game was my first-ever New Mexico State play-by-play assignment. It was Labor Day in Des Moines, Iowa, and the Aggies were opening the football season versus Drake. It turned out to be one of the most exciting football games I have ever done, with NM State rallying from a 15-point deficit to win by one.

There have been five other Labor Day games, but none as good as that first one. The job has had me working on Thanksgiving Day and the day before and after the turkey was served. NM State was in the finals of the Preseason NIT in 1994, and that meant a trip to New York and a chance to see the Macy's Parade. The night before, the Aggies beat Memphis and would move on to play Ohio in the title game the day after Thanksgiving. The team hotel was on the parade route, and I strained to see the



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

Woody Woodpecker balloon as it sailed by after being featured that year on "Seinfeld." I did a game in 2009 on Thanksgiving, when North Carolina A&T visited on the only date they had open.

The first two games on New Year's Eve were when 1993 changed to 1994, and NM State dispatched the Morgan State Bears. It was a night game. When Alcorn State played in the Pan American Center Dec. 31, 2007, it was an afternoon tilt that left plenty of time for fans to head to the celebrations to ring in the next 12 months. Similarly this Friday's New Year's showdown with Boise State will tip off at 5 p.m. in the Taco Bell Arena, giving us a chance to catch our breath and celebrate the Aggie win before we say goodbye to 2010.

For those of you snide readers referencing NM State bowl history thinking I have never done an Aggie game on New Year's Day, you are mistaken in your assumption. NM State played a New Year's Day game in Chicago before about 80 people in the Chicago State gym.

The holidays are meant for fun and my job brings me a lot of joy, regardless of when the games are played.

We journey together

Players and fans bond during difficult times

Darin Spence
Women's Basketball Head Coach



Yes Aggie fans, the journey is long, the journey is exciting, the journey is challenging, but more importantly ... together, we take the journey.

On behalf of our players and coaches, I want to thank you for all your support this season. We appreciate you all.

An NCAA Division I basketball season feels like it lasts forever. Our student athletes commit themselves to their degree work, their physical conditioning and strength work, their skill development, to our program, to our university and to our Las Cruces community.

In short, we recruit quality young people to Las Cruces to enrich their lives and to give you, the Aggie fans, a group of young people to feel good about. I believe we have just the group you can enjoy watching play and enjoy being a part of their growth.

Heading into this season, those of us inside the program understood just how tough a schedule I had put together. I believed we had a group who would pull together and bring out the best in each other and I still believe that today.

Our group has been tested this season at Michigan, Arizona, North Dakota State, New Mexico, UTEP, Utah and others while being very competitive and giving ourselves a chance to win each game.

Each day, this team has made the most of their time together and

has pushed each other to be better. We also finished our first semester of classes with a combined team grade-point average of 3.0.

Well, our journey has taken a couple of detours, but we are still that group who is working to be our best each day.

Senior guard Madison Spence missed five games with a severe and scary concussion. Yes, it was so scary that I doubted she would return this year and started looking at the option of a red-shirt year.

Well, she has come back and is excited about leading her team. Not bad for a Las Cruces kid.

We now have to find a way to deal with having two starters out with knee injuries. Senior guard Danisha Corbett and sophomore guard Camila Rosen – both are important members in our attack – were injured in the Utah game. So, we continue to develop our young players and will remain competitive and on our quest for a strong run in WAC play.

We have plenty of seats open for you to join us on our journey. We invite you to bring your family, friends and everyone you come in contact with to the Pan American Center.

Help spread the word and be with us through it all. Thanks again and see you at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, as we go for another sweep of UTEP. Go Aggies!

This Week

In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Dec. 31

Men's Basketball
Boise State
Boise, Idaho
5 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 2

Women's Basketball
UTEP
Las Cruces
2 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 6

Women's Basketball
Hawai'i
Honolulu
8 p.m.



Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Hernst Laroche
Junior
Men's Basketball

Junior guard Hernst Laroche averaged 15.5 points per game in the final two games of the Aggies five-game home stand. He shot 63.2 percent from the field including a 2-for-

4 performance from the 3-point line. Laroche added eight assists and three steals.



Madison Spence
Senior
Women's Basketball

Senior guard Madison Spence scored 17 points against Utah. The point guard was 3-of-3 from the 3-point line and 4-of-4 at the free throw line against the Utes.



Tabytha Wampler
Junior
Women's Basketball

Junior forward Tabytha Wampler scored 23 points against Utah and was just one rebound shy of a double-double against the Utes with nine boards. Wampler, who leads the

WAC in free-throw percentage, made 15-of-18 from the free-throw line in the game.

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SportsBriefs

Picacho Hills tennis tournament in January

The Battle of the Clubs Team Tennis Tournament will be held Jan. 28-30, 2011. The annual event is a team tennis tournament sponsored by the Picacho Hills Tennis Association that draws players from southern New Mexico and the greater El Paso area. A captain's meeting will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, at Picacho Hills Country Club, followed by a festive Kick-Off Dinner for all entrants. One dinner guest will be welcome as space permits.

Team Tennis matches will be played on Saturday, Jan. 29, and Sunday, Jan. 30, at the NMSU Tennis facilities. Traveling and individual trophies will be awarded to winning teams. All entrants will receive a tournament souvenir, continental breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday and a box lunch on Saturday. The entry fee includes the cost of the dinner. The entry fee for a team of eight (four men and four women) is \$320.

Additional team members may enter for \$40 each. The fee for a dinner guest is \$20. Entries are due on or before Jan. 21, 2011. National Tennis Rating Program ratings apply. For entry forms and more information, contact Marilyn Hansen at battleoftheclubs@gmail.com or 527-2367, or call Emory Borsodi at 647-9906.

Las Cruces volleyball league forming

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Section has ongoing registration for an adult co-rec indoor volleyball league through Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. The league is open to

individuals 18 and older and is limited to the first eight teams to register.

League games will begin Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011. All games will be held at the Meerscheidt Recreation Center and will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The league will run until the middle of March.

Rosters will consist of a minimum of four players and a maximum of eight. The cost is \$200 per team. All documentation and team fees are due by Jan. 7, 2011. Coach packets can be picked up at Meerscheidt Recreation Center.

For more information, call the center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2661.

Aggie women look for sweep of UTEP Miners

After visiting rival New Mexico in Albuquerque Thursday, Dec. 30, the New Mexico State women's basketball team hosts UTEP at 2:05 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011, in the Pan American Center. The Aggies are looking for a sweep of UTEP, having defeated the Miners 80-75 in an overtime thriller inside the Don Haskins Center in El Paso on Nov. 17.

In that game, junior guard Erica Sanchez nailed a three with 10 seconds remaining to knot the score at 70-70 and cap off a 12-5 Aggie run to close regulation. UTEP's final attempt rimmed off the back of the basket.

In overtime, sophomore guard Camila Rosen and junior forward Tabytha Wampler combined for all 10 of NMSU's points. Rosen's jumper with 1:16 remaining in overtime gave the Aggies a 76-75 lead. The Berkeley, Calif., native added two from the line on a one-and-one situation with 17 ticks left.

The Aggies will likely be without senior guard Danisha Corbett and Rosen, both of

whom were injured in the Utah game on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

After hosting UTEP, the Aggies will hit the road for the start of the WAC conference regular season, visiting Hawai'i at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011, and continuing on to play at San Jose State at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8.

All three games will be broadcast on KSNM-AM 570 and AggieVision.

Oliver, Isham are WAC Players of the Week

San Jose State's Adrian Oliver has been named the Verizon Western Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week for the week of Dec. 20-26. The honor marks the third career WAC Player of the Week award for Oliver.

Oliver, a senior guard from Modesto, Calif., scored a career-high 42 points in just 25 minutes of play in a 95-62 win over Puget Sound. The 42 points breaks the 30-year old San Jose State single-game scoring record of 40 points. Oliver also broke the SJSU single-game mark for the most points in a half with 30, eclipsing his own mark of 25 last season. He also set a San Jose State record for most consecutive three-point baskets made in a game with seven and tied the school record for most threes made in a single game. Oliver out-scored Puget Sound by himself in the first half of the contest, 30-29. His 42 points marks the most points in a game by a WAC player since Jaycee Carroll of Utah State scored 44 against New Mexico State on Feb. 5, 2007.

In the game, Oliver tallied 42 points on 12-of-15 (80 percent) shooting from the field. He hit 7-of-9 (77.8 percent) shots from three-point range and was 11-of-13 (84.6 percent) from the free throw line. He also recorded three rebounds, four assists, one block and one steal.

In women's basketball, Boise State guard Katie Isham has been named the Verizon Western Athletic Conference basketball player of the week for Dec. 20-26.

Isham, a junior from Howe, Idaho, scored a career-high and team season-high 28 points in the Broncos' 80-71 victory at Utah Valley on Dec. 20. She also added six rebounds, one assist and two steals in 30 minutes of action. Isham shot 8-of-13 (.615) from the floor, 4-of-6 from three-point range and was a perfect 8-of-8 from the free-throw line. It was her fourth-consecutive game and fifth on the year recording 20-plus points.

The award is the first for Isham in her career

and first for a Bronco player this season. senior guard Alice Coddington, Utah State.

Aggies defeat Idaho, travel to Boise State

The New Mexico State men's basketball team opened 2010-11 WAC play with a 74-69 win at Idaho. Junior forward Troy Gillenwater led the Aggies with 22 points after missing the last five games due to an injury. NMSU improved to 6-0 in WAC openers.

Sophomore forward Tyrone Watson and junior guard Hernst Laroche added 12 points, while center Tshildizi Nephawe scored 10.

Scoring runs dictated much of the game. The Aggies posted a seven-point lead, 9-2, at the 16:38 mark when Nephawe capped a 9-0 rally with a pair of free throws.

After Idaho responded with an 11-2 run, the Aggies scored six straight to regain a 19-17 lead. NMSU was strong at the free-throw line with both Watson and Nephawe hitting 2-of-2.

The Vandals answered with back-to-back baskets to reclaim a 22-19 lead before the Aggies utilized a 10-2 run for a 29-24 advantage with 4:15 left in the half. Watson and Gillenwater combined for eight points during that span. The Aggies trailed the Vandals, 31-29, at the break. Watson and Gillenwater led the NMSU offense with seven points each. Nephawe added six points.

The Aggies started the second half with a 9-2 rally for a 38-33 lead. Idaho inched back, and the teams traded leads 11 times.

New Mexico State turned up the pressure and forced Idaho to call a time out at 5:12 with back to back 3-pointers from sophomore forward Bandja Sy and a Watson jumper. Idaho pulled within two points, 69-67, with less than a minute to play, but the Aggies didn't give up the lead.

In addition to Gillenwater, junior center Hamidu Rahman also returned to action for the Aggies during the game.

The team will continue its road trip at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at Boise State. The game is available on KGRT-FM 104. The pregame show starts 30 minutes prior to tip off.

The Broncos are 8-5 after defeating Louisiana Tech 70-61, Dec. 29. The Broncos have two players with double-digit averages. Senior forward Robert Arnold leads the way with 16.2 points per game and senior guard La'Shard Anderson supplies 13.5 points per contest.

New Mexico State leads the all-time series 14-9. The Aggies extended their advantage after sweeping both meetings a year ago.

H I G H S C H O O L

SportsSchedule

Las Cruces High School

Thursday, Jan. 6 Wrestling..... at Oñate High School6 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 7 Girls Basketball..... at Valley High School.....5:30 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at Valley High School.....7 p.m.



Mayfield High School

Thursday, Jan. 6 Wrestling..... Gadsden High School6 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 7 Girls Basketball..... at La Cueva High School.....5:30 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at La Cueva High School.....7 p.m.



Oñate High School

Tuesday, Jan. 4 Girls Basketball..... Loretto Academy High School7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at Franklin High School.....7:15 p.m.
 Thursday, Jan. 6 Wrestling..... Las Cruces High School6 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 7 Girls Basketball..... West Mesa High School.....5:30 p.m.
 Boys Basketball West Mesa High School.....7 p.m.



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Jan. 6-8 Boys Basketball at Lions Classic (Santa Rosa) TBA



ATHLETE

of

the WEEK

Christian Kabongo

Freshman, Men's Basketball

Freshman guard Christian Kabongo led the Aggies in the final two games of their five-game home stand with 16.5 points per game. He was 11-for-24 from the field and 11-of-15 from the free-throw line. Kabongo also had five assists and a steal. He now has been in double figures in seven of the 14 Aggie games.

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

Marvin Tessner
Out of the Past



100 years ago

1910

• There was a great sense of optimism in the Mesilla Valley at the end of 1910. Construction on the dam at Engle – by the end of the year known as Elephant Butte Dam – was well under way, with the promise of a dependable supply of irrigation water for local farmers only years away. A tent city housing the thousands of workers of the massive project stretched across the Rio Grande Valley, where today motorboats and sailboats bobble in the waters of Elephant Butte Lake.

• Some things from a century ago seem like they were pulled from recent headlines. Editors penned columns on the virtue of shopping locally and a new barbed-wire fence on the international border was touted as an impediment to smugglers from Mexico.

75 years ago

1935

• Much like today, the Mesilla Valley and the United States were struggling through difficult economic times. Many young workers in the valley were employed by the Civilian Conservation Corps or in so-called “Alphabet Soup” programs implemented by the federal government to curb unemployment – an effort seemingly absent in today’s recession.

• Local spirits were buoyed by coach Jerry Hine’s football team at the agricultural college. The Aggies earned an invitation to the first college Sun Bowl game in El Paso, where they tied the heavily favored Hardin-Simmons Cowboys 14-14 on Jan. 1, 1936.

• Even in those days, Las Cruces were enamored with the Organ Mountains. An editor penned an editorial noting that the mountain range had been named the No. 4 most beautiful mountains in the world by a famous world traveler. The editor bragged, however, that if that traveler had witnessed the Organ’s fantastic display of color the evening



New Mexico State University photo

The New Mexico State Aggies played in the 1960 Sun Bowl, defeating Utah State 20-13 to go undefeated for the season, the only football team in school history to finish with an unblemished record.

before, he surely would have named the Organs No. 1.

50 years ago

1960

• The undefeated New Mexico State Aggies, under legendary coach Warren Woodson, played in the 1960 Sun Bowl against Utah State. The Utags scored first on a 13 yard running play by half back Tom Larscheid. Charley Johnson responded with a 3-yard touchdown pass to Pervis Atkins. The northern Aggies retook the lead on a 15-play drive – all on the ground – to go into halftime with the lead. Early in the third quarter, NMSU’s Bob Gaiters took a pitchout and scampered for a 32-yard touchdown and the lead. A fourth-quarter touchdown by E.A. Sims sealed the win

for NMSU. Johnson completed 18 of 26 passes for 190 yards and two touchdowns, and was named Sun-Bowl MVP for the second straight year, the only player in Sun-Bowl history do so.

25 years ago

1985

• Local law enforcement was preparing to enforce the state’s new mandatory seat-belt law, which went into effect at the beginning of the year. Las Cruces Police Chief Ron Axtell said that tickets would not be issued until Monday, Jan. 6, however, due to a delay in the required legal notification of the new law.

Information gathered from NMSU Library’s Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections. Edited by Jim Hilley.

Coming Up

Park restrooms to close for holiday

All City of Las Cruces park restroom facilities will be closed to the general public Friday, Dec. 31, through Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011, for the New Year’s Day holiday.

For more information, call 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2661.

Oral History Group offers program

The Mesilla Valley Oral History Group will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at the Days Inn & Suites, 901 Avenida de Mesilla.

The program is “First Impressions and Happenings in and of Las Cruces” as remembered by some members in the audience.

Cost is \$14 and includes dinner. Reservations are required. Call 524-0589 or 522-0548 by Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011.

DACSAR meets Monday, Jan. 3

Doña Ana County Search & Rescue Inc., a volunteer search and rescue team, will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, in Conference Room No. 114 of the main building at Doña Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina St.

Visitors are welcome and the team is currently accepting and training new members. For more information, visit www.dacsar.org or call 526-4918.

Ed retirees meet Saturday, Jan. 8

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 182, will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, in the Columbus Conference Center of the Days Inn Suites & Mesilla Valley Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla.

The guest speaker will be 2010-12 New Mexico Federation President Leon Garcia, a seasoned NARFE leader who grew up in the north-eastern part of New Mexico. There is a cost (cash only) for the breakfast buffet.

Reservations must be made by Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011, by calling Joy Davenport at 522-1160.

Bridge club meets Friday, Jan. 7

Welcome Strangers Bridge and Canasta Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, at the Village at Northrise, 2882 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building. Dessert, coffee and tea will be served. Anyone interested is asked to make reservations before noon Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011.

For more information or to make reservations, call Edie at 523-0509 or Jan at 647-2968.

Library opens at San Andres High

The Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, San Andres High School and

the Town of Mesilla will hold a grand opening for a new public library located at San Andres High School, 2355 Avenida De Mesilla, from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011. The grand opening will include tours of the new facility, introduction of staff, refreshments and a ribbon cutting by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

The library is scheduled to be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays. It will be housed in the San Andres High School cafeteria.

The public is asked to use the Town Hall and Visitor Center parking and to enter in the north door of the high school.

For more information, call the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library at 528-4009.

Archaeological society meets

The Doña Ana Archaeological Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

Roy Brown will give a presentation on “The Threads of Memory,” an exhibit that includes more than 100 maps, drawings, letters and plans relating to the 400 years of Spanish presence in America.

Brown will select 15 items, including the first map of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (1602), the first map of the Texas coast, and other interesting documents to give a virtual tour of

the historical exhibition.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call 524-9497.

MVM announces January events

Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M, has announced its events for January 2011. All events take place in the community room inside the market.

- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12: Raw and Superfoods for the New Year, with Genevieve Mitchell. Cost is \$12 for co-op members, \$15 for nonmembers.
- 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13: the Wikileaks documentary and a potluck sponsored by New Heights Inclusive Faith Community. Free. The potluck is at 5:30 p.m., followed by the movie at 6 p.m. in the Co-op Community Room.
- 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15: Budgeting Healthy Meals for the New Year with Genevieve, Mo and Ellie. Free.
- 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17: Waddie Welcome and the Beloved Community book reading and discussion, sponsored by New Heights Inclusive Faith Community. Free with food provided.
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20: Cooking Sea Vegetables with Dee Davis. This class is a continuation of the Free Monthly Cooking Series. Free.
- 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 22: Balancing Your Body

with Raw Cultured Veggies with Connie Knudson. Free.

- 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27: How to Make Your Own Gluten-Free Baking Mix with Katherine Teksten. Sign-up is required. Cost is free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.
- For more information, call the market at 523-0436.

Native plant society events

The Native Plant Society of New Mexico, Las Cruces Chapter. Programs has announced its free events for January 2011. Nonmembers are welcome.

- 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12: In this program, attendees will share images from nature taken in 2010. Refreshments will be served.
 - 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15: This fun and creative workshop devoted to flowers will cover T-shirt and card creation, taught by Lisa Mandelkern. Participants should bring blank postcards, T-shirts (both available at Hobby Lobby) and an apron. Participants can also bring anything else that can be used to embellish the shirts and cards, such as pressed flowers. Fabric paint, acrylics, brushes and stamps will be provided. The events will take place at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the conference room.
- For more information, call Carolyn Gressitt 523-8413 or Al Krueger at 532-1036.

BLM announces changes to ranching information

Comment period will end Feb. 7, 2011

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published a notice announcing a change in the way the agency handles certain personal information related to public land ranchers in the Federal Register Wednesday, Dec. 29.

With the change, which is consistent with a recent ruling of a U.S. District Court in Idaho, the BLM will post on a publicly accessible website reports that include the official mailing addresses of nearly 18,000 BLM grazing permittees and lessees. Personal telephone numbers and financial information about public land ranchers will not be made available.

The record-system change, formally known as a notice of amendment to an existing system of records, seeks to balance mandates from two federal laws with different purposes – the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) of 1966 (as amended), which calls for full or partial disclosure of certain government records, and the Privacy Act of 1974 (as amended), which establishes procedures governing the collection,

maintenance, use, and dissemination of personal identifying information about individuals.

Unless comments are received that would require a contrary determination, the change will take effect after a 40-day public comment period that begins Dec. 29 and ends Feb. 7, 2011.

Anyone interested in commenting on the amendment may do so by submitting written comments to BLM Privacy Office, 1849 C Street, N.W., Room 725 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240. Emailed comments should be sent to privacy@blm.gov.

All comments, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time.

For more information, contact Robert Roudabush, division chief, Rangeland Resources, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, N.W., Room 201 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240. Roudabush may be reached by phone at 202-912-7222 or by email at rob_roudabush@blm.gov.

Christmas tree recycling set

Program will begin Jan. 1

Las Cruces residents who need to dispose of their natural Christmas trees can have them recycled. The City of Las Cruces Foothills Landfill, 555 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd., will accept Christmas trees and turn them into compost.

Residents can drop off their trees during regular

landfill business hours, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. New Year's Day.

Trees must not have trunks larger than 5 inches in diameter and all decorations and tinsel must be removed.

Residents who do not wish to have their trees recycled can

have them picked up by the city's grappler service. Those trees will be thrown away and not turned into compost.

Trees will not be accepted at the transfer station/recycling center on Amador Avenue, however, free compost will be available at the recycling center.

For more information, call 528-3700. The TTY number is 541-2182.

AG warns of latest scam

Sweepstakes 'winners' asked for \$800

Con artists reportedly are contacting consumers via telephone and the U.S. Postal Service in an attempt to carry out a familiar "sweepstakes" scam using Goodwill Industries of New Mexico and the Salvation Army to legitimize their fraudulent activity.

The scammer calls the unsuspecting consumer, claiming to be ready to award \$800,000 from Goodwill Industries of New Mexico and the Salvation Army to the "lucky winner." The catch is the consumer must send an \$800 fee before the winnings can be released.

A consumer in Indiana said when she

informed the scammers that she did not have \$800 to send them, they offered to send her \$3,100 up front to help her pay the fee. The check received by the consumer was confirmed to be fraudulent by a local financial institution.

Consumers receiving calls and/or checks similar to these should not share any personal information with the scammer and should report it to the New Mexico Attorney General's Office.

Goodwill Industries of New Mexico confirms they are not sponsoring nor participating in any kind of national sweepstakes.

Holiday closings announced

City, county offices close for New Year's

City of Las Cruces offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 31, to observe the New Year's holiday. Emergency services such as fire and police will not be affected. Trash pickup will also remain the same.

Most Doña Ana County offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 31, and Monday, Jan. 3. The administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed, but emergency services in the field will be continuous.

The following is a list of closures:

- All museums are closed through Jan. 1, 2011.
- Parks & Recreation centers including the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center will be closed through Jan. 2, 2011.
- RoadRUNNER Transit offices will be closed. There is regular bus service Dec. 31, but no service Jan. 1, 2011.
- The Foothills Landfill will be open Dec. 31, but

closed Jan. 1, 2011.

- Senior Programs and Branigan Library are closed Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2011.
- The South Central Solid Waste Authority Recycling Center will be open Dec. 31, but closed Jan. 1, 2011.
- The county's solid-waste stations and the South Central Solid Waste Authority and the Corralitos Landfill will close at 2 p.m. Dec. 31. All stations will be closed Jan. 1, 2011.

CrimeStoppers

Triple homicide

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers and the Delisle Estate are offering a reward of \$10,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the April murders of three people at a home on Mesilla Hills Drive.

On the morning of Thursday, April 15, the bodies of Gilles L. and Helga Harries Delisle and Peter J. Weith, were discovered inside a home at 2617 Mesilla Hills Drive. Investigators learned that the three victims had been shot to death.

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department continues to seek information on the triple homicide and asks for anyone with information – no matter how relevant or



significant that information is believed to be – to call Crime Stoppers. The identities of the callers can be kept confidential.

If you have any information on who may have committed this crime, please call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477).

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Christmastime in Doña Ana County

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The plaza next to Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria church in Doña Ana was lit by Christmas lights and luminarias Thursday, Dec. 23.



This home at 2611 Hillrise Drive in Las Cruces is hard to miss, which makes it that much easier for neighborhood children to visit owner Bill Maxey as he hands out candy on Christmas Eve.



Christmas Eve on the Mesilla Plaza

At bat for kids



The Oñate High School boys baseball team – pictured with Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Center staff – sponsored its Baseball Camp Toy Drive once again this year and donated toys to children at the Child Crisis Center of Southern New Mexico, El Caldito Soup Kitchen and Jardin De Los Niños at the center Monday, Dec. 20. Oñate baseball coach David Reyes asked Santa Claus and some of his players, who rode in on a fire truck, to deliver the toys.

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Remembrance at the Community of Hope

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Gary Clute sings as guests enter El Caldito Soup Kitchen for the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope's annual Christmas Candlelight Memorial Dinner Tuesday, Dec. 21.



Before being served dinner by volunteers, the event recalls those homeless people who have died during the past year. This year, the number was 17 that Community of Hope staff were aware of, beginning with Wanda Tarno who died last Christmas and ending with Johnny Madrid, who recently died of pneumonia.

For the children



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson
Lorenzo Soto and Joaquin Munetones of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope help state Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, D-Doña Ana, unload two trunk loads of donated toys, clothes and other children's items Monday, Dec. 27. Garcia, whose birthday is on Christmas Eve, asked friends and supporters to make the donations instead of giving gifts at her birthday party held at La Posta de Mesilla.



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A promise you can keep

Gabriel Vasquez
Business Editor



“Save more, spend less.”

It's the mantra of millions of Americans entering the New Year.

As popular as “eat less and exercise more,” this New Year's promise is probably broken just as often, if not more.

The key to reaching your goals is making them attainable. If you set the bar too high, you'll become discouraged quickly and abandon ship.

Rather than set unrealistic goals, start with a few financial changes that you can make without going dirt broke.

Update your will. If you haven't already done so, make or update this important legal document. Most avoid it, because, naturally, they avoid death and its consequences. This year, put some thought into it. Hire an estate planner or financial consultant if you have a lot of assets to account for.

Start saving electronically. It's simple, most banks offer it and you can start saving with as little as \$20 per paycheck. Pick a specific amount to save by the end of the year and put it in your year's budget.

Plan your vacations. Sure, an unexpected trip to Katmandu sounds exciting, but is it necessary? Rather than make vacation decisions on a whim, plan your vacations in advance. You'll thank yourself later.

Expect the worse. Unless you're a tenured professor, job security is never guaranteed. Plan for a long period of unemployment, a financial disaster or personal illness by making sure you're prepared with the right type of insurance or emergency fund. Life and home insurance can save you big bucks in the long run.

Lastly, get rid of all your useless crap. That's right, sell it. How long has it been since you used that \$300 air compressor or the mini-Hummer that junior no longer enjoys riding. Look to companies and services such as eBay, the flea market or the classifieds to sell your wares. Chances are, there's plenty of extra cash sitting in your household waiting to pad your savings account.

Good luck saving and planning, and don't forget to put into consideration your favorite business editor when drafting your will. He's a nice guy. Godspeed and may you have a successful 2011.

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Looking back: 2010 a year of steady growth

Las Cruces economy paced by local efforts, national industries

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Ask a local business owner, economist or a national researcher about Las Cruces' economy and they'll give you the same answer: “Business is good in Las Cruces.”

That saying held true in 2010, made evident by the 2.2 percent job growth in the Las Cruces metro area, which added 1,500 new jobs over the year.

Many other municipalities can't say the same, and for its economic performance in 2010, Las Cruces has been recognized by several regional and national polling organizations.

The accolades

Las Cruces ranked fifth among all medium-sized metros in the United States in projected 2009-11 employment growth, according to the latest U.S. Census figures; it ranked ninth in BusinessWeek's top-recovering job markets in a 2010 study; and eighth in the Milken Institute's annual report of the best-performing small cities in the country.

Doña Ana County was also ranked the 14th best county in the nation for job growth over the last nine years by Money Magazine.

“This is a reflection of how well Las Cruces is doing,” said Chris Erickson, a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. “We're a growing community and one of the only areas in the state, and in the country, that has been consistently adding jobs during the last several months.”

But that's not all.

Sunset Magazine ranked Las Cruces as one of the “20 Best Towns of the Future” in 2010; U.S. News & World Report named the city “One of 10 Cities for Real Estate Steals” in 2010; and CNBC recently called Las Cruces “One of America's Top Places for Boomers to Retire.”



Jaynes Corp. construction workers install panels on the exterior of the Las Cruces Convention Center March 29. The convention center, along with other municipal, state and federal projects, helped the construction industry make modest employment gains locally in 2010. The construction industry lost more than 8,300 jobs in New Mexico in 2009.

“Las Cruces has always had a strong economy because of our government base, which has shielded us from the recession, but I think the success also comes because we have such a tight-knit community that is business friendly and offers a beautiful place to live,” Erickson said.

Christine Logan, economic development administrator for the City of Las Cruces, said because of the city's focus on economic growth rather than many other small metros' “survivalist” planning and budgeting, it has benefited

from new companies relocating or expanding to the area.

“Another aspect of our staying well-ranked is that we are continuing to look for new businesses, opportunities in the renewable energy area and aerospace,” she said. “So as some communities have pulled back so far that they're not even thinking of serving their existing businesses, we continue to grow our programs and are still working toward our economic goals.”

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Old challenges still weigh heavy

Uncertainty in business reform and regulation permeated the year

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

While progress was paced by steady growth in the local economy, many existing challenges, along with new concerns, weighed heavy on the minds of many business owners and industry leaders in Las Cruces.

Perhaps the most debated, the health care reform enacted by Congress in March made many small business owners uneasy of how the sweeping reform would affect the way they provide health insurance for their employees.

Small business on life support?

The more than \$900 billion health care reform passed by Congress in March made national headlines for its potential impact on small businesses, which would inflict stiff pen-

alties on those that don't buy into the plan and sets strict requirements for financial aid.

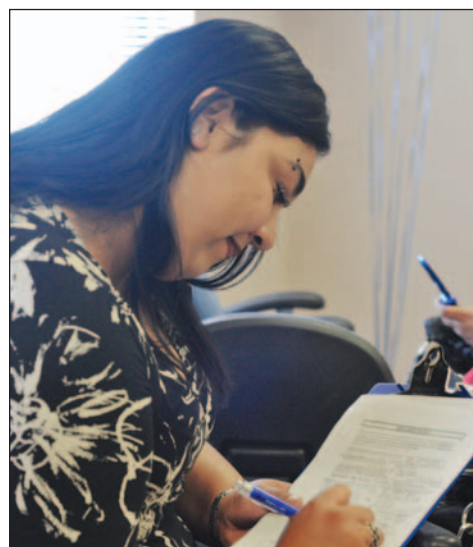
“Anytime you're looking at a potential cost increase in any place on your balance sheet, you're going to have to make some strategic decisions,” said Tom Hutchinson, owner of La Posta de Mesilla. “But it's too early to tell the impact. That's part of the dilemma that many (small business owners) have – the uncertainty, and uncertainty is never good for small business.”

Under the new reform, states will have to setup small business health option programs (SHOP exchanges), where small businesses can pool together to buy insurance. The U.S. Congressional Budget Office said the insurance pools would reduce premiums for businesses in the small-group market by 1 to 4 percent. It's estimated that 12 million small businesses are uninsured.

Hutchinson, who sits on the board of the National Restaurant Association, said he and his colleagues have been averse to the legislation since it was first introduced.

“The (restaurant) association has lobbied

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Percilla Rodarte fills out an application April 6 to work at CyraCom International Inc., an interpreting services company. A high unemployment rate coupled with layoffs in 2010 left many Las Cruces searching for a new job.

Year in Review: 2010 a year of steady growth

Growth

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The greening of Las Cruces

It's probably the national business buzzword of 2010, and it's no different in Las Cruces, where several "green" initiatives were recently founded.

Among the most important of those initiatives was the creation of a local green chamber of commerce, which saw steady growth throughout the year culminating with a "Think Local" campaign in December that was endorsed by City Council.

"There are a growing number of emerging businesspeople who feel either a responsibility or an economic interest in making more 'green-friendly' decisions," said Elisa Cundiff, executive director of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce. "We know there are many business owners who feel confused and alienated by the green movement, and we intend to be an inclusive organization, to help smooth over artificial divisive lines between sustainability and profitability."

In the green energy industry, local companies such as Sunspot Solar Energy Systems, Sun-Tech Services and Positive Energy kept busy installing dozens of new solar photovoltaic power-generating systems on residential homes and businesses throughout the year, gaining a larger market share and popularity in the local community.

"We were concerned with the way the economy was going, trying to evaluate when we should enter the market," said Sunspot co-owner Janet Honek. "The incentives are so unbelievable ... we decided that now was the time. We jumped on it."

Large-scale solar also made a move in Las Cruces. National companies eSolar and SunEdison announced they would build commercial-scale facilities in Doña Ana County as part of collective generating agreements reached with El Paso Electric Co., which significantly invested in its green portfolio in 2010. A new solar development is also planned for Hatch.

The biofuel industry also grew in Las Cruces, marked most notably by advancements at Sapphire Energy, a national company that's researching and developing algal-based biofuel for commercial-scale use on the West Mesa. The company announced last year it would build a full-scale algal bio-refinery near Columbus, N.M. NMSU's biofuel program also grew by means of additional research and a contract to research biofuel use in jet engines for the Air Force.

New businesses

Las Cruces saw its fair share of new businesses in 2010, some local, others regional and a few from national franchises.

Longtime jeweler Jones & Co. closed in Jan-



A field of eSolar sun-tracking heliostats absorb energy from the sun. The eSolar heliostats, which concentrate sunlight into a thermal receiver mounted on solar power towers about 180 feet high, will be part of eSolar's facility in Santa Teresa, N.M., as part of power generation partnership with El Paso Electric Co. reached in 2010.

uary, making way for the creation of Wright Jewelers, formed by some of the former Jones & Co. staff.

Walgreen's continued its investment in the Las Cruces market by opening two new locations on Roadrunner Parkway and Picacho Avenue.

Other businesses expanded, such as Zefiro Pizzeria, which opened a new location University Avenue. Los Compass restaurant opened up another location on Commerce Drive and Cricket Wireless opened several new stores in town. Cyacom, a bilingual call center, expanded within its own Divot Avenue location and hired additional employees. Similarly, Sitel also expanded its call center operations internally and offered more than 120 new jobs to the community. Following the closing of its Albuquerque call center, Convergys also recruited more than 100 new employees. The Mattress Firm and Zia Engineering also expanded in Las Cruces.

A new yoga studio and CPA office opened Downtown, and after much anticipation, La Iguana, a new restaurant, opened next to La Placita on what will soon be Main Street Downtown.

Other businesses that opened include a new juice bar at Tom Young's, a host of personal nutrition businesses, Café Agogo, Ump 88, Japanese Kitchen, Miguel's, Chicago Southwest, The Children's Place, China Express, Hair We R, Chateau Color Salon, The Cupcake Hut, a new crafts and farmers market at Mesilla Valley Mall and The Olive Garden, among many others.



The long-anticipated Olive Garden made its debut in Las Cruces in May.

the form of a fashion show, a celebrity waiting event and its annual jog-a-thon. Volunteer Jeffrey Silva was honored by the state March of Dimes organization as its Volunteer of the Year for his efforts to create local awareness through the Team Zane campaign.

New faces, new leaders

New faces in the crowd appeared in Las Cruces throughout several business and non-profit organizations in 2010.

Oklahoma native Kevin Burgess was hired as the CEO of Mesilla Valley Hospital in December. Burgess has more than 22 years of experience in behavioral health.

"I have worked my way up through the ranks in the mental health facilities that I've had the opportunity to work in," he said. "From direct patient care to therapy, crisis management and now in administration."

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce also welcomed a new leader, President and CEO Bill Allen, who came from serving as the head of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce in Royal Oak, Mich.

"I look at this position as a definite step up from where I was at, and it's where I would like to finish my career," he said.

Amanda Cruz was named as the executive director of the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces earlier this year, and has since made significant strides in improving the organization.

"We've made many improvements to our programs this year and have become more active in politics and other business issues," she said.

In November, the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership announced the hiring of Laura Kindseth as the organization's new, and permanent, executive director.

"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 done."

A spark of philanthropy

Two of the region's largest nonprofits – with assets of more than \$10 million – merged in 2010. The Healthcare Foundation of Southern New Mexico united with its umbrella organization, the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM).

"Together the two foundations felt this merger would be the best thing for the community," said CFSNM Executive Director Luan Wagner Burn. "The merger of the two foundations follows a national trend among community foundations. A trend that is focused on community needs."

Another initiative to come from the CFSNM was the founding of the Young Philanthropists, a group of more than 40 local professionals who raised \$3,000 for a regional charity and will continue their charitable work thanks to the Young Philanthropists endowment.

"As a business owner and a community member ... I felt this was an ideal opportunity to network, reach out and make an impact through the (CFSNM)," said Leonard Jimenez, a Young Philanthropists founding member and owner of Studio 037 Salon.

Ammu Devasthali, an advocate of the local arts scene, was named An Outstanding Leader in Philanthropy by the New Mexico Chapter Association of Fundraising Professionals. Devasthali made a \$500,000 donation to NMSU's Center for the Arts and is active in various local nonprofits. She was also named the 2009 Philanthropist of the Year by the CFSNM.

The March of Dimes again held successful fundraisers to help prevent premature birth in



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



The Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces hired a new executive director in January and installed a new board of directors in April.



The Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce celebrated its founding with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in September.

Year in Review: Old challenges still weigh heavy

Challenges

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Congress the past 18 months to let them be aware of the issues within the restaurant industry and with other businesses throughout the country," he said. "There are unintended consequences of major legislation like this. The devil is in the details when it comes to these things."

Marci Dickerson, owner of Dickerson's Catering and The Game Sports Bar & Grill, said she's not in favor of increased government regulation on small business and fears she may have to reduce her workforce to offset the financial cost of insuring her 65 full- and part-time employees.

"What scares us is the financial implications of (reform) because the government is now telling me what I have to do in my small business without providing any relief for it," she said. "We will probably cut back on employees, we will have to increase prices and I see the productivity of the business going down."

Small businesses already carrying insurance will get tax incentives to cover up to 50 percent of the cost. Those with 50 to 100 employees will have their choice of insurance (SHOP) exchanges with group rates, benefits and choice of insurers.

Anyway you paint the legislation, said Lee Rawson, former state senator and owner of Rawson Building Supply, it will create more problems than solutions.

"The government is now doing things it was never designed to do – taking over General Motors, health care – which raises the question, how safe are any of our businesses?" Rawson said. "This destabilizes the business community."

Employment in the valley

A more stabilizing factor in the local business community were the jobs created by the Recovery Act, which pumped stimulus funds into local communities across the nation for public projects.

According to a report by the University of New Mexico, federal stimulus dollars have supported New Mexico's economy and provided for more than 24,000 jobs in 2010. Another 23,000 jobs will be supported through June 30, 2011, according to the report.

"The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has had a broad and positive impact on New Mexico's economy, and it has helped thousands of working families during a difficult time," Gov. Bill Richardson said. "I know too many New Mexico families are struggling with job losses and hard times. But without this extra help, things would be much worse."

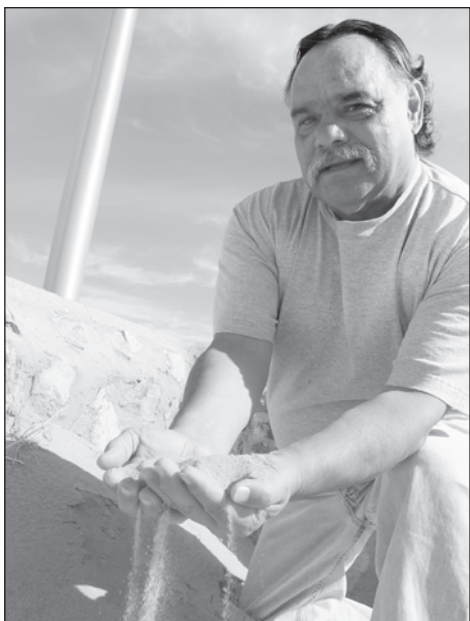
Locally, stimulus projects such as the widening of Interstate 10 to the Texas state line, the rebuilding of levees along the Rio Grande and the reconstruction of the Sandhill Arroyo on Del Rey Boulevard have all added jobs to Doña Ana County.

But unemployment is still higher in Las Cruces compared to the same time last year. The latest numbers from the Department of Workforce Solutions indicate that Las Cruces is at 8.4 percent unemployment, compared to 7.9 percent at the same time in 2009.

Over the year, Las Cruces added 1,500 jobs for a growth rate of 2.2 percent. The local metro area has recorded consecutive job gains for seven months, following 16 months of year-over-year losses. But the need for more jobs was evident by record attendance marked at annual job fairs this year.

"I'm focusing on my grades at school because I still have a full load of classes I have to pay attention to," said New Mexico State University student Al Hussein, at a local job fair. "But at

Antonio Granillo, who owns a home in the Parkhill Subdivision off of Del Rey Boulevard, said excess sand kicked up by developers regularly piles 3 to 4 feet high in his backyard.



LED variable display signs, such as the one seen here at the Pic Quik store on University Avenue, were the topic of debate among business owners, community members and City Council.

the same time, I know I can't just sit there. The jobs won't come to me. I have to really push it – I have to make sure I do my part."

More reform and regulation

Has one of Las Cruces' new vibrant, digital billboards caught your eye yet?

Locally, issues such as regulating digital signage and controlling the dust emitted by local homebuilders were topics of widespread debate in 2010.

"If you understand the purpose of advertising, it's to inform and persuade," Charlie Scholz, an advertising professor at NMSU and chair of the Las Cruces Planning & Zoning Commission told City Council during a work session in March. "That's the reason digital billboards came into existence. They're more dynamic, more interesting and are more attractive, aesthetically."

But some members of City Council and other community members have remained steadfast in their belief that digital signs should be tightly regulated to avoid motor vehicle accidents and because they are an eyesore to the city.

"Some of them are a real problem and require local regulation, if anything else," said District 6 City Councillor Sharon Thomas.

Cheryl Rodriguez of the Las Cruces Community Development Department (CDD) recently led a study to determine if the new digital billboards and signs "popping up around town" should be regulated by the city. She said the CDD staff agreed some local legislation is needed to prevent the signs from creating hazardous driving conditions.

"Staff feels it's important to start enacting the regulatory framework for regulation of digital signs," she said during a June 7 City Council special work session held to discuss the CDD's new findings. "There is majority support that digital signs are distracting to drivers."

A proposed night sky ordinance brought before Council in August 2009 that aimed to amend various sections of the current sign code to prevent "excessive light pollution" drew fierce opposition from small business owners.

"We went through this 10 years ago," said Oscar Andrade, owner of Pic Quik stores. "When the night sky ordinance first came into play, they used my Del Rey store as an example of what a convenience store should look like. Now they're saying it's too bright."

Council has postponed an amendment to the sign code pending further discussion.

Equally as heated is the argument between homebuilders, community members and City Council members who all have their own take on the problem of excessive dust being generated

from construction activity in residential neighborhoods.

Led by a group of homeowners who complained to City Council that their homes were being covered in dust from neighboring construction sites, the Council is still reviewing the appropriate action to address and prevent future complaints and health problems related to the matter.

"These people have sustained property damage, property devaluation and health problems as a result of the reckless behavior of irresponsible developers and builders," said Carol Reynolds, a member of the Las Cruces for Dust Ordinance Enforcement. "The current ordinance that has been in place for about 10 years has never been adequately enforced."

Isaac Chavez, CEO of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors, said developers alone should not bear the burden for area dust problems.

"We are still waiting to see where this discussion leads, but we don't feel that this is solely a builder and development problem," Chavez said. "I think it's very unfair certain people in the community are trying to blame this on the builders."

The city released a revised wind erosion control ordinance proposal in December.

Delayed openings

Although many new businesses made Las Cruces their home in 2010, others have stalled in their efforts to tap into the local market, blaming the economy for the delays.

Pro's Ranch Market, for example, announced in 2009 it would open a new Hispanic-themed grocery store in 2010, and has subsequently delayed construction since, citing the slow economy as the major reason. In August, representatives from the company announced that construction would start soon and the company would hire more than 250 local employees.

"I have been waiting – we have all been waiting – for this to come," said Eric Nguyen, owner of Tip Top Nails on El Paseo Road, whose business sits next to the vacant Pro's Ranch building. "It was just a matter of time, and we are all very excited."

But construction has yet to start and it looks like Pro's Ranch officials are again pushing back the opening date.

Also devoid of a construction or opening date is a new Walmart Supercenter planned for the East Mesa in the Rinconada commercial development.

"You can just hear the crickets," said Donnie Brainard, president of the Alameda Property Group, which will provide the space for the new Walmart. "There is nothing going on with any of the retailers."

Brainard's last indication of a Walmart construction start date was January 2011, although the company has been reluctant to make any announcements.

Gil Jones, broker with NAI 1st Valley, said major retailers won't return until the local economy stabilizes.

"Jobs fuel demand for office space, manufacturing space, they spur retail activity and the space required for that activity," he said.

Banks: We're still lending

According to many local entrepreneurs, some local business growth has taken a backseat because of increasing regulation in the financial market and banks' unwillingness to lend money.

"The biggest thing that has changed over the past two years is the way we look at risk," said Rosie Landin, lending specialist at FirstLight Federal Credit Union. "At the end of the day, we just want you to be around to pay the loan back."

Landin said lenders are now looking for higher credit scores, more cash flow and are more closely evaluating a borrower's collateral.

"In a nutshell, there were too many bad loans made to too many people," she said. "The borrowers suffered and so have the lenders. No one wants to be the bad lender now."



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People on the move

FYI Inc. honors employees

Families & Youth Inc. (FYI) honored Precilla Nieto as its Employee of the Year during an awards banquet Dec. 10, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. Nieto has been employed as the FYI Treatment Foster Care admissions coordinator since 2005. The FYI Supervisors of the Year awards went to Bryan Hodges and Brian Kavanaugh. In addition, Mickey Curtis and Lynn Winters received the CEO's Special Selection Employees of the Year awards. Other 2010 outstanding employees from other FYI programs included: Emily Walker, administration; Natalia Tellez, Childcare Food Program; Michael Spitzer, Family Focus; Karen Little, Multisystemic Therapy; Janet Lindsey, Prevention/Youth Employment; Kirk Runnells, Community Support; Maggie Segovia, Drug Court; Luz Higley, Home-Based Services; Cecilia Martinez, Juvenile Community Corrections; Rose Espino, AmeriCorps; Jared Fietze, Stepping Stones for Boys; Sonia Garcia, Stepping Stones for Girls; Dana Malone, Transitional Living; Reyna Zavala, Consumer Benefits; Jessica Moreno, Functional Family Therapy; and Brian Kavanaugh, Juvenile Assessment and Reporting Center.

FYI is a social service agency serving more than 5,000 families each year with more than 200 employees in 20 different prevention, intervention and counseling/treatment programs. FYI's main office is at 1320 S. Solano Drive.

LCPS staff recognized for maintenance work



GUERRA

During its Dec. 14 meeting, the Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education recognized the school district's Physical Plant Department (PPD) and PPD Lead Mason Gabe Guerra for receiving 2010 Ben Lujan maintenance awards from the New Mexico Public School Facilities Authority (NMPSEFA). The PPD received a gold award, which means the district "is to be commended for making significant progress in maintenance management practices through demonstrated teamwork," according to NMPSEFA. Guerra received an award for the quality of his work for LCPS. The gold award is the highest award given by NMPSEFA to recognize school district maintenance statewide. Last year, the LCPS PPD received a silver award. When the 2009 awards were presented, LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds and Associate Superintendent for Operations Herb Torres promised PPD employees a steak dinner if they received a gold award in 2010. Rounds and Torres will be treating 65 PPD employees to steaks in January 2011.

Associate deans receive Fulbright awards

Two associate deans in New Mexico State University's College of Arts and Sciences will travel overseas this spring as part of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. Associate Deans Robert Czerniak and Peter Gregware are two of 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals across the country selected for the 2010-11 academic year. Czerniak will spend five months in Chisinau, Moldova, a country located off the Black Sea between Romania and Ukraine. As part of the program, Czerniak will teach comparative urban geography and conduct research on land use change at the Technical

University of Moldova. During his stay, he also will meet with other geographers and give talks at other institutions. Gregware will carry out his first Fulbright in Bratislava, Slovakia, to teach at the School of Law of Comenius University, Slovakia's premier university. Gregware's classes will include Rule of Law and Judicial Ethics. His students are part of the Erasmus Program, which draws students from throughout the European Union.

BPC adds two employees

Susie Horton, owner of Business Products Center, recently announced the hiring of two new employees. Christopher Drumm has been named as vice president of the company. Drumm has spent the last five years as a financial consultant for Colonial Savings in Fort Worth, Texas. Matthew Hale has joined BPC as a sales representative. Hale, born and raised in St. Louis, has more than seven years of experience in the office supply industry. BPC is at 840 El Paseo Road, Suite B.

Criminal Justice professor retires



MAYS

After more than 29 years teaching criminal justice at New Mexico State University, G. Larry Mays retired in December. Mays is a national expert on jails and prisons. His work in juvenile justice is widely acclaimed by juvenile justice academics and professionals in the field. He has authored several books on courts and the justice system, the U.S. prison system and jails and detention centers. During his nine-year tenure as department head between 1981 and 1990, Mays started a master's program in criminal justice, the first in the state. While teaching a variety of criminal justice classes at NMSU, Mays earned a number of awards. He received the Donald C. Roush Award in 1993, was selected as Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in 1997, was named an NMSU Regents Professor in 2005 and was selected numerous times for Who's Who among American Teachers. In 2008, Mays moved to NMSU's Albuquerque Center, where he has been teaching for the last two years.

Bank of the Rio Grande employee promoted

Steve Brown, president and CEO of Bank of the Rio Grande, recently announced the promotion of Minerva Moralez to vice president. Moralez was previously a loan officer managing the Bank of the Rio Grande's Loan Department. She has 23 years of banking experience, attended New Mexico State University and has completed a number of bank-related courses and seminars throughout her career. Brown said the board is pleased to acknowledge Moralez' hard work and dedication to the bank's mission.

NMSU appoints interim ag secretary

New Mexico State University's Board of Regents appointed Tom Bagwell as the interim director/secretary of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture at its regular meeting Dec. 10. Bagwell, who currently serves as the assistant director for the NMDA

and the deputy secretary of agriculture for New Mexico, will replace NMDA Director and Secretary I. Miley Gonzalez, who announced he will retire at the end of the year. The director of the NMDA serves as the secretary of agriculture on the Governor's Cabinet, but the position is filled by the NMSU Board of Regents and reports to the board and the university president. Bagwell is a member of the Border Governors Agricultural Work Table and Western Governors Farm Bill Working Group. He serves on the Governor's Administrative Policy Team and the Tribal Consultation Plan Team. He has bachelor's and master's degrees from NMSU in agricultural economics and is a faculty member in the agricultural and extension education department.

Las Cruces banker named to Dallas Fed council

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas recently announced the establishment of a Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council as part of a Federal Reserve initiative to enhance communication and feedback with community bankers. The council is comprised of 12 representatives from financial institutions of various sizes in Texas, northern Louisiana and New Mexico. Among the appointees to the council is Justin Harper, president and CEO of Citizens Bank of Las Cruces. The council will provide grassroots information on a variety of topics, including economic and banking conditions, regulatory policies and payment issues.

Carmen Gonzales retires



GONZALES

Carmen Gonzales has retired as the vice president of Student Success at New Mexico State University, but she does not plan to stop working, and she is excited to look for opportunities to continue to support distance education and learning technologies across the state, according to NMSU. Gonzales began her career in higher education at NMSU in 1995 after earning a doctorate in learning technologies from the University of New Mexico. She came to NMSU to work in the College of Education in the department of Curriculum and Instruction in the Learning Technologies program. Gonzales has also served in the role of vice provost for Distance Education and the College of Extended Learning, where she led the effort to develop a new interdisciplinary program, the Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Media and promoted classroom and technological innovation in support of lifelong learning for a diverse audience. In her role as the vice provost, she led the effort to increase distance education from four programs to 44 programs. During her tenure at NMSU, she brought in more than \$30 million in state, federal and private foundation funding. Her educational career spans 30 years and includes schools in New Mexico, Hawaii and Honduras. Gonzales plans to return to Santa Fe, where many of her family and friends live before beginning work as a legislative analyst for the 60-day session starting mid-January. Then, she will pursue opportunities in areas of consultation and grant writing that will keep her closely working in the area of distance education.

Foddrill re-elected to Loan Fund board

Russell Foddrill, senior vice president for consumer lending at First American Bank in Chaparral, has been re-elected secretary of the board for The Loan Fund, a statewide nonprofit alternative lender to businesses and other non-

profit organizations. He will serve a one-year term. Foddrill has two decades of experience in banking and consumer lending. Prior to joining First American Bank in 2007, he held similar positions at Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, First Federal Bank and Sunwest Bank. Foddrill is currently board chair of Community Properties Inc. and Tresco Inc. He also serves as a board member for the Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico.

Dickerson receives first Friends of the CVB award

Marci Dickerson, owner of Dickerson's Catering and Events Center, was the recipient of the first Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) Friends of the CVB award. The award was for the fourth quarter of 2010. Dickerson received the award based on her constant willingness to sponsor and assist with CVB events and activities, said Chris Faivre of the CVB. The Friends of the CVB award is a quarterly award given to individuals in the tourism industry who understand the goals and mission of the CVB and who willingly and happily participate with various events on a continued basis in order to increase the number of visitors to Las Cruces. Dickerson is the owner of Dickerson's Catering, The Game Sports Bar & Grill and Hurricane Alley.

CMI students win film festival awards



New Mexico State University Creative Media Institute students Victor Zeppelin and Oscar Zamora took home the Best Mini Film award at the 2010 Halloween and Day of the Dead Film Festival for their horror short "Angler."

Two films created by students from New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute in the College of Arts and Sciences received awards in New Mexico film festivals this fall. Junior Oscar Zamora and sophomore Victor Zeppelin teamed up to create the horror short "Angler," which gave the pair the award for Best Mini Film at the 2010 Halloween and Day of the Dead Film Festival. The film, which follows a young girl with a fear of something intangible, was made on a whim after the two decided NMSU's Rhodes-Garrett-Hamiel Residence Center would make the perfect backdrop for a horror film. This was not only the first win for both Zamora and Zeppelin, but their first festival entry as well. The second winning film came out of the mind of recent NMSU graduate Jacob Ovrick. After graduating in May with a bachelor's degree in creative media in animation and visual effects,

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People on the move

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Ovrick decided to submit his senior project, the short animated film "Dark Space," to Capitan, N.M.'s first short-film festival, 15 Minutes of Fame. To view "Angler," visit www.youtube.com/user/SODAshorts. To view "Dark Space," visit vimeo.com/14507759.

MMC December Shining Star



BARDWELL

Sheila Bardwell, a registered nurse, was recognized as Memorial Medical Center's Shining Star for the Month of December. Bardwell has worked at MMC for more than 10 years in many positions while earning her bachelor's degree in nursing. As a registered nurse, Bardwell

has worked in various departments. Bardwell takes pleasure in her job and taking care of the patients, which is proven by her patients' consistent positive feedback, said MMC marketing coordinator Mandy Leatherwood. The Shining Star of the Month is nominated by peers and supervisors based on a team member's commitment to excellence and contribution to MMC's vision.

Paz to head ASCE

Engineer Jerry Paz, vice president of Molzen Corbin, one of New Mexico's largest

multidiscipline engineering and architectural firms, has been elected to serve as president of the New Mexico Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) for 2010-11. Founded in 1852, ASCE represents more than 144,000 members of the civil engineering profession worldwide and is America's oldest national engineering society. Paz, a native of Las Cruces, has been with Molzen Corbin for more than 26 years and serves as the firm's Las Cruces office branch manager. He has designed more than 120 miles of federal, state and local roadways throughout New Mexico including the recent improvements to Interstate 10 from the Interstate 25 interchange south to the Texas state line, and the Doña Ana interchange north of Las Cruces. Paz also has been involved in the design of more than \$240 million dollars worth of public infrastructure improvements in his capacity as engineer for Molzen Corbin's municipal clients throughout the state.

EXIT Realtors attend professional development workshop

Chris Harrison and Joseph Arnone joined real estate professionals from all over North America recently at the headquarters of EXIT Realty Corp. International for a week of training, professional development and networking as part of EXIT Realty's Broker Owner Training. Fifteen of the industry's top professionals, including company executives and EXIT Realty's CEO and Founder Steve Morris gather

each year to teach real estate skills. For more information, call 532-5678.

NMSU anthropology professor set to retire after 15 years

After 15 years of teaching and devoting years to research and humanitarian efforts in Chiapas, Mexico, New Mexico State University anthropology professor Christine Eber will retire from the university in December. Eber has taught a variety of classes at NMSU since 1995, including courses on religion, gender studies, anthropology of art and Mesoamerican peoples. She also taught courses in the Women's Studies Program and helped to develop a religious studies minor. Most recently, Eber has been working toward creating a drug studies minor. One of her major research projects has been on indigenous women's experiences with social change in Chiapas. Involving students in her project, Eber focuses on these women's weaving cooperatives and assists them in forging connections across national boundaries to sell their work through fair trade markets. In 2002, Eber received the Governor's Award for Outstanding Women in New Mexico. She received the Dennis Darnell Faculty Achievement Award in 2005 and the Donald C. Roush Award in 2010. Eber has done extensive writing including three books, journal articles, short stories and poems. Her latest book, "The Journey of a Tzotzil-Maya Woman of Chiapas, Mexico," will be published in November 2011. Upon retirement, Eber plans to relocate to Vermont. She will continue her studies of the indigenous peoples of Chiapas, devoting more energy to building a scholarship program in her parents' memory for Tzotzil-Maya young people. She plans to continue writing and revive her playing of the violin.

Nelson joins First American Bank



NELSON

Everett Crawford, chairman and CEO of First American Bank, has announced the hiring of Barbara Nelson as a vice president and trust officer. Nelson received her bachelor's degree in business administration from New Mexico State University. After receiving her degree, Nelson

went on to have a successful 25-year banking career in the Las Cruces and Albuquerque areas. Nelson has worked in all facets of the banking industry. She has made Las Cruces her home since the third grade. Being an active NMSU alumni and Aggies fan along with being active in her church are some of the things Nelson enjoys. She serves as a board member for the Rotary Club of Las Cruces, Mesilla Valley Hospice and the Healthcare Foundation of Southern New Mexico.

NMSU professor earns teaching award

New Mexico State University mathematics professor David Pengeley has been selected as the 2010 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching New Mexico Professor of the Year based on his impact, involvement and scholarly approach to his undergraduate students. In 2009, Pengeley received the Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics from the Mathematical Association of America. His teaching methods are not traditional and includes student projects and advance student reading, writing and preparing mathematical work before class time.

Building Las Cruces

Copperstone Villas II



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Gabriel Vasquez

Construction is ongoing for Phase II of the Copperstone Villas, 2775 N. Roadrunner Parkway. The planned 410-unit apartment complex, developed by Crestline Building Corp., is being built in phases with many units already available. Copperstone Phase II will add an additional 100 apartments. For more information, call 532-0120.

Looking for permits?

Due to the holidays, the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico will not make building permits available until Friday, Jan. 7, 2011. To request a copy of permits for the weeks of Dec. 26 and Jan. 1, 2011, call the BIA-SNM at 526-6126 or email elenaw@biasnm.org. The Bulletin will resume publishing building permits in its Jan. 14, 2011, issue.

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A winning formula for Downtown revitalization

Business activity ongoing amid Main Street construction

Laura Kindseth
Executive director,
Downtown Las Cruces
Partnership



On Dec. 3, hundreds of our friends and neighbors braved the temporary inconvenience of the construction zone Downtown to follow the luminarias and join Main Street's holiday festivities, including the tree lighting at City Hall, Art Ramble and the annual WinterFest.

I had a lot of fun too this holiday season shopping locally for truly unique gifts as I strolled through our outstanding art galleries and New Mexico's best farmers and crafts market. If you haven't already explored the fantastic array of gift choices available from our Downtown merchants – ranging from the whimsical to the sublime, the unexpectedly clever to one-of-a-kind items (and everything in between) – head Downtown, pronto! You won't regret running the "Gauntlet of the Orange Bollards." It's well worth the minor annoyance of a few street detours.

There's an old axiom that goes, "Good things come to those who wait." While the revitalization of our Downtown area may, indeed, seem as slow as a turtle to some observers, our community partners continue to work diligently toward fulfillment of this shared mission – a project that will benefit both citizens and visitors alike, providing a downtown area that fully reflects the rich history and culture of our city and further boosts our local economy.

You may ask, "How do these Downtown improvements happen?" Let's look at a simple formula (no complex Pythagorean theorems needed here) for arriving at the desired result:

People + partnership + pride = progress.

The talented people of Las Cruces who volunteer hours of their time toward Downtown revitalization truly believe in this

important mission. Our volunteers are the cornerstone of DLCP's formula for success.

These are the people you may have noticed serving cold drinks under the hot sun at SalsaFest, or joining the assembly line to prepare and light 5,000 luminarias for WinterFest. Behind the scenes, scores of volunteers donate their professional talents and resources to serve on Main Street committees. They work in that capacity to improve organizational structure, governance and policies; they provide valuable design and technical assistance to business and property owners desiring to make building improvements; they plan and execute event activities; and they help to sustain Downtown businesses and promote Downtown Las Cruces to prospective businesses.

Lasting partnerships made up of volunteers, dedicated City of Las Cruces employees and officials and a variety of steadfast local business owners are the essential building blocks to making real progress. Success of our

Downtown festivals could not happen without this cooperative effort of comprehensive planning and coordination with city entities and Downtown businesses, so that we may provide a welcoming and safe environment for the public to enjoy. The City of Las Cruces, our Downtown businesses, Jaynes Construction and DLCP continue to collaborate to ensure that businesses remain open and accessible as construction continues – not an easy task, but successfully executed by this group of amazing

“ We've worked together so that public areas surrounding construction zones are hazard-free ... ”

people. We've worked together so that public areas surrounding construction zones are hazard-free, to ensure that street closures (and openings!) are clearly communicated and that the signage to help direct shoppers and diners to Downtown has been correctly installed.

Community pride is abundant in Las Cruces, and our growing list of distinctions is well deserved. Galleries along Main Street are overflowing with an array of locally created world-class art, and attendance at first Friday Art Rambles is clear proof that our community strongly supports the fine arts. Our farmers and crafts market has been named the best in New Mexico and is ranked No. 9 in the nation, according to a national survey. Last Saturday morning as I sat at the market, listening to a fine rendition of "Hallelujah" by a local musician, sipping a delicious latte from



Construction is ongoing on North Main Street where Jaynes Corp. is re-opening Main Street to vehicular traffic. Despite the ongoing Downtown revitalization, businesses remain open and signage has been installed to direct pedestrian traffic.

La Iguana and enjoying the parade of passersby, it suddenly hit me: Looking around, I noticed that I was entirely surrounded by smiling, happy faces – there wasn't a frown to be found! It won't surprise me if our Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market soon moves up to No. 1 in the U.S.

Our community is among the nation's top choices for retirement living, too. Small wonder, given sunny skies, heavenly weather, beautiful landscapes and a spirited arts-and-culture-rich community that provides such an array of entertainment options. Recently named one of the nation's safest mid-size cities, Las Cruces shows yet more appeal as a great choice for outstanding quality of life.

Progress is the sum total of all of the aforementioned assets. You can expect to see additional progress in the next few months, including more streets opened and even some new businesses on the scene to complement the many retail shops, galleries, restaurants and services that already call Downtown "home."

Looking ahead to 2011, the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership anticipates another very productive and exciting year on Main Street.

This spring, the Main Street Façade Squad

moves into action to scrub and paint building façades along a section of North Main Street. With technical assistance from New Mexico MainStreet and partial funding from Friends of New Mexico MainStreet, a dozen buildings have already been identified and assessed for eligibility – they stand ready for fresh coats of paint. Imagine the impact of these sparkling "new" façades on our Main Street! If you'd like to help make a difference in Downtown Las Cruces and join us for this day of work, fellowship, fun and food, please watch for notification of the project dates. We'll be so happy and grateful to have you with us!

May is National Preservation Month, and we hope you'll join us as DLCP celebrates a colorful history of Downtown Las Cruces and surrounding neighborhoods, with events that will interest historians young and old.

See you Downtown soon!

To learn more about the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership and how you can help ensure that people + partnership + pride = progress for our community, call us at 525-1955 or visit us online at www.downtownlascrucespartnership.org.

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Does real estate take a holiday?

‘Off season’ is a good time to buy

Most people are aware the spring and summer months are considered the “high season” for real estate sales. In most areas of the country, sales peak in April and May and remain brisk well into the summer months. The scenario isn’t much different in Las Cruces. Warm weather, summer vacation and income tax refunds combine to make a great time for buyers and sellers to make their moves.

What about the winter months? Do sales take a significant dip in the “off season?” According to statistics from the Las Cruces Multiple Listing and Information Service, the answer is yes – but not much. Take this past year, for example.

During the winter of 2009-10, between Dec. 21, 2009, and March 20, 2010, the 244 closed sales of new and used Las Cruces area homes accounted for 21.1 percent of the year’s total number of closings. Sales peaked in the spring (March 21 to June 20), with 369 sales closed, representing 31.8 percent of our annual sales.

Closings began to slow during the summer (June 21 to Sept. 22), when the 289 inked deals represented 24.9 percent of our annual total. The remaining 22.2 percent of our 2010 sales took place in the fall (Sept. 23 to Dec. 20), when 257 new and existing home sales were reported closed.

If you haven’t already done the math, here’s what the totals look like: The spring and summer closings in 2010 accounted for 56.7 percent of the 1,159 homes sold. On the winter/fall flip side, 43.3 percent of our annual sales were booked. Even though the numbers are a bit leaner on the flip side, buying and selling in the “off season” has its benefits.

Gary Sandler’s
Real Estate
Connection



Buyers can benefit from lower prices, less competition, motivated sellers, favorable mortgage terms and the possibility of taking a tax deduction for interest paid on closings that take place before the end of the year.

Sellers can also benefit during the winter months. Less competition from other sellers, fewer but more serious local buyers, an influx of snowbirds and lower interest rates

often combine to bring about an impressive number of successful sales.

So, does it really matter whether you buy or sell in the “on” or “off” season? Not really. Unlike other areas of the country where winter weather causes a significant dip in sales, Las Cruces enjoys a steady stream of

buyers and sellers year round.

From a real estate perspective, Las Cruces area residents are fortunate to live in a market that’s conducive to success no matter when they choose to buy or sell.

See you at closing!

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

“Las Cruces enjoys a steady stream of buyers and sellers year round.”

Mother and daughter work to change lives

Endowment created to help others in hardship

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

For more info

To donate a tax-deductible gift of any amount to the Alexis Elle Endowment, call the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico at 521-4794.

When Charlotte Tallman had her daughter, Alexis, at the age of 21, she was a single mother and college dropout with little hope for a solid future. Now, 15 years later, she owns her own home and runs her own business, thanks in part to a strong desire to provide a stable life for her daughter, and her continuing education. Now, through the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) she is working to help other single moms return to school.

“When Alexis was born, I focused on being a good mom,” Tallman said. “I loved her more than anything and I knew she deserved a good life. I also knew in order to provide a better life I had to go back to college.”

It wasn’t easy to return. On top of owing money to the university she had previously attended, she worked a minimum-wage-paying job, barely able to pay the bills. In an effort to save money for school, she learned to be resourceful. She saved syrup from canned fruit to make juice, and cut up receiving blankets to use as diapers – hand washing the blankets in the bathroom sink. Eventually she was able to pay her debt and enroll in college, only to find her GPA was too low to receive financial aid.

“It seemed almost impossible to get a college education, but that was the only thing I could think of that would allow me to come out of the financial hole I was in,” Tallman said. “I needed the education to make a living, but I didn’t have the money get that education.”

Attending a semester here and there, Tallman somehow scraped up enough money to pay for several years of college before she received financial aid. At her graduation, Tallman stepped on the stage to accept her diploma, and then scanned the stadium looking for her daughter. She finally saw her 7-year-old daughter jumping up and down, her hands clapping harder than anyone else.

“I know the struggles were well worth it,” she said. “From the moment I considered college, I wondered how much easier it would be for other young single mothers in my shoes if they had the financial resources they needed in order to attend school without the repercussions from making a mistake earlier in their lives.”

“I knew then I wanted to do what I could to help single mothers interested in continuing their education to experience the feeling of accomplishment that graduating from college produces, particularly when you are the sole source of income in the family. When I heard about the community foundation, and the endowments created within the organization, I knew I had found a way to help.”

The Alexis Elle Endowment was created in her daughter’s name to honor the strength and support she gave simply by being her daughter. Tallman donated a small amount of money and an agreement to place \$5,000 in the professionally managed endowment within five years. Once the \$5,000 is established, the principal from the funds will last forever and will continue to produce earnings. A portion of the earnings will be designated for scholarships awarded to single mothers wanting to return to school, matching the wishes designated when the endowment was created.

“For many, this endowment will serve as a ray of hope for those unsure of their future but incapable of quitting. Any help could literally change the life of a mother and her child,” Tallman said.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the Southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the CFSNM offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of the foundation is that donors need not be

wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people in our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds, donors can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to their heart. Through our planned giving programs, donors can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of southern New Mexico for generations to come. The CFSNM can advise donors on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information, visit www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794.



‘Bah, Humbug’ is the phrase of the day

Scrooge has good lessons for this time of year



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

The presents are open. The turkey is eaten. The returns are returned. The general orgy of consumption that is Christmas is over. And now that it is done, I can say, along with that great philosopher Ebenezer Scrooge, “Bah, Humbug.”

Don’t get me wrong. I love the Christmas holidays. It’s only after it is over when I look back on profligate materialism that is the holiday season, that I humbugify. My waistline has expanded and my wallet has shrunk – time for a little abstemiousness.

This brings us back to Scrooge. As we all know, Scrooge is the main character in Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol.” After scary visitations by his deceased business partner, Jacob Marley, and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet-to-Come, Scrooge is redeemed, becoming a liberal of the “We are the World” variety.

The fact is that the pre-visitation Scrooge has a lot of good traits. He is an ascetic who values hard work and self denial. Yes, he only allows Cratchit a single coal lump for his stove to warm by, but Scrooge sets an example by allowing himself only a small fire also. Scrooge works Cratchit hard but also works hard himself. These old-fashioned values – hard work and self denial – are traits we could use more of in our hedonistic modern

world. It seems cruel to criticize Scrooge on these counts. And after all, Scrooge does give Cratchit the day off with pay for Christmas.

Then there is the idea of charity. When asked for money for the poor, Scrooge refuses. He already is giving to his chosen charities – the prisons and the Union work houses. These sound like dreadful charities, but who are we to question Scrooge. It is his money after all.

With hindsight, we wish Scrooge would contribute funds to cure, say, malaria like Bill Gates. But is there really a logical difference between Scrooge’s time and the system we have today that allows the rich to direct the charity to where they want without regard to the desires of the general public? Private charity will always be subject to the vagrancies of the donor. Certainly, there is a consistent logic to Scrooge’s choices. No free rides.

Work for what you get.

Then there is the advice that Scrooge gives his nephew, Fred. He warns Fred from buying with money he doesn’t have. He tells him that he is a year older but not an hour richer. This is definitely good advice for those of us suffering from post-holiday credit card hangovers.

Scrooge’s political views are to be admired also. He asks to be just left alone to run his business in peace. Really, if you think about it, Scrooge would fit in perfectly into a Tea Party rally.

Don’t get me wrong, by next Thanksgiving I’ll be back into the holiday mood. But for now, I think I’ll be more a Scrooge at least till I’m an hour or two richer in anticipation of next year’s spending frenzy.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is an associate professor of economics at New Mexico State University. The views expressed here are his own and may not reflect the views of the Regents or administration of NMSU.

Year in Review: Agriculture

Green shoots for local ag industry

International buyers take a shine to valley crops

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Area growers kept busy in the Mesilla Valley farmlands in 2010, driven by increased interest from international markets, rising prices for some cotton varieties and a hopeful outlook that rains would return in the winter to provide much-needed snow pack runoff for next year's irrigation season.

Overall, 2010 was a successful year for most farmers, with changes in the local agriculture industry bringing about new ways of farming, new varieties to plant and new markets to explore.

Chinese drive pecan prices up

The Chinese love Mesilla Valley pecans, and their preference has driven up the prices paid to producers, said San Saba Pecans Brokering Manager Phillip Arnold.

In 2010, prices for in-shell pecans ranged from \$2.30 to \$3 per pound, depending on when buyers ordered them.

"About 70 to 80 percent of the pecan crop was contracted before the pecan crop harvest started," Arnold said. "That's the first time in history that I've ever seen that happen. Last year, China took about a quarter of the crop that was exported from North America. The United States exported 85 million pounds of in-shell pecans and Mexico exported 40 million pounds to China.

"We started out this year with a short supply because we didn't have a large inventory



"That is what I call a good crop of onions," said horticultural agent Jeff Anderson. The onions were harvested on the Ronnie Franzoy farm. During the spring and fall, southern New Mexico growers supply about half of the country's fresh market onions.

from last year, which was a light year in the alternate-bearing cycle. Most of the buyers in the market are backing down now, and the prices aren't as solid as they were a week ago. I'm very happy for our pecan growers, but the higher prices also could mean more expensive pecans for consumers and hurt the retail market."

A penetrating freeze in November loosened hulls and allowed pecan growers to start harvesting early. Dry weather also left hard, level orchard floors to allow producers to move their mechanical tree vibrators and sweepers into their orchards to harvest the nuts.

The quality also will please the Chinese, said Greg Salopek of New Mexico Pecan Co., who reported harvesting high-quality nuts, about 57 to 60 percent kernel.

An uncertain future for cotton

Last spring, cotton prices looked promising and farmers increased their acreage from 9,000 acres to 12,000 in Doña Ana, Luna and Sierra counties, said Jack Langenegger, Calcot Cotton Marketing representative in Artesia. Calcot is based in Bakersfield, Calif., and brokers cotton for this area.

One price change that looked promising was for Pima cotton because of the worldwide shortage of that variety. Pima is in demand for its extra-long and fine fiber, and earlier this year buyers were paying farmers \$2.50 per pound – compared with last year's price of about \$1.20 per pound, Langenegger said.

"That's nearly double last year's prices," Langenegger said. "I don't think that Pima cotton has brought that much before."

Erratic weather disrupted this year's cotton development, however. In the spring, the cotton fields looked promising, and producers were expecting three bales of upland per acre and about two bales per acre for Pima, but a cool summer delayed development, and by harvest, the yield was 2.5 bales per acre for upland and Pima was down to 1.7 bales per acre, Langenegger said.

In November and December, farmers filled the yard at Mesa Farmers Co-op Cotton Gin in Vado – the only gin in the county – with their field modules. Most cotton farmers pack their harvested cotton, which contains lint, seed and trash, in the field on pallets that are transferred to the gin yard, tagged and covered to protect them from the weather.

The gin was processing cotton to remove the seed and lint 24 hours a day in two shifts, and was planning to continue operations into January 2011, gin manager Alberto Pando said.

Armando "Dosi" Alvarez, who farms near Anthony, also exports a special Mesilla Valley product – organically grown cotton. Last year, several Japanese textile representatives visited Alvarez' field and the Calcot warehouse to learn how the integrity of their organic cotton is protected during storage and shipment.

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John O'Byrne starts a 35-pound load of chile in one of his roasters at an FFA fundraiser Aug. 21. Chris Biad of Biad Chili Co. in Mesilla Park reported that the company's 2010 chile production was, "slightly above normal, averaging 3,000 to 5,000 pounds per acre in different fields."

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But cotton farming has been declining in New Mexico. In 2004 and 2005, the state upland varieties' production was 113,000 and 108,000 bales respectively, but in 2008 the production dropped to 71,000 bales. For Pima, the figures averaged 20,000 bales in mid-2000, but dropped to only 3,000 bales in 2008, according to the latest New Mexico Agriculture Department statistics.

Chile crops fared well

Chris Biad of Biad Chili Co. in Mesilla Park reported that the company's 2010 chile production was "slightly above normal, averaging 3,000 to 5,000 pounds per acre in different fields."

Other regional producers reported few problems with chile plant diseases during the growing season.

Biad Chili grows Joe Parker, paprika and the New Heritage chile varieties. The New Heritage includes the Big Jim and New Mexico 6-4 varieties that Paul Bosland, director of the Chile Pepper Institute, has been working with to improve flavor, yield and quality.

Doña Ana and Luna counties have been leading in chile production, Luna with 4,000 harvested acres and Doña Ana with 3,400. Farmers raise long green and red pods, mild and hot, and paprika.

Paprika is a mild chile variety with a red resin color. Rezolex at Radium Springs is one of the few plants in the nation that extracts the red resin to produce organic food coloring.

Water shortages continue

The Rio Grande Basin had a poor mountain snow pack runoff last spring, with 322,000 acre feet at the San Marcial measuring station, or 56 percent of average, the Natural Resources Conservation Service reported.

During irrigation season, the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) released 382,082 acre-feet of water to patron farmers. That was fewer than the 305,475 acre-feet that ditch riders had diverted to farmers the previous year, the EBID hydrology office reported.

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Elephant Butte Irrigation District Treasurer and Manager Gary Esslinger helps take water orders at EBID headquarters. The Rio Grande Basin had a poor mountain snow pack runoff last spring, 322,000 acre feet at the San Marcial measuring station, or 56 percent of average.

After the 2010 EBID irrigation season, the Elephant Butte Reservoir storage was reduced to 381,120 acre-feet of water, or 20 percent of capacity.

The EBID started off the 2010 irrigation season with a conservative 18-inch quota to farmers. The board monitored the Rio Grande flow during the summer and decided that it could increase the quota to 2 acre-feet. With a normal or better snow pack runoff, the quota is usually 3 acre-feet.

That meant that many farmers had to turn to pumping well water. Farmers prefer irrigation from snow runoff, which is more pure than ground water. With energy costs, pumping is more expensive.

Onion market steady

Southern New Mexico onion growers in Doña Ana and Luna counties time their harvests to coincide with market demands. During the spring and fall, southern New Mexico growers supplies about half of the country's fresh market onions. Their main variety is the yellow granex, which was developed at NMSU; white and red bulbs. The yellow granex sweet bulbs are especially popular with consumers.

This year's onion production totaled 7,129 tractor-trailer loads, each hauling an average of 850 50-pound sacks. The net production value was \$47.5 million, the NMDA Marketing Division reported.



The 2010 inductees into the New Mexico 4-H Hall of Fame are, seated from left, Gene Marshall of Roosevelt County; Jewell Maxine Wilhoit of Roosevelt County; and Brenda Bishop, Quay County 4-H agent, who received plaques for Phillip and Kathlene Box and Ray and Carolyn Sumruld. Standing from left, Don and Cheryl Hartman of Luna County, Sam and Merita Wilson of Doña Ana County, Larry Brown of Doña Ana County, Edward Trujillo of Sandoval County, Albert Lyon of Sierra County, Gary Hathorn of San Juan County, Barbara Pekron of Luna County, Bob Pate of Bernalillo County and Jerry Bradley receiving for his late wife, Ruby Bradley. The 2010 inductees have donated a total of 420 years of service to the New Mexico 4-H program.



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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 BOHL

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 courthouse located at 201 West Picacho Avenue, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, Courtroom #3, at TIME: 9:00 AM, DATE: Tuesday January 4, 2011.

30 MINUTES is allotted for the hearing.

If this hearing requires more or less time than the court has designated, or if this hearing conflicts with any prior setting, 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 made. The same requirement applies if an interpreter will be needed.

DATED: 11-19-10

BY: /s/ Nancy A. Heavner Deputy (SEAL)

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200901903

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION TRUST 2006-WF1, Plaintiff,

v.

ROSS F. HARMESON; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., (SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., Defendants.

SECOND NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2011 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 3, Block 9, UNIT NO. 1 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office

of the County Clerk of said County on June 26, 1964, in Book 9 Page(s) 30-31 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 2007 Evelyn Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on May 18, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$108,288.80 plus interest from May 7, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.50% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Pamela Carmody Special Master c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC 20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602 Albuquerque, NM 87102 Attorney for Plaintiff (800) 286-0013; (505) 848-9500

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200902992

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

v.

JENNIFER BAUMGARTNER; ERIC AGBULOS, Defendants.

SECOND NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2011 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 3 in Block numbered G of Vista De La Montana Subdivision II Phase 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Vista De La Montana Subdivision II Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 8, 2006 in Plat Book 22, Folio 29-30.

The address of the real property is 5812 Desert Peak Place, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on April 2, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$199,494.57 plus interest from April 19, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.75% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Pamela Carmody Special Master c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC 20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602 Albuquerque, NM 87102 Attorney for Plaintiff (800) 286-0013; (505) 848-9500

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200802600

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff,

v.

JULIE SOLTERO; JORGE SOLTERO; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JULIE SOLTERO; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JORGE SOLTERO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 6, 2011 at 1:00 PM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 26, Block 7, MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION, NUMBER TWO, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on August 13, 1973 in Book 11 Page(s) 55-61 of Plat Records;

The address of the real property is 3109 Dyer Street, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 10, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$165,528.19 plus interest from May 21, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 10.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake Special Master c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC 20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602 Albuquerque, NM 87102 Attorney for Plaintiff (800) 286-0013; (505) 848-9500

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200900116

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE

FOR NAAC MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff,

v.

DAVID PIMENTEL; JOHN PIMENTEL; TINA PIMENTEL; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID PIMENTEL, Defendants.

SECOND NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2011 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT NUMBERED 5 IN BLOCK NUMBERED J OF SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 8, REPLAT NO. 1, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

The address of the real property is 1225 Hachita Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on August 24, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$130,785.46 plus interest from August 6, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.750% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Pamela Carmody Special Master c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC 20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602 Albuquerque, NM 87102 Attorney for Plaintiff (800) 286-0013; (505) 848-9500

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-1632

THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A., as Successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. as Trustee, Plaintiff,

vs.

SHAWNA TOINETTE MITCHELL, aka SHAWNA MITCHELL, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 5, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1229 Big Bend Loop, Anthony, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 7, DOS LAGOS SUBDIVISION PHASE III, 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. 3735 on 3/20/2003 in Book 20 Page(s) 291-92 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on September 19, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$185,420.80 and the same bears interest at 10.25% per annum from September 17, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$5,779.80. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemp-

tion.

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A. PO Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 575-642-5567

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-10-1132

MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

FELIX FRANCISCO ERALES, and if married, JANE DOE ERALES (true name unknown), his spouse; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES COMPANY, INC.; and CACV OF COLORADO LLC aka CACH, LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 12, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 173 Swallow Court, Santa Teresa, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 39 in Block 2 of DESERT SHADOW SUBDIVISION PHASE III, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on August 21, 1998 and recorded in Book 19 at Pages 145-146, Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 1, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$104,459.18 and the same bears interest at 6.400% per annum from December 2, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$769.28. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured

home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A. PO Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 575-642-5567

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CASE NO. CV-2010-1682 Judge James T. Martin

Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, Plaintiff,

vs.

Ana E. Felix, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Default Judgment issued out of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 23, 2010, in the above entitled cause in which it was determined that Plaintiff had a judgment against the Defendant and the amount of the judgment is \$49,679.65, together with interest at the rate of 18% per annum, from and after October 26, 2010, and by which judgment I am among other things commanded to sell all of the lands described in said judgment which real estate is to be sold in this foreclosure sale is more particularly described in the Judgment in said cause and hereafter described.

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of January, 2011 at the hour of 2:00 p.m. in the front of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, I will in obedience to said Judgment sell the following described real estate to wit:

A tract of land situate east of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Lot 4, Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M., and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the tract herein described, whence the northwest corner of said Section 4, bears the following two courses and distances: N. 89 deg. 50'40"W. a distance of 326.15 feet; thence N. 0 deg. 56'41"W. a distance of 314.01 feet; thence from said point of beginning S. 89 deg. 50'40"E. 119.29 feet to a point; thence S. 0 deg. 53'30"E. 170.95 feet to a point; thence S. 89 deg. 50'40"E. 216.50 feet to a point; thence S. 0 deg. 53'30"E. 130.11 feet to the southeast corner of the tract herein described; thence N. 89 deg. 39'41"W. 337.98 feet to the southwest corner of the tract herein described; thence N. 0 deg. 28'45"W. 299.95 feet to the northwest and beginning corner of the tract herein described and containing 1.474 acres of land, more or less.

The property or its address is commonly known as 6880 #2 Moongate Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88012. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the real property address, the legal description shall control.

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and appurtenances belonging to said real estate and in any way pertaining to said premises to satisfy Plaintiff's Judgment in the amount of \$49,679.65, together with interest thereon to the date of sale in the amount of \$2,058.00 together with all costs of said sale.

If the amount bid is over and above the amount due the Plaintiff, plus costs of sale, the amount of the proceeds shall, pursuant to said judgment, be paid into the registry of the Court for determination of the amounts to be paid, and to whom said amount shall be paid, said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds provided however that Plaintiff shall be entitled to bid all or a part of its judgment.

DATED this 6th day of December, 2010.

By /s/ Stephen Hosford
Special Master
P.O. Box 420
Arrey, NM 87930-0420
(575) 644-6068

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12/31, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-10-1203

MATRIX FINANCIAL
SERVICES CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEFINA I. MARQUEZ;
SERGIO Z. MARQUEZ; AFS
ASSIGNEE OF HOUSEHOLD
BANK; and FIA CARD
SERVICES NA, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF
ACTION

Defendant AFS Assignee of Household Bank is hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant AFS Assignee of Household Bank in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 106 Zuni Lane, in the City of Sunland Park, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT 4, BLOCK 2, RIO VISTA 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 ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1997 AS PLAT NO. 3020, IN BOOK 18 PAGES 772 THROUGH 777 OF PLAT RECORDS.

Defendant AFS Assignee of Household Bank is required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant AFS Assignee of Household Bank fails to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant AFS Assignee of Household Bank for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
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P.A.
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November 24, 2010
By Karen H. Bradley
Attorney for Plaintiff

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 6th day of December, 2010.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By Richard Armijo
(SEAL) Deputy

Pub # 10257
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1/7, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-10-1205

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

vs.

SHAYNOR NEWSOME;
HEATHER NEWSOME,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 12, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3233 Missouri Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 15, Block 7, MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County, on August 13, 1972, in Book 11 Pages 55-61 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 10, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$260,074.53 and the same bears interest at 6.500% per annum from December 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,991.53. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning

violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-45

BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING LP, fka
Countrywide Home Loans
Servicing LP, Plaintiff,

vs.

FRANCISCO C. ALVAREZ
and JESSIE L. ALVAREZ,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 12, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 415 Albidres Street, Hatch, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot two (2), West half of Lot one (W1/4) and west half of Fractional Eight (8) in Block (1) of the Village of Santa Teresa, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Being the same property as described in Warranty Deed from Augustin and Dora Garcia to Jose and Herminia Alvarez and from Jose and Herminia Alvarez to Francisco C. Alvarez and from Francisco C. Alvarez to Johnny Joe Salais as recorded in Book 131, Page 1429 of the Doña Ana County Clerks Record.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on October 26, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$42,444.96 and the same bears interest at 6.500% per annum from July 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,481.51. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning

violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements 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

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.
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Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-201001723

PNC MORTGAGE, A
DIVISION OF PNC BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER
WITH NATIONAL CITY
REAL ESTATE SERVICES
LLC, SUCCESSOR BY
MERGER TO NATIONAL
CITY MORTGAGE, INC.
FKA NATIONAL CITY
MORTGAGE CO DBA
COMMONWEALTH UNITED
MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

GUADALUPE F. PLACENCIA;
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE
NAMES ARE UNKNOWN,
IF ANY; UNKNOWN
MANUFACTURED
HOME OWNER(S),
IF ANY; UNKNOWN
MANUFACTURED HOME
LIENHOLDER(S), IF ANY,
Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Unknown Manufactured Home Owner(s), if any and Unknown Manufactured Home Lienholder(s), 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 558 Putter Circle, Anthony, NM 88021, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 4, FAIRWAY ESTATES SUBDIVISION, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on January 26, 2000, in Book 19 Pages 372-373 of Plat Records.

And all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as:

2000, Oakwood, 28 x 52, Serial HOCO15F05093AB

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 20 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC
By: /s/
Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven J. Lucero

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

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 22 day of November, 2010.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:
Deputy

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201002547

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING,
LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

STERLING KELLY;
FOXWORTH GALBRAITH
LUMBER; JPMORGAN
CHASE BANK, NA; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
STERLING KELLY, IF ANY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Sterling Kelly and The Unknown Spouse of Sterling Kelly, 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 111 County Road B-041, San Miguel, NM 88058, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

DESCRIPTION OF A 4.118
ACRE TRACT

A tract of land situate in the Town of San Miguel, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located in Section 4, T.25S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of U.S.R.S. Tract 18A-13, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a ½" iron rod found on the Westerly line of the San Miguel Lateral for the Southeast corner of this tract: WHENCE the Southeast corner of Section 4, T.25S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, bears S.53° 40' 59" E., 999.62 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning, leaving the San Miguel Lateral, S. 61° 22' 00" W., a distance of 638.06 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N.29° 19' 03" W., a distance of 284.64 feet to a ½" iron rod found on the Southerly line of County Road B-041 for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE, along the Southerly line of County, N.61° 22' 00" E., a distance of 622.06 feet to a ½" iron rod found on the Westerly line of the San Miguel Lateral for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE, along the Westerly line of the San Miguel Lateral, S. 32° 31' 57" E., a distance of 285.28 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 4.118 acres of land, more or less. Subject to

all easements and reservations of record.

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Warranty Deed filed May 27, 2005, in Book 612, Pages 885-892, of the Doña Ana County Records. A plat was prepared under Job No. 07-01-0031. Field Notes by SCANLON WHITE, INC., License No. 9433.

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:
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D. Renae Richards Charney
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LeNatria Holly Jurist

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Castle, Meinhold & StawiarSKI, LLC

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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 19 day of October, 2010.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:
Deputy

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201001680

Wells Fargo Bank, NA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

DEBRA ALDRICH AKA
DEBRA SUE ALDRICH;
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF DEBRA ALDRICH AKA
DEBRA SUE ALDRICH, IF
ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 13, 2011 at 1:00 PM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State

A tract of land situate northwest of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 22, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as part of U.S.R.S. Tract 25-92A, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron rod set for the northeast corner of the tract herein described, whence the section corner common to Sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys bears the following three courses and distances: North 0° 05' 00" East, a distance of 996.01 feet to a point on the south line of Joy Drive (Doña Ana County

Road No. A-062); thence South 89° 45' 00" East, a distance of 1017.50 feet to the northeast corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 25-92A; and thence South 88° 38' 04" East, a distance of 2627.98 feet to the section corner;

THENCE from the place of beginning and following along the center of a 50 foot wide road and utility easement South 0° 05' 00" West, 308.65 feet to the southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE South 86° 56' 05" West, 175.55 feet to an angle point;

THENCE South 86° 48' 00" West, 11.89 feet to the southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE North 0° 03' 00" East, 319.52 feet the northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE South 89° 45' 00" East, 187.33 feet to the place of beginning.

The address of the real property was incorrectly described in the Mortgage as 2623 Quarterhorse Drive, Anthony, NM 88021, and is more commonly described as 2623 Quarterhorse Road, Anthony, NM 88021. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 9, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$ 80,240.80 plus interest from October 22, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201001196

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

TRACEY A. RIHA; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TRACEY A. RIHA, IF ANY; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 13, 2011 at 1:00 PM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 1 in Block numbered D of Organ Mesa Ranch Subdivision Phases 1A & 1B, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Organ Mesa Ranch Subdivision Phases 1A & 1B, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 22, 2004 in Plat Book 20, Folio 567-571.

The address of the real property is 4583 Organ Mesa Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 9, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$457,157.73 plus interest from October 26, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.250 % per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201002399

PHH Mortgage Corporation
aka PHH Mortgage Services,
Plaintiff,

v.

LINDA J. GRAVANI; THE
PASO ROBLES LIVING
TRUST, UTD, MAY 8, 2003;
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE
NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF
ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 13, 2011 at 1:00 PM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 49 in Block 24 of Las Colinas Planned Unit Development Phase VI-B, 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 March 14, 2000 and recorded in Book 19, Pages 393-395, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 3773 Damonite Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 19, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$116,379.94 plus interest from November 10, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.375% 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 mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200902541

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL
NEW MEXICO, INC, Plaintiff,
v.

JOANN SANCHEZ; FRANK
E. SANCHEZ; WELLS FARGO
FINANCIAL BANK; UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA;
THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO, EMPLOYMENT
SECURITY DEPARTMENT;
THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF
TAXATION & REVENUE,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 12, 2011 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A tract of land situate northwest: of Mesquite, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the NW ¼ of Section 26, T. 24S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as part of U.S.R.S. Tract 15-64A.1 and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a ½" iron rod set for the northeast corner of this tract; whence the northeast corner of Tract 60A of Subdivision Lots 4 and 5, Brazito Tract bears N. 14 deg 24' 43" E., a distance of 932.86 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning S. 00 deg 00' 00" E., 292.60 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 90 deg 00' 00" W., 138.27 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 04 deg 08' 38" W., 293.37 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 90 deg 00' 00" E., 159.47 feet to the point of beginning containing 1.000 acres of land more or less.

Subject to and together with a 50 foot wide road and utility easement as filed in Miscellaneous Book 232 at Pages 626-628 and Book 237 at Pages 479-480 of the Doña Ana County records and a 10 foot wide irrigation ditch and utility easement parallel and immediately adjacent to the south boundary of this tract.

The address of the real property is 280 Stone Drive, Mesilla Park, NM 88047. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on

November 23, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$250,976.02 plus interest from July 9, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.50% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013;
(505) 848-9500

09-0326 FCO1

Pub # 10265
Dates 12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 2010,
1/7, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200903333

US BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION AS
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
TO WACHOVIA BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS
FARGO ASSET SECURITIES
CORPORATION,
MORTGAGE PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES
SERIES 2005-17, Plaintiff,
v.

KEVIN MICHAEL LEE;
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF KEVIN MICHAEL LEE,
IF ANY; UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA BY AND
THROUGH THE INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 12, 2011 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defen-

dants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 12 IN BLOCK 1 OF
SUNRISE HEIGHTS,
LOCATED IN THE CITY OF
LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,
AS THE SAME IS SHOWN
AND DESIGNATED ON THE
PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR
RECORD IN THE OFFICE
OF THE COUNTY CLERK
OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST
14, 1992 AND RECORDED IN
BOOK 17 AT PAGE 222, PLAT
RECORDS.

The address of the real property is more commonly described as 4054 Windridge Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88012, shown incorrectly on the Mortgage as 4054 Windridge Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 17, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$192,244.26 plus interest from August 6, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.125 % per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Pamela Carmody
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Attorney for Plaintiff
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(505) 848-9500

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Dates 12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 2010,
1/7, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201001533

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A,
Plaintiff,

v.

VICTORIA VALENZUELA;

CRISTOFER VALENZUELA;
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE
NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF
ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 12, 2011 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 36 of Avalon Park Subdivision- Corrected Plat, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Avalon Park Subdivision- Corrected Plat, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 28, 2006 in Plat Book 22, Folio 62-64.

The address of the real property is 2087 Briarwood Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 10, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$193,003.59 plus interest from November 1, 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 mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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(505) 848-9500

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Dates 12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 2010,
1/7, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex
rel. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND
FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

In the Matters of A. B., L.D.,
Y.D.-V., F.D., J.D.-V., J. B.,
and J. B., Children, And
Concerning Fernanda Diaz-
Vasquez, Andres Blanco, Juan
Munceral, Ignacio Ortiz, and
Martin Ortiz, Respondents.

JQ-2010-17
Judge Macias

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF
ACTION

TO: Andres Blanco, Ignacio
Ortiz, and Martin Ortiz,
Respondents.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused A.B., Y.D.V., F.D., J.D.V., J.B., and J.B., children, and seeks legal custody of the children.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the last publication date of this Notice. Unless you appear at the hearing on the petition in the above court, a Judgment may be entered against you.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is: Linda Burson, Children's Court Attorney, P.O. Box 2135 Las Cruces, NM 88004, 575-373-6400

THIS PROCEEDING COULD RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE NAMED CHILDREN.

Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

(Seal)
Clerk of the District Court

by
Deputy
Date:

Pub # 10270
Dates 12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 2010

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

No. D-307-CV2009-01717

AURORA LOAN SERVICES,
LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

CARLOS ZUNIGA; ABC
Corporations I-X, XYZ
Partnerships I-X, John Does
I-X and Jane Does I-X, THE
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
DEVICES 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 1/2 Santa Teresita Drive, Santa Teresa, NM 88008, and more particularly described as follows:

A 1.35 acre tract of land being a portion of Lot 12, Block 4 os Santa Tersita as originally filed

on April 19, 1978 in Plat Book 12, Page 181, and subsequently filed as two lot subdivision within the City of Sunland Park on May 19, 2000 in Plat Book 19, Page 436, located North of Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of the tract herein described, marked y a found iron rod, IDENTICAL to the Northeast corner of Lot 11 of the aforementioned subdivision:

THENCE from the point of beginning S 84 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds W, 530.76 feet to the Southwest corner of the tract herein described; marked by a found "X" in a concrete ditch;

THENCE N 14 degrees 32 minutes 21 seconds W, 110.65 feet to the Northwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found "X" in a concrete ditch;

THENCE N 84 degrees 59 minutes 04 seconds E, 549.09 feet to a point on the West line of Santa Teresita Drive for the Northeast corner of the tract herein described, marked y a found iron rod;

THENCE along said road S 04 degrees 59 minutes 57 second E, 109.11 feet to the place and point of beginning, containing 1.35 acres of land, more or less, and subject to easements of record and such as may exist on the ground.

The sale is to begin at 3:30 p.m. on January 14, 2011, 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 December 7, 2009, in the principal sum of \$141,308.43, plus outstanding interest on the balance through October 1, 2009, in the amount of \$7,286.22, plus late charges of \$283.80, plus recoverable/escrow balance in the amount of \$3,816.86, minus a suspense balance of \$214.05, plus other fees of \$20.00, plus attorneys fees in the sum of \$800.00 and costs through October 1, 2009 in the sum of \$384.15, 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 6.875% 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 # 10272
Dates 12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 2010,
1/7, 2011

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

CV 2010-48
Judge Martin

BANK '34, a New Mexico
Savings Association, Plaintiff,
vs.

JOHN A. TOTH III and
JOYCE A. TOTH, ROBERT
BRADSHAW and TINA
BRADSHAW, WESTERN
STOVES & SPAS, INC., 84
LUMBER COMPANY I.P.,
ALLIED BURGLAR & FIRE
ALARM INC., LYNCON
INC., STEVEN W. SMELSER,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, January 20, 2011, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the offices of HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT MARTINEZ P.C., 1660 Hickory Loop, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of all Defendants in and to the below described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 6040 Calle Pico Gamello, Las Cruces, New Mexico, is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 23, THE VILLAGES AT RANCHERS CLUB, UNIT 1, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on June 9, 2006, in Book 21 Page(s) 650-651 of Plat Records

including all improvements, fixtures and attachments, and subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and to the statutory one-month right of redemption from entry of an order approving the sale.

The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a judgment in favor of Bank '34 against Defendants Toth in the principal amount of \$382,900.00, together with interest to the date of judgment, escrow advances, late charges, property preservation costs, costs of suit and attorney's fees, pursuant to an Order of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the above-numbered and entitled cause entered on November 18, 2010, together with interest on the entire judgment at the per diem rate of \$69.50. Bank '34 has the right to bid at such sale all or a part of its Judgment and submit its bid verbally or in writing. Bank '34 may apply all or part of the sums due to it to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree duly

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appointed the Special Master to advertise and immediately offer for sale the subject real estate and to apply the proceeds of sale first to the cost of sale and the Special Master's fees, then to pay the above-described judgment to Bank '34, and then to be distributed in accordance with the further order of this Court.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in the event the property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will, as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent the land and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying the judgment of Bank '34, together with any costs, cost of advertisement and publication, and a reasonable Special Master's fee. The sale is subject to entry of an order of the Court approving the sale.

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.

The attorney for Plaintiff is Blaine T. Mynatt of HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT MARTINEZ P.C., Post Office Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-2699.

KENNETH L. BEAL
Special Master

Pub # 10273
Dates 12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 2010, 1/7, 2011

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

No. CV-2010-1499
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**CITIZENS BANK OF LAS
CRUCES, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEWISES, OR LEGATEES
OF LONA LEE RENWICK,
DECEASED, LONA
RENWICK, BANK OF
AMERICA, NA, OCCUPANTS
OF THE PREMISES, and all
persons or parties unknown
claiming any right, title, estate
lien or interest in the real
estate described in the com-
plaint, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

A notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on Tuesday, February 15 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at the north main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial, Complex, 201 W. Picacho Street, Las Cruces, NM, sale and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following-described property, situate in Doña Ana County at 790 W. Boutz Rd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, to-wit:

Tract B, GRIDER-BAKER ROAD SUMMARY SUBDIVISION, REPLAT NO. 1, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on August 21, 1992, in Book 17 Page(s) 225 of Plat Records.

The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 30, 2010, in the above-titled and numbered cause, a suit to foreclose a mortgage lien held by Plaintiff by which Plaintiffs have a security interest on the above-described real estate in the sum of \$164,924.02 (including interest to the date of sale), together with costs of sale including a

reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit its judgment by way of bid verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of their judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservation, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, 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 evaluation of the property by a 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 any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on December 16, 2010.

/s/ John A. Darden III
Special Master
The Darden Law Firm PA
200 W Las Cruces Ave. #C
Las Cruces, NM 88005-1803

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MARTIN, LUTZ, ROGGOW,
& EUBANKS, P.C.

By /s/ David P. Lutz
P O Drawer 1837
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-526-2449
575-526-0946
Attorney for Plaintiff

Pub # 10274
Dates 12/24, 12/31, 2010, 1/7, 1/14, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-2549

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

vs.

**MARY B. MARR; PIONEER
BANK, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 19, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 10085 Achenbach Canyon Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 27B, TALAVERA SUBDIVISION UNIT 2, TRACT 3 REPLAT NO. 4, 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 May 23, 1994, in Book 18 Page(s) 81 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and num-

bered cause on December 13, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$307,409.06 and the same bears interest at 6.500% per annum from November 16, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,271.37. 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 # 10275
Dates 12/24, 12/31, 2010, 1/7, 1/14, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-1340

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**CHRISTOPHER D. ANGULO
and EUNICE ANGULO,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 19, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2868 Merriwether Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 68 of Legends West North, Phase 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Legends West North, Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 27, 2006 in Plat Book 22, Folio 83-91.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December

14, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$148,495.34 and the same bears interest at 6.250% per annum from December 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,271.37. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Pamela Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 10276
Dates 12/24, 12/31, 2010, 1/7, 1/14, 2011

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

No. Dm 2010-1754
JUDGE Douglas R Driggers

**Robert J Thompson, Marcena
M Thompson, Petitioner,**

vs.

**Luis F Del Toro, Dawnmar C
Upchurch, Respondent.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED
RESPONDENT:**

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting a determination of child custody, visitation, and child support.

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

Robert J Thompson
Marcena M Thompson
1550-3 Dreamwalker Way -
Chaparral NM 88081
(Petitioner's Name and
Address)

WITNESS the Honorable Douglas R. Driggers, 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 16th day of

December, 2010.

CLERK OF THE COURT
BY: Angelique Huerta
DEPUTY

Pub # 10277
Dates 12/24, 12/31, 2010, 1/7, 1/14, 2010

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of a Transfer of Ownership (change in corporate structure) of Liquor License No. 2782 to Outback Steakhouse of Florida, LLC d/b/a Outback Steakhouse #5114, located at 940 North Telshor, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this 14th day of December 2010.

Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

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Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of a Transfer of Ownership of Liquor License No. 2787 to Hurricane Alley LLC d/b/a Hurricane Alley, located at 1490 Missouri Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Monday, January 3, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this 20th day of December 2010.

Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub # 10279
Dates 12/24, 12/31, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-10-2639

**BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING, LP fka
Countrywide Home Loans
Servicing LP, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SCOTT PELLEGRIN; and
LEINAALA PELLEGRIN,
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF
ACTION**

Defendant(s) Scott Pellegrin and Leinaala Pellegrin is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 3647 Vista Belleza Avenue, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 178 of Sierra Norte Heights Subdivision Phase 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated

on the plat of said Sierra Norte Heights Subdivision Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 5, 2007 in Plat Book 22, folio 142-144.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for Plaintiff:
Susan C. Little & Associates,
P.A.
4501 Indian School Road NE,
Suite 101
P.O. Box 3509
Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509
(505) 254-7767
FAX: 254-4722/4706

December 7, 2010
By: Phyllis L. Jankowski
Phyllis L. Jankowski/
Deborah A. Nesbitt
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 15th day of December, 2010.

MARK PEREA
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By: Mary C. Apodaca
(SEAL) Deputy

Pub # 10280
Dates 12/24, 12/31, 2010, 1/7, 2011

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

No. CV-2010-2402

**BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ARTHUR L. MALDONADO,
YVONNE NICOLE
GUTIERREZ and NEW
MEXICO MORTGAGE
FINANCE AUTHORITY,
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 5555 Patagonia Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 12, BLOCK A, DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 4426 ON 07/26/2006 IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 714-17 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 1:45 p.m. on January 28, 2011, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay

expenses of sale, and to satisfy the judgment granted Bank of Oklahoma, N.A.

Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on December 14, 2010, in the principal sum of \$125,134.10, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through November 1, 2010, in the amount of \$4,880.25, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 5.20% per annum (\$17.83 per diem), plus late charges in the amount of \$288.44, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$1,265.13, plus fee advances in the amount of \$700.00, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$541.06, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 5.20% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/Faisal Sukhyani,
Special Master
c/o Leverick and
Musselman, L.L.C.
5120 San Francisco Road NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87109
(505) 858-3303

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NOTICE is hereby given that on December 10, 2010, Garen J. and Tammie J. Saulsberry, 4440 Lonesome Pine Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-12193 POD I 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-12192 located at X = 1,460,650 Y = 491,755 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by David Brown, and drilling new well LRG-12193 POD1 to a depth of 100 feet for 6-inch casing to be located at X = 1,460,602 Y = 492,168 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico for the irrigation of 3.65 acres, owned by the applicants, located within the NW1/4 of projected Section 34, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM. The site for new well LRG-12193 POD1 is located north of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 4440 Lonesome Pine Road. Old well LRG-12192 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and including the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite 1, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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

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NOTICE is hereby given that on December 13, 2010, RPB Partners, LP, 15400 Fox Run Dr., Austin, TX 78737, filed application numbered LRG-14922-POD 2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-14922-POD 1 located on land owned by the applicant and located within the Pt. NW1/4 of projected Section 13, Township 25 South, Range 02 East, N.M.P.M., and drilling new well LRG-14922-POD 2 with 16" casing drilled to a depth of 320 ft. on land owned by the applicant and located within the Pt. NW1/4 of said Section 13 at approximately X=1,501,117 Y=415,179 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83). For the continued combined diversion of shallow groundwater and surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 48.84 acres of land owned by the applicant and located within Pt. SE1/4 of projected Section 11, Township 25 South, Range 02 East; Pt. NW1/4 of projected Section 13; and Pt. NE1/4 of projected Section 14 of said Township and Range, further identified as USRS/EBID Tract Nos. 18-73B, 74. Well LRG-14922-POD 1 and proposed well LRG-14922-POD 2 are located approximately 5,600 ft. east southeast of the intersection of Castillo Rd. and Archer Farm Rd., north of La Mesa, NM. Well LRG-14922-POD 1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and including the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite 1, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

LEGAL NOTICES

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

No. DM-2010-1887
Judge MURPHY

NOHEMI MENDOZA, Petitioner,

vs.

CHRISTIAN RAUL MENDOZA, Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF PROCEEDING

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TO: CHRISTIAN RAUL MENDOZA

GREETINGS:

You are notified that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed in the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being Cause No. DM-2010-1887, wherein you are identified as Respondent, and wherein Petitioner seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you. The general object of said action is to dissolve the marriage of the parties. Unless you file a responsive pleading or motion within twenty (20) days from the third publication of this notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered against you by default.

The name and address of the attorney for Petitioner is: Shane A. English, Post Office Drawer 1329, Anthony, New Mexico 88021, Telephone (575) 882-4500.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico this 22 day of December, 2010.

/s/ James H. Dempsey
DISTRICT COURT CLERK

By: /s/ Rosie Stewart
DEPUTY

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Dates 12/31, 2010, 1/7, 1/14, 2011

IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. 2010-0228

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDY D. HOELDTKE, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JERROLD V. HOELDTKE has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in

care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: December 22, 2010.

JERROLD V. HOELDTKE
635 Laredo Road
Chaparral, NM 88081

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 # 10291
Date 12/31, 2010, 1/7, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 5, 2010, Rancho Barro, LLC, P.O. Box 773, Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application numbered LRG-7859-POD 2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-7859, which is located within the SE1/4 NE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 35, T23S, R01E, NMPM on land owned by the applicant, and drilling replacement well LRG-7859-POD 2 within the SE1/4 NE1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 35 on land owned by the applicant at approximately X= 1,469,474 Y=462,558 ft. (NMSA, NAD83) with 16-inch casing to a depth of 400 ft. below ground surface for the continued diversion of that amount of shallow groundwater, combined with surface water rights on-record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, required for the irrigation of 96.49 acres of land, further described as USRS/EBID Tract No. 11B-31TRI (57.0 acres owned by the applicant), USRS/EBID Tract No. 11B-31TRI2 (5.0 acres owned by Marshall Clayshulte), and USRS/EBID Tract Nos. 11B-30TRI1&2 and 11A-216 (34.49 acres owned by the Dave E. Lowry and Pat N. Lowry Revocable Trust, Dave N. Lowry, Rebecca Ann Matlock, Virginia Gayle Boggs, Nancy Jo Cowan, and Sally L. Tellez) and located within Pt. SE1/4 of projected Section 26, Pt. SW1/4, of projected Section 25, Pt. NE1/4 of projected Section 35, and Pt. NW1/4 of projected Section 36, T23S, R01E, NMPM. The old well and proposed location for new well LRG-7859-POD 2 are located approximately 1,110 ft. southeast of the intersection of Calle del Norte and Paisano Rd., in Mesilla, NM. Old well LRG-7859 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing

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

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Dates 12/31, 2010, 1/7, 1/14, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-1299

Bank of Oklahoma, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

BRANDON WOODMAN aka BRANDON D. WOODMAN, and if married, JANE DOE WOODMAN (true name unknown), his spouse; and AMBER WOODMAN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 26, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 5310 Miller Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Tract B1-B, SECTION 20 T.23S., R.1E., REPLAT NO. 13, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on April 12, 1990, in Book 16 Page(s) 251 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and num-

bered cause on December 22, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$214,948.89 and the same bears interest at 6.5000% per annum from January 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$995.25. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 10293
Dates 12/31, 2010, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 10-0223
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEO WAYNE HOLLEBEKE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Debra Ann Hollebeke was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Leo Wayne Hollebeke, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Leo Wayne Hollebeke, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2010.

/s/ Debra Ann Hollebeke,
Personal Representative

Prepared by:
LAW OFFICE OF KATHERINE N. BLACKETT, P.C.

/s/
Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal Representative

at approximately X=1,508,733 Y=383,754 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83), for the continued combined diversion of shallow groundwater and surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 12.44 acres of land owned by the applicant and located within the Pt. SE1/2 of said Section 07 and the Pt. NE1/4 of Section 18, Township 26 South, Range 03 East, N.M.P.M., also identified as USRS/EBID Tract 24-21. Well LRG-980 is located approximately 125 ft. east of the intersection of W. Berino Rd. and NM Highway 28, northwest of Anthony, NM. Proposed well LRG-980-POD 4 is located approximately 2,700 south-southeast of said intersection. Well LRG-980 will be retained for other water rights.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 10-0223
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEO WAYNE HOLLEBEKE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The address of the real property is 8049 Constitution Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 3, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$429,741.91 plus interest from December 2, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale

Post Office Box 2132
255 W. Hadley Avenue,
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-2132
(575) 526-3312 telephone/(877) 457-7213 facsimile

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Dates 12/31, 2010, 1/7, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-2010-02508

PROVIDENT FUNDING ASSOCIATES, L.P., Plaintiff,

vs.
NATHAN RUCKER; LISA RUCKER; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 27, 2011 at 1:00 PM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 55 of Coronado Ridge Phase 2, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Coronado Ridge Phase 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on January 16, 2004 in Plat Book 20, Folio 516-519.

The address of the real property is 8049 Constitution Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 3, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$429,741.91 plus interest from December 2, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 10-0223
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEO WAYNE HOLLEBEKE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale

shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013;
(505) 848-9500

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Dates 12/31, 2010, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201002425

HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-2, Plaintiff,

vs.

DENISE L. KEITH; MATRIX CAPITAL BANK; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DENISE L. KEITH, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 27, 2011 at 1:00 PM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 6, Block 1, PASTURA VERDE SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on March 1, 1996, recorded in Book 18, at Pages 421-422, of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 5053 Calle Pastura, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 1, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$133,126.73 plus interest from November 11, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.35% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC
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Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013;
(505) 848-9500

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Pub # 10289
Dates 12/31, 2010, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201002420

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

FRED ROSALES; CLARA ROSALES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 27, 2011 at 1:00 PM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 8 BLOCK D, CORAZON DEL VALLE SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOW AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 2, 2006, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 601-605 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 959 Flora Vista Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 2, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$259,172.73 plus interest from December 22, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.625% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist,



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INVITATION
B/P/RFQ (BID/PROPOSAL/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION)

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Opening
Pro Warrington 5006 Leather/ Advance Boot (or approved equal) Price Agreement www.las-cruces.org/financial_srvs/Purchasing/bids/ downloads/B10-11-475/	10-11-475	None	January 13, 2011 @ 2:00 p.m.

Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Department, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

Copies of bid documents and additional information/clarifications regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Department by mail at P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004; by phone at (575)-541-2525; by fax at (575)-541-2515, by email at bidclerk@las-cruces.org; or physical address at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

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at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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1/21, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
IN THE PROBATE COURT

No. 10-0201

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HANUMAN P. PATEL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of HANUMAN P. PATEL, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within the time prescribed by law, after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or to the Attorney for the Personal Representative, R. Glenn Davis of ScottHulse PC, 201 North Church Street, Suite 201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, Phone: (575)522-0765, FAX: (575)522-0006, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N Motel Blvd, Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 17 day of November, 2010.

/s/ SUNILABEN PATEL
Personal Representative of the Estate of HANUMAN P. PATEL, Deceased

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-2498
Judge: Arrieta

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

vs.

WILLIAM H. ALLEN and LUISA C. ALLEN, d/b/a GLACIER ICE, GERALD HAACK, and GUADALUPE HAACK, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment and decree of foreclosure of a real estate mortgage issued out of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on or about the 2nd day of December, 2010, in the above-entitled cause, and in which judgment the Plaintiff, Bank of the Southwest was awarded a judgment against the Defendants, William H. Allen and Luisa C. Allen, in the amount of \$300,761.46, as of October 28, 2010, together with accrued interest of \$16,956.10, as well as interest accruing after October 28, 2010 at the rate of 7% per annum, for a per diem of \$57.68 per day, all costs of this action in the amount of \$641.37, and attorneys fees in the amount of \$4,591.01, as set forth in said judgment, and by which decree I am, among

other things, commanded to sell all the land described in the real estate mortgage, which real estate is more particularly described in the judgment in said cause and as hereinafter described. Further, pursuant to said decree, I am additionally commanded to sell all equipment, fixtures, inventory, general intangibles, furniture, both located at the real estate being foreclosed and stored or located offsite and owned by the Defendants Allen and d/b/a Glacier Ice; and two (2) titled motor vehicles (a 2003 Ford Econoline van, VIN #: 1FTSS34L43HA94642 and a 2006 Chevrolet truck with electrical freezer box, VIN #: 1GBJC34U46E240114), as noted in the judgment.

The subject matter of the above action is a suit brought by the Plaintiff upon a promissory note and security agreement from the Defendants, William H. Allen and Luisa C. Allen, and for foreclosure of the mortgage and security agreements and sale of the real and personal property given to secure said note.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of January, 2011 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 N. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, I will, in obedience to said judgment and decree of foreclosure, sell the following-

described real estate, to-wit:

A tract of land situate in the Village of Hatch, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 9, T.19S., R.3W., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of U.S.R.S. Tracts G1-45A, and G1-45B, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod set on the north line of Herrera Road for the Southwest corner of the tract herein described; whence the southeast corner of U.S.R.S. Tract G1-47A, Bears S.89°16'00"W, 70.38 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning, and leaving the North line of Herrera Road, N. 21°54'51"W, 138.19 feet to a 1/2" iron rod for the northwest corner of this tract;

Thence N. 65°49'32"E, 71.21 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.24°17'58"E, 94.56 feet to a "X" set for a corner of this tract;

Thence S.65°01'40"W, 8.96 feet to a "X" set for a corner of this tract;

Thence S.24°58'20"E, 73.29 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set on the north line of Herrera Road for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the north line of Herrera Road., S.89°16'00"W,

75.12 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.250 acres of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

Having a common street address of 150 W. Herrera Road, Hatch, New Mexico

As well as all equipment, fixtures, inventory, general intangibles, furniture, both located at the real estate being foreclosed and stored or located offsite and owned by the Defendants Allen and d/b/a Glacier Ice, including, but not limited to merchandisers and chests located at Lil Abners on Highway 187, Caballo, NM; Lakeview RV Park at the Corner of Highway 187 and 152, Caballo, NM; Caballo Tavern, Highway 187, Caballo, NM; Department of Transportation at 660 Franklin Street, Hatch, NM; Sun Valley Hardware stores located at 703 W. Hall, Hatch, NM and at 1401 Silver Heights Blvd., Valley Café, 335 Hall Street, Hatch, NM; Middle of Nowhere Bar, 19160 Hatch Hwy NE of Deming; Morrow Farms, 13625 Uvas Valley Rd., NE of Hatch; ALCO Discount Store, 499 S. Broadway, T or C., NM; B&E Burrito at 303 N. Franklin Street, Hatch, NM, as well as six (6) non-working merchandiser units stored at the Glacier Ice facility in Hatch, NM, and two (2) titled motor vehicles (a 2003 Ford Econoline van, VIN #: 1FTSS34L43HA94642 and a 2006 Chevrolet truck with

electrical freezer box, VIN #: 1GBJC34U46E240114).

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging to said real estate in any way pertaining to said premises, to satisfy the Plaintiff's judgment and first mortgage in the amount of \$317,717.56, together with interest thereon to date of sale in the amount of \$5,133.52, attorneys fees and costs in the amount of \$5,232.38, and all costs of said sale.

Said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds; provided, however, that the Plaintiff Bank of the Southwest shall be entitled to bid all or any part of its judgment. Said sale shall also be without warranty as to title, possession or quiet possession.

DATED this 28th day of December, 2010.

/s/ Joseph Holmes,
Special Master

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1/21, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB-10-116

IN THE MATTER OF THE

ESTATE OF BILLIE RUTH SIMPSON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Co-Personal Representative of the estate of BILLIE RUTH SIMPSON, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within the time prescribed by law, after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Co-Personal Representative or to the Attorney for the Co-Personal Representative, R. Glenn Davis of ScottHulse PC, 201 North Church Street, Suite 201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, Phone: (575)522-0765, FAX: (575)522-0006, or filed with the Court at Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 7 day of December, 2010.

BY: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

/s/ COLLEEN A. MARUSIC
Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of BILLIE RUTH SIMPSON, Deceased

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City Clerk/Treasurer, City of Anthony, New Mexico The City of Anthony is accepting applications for the City Clerk/Treasurer. The position is an exempt position under the direct supervision of the Mayor. The position requires knowledge of municipal operations, budgeting, accounting, bookkeeping, and personnel. Must have three years experience in government and finance. A bachelor's degree in accounting or public administration is preferred. Applications are available at 1155 N 4th Street - Anthony Water &

Sanitation District, Anthony, New Mexico, email ramongonzalez4mayor@yahoo.com or by mail. City of Anthony, Mayor Ramon Gonzalez P.O. Box 2663 Anthony, NM 88021 or call (915) 479-2685 or fax (575) 882-4069. Position is open until filled.

The Luxurious Hotel Encanto is seeking a highly motivated individual to fill the position as Banquet Manager. A minimum of 2 years Banquet management experience is required. Must have strong customer service skills. Ability to work effectively with independently and as part of a team. Must have excellent business communication skills and strong time management skills needed. Ability to multi-task is a must. Ability to interpret and explain company policies and procedures as well as serve safe policies to others. Ability to adjust or balance the size of staff on a daily basis in order to maximize productivity or control labor costs. Ability to develop budgets and business plans as well as analyze Profit and Loss Statements. Ability to plan promotional or incentive programs for employees. Ability to obtain support for ideas and action from subordinates, peers, or superiors in order to accomplish a task or goal. Must be able to evaluate the quality of food preparation. Able to identify circumstances or incidents that require the notification and/or approval of others. Ability to coordinate functions such as banquets, weddings, and meetings. Ability

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Briefs

State makes investment in energy transmission

Commissioner of Public Lands Patrick Lyons has signed a 99-year lease with Tres Amigas LLC that by 2014 will enable renewable energy to move unobstructed through the south-central United States, 14 Western states, Alberta and British Columbia, and the northern tip of Baja California, Mexico. Once operations commence, Tres Amigas will provide an average annual income stream to the State Land Office of \$9.44 million. The flow of power, currently regulated by three regional electric transmission entities – the Western Electricity Coordinating Council, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) – would merge into, and flow through, the Tres Amigas Superstation located on state trust lands in eastern New Mexico.

Unemployment rate up slightly

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the Las Cruces metro area was 8.5 percent in November, an increase from October's rate of 8.4 percent. In November 2009, the Las Cruces unemployment rate was 7.9 percent. Over the month, employment changed little in the Las Cruces area, according to the Department of Workforce Solutions. Over the year, the Las Cruces metro area added 1,500 jobs for growth of 2.2 percent. The local area has now recorded positive job growth for seven consecutive months following 16-months of year-over-year losses. In New Mexico, the seasonally adjusted rate in November was 8.5 percent, up from 8.4 percent in October and 8.1 percent a year ago. Even with the increases, the state's

unemployment rate is still below its peak of 8.8 percent reached in March. The national unemployment rate increased to 9.8 percent in November.

Hispano chamber moves offices

In order to streamline its operations and save on operational costs to better serve its members, the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces has relocated from 3530 Foothills Road, Suite E, to its new offices in the Atrium Suites at 1990 E. Lohman Ave., the chamber announced this week. The phone number for the chamber will remain the same, 532-9255. For more information, call Executive Director Amanda Cruz at 532-9255.

Governor announces recovery report

Gov. Bill Richardson is highlighting a new report that shows billions of federal stimulus dollars have supported New Mexico's economy and provided for more than 24,000 jobs through June 30, according to the governor's office. Another 23,000 jobs will be supported through June 30, 2011, according to a report by University of New Mexico economists. New Mexico workers will have received more than \$2 billion in wages, benefits and income by July 2011, the report shows. The report was prepared by The University of New Mexico's Bureau of Business and Economic Research. The recovery act supported 5,342 education jobs alone through June 30, according to the report. Another 4,415 education jobs will be supported by additional millions in federal spending to flow through New Mexico classrooms through June 30, 2011. The report concludes that New Mexico has experienced a historic recession with major job losses – but that recession would be much deeper and more painful without the estimated \$5.7 billion and tens of thousands of jobs generated from the Recovery Act.

On the Agenda

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. Open only to members. White attire requested. Cost is \$10. Call 524-1968.

Date: Friday, Dec. 31
Time: 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Location: De La Vega's
 Pecan Grill & Brewery
 500 S. Telshor Blvd.
Contact: 524-1968

Business on the Border

Tracey Bryan, president and CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico, will be the featured speaker for the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance Business on the Border luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. The Bridge is an innovative public-private sector partnerships in southern New Mexico seeking to increase the county's high school graduation rates and build a strong workforce for the future of the county. Learn how the Arrowhead Park Early College High School is already increasing return on investment in education dollars and providing a solid example of innovation in education that could help students statewide. Luncheon cost is \$20 per person, payable by cash, check or major credit card. Due to space limitations, reservations are required. Please confirm your attendance no later than Friday, Dec. 31 by sending an email to rsvp@mveda.com or by calling the 525-2852. The meeting is open to the public.

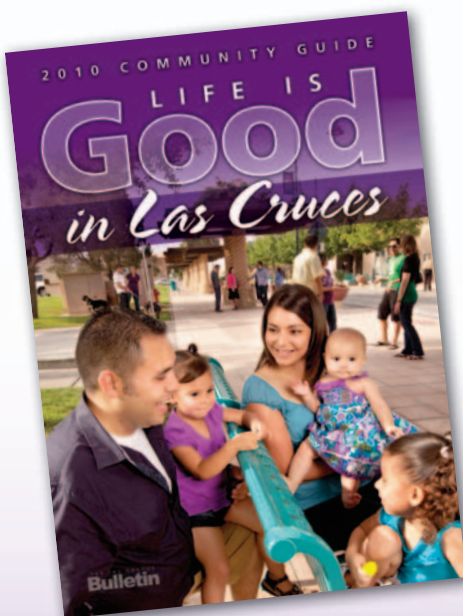
Date: Tuesday, Jan. 4
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
 705 S. Telshor Blvd.
Contact: 525-2852

The winning entry



Meagan Buck of Las Cruces was recently named the winner of the WomansDay.com Holiday Silly Cake Contest for creating this 8-inch round pumpkin cake. Buck used cream cheese frosting and Wilton's Decorating Tip No. 31 to create the texture of the leaves. She then sprinkled the cake with cinnamon candies and gold dragées. To create the bow, she used rolled fondant. To read more about the contest, visit www.womansday.com.

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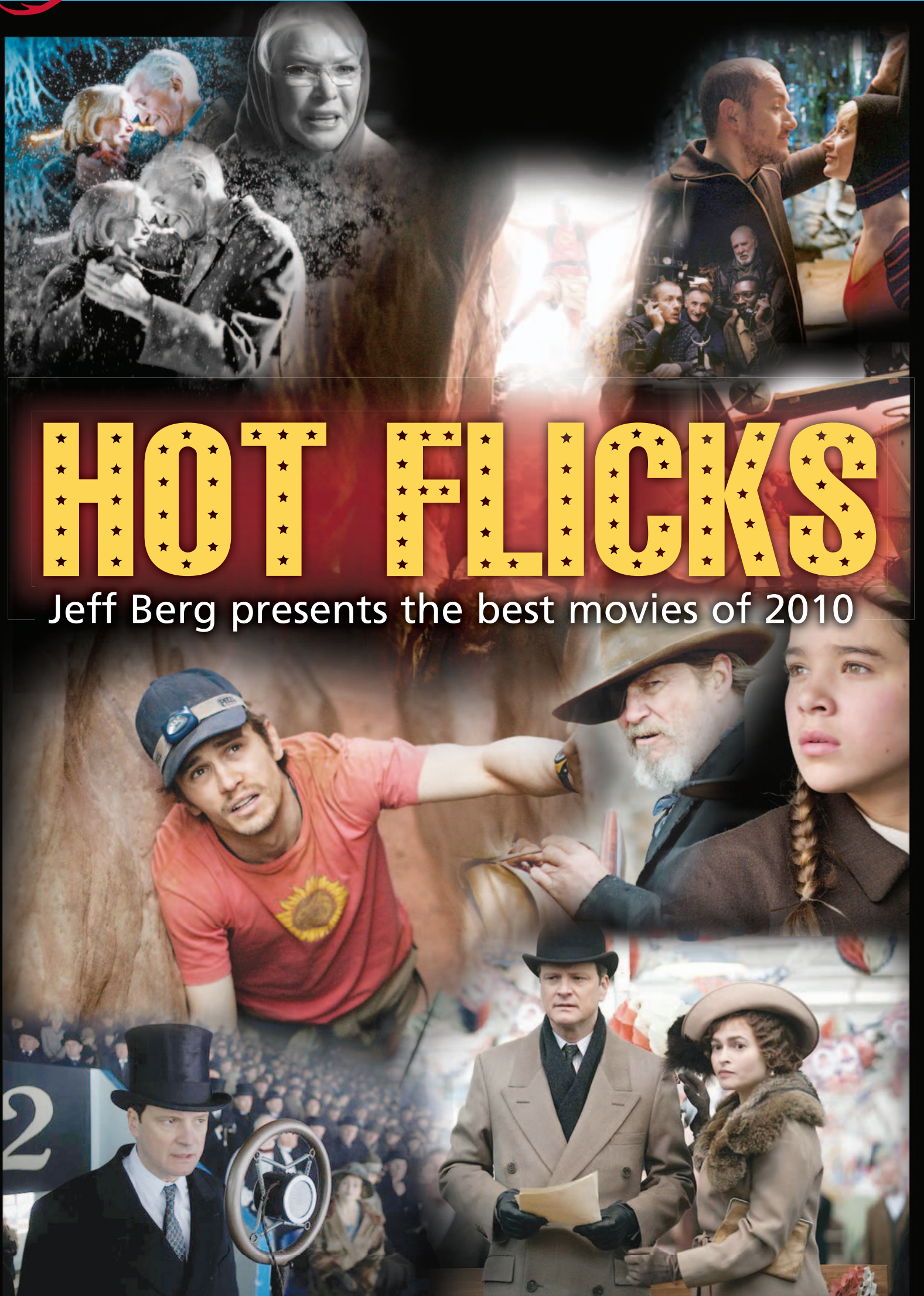
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Old gallery is new again

Carolyn and Henry Bunch resurrect the Adobe Patio



The 'Best of 2010' movies, documentaries, animation

The majority of these films may only be available locally on DVD

By Jeff Berg
Las Cruces Bulletin

A broken resolution ... I vowed to not watch so many movies this year, and, of course, that was a lie. There were 553 movies released this year (to qualify, they had to have had at least a week run in New York City or Los Angeles, according to razzies.com), and someone had to see some of them. And I just noticed that a lot of these titles haven't made it to Las Cruces yet, and some won't ... so watch for the DVD releases!

Without further ado –

For the first time ever, I think, I have a clear winner for "Best Movie That I Saw in 2010." Drum roll, please ... "The King's Speech."

This magnificently written, directed, photographed and acted film really caught me. And that is especially surprising since I am not that big a fan of Colin Firth, who stars in this fact-based film about the man who became Britain's King George VI, and the man who helped him with his speech impediment. I was completely blindsided by the movie, which boasts superb performances by Firth and Geoffrey Rush and beautiful cinematography that brings extraordinary life to what could have been a very bland picture.

Other titles that I feel may be well worth

your while:

- "True Grit" – See last week's review of this slick remake of the John Wayne opus of years ago.
- "127 Hours" – Based on the true story of Aron Ralston, an adventurer who had to amputate his own arm to escape an isolated Utah canyon. James Franco's performance is as remarkable as Ralston's story.
- "Mic Macs" – A charming story of a man who takes on two unscrupulous arms dealers with the help of a variety of friends who have unusual and unique talents.
- "I Am Love" – Wherein star and heartthrob Tilda Swinton plays an aristocratic woman who falls for a chef far below her economic strata, and learns about love, food and very good sex.
- "Lovely, Still" – An economically compact movie about two elderly people, superbly played by Ellen Burstyn and Martin Landau, who may or may not be nurturing a "new" love relationship during the Christmas holidays.



Smaller films that should have had better distribution

- "Lebanon" – The story of a young tank crew on the first day of the Lebanese-Israeli war. Claustrophobia be damned, most of the picture takes place inside the tank itself.
- "Mademoiselle Chambon" – A lovely French film about a man who wants to have an affair with his son's teacher, but economics, vows, and social norms interrupt ... or do they?
- "Mesrine Part 1: Killer Instinct" – Featuring a phenomenal performance by Victor Cassel as Mesrine (MAY-reen), who was France's Public Enemy No.1 back in the '70s.
- "happythankyoumoreplease" – A delightful comedy about an ordinary guy who ends up taking care of a young boy he finds on the subway ... adventures and love ensue.
- "Soul Kitchen" – Another grand comedy, this one from Germany about a restaurant owner and his plight to keep the place open in spite of a cheating girlfriend, a psycho chef and a bandito brother.
- "The Good Heart" – A dark, fresh comedy with Brian Cox as a bar owner in poor health who takes in a homeless Paul Dano (also terrific in "The Extra Man") to take over his place, but only under his strict rules of life.



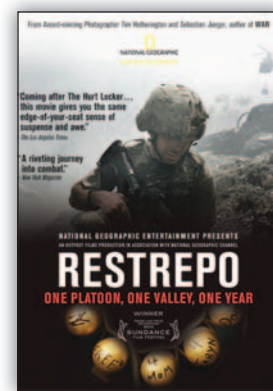
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A great year for documentaries

- "Restrepo" – A harrowing on-sight look at a forward combat position in Afghanistan and the men who are stationed there.
- "Exit Through the Gift Shop" – I thought I would hate it, but it turned out to be a favorite. The story, such as it is, follows the exploits of Banksy, an underground stencil artist who turns the tables on filmmaker Thierry Guetta, by taking over the production himself.
- "Mugabe and the White African" – Certainly one of the bravest documentaries of the year, it follows the efforts of Michael Campbell, a white farmer as he tries to protect his land from the despicable and ultra-corrupt government of Zimbabwe.
- "Sweetgrass" – A nearly silent film shot on location in my adopted home state of Montana that tells the story of the last great sheep drive and the shearers who still partake in this realistic way of life.
- "Inside Job" – A layman's chronicle of the corrupt people and financial institutions who got us into this mess. Unbelievable to see just what "they" did to us – all of us.



Animation a highlight

There was the wonderful "A Town Called Panic" (not really animation, but close enough), which follows the misadventures of Cowboy, Indian and Horse after they accidentally buy 50 million bricks. "Toy Story 3," a whimsical and wonderful

Pixar presentation about toys who don't want to be retired. "Mary and Max," a claymation work from Australia, features the two title characters who correspond for years (she is 8, he is middle-aged and has Asperger's syndrome), before finally meeting – touching and moving, but for adults only.

Other titles that caught my fancy included "The Exploding Girl," "Nora's Will," the harrowing "When We Leave," "1981," "A Prophet" (not for the squeamish), "Hachiko: A Dog's Story," Roman Polanski's "Ghost Writer," and the soon-to-be-released "Anita," starring Norma Aleandro and Alejandra Manzo, an actress with Down syndrome. Manzo as Anita gets lost after her mother (Aleandro) unexpectedly disappears. Remarkable, real and moving.

And of course, there were a number of guilty pleasures, with "District B-13: Ultimatum" leading the way and "Easy A" close behind.

Featured artist: *Diane Schutz*

Putting the music in us

High energy musician is educator first and foremost

By **David Edwards**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When I sat down with Diane Schutz, it was the Sunday after Christmas. She had played the organ and piano for four Christmas Eve services at St. Paul's United Methodist Church just two days before – at 3, 5, 7 and 11 p.m.

On the day of our interview she had played for the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. services (she apparently wasn't needed at 9:30 a.m.). Because of a shortage of pastors and lay leaders, she had even done the scripture lesson during the late service.

The previous week, she had rehearsed every night and led the four-piece combo during the church's performances of "It's A Wonderful Life: The Musical" – three shows Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a funeral thrown in for good measure on Saturday morning, then regular church services Sunday, Dec. 19. Is it any wonder that she fell asleep on the couch during the midst of activity, including Christmas dinner on Christmas Day? Is it any more wonder that she and husband John are taking off on a Baja Mexico cruise? She'll miss two Sundays at St. Paul's, and believe me, they'll miss her.

Schutz became the organist at St. Paul's three Christmases ago, after a lengthy audition/try out period. She has become an integral part of the church's life with her commitment and seemingly endless, energy. But her contribu-

tions to music in Las Cruces go well beyond the church and have for more than 35 years.

Schutz was born and raised in California (she was adopted and likes to mention it because of her strong belief there are adoptable children out there who need good families) and started playing the piano at 18 months. She sang her first solo in church at the age 3.

Her desire to be a music teacher led her to attend Texas Christian University where she received a bachelor's degree in music education in 1975. Shortly after that she moved to Las Cruces with her former husband and began assisting the choral teacher at Lynn Middle (then Junior High) School.

"The choral teacher at the time was terminally ill with cancer and I just couldn't watch her health decline," Schutz said.

She continued to teach voice and piano privately and entered the management-training program at J.C. Penney Co., where she worked for three years. But she found herself back at Lynn from 1979-81.

A yearlong stint in Nashville came in 1981, when she taught private lessons and played local gigs.

"We came back from Nashville and I started teaching at Gadsden Junior High and started the Senior High choir after hours. We really had nothing to begin with – a portable classroom, a desk and chairs, that's it. No music,

nothing," she said.

Santa Teresa Middle School choir was also created due to Schutz's efforts.

She started teaching at Las Cruces High School in 1985, working as well at Zia Middle School and several elementary schools until the LCHS program became full time. And somewhere in there, Schutz had the time to complete a master's degree in music in choral conducting at New Mexico State University in 1987.

Retirement from the public schools came after 20 years at LCHS. During her tenure at LCHS, she got divorced, and met and married her current husband John Schutz, who had been the band director at Mayfield High School and later became the coordinator of visual and performing arts for Las Cruces Public Schools.

But retirement was fleeting as she became an assistant choir director at NMSU in 2006, where she also helped start and became the conductor for the NMSU Campus Choir (for non-music majors who just enjoy singing). She also organized and conducts the Good Time Singers at the Trail's West retirement community – all this while maintaining her position at St. Paul's.

I asked her what her most memorable moments were as far as teaching and she mentioned being invited and taking students to the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall, but she also spoke with fondness about a group of Down syndrome students she had.



"I actually got criticized on a couple of occasions for letting them sing in public," she said. "Once was at a baseball game when we sang the national anthem and a couple of them ended up right by the microphone. Another time was at a Christmas program when we sang 'Angels We Have Heard on High,' which is a public sing-along song. But people said, 'How could you let them sing that?' I really couldn't believe it."

Another highlight came when some of those same students led the Pledge of Allegiance at graduation.

"They really practiced it, and I was there with tears streaming down my face," she said.

"I had to make a decision a long time ago if I was going to be a maestro or a teacher. I decided to be a teacher."

And the Energizer Bunny also apparently.

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EventsCalendar

FRI. 12/31

6 to 9 p.m. Live music by La Cella Bella, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music by Ted Scanlon from The Desperados, Mix Pacific Rim Cuisine and Katana Teppanyaki Grill, 1001 E. University Ave. No cover. Call 532-2042.

8 p.m. New Year's Eve party, Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. Celebrate New Year's Eve with two separate parties under one roof. Ramada's ballroom will feature Phat Soul with reserved seating, and the bar club will provide entertainment by Dulce with special guest Sunny Padilla and a special performance by Paul Benavidez and Jeff Segretto. Cost \$35. Call 915-630-2206 or 526-4411, ext. 402.

10 p.m. to 1 a.m. New Year's Eve party, De La Vega's Pecan Grill and Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce members are invited to celebrate 2011. All white attire is requested. Cost \$10. Call 524-1968.

SAT. 1/1

Happy New Year!

SUN. 1/2

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Growers Market, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Call 523-0436.

Noon to 4 p.m. Uptown Craft and Growers Market, Mesilla Valley Mall in front of

Sears in the parking lot. Shop for local arts, crafts and produce. Free. Call 650-7414.

3 to 7 p.m. Open mic, Blue Moon Bar, 13060 N. Highway 185. Free. Call 647-9524.

9:30 p.m. DJ Shaheed concert, SB's Late-night Lunchbox, 120 S. Water St. DJ Shaheed will spin old reggae records and recreate a sound clash between two dancehall reggae artists. Free.

MON. 1/3

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.

6 p.m. Doña Ana County Search & Rescue Inc. meeting, DACC Conference Room No. 114 of the main building, 3400 S. Espina St. Visitors are welcome and the team is currently accepting and training new members. Free. Call 526-4918.

TUE. 1/4

2 to 4 p.m. Harvest cooking class, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Carol Koenig will be the instructor. Cost \$25-\$30. Call 522-4100.

5 p.m. Jazz Film Series: "Mo' Better Blues," Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. As part of the Jam Session, the Doña Ana Arts Council and Rio Grande Theatre present a classic jazz-themed film from the Hollywood vaults. The screening is preceded by a mini-concert by a jazz group. This week's performance will be by MST Jazz Trio and the screen-

ing will be "Mo' Better Blues," starring Denzel Washington, as struggling trumpeter Bleek Gilliam. Free. Call 523-6404.

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.

WED. 1/5

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit meeting, Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative ideas and good conversation are shared. To participate, bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625, email meadows@zianet.com or visit lascrucsstitches.multiply.com.

THU. 1/6

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.



Cellist Armen Ksajikian will perform at the Rio Grande Theatre Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011.

5 p.m. Mesilla Valley Oral History Group, Days Inn & Suites, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. The program, "First Impressions and Happenings in and of Las Cruces," recalls memories by audience members. Reservations are required. Cost \$14 and includes dinner. Call 524-0589 or 522-0548 by Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Dance ballroom, swing and Latin style. Beginners, singles and couples are welcome. Must be 21 years or older. Dress code enforced. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 526-6504.

FRI. 1/7

5 to 7 p.m. Downtown Ramble, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Listen to live music, shop from local galleries and enjoy Downtown Las Cruces. Free.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

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by Ted Scanlon from **The Desperados**, Mix Pacific Rim Cuisine and Katana Teppanyaki Grill, 1001 E. University Ave. No cover. Call 532-2042.

6:30 p.m. Howling Coyote, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Open to acoustic musicians, singers, poets and storytellers. A full stage, sound and lights are provided by Skip Connelley. Free. Call 525-9333 or 915-799-5684.

SAT. 1/8

8:30 a.m. National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 182 meeting, Days Inn Suites & Mesilla Valley Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. The guest speaker will be 2010-12 New Mexico Federation President Leon Garcia. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011. Call 522-1160.

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Douglas Jackson will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Judith Ames will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. Coas will give coupons for free books to all children who attend a storytelling session. Free. Call 526-8377.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Unravelers Knitting Guild meeting, Health and Public Services Building, Room 294 on the DACC main campus. Following a short business meeting, knitting Afghans for La Casa will begin. This will include a demonstration of

blocking techniques. Please bring size U.S. 7 needles. Yarn project will be available for purchase. Knitters of all levels are welcome. Free. Call 523-0442.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Camino del Arte, Mesquite Historic District, along Mesquite Street. View and shop local galleries. Free.

11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

6:30 p.m. Cellist Armen Ksajikian concert and film, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. El Paso Pro Musica presents cellist Armen Ksajikian, whose professional career began at age 12 with the National Philharmonic of Abkhazia in the former Soviet Union. Showtime is 7 p.m. with a lecture, followed by a performance at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$5-\$25. Call 915-833-9400.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center Holiday Dance, 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. NMSU vs. Fresno State men's basketball game, Pan Am Center on the NMSU campus. Cost \$8-\$31. Call 646-1420.

7:30 p.m. Sixth annual Pops Concert, Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. Arrival from Sweden, an ABBA tribute band, will perform hits from the '70s and '80s. Cost \$35-\$50. Call 646-3709.

Jam Session: America's Jazz Ambassadors Embrace the World

Don't forget about other upcoming events in January that celebrate the history of jazz.

All events and concerts are free except where indicated.

January TUESDAY, JAN. 4

5:30 p.m. Concert – MST Jazz Trio
Rio Grande Theatre

7 p.m. Film – "Mo' Better Blues"
Rio Grande Theatre

SATURDAY, JAN. 8

11 a.m. Gallery talk – Duke Ellington, hosted by Jim Shearer
Branigan Cultural Center

TUESDAY, JAN. 11

5:30 p.m. Concert – Allan Kaplan
Rio Grande Theatre

7 p.m. Film – "Round Midnight"
Rio Grande Theatre



FRIDAY, JAN. 14

7 p.m. Panel Discussion – Race, the Cold War and the Jazz Ambassadors, with Andrea Orzoff, New Mexico State University scholar, Eastern European History; Jim Shearer, professor of Music, NMSU; Ambassador Delano Lewis, Director of NMSU International Relations Institute; and moderated by Carrie Hamblen, KRWG
Branigan Cultural Center

SATURDAY, JAN. 15

11 a.m. Gallery talk – Benny Goodman, hosted by Ken Neidig
Branigan Cultural Center

TUESDAY, JAN. 18

5:30 p.m. Concert – Jazz Unlimited Big Band with special guest Ken Neidig
Rio Grande Theatre

7 p.m. Film – "The Benny Goodman Story"
Rio Grande Theatre

SATURDAY, JAN. 22

11 a.m. Gallery talk – Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Parker, hosted by Jim Shearer
Branigan Cultural Center

SUNDAY, JAN. 23

7 p.m. Concert – Jim Cullum Jazz Band, in partnership with KRWG (There is a ticket charge for this concert)
Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus

TUESDAY, JAN. 25

5:30 p.m. Concert – Roman Chip
Rio Grande Theatre

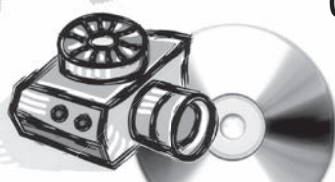
7 p.m. Film – "Bird"
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NOPALITO'S GALERÍA presents Rosario Jeremias' solo exhibit titled "By Rosario," which features her works in clay, oils and acrylics, and Norma Chairez presents her works in oil through Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011. The gallery is at 326 S. Mesquite St. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, or by appointment. Call 524-0003.

OPENING

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY will feature Nina Cobb Walker and Yvonne Postelle during the month of January. Walker is a lifelong art enthusiast and native Texan, who utilizes the impasto technique of rich color to create texture in her paintings. Postelle works primarily in oils as a landscape painter pursuing the love of art through her paintings. She loves to depict how God and nature inspire one with vibrant and dancing colors. In addition, the 30 artists of the gallery offer art in many media, including original paintings, encaustic, fused glass art jewelry, handmade cards, stained glass, photography, creative gourds, affordable prints and miniature paintings. The gallery is at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER will open "Tea and Friendship" Friday, Jan. 7, 2011. The exhibition celebrates the intimate relationship between tea and friendship with an artist reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, as part of the Downtown Ramble. The exhibit will remain open through Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011. "Tea and Friendship" is a juried invitational show comprised of 21 new works in a variety of media by 15 members of the Teacup Garden Studio Group and Friends. The center is at 501 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2154.

THE MAIN STREET GALLERY will feature Material Girls Judy Licht, Lynn Unangst and Ann Angel during the month of January. The exhibit will open at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, as part of the Downtown Ramble. Fiber artworks include hand-dyed silk, quilted constructs and hand weavings. Other artists exhibiting at the gallery include Winfrey Hearst, Daphne Wirthlin, Lois Wilson, Margaret Berrier, Joanna Bradley, Rudy Lucero, Paula Gonzalez, Jan Severson and Annette Paaajanen, Robert "Shoofly" Shuflet and Woody Hoffman. The gallery is at 311 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 647-0508.

Coming soon

Abstract paintings by J. Carey Crane and Deborah Welch
Tombaugh Gallery, call 522-7281
Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011

Gallery opening and exhibits by local artists
Adobe Patio Gallery and Studio, call 523-0573
Friday, Jan. 14, 2011

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA hosts "Old and New Paths," with artwork in a variety of media and "Impressions, Impressions," a new exhibit of photographs by Tony Martinez and Richard Davis. An artist reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, and the exhibits will also be shown the same day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. during Camino del Arte, a Historic Mesquite District art tour. 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 will host a second exhibit by Las Cruces artist Wendy Blackwell. Blackwell's realistic colored pencil compositions explore light and shadow on inanimate objects and create a conversation between color and texture. Her skills, including use of color, allow her to depict the essence of her subject. New to the gallery is long-time photographer John Gustinis. His image series remind viewers of the diversity and ethereal beauty of the Southwest desert. The exhibit will open at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, during Camino del Arte, and an artist reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. the same day. 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.

ONGOING

GALERÍA TEPÍN will host an exhibition "Carnaval Social" featuring the work of César Iván, a visual artist and musician through Feb. 28, 2011. He works in various media including oil-acrylic painting, metal, wood, mosaic, murals, computer graphics and hand-made calaca (skeleton) marionettes. Galería Tepín is located at 2220 Calle de Parian. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 523-3988.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART will present "Looking Ahead: Portraits from the Mott-Warsh Collection," an exhibition of 30 contemporary portraits of people of African descent through 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. Portrait subjects range from less than 5 years to more than 70 years old. Several of the works are small, intimate pieces, while others are large in scale and dominating in their presence. The Mott-Warsh Collection was created by Maryanne Mott and her husband, the late Herman Warsh. The gallery is at 491 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2137.

BLACK BOX THEATRE will present "Kicking Nature up a Notch," an exhibit by Karen Currier and the Mesilla Valley Musical Arts Chamber, through Jan. 31, 2011. Currier is a Las Cruces artist specializing in uniquely handcrafted gourds and creative walking sticks. The theatre is at 430 N. Main St. Viewings are one hour before performances or by appointment. Call 523-1223.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE GALLERIES will feature jazz art and memorabilia with Southwestern flavor through 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



"Second Snow" by Yvonne Postelle is on display at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery.

Albuquerque artist Jim Gale. The exhibit will run in conjunction with the "Jam Session in Las Cruces" exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center. The galleries are at 211 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 523-6403.

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 Dunklee, Les Fairchild, Susan Frary, Jan Kosnick, JoAnn Alcala Milam, Hetty Smith, Kurt Van Wagner and Roberta Widner. The gallery is at 2825 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call 526-6126.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM is showing "The Dust Bowl: Dark Times in New Mexico" 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.

"Vintage Views of Rural Women" a fall exhibit by the Southern Chapter of the New Mexico Watercolor Society that focuses on the different roles women play in agriculture and rural life. The show will be on display through April 3, 2011.

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.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER exhibits more than 100 pieces of original artwork from Las Cruces and Gadsden public schools. The exhibit includes photography, paintings, etchings, drawings and sculpture. Artists range from elementary to high school students. The gallery is at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday through Friday. Call 525-5801.

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Armen Ksajikian: The Russian Romantic Tradition

El Paso Pro Musica presents cellist Armen Ksajikian at 7p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Ksajikian's professional career began at age 12 with the National Philharmonic of Abkhazia in the former Soviet Union. As a member of the distinguished Armadillo String Quartet since 1982, Ksajikian has been involved in such daring events as a 34.5-hour marathon performance of the complete quartets of Joseph Haydn as well as concerts from the top of the Mendenhall Glacier to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. He has more than 900 motion picture soundtracks to his credit and was featured as the Uzi-toting limousine driver in the movie "True Lies." Showtime is 7 p.m. with a lecture, followed by a performance at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and military and \$5 for students with a valid ID. For more information, call 915-833-9400 or visit www.eppm.org.



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Learn low-flying trapeze techniques with Nancy Smith with classes on trapeze vocabulary and techniques.

builds on vocabulary to include spinning and swinging as well as improvisation.

Classes are open to anyone 12 and over with a limit of 12 students. Classes will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Jan. 10-14, 2011. Cost is \$40. For more information, call 317-374-1787 or email PIMdance@gmail.com.

Low-flying trapeze class

Learn low-flying trapeze techniques through a progression of vocabulary such as pulling taffy, lion in the tree, big "Y," monkey and much more with Nancy Smith of Frequent Flyer Productions. The class will teach the economy of movement and help to develop a sense of effortlessness while moving through sequences of vocabulary. Skills progression



"Doña Ana Picker" by Mel Stone will be on display at the Mesquite Art Gallery during Camino del Arte.

Camino del Arte

Tour the galleries along Mesquite Street during the monthly Historic Mesquite District art tour known as Camino del Arte from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011.

Participating galleries include Nopalito's Galería, 326 S. Mesquite St.; Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St.; Mesquite Art Gallery, 340 N. Mesquite St.; and many more.

Adobe Patio Gallery and Studio returns to Mesilla

It's been more than 20 years since the original Adobe Patio Gallery, owned and operated by Carolyn and Henry Bunch, introduced the region to the quality and diversity of regional fine artists on a back street in Mesilla.

That building, as are so many in the area, was of historical significance. It once served as a way station for the stage coast, but when Henry and Carolyn Bunch were done with it, the ambience was totally Mesilla and housed one of the Las Cruces' area's first fine art galleries.

Now in a new location, the new Adobe Patio Gallery, at 1765 Avenida de Mesilla, provides an abundance of quality exhibition space, that was designed to show off a variety of paintings and sculptures.

Opening Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, the gallery will feature an exhibition of vinyl tile murals of Tony Pennock.

Joseph Ireland, a long recognized regional artist who has mastered both oil and pastel presentation, will also be showing three new works. Ireland, a familiar name in the Mesilla Valley, is known for his painterly style.

The watercolor and pastels of Glenda Bucci have again found a home in the Adobe Patio Gallery. With a passion for depicting flowers, fruits and vegetables, Bucci's work is strong, powerful and proud.

These artists, along with many more, will join the Bunches as they reach out to the community in an exhibition focusing on regional excellence from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 2011. The reception is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. For more information, call 523-0573.

Call to Artists

AVANCE, CORAZONES DE FAMILIA

An auction of heart art by regional artists and friends of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 2011, at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. AVANCE will supply wooden hearts to decorate for the fundraising event at no cost to the artist, and hearts will be available for pick-up after Jan. 4, 2011, at 424 N. Downtown Mall, Suite 100. Please enter through the parking lot next to the Black Box Theatre. The deadline for the return of all hearts is April 1, 2011, and hearts received by March 15, 2011 may be used for advance publicity and media opportunities at the discretion of AVANCE. For more information, call 526-6666 or 532-9330.

ART CLASSES

Register for art classes at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. Class schedules and registration forms will be available at the museum, 491 N. Main St., and www.las-cruces.org/museums. The first studio session begins the week of Jan. 4, 2011. The second session begins the week of March 8, 2011. Classes for adults include weaving, ceramics, drawing, painting and an expanded digital photography program including retouching with Photoshop. An intermediate course in clay that focuses on enhancing surfaces to produce unique pieces will also be offered. Older teens are welcome to attend all adult classes, and classes for young artists are also available. For more information, call 541-2137 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

ART MUSEUM SEEKS SOLO AND GROUP EXHIBITS

The Las Cruces Museum of Art seeks proposals for solo and group exhibitions to be presented in the museum in 2012. Artists living and working in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas are eligible to submit. Submission deadline is June 10, 2011. The Las Cruces Museum of Art also seeks submissions of utilitarian and sculptural ceramics for the 2011 exhibition "From the Ground Up XXV." Submissions are open to artists from the Rocky Mountain region, including New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. Submission deadline is April 8, 2011. Visit www.las-cruces.org/museums for a complete prospectus.

NEW MEXICO ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

The 50th annual New Mexico Arts and Crafts Fair, which will feature 220 of New Mexico's most talented artisans, invites artists to submit their work. Artwork will be displayed at the Manuel Lujan building at Expo New Mexico, the state fairgrounds in Albuquerque. The New Mexico Arts and Crafts Fair is the longest-running art show in New Mexico and features New Mexico artists exclusively. The deadline to register is Monday, Jan. 31, 2011. Apply online at www.zapplication.org. For more information, visit www.nmartsandcraftsfair.org, email info@nmartsandcraftsfair.org or call 505-884-9043. Event dates are June 24-26, 2011.

ASTC AUDITIONS

The American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC) at New Mexico State University Theatre Arts announces auditions for its Spring 2011 productions. Needed are men and women ages 18-30. Auditions will be held at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, with callbacks scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011. Sign up for an audition slot on the callboard in the Hershel Zohn Theatre lobby between Jan. 3-14, 2011. For more information, call Mike Wise at 646-5418.

LCCT PLAY SUBMISSIONS

The Las Cruces Community Theatre is calling for play submissions for its 2011-12 season. Directors are asked to submit up to three plays or musicals they would like to direct for consideration. Submit the name of the play, author, publisher, a brief synopsis and a budget. In the case of musicals, directors must also submit the cost of score rental and royalties, copy of the script and a CD of music. Include contact information. The deadline for submissions is Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011. The Play Reading Committee will submit its recommendations to the board by April 1, 2011, and directors will be notified as soon as possible. Anyone interested in directing that does not have a specific play in mind, please let the committee know as well.

The approximate dates for performances are August, October and December 2011, and February, April and June 2012. Directors may indicate a preference for one of the

time slots.

Drop submissions off at the LCCT, 313 N. Downtown Mall. If there is no one at the theater, leave submissions with the Blue Gate Gallery. For more information, call Kathi Jane at 526-6810 or email southam97@gmail.com.

SANTA ANA SEARCH TO DISCOVER, SHOWCASE

Santa Ana Star Casino announces the launch of Santa Ana Star Search, an event designed to discover and showcase New Mexico's best amateur performers. From dancers, singers, comedians, musicians, variety performers and actors, Santa Ana Star Search will seek out the state's most talented individuals or groups and help them launch an entertainment career.

The Santa Ana Star Search winner will receive an opportunity to sign a one-year development contract with a national talent agent, be awarded a \$10,000 prize, receive a trip for two to the 2011 "American Idol" finale in Los Angeles as a member of its studio audience and conduct a solo performance at Santa Ana Star Casino's Bosque Event Center.

Santa Ana Star Search is accepting applications through Feb. 5, 2011, at the Bosque Event Center at Santa Ana Star Casino. For more information, call James Korenchen at 505-797-6671 or email jameskorenchen.com

LOS ARTESANOS GALERÍA

Artists living in New Mexico are invited to submit their work for jury consideration at Los Artesanos Galería in Mesilla. All media will be

considered. All work submitted for consideration must be original and created by the submitting artist. The submission must contain the artist's name, media, address, email and phone number, as well as the dimensions and pricing for each piece. For more information, call 526-1144.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, has openings for interested artists and digital photographers to display their work. For more information, call 522-2933, stop by the gallery for an application or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

PRESS WOMEN ZIA AWARD

New Mexican women writers are invited to submit their books for the 2011 Zia Award, given to the author of an outstanding book in children's literature published in 2008, 2009 or 2010. The contest is open to all subgenres within children's and youth literature. The award is given each year by New Mexico Press Women at the annual spring conference. To be eligible to receive the award, selected winners must read at the award luncheon during the 2011 conference in Las Cruces Saturday, April 9, 2011. Submissions can be made by the author or by someone on behalf of the author, such as a publisher. Membership in New Mexico Press Women is not required, but the writer must be a woman who lives in or has a strong connection to New Mexico. The

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Arts and entertainment in 2010

Great year locally represented by great section covers

Here's a look at some of the Bulletin's favorite covers and photos, highlighting the year's events in our unique arts and entertainment community.

From the White Sands International Film Festival to the Doña Ana Arts Council's Renaissance ArtsFaire, the Mesilla Valley is full of artistic activity throughout the year.

The arts community comes alive during February, known throughout the area as For the Love of Art Month. For the past 12 years, ArtForms, a nonprofit organization, has hosted the city-wide event, which features performing arts as well as visual arts in the area.

Local celebs enjoyed their 15 minutes of fame in March during "Look Who's Dancing," a competition that paired local figures with students of the New Mexico State University DanceSport Company. Dr. Brian Gilbert of Bright Star Dental won this year's tough competition, which included Margie Huerta, president of Doña Ana Community College, who placed second.

The Border Book Festival said "Word up!" to the community – especially the Mesilla Plaza – with its annual event held in April. This year's event featured writer Victor Villaseñor, author of the immigrant tale "Rain of God." The weekend-long festival included workshops, presentations and the second annual Viva la Vida free concert on the plaza.

The White Sands International Film Festival continued its transition from Alamogordo to Las Cruces, screening 19 feature-length and 38 short film selections from April 15-18, at the Cineport 10. Though the selections were created in locations throughout the world, many filmed in New Mexico also were featured, including "Becoming Eduardo," which won the "Viewer's Choice" award at the festival. Actor and Santa Fe resident Wes Studi, who played roles in "Avatar," "The Last of the Mohicans" and "Dances With Wolves," was also honored at this year's film festival with a Lifetime Achievement award.

The year is not complete without a visit to one of southern New Mexico's wine festivals which mark the beginning of summer – the La Viña Wine Festival held Memorial Day Weekend – and the end of the season – the Harvest Wine Festival held Labor Day Weekend. Throughout the summer, the events continue, highlighted by Raft the Rio hosted by the Southwest Environmental Center and Turtlef-

est, sponsored by the village of Tortugas.

This year, the Doña Ana Arts Council's ArtsHop was replaced with the plain air event "Color Las Cruces," featuring quick draw and plain air competition held at several galleries throughout the city.

The DAAC also held a successful Renaissance ArtsFaire, luring thousands from the region and vendors from throughout the nation to sell their wares at Young Park.

While events were held to entertain the residents of the area, there were also plenty that raised funds for worthy causes.

Empty Bowls is one such event held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church and sponsored by the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces. Each year it benefits El Caldito Soup Kitchen. The event is a partnership among Potters' Guild artists, local restaurants, the church and residents

who purchase tickets in the name of charity and good eating.

High Heels for High Hopes brings local celebrity women and a high-fashion runway show together to benefit the March of Dimes, which raises funds to help prevent premature births and birth defects. This year's event raised more than \$70,000 for the charity.

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Call to Artists

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book may be published anywhere. To submit for consideration for the Zia Book Award, send a brief cover letter, including complete contact information, the author's biography (including her connection to New Mexico) and a description and a copy of the book and a check for the \$10 entry fee payable to New Mexico Press Women to: Sari Krosinsky, Zia Book Award Chair, 315 Terrace St. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. Entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, Jan. 14, 2011. For more information, email michal_kro@hotmail.com.

CERAMIC EXHIBITION

The Potters' Guild of Las Cruces and the Las Cruces Museum of Art request

submissions for the regional juried ceramic exhibition "From the Ground Up XXV." The submission deadline is April 8, 2011. This call for submissions is open to ceramic artists from the Rocky Mountain region of the United States – New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Artists may submit up to four entries that were completed within the past three years. The submission fee for one to four entries is \$30 and is payable to Potters' Guild of Las Cruces. Submission forms can be downloaded from the Las Cruces Museum of Art website www.las-cruces.org/museums. Mail entries to Museum of Art, Attn: From the Ground Up, P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

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A memorable 2010 in photos Arts and entertainment



Denise Chavez acknowledges Victor Villaseñor's contributions and presents him with the Premio Fronterizo Award at the Border Book Festival April 9 at the Mesilla Community Center.



The Fixx model Jaylene McIntosh showers the crowd with glitter during the High Heels for High Hopes fundraiser for the March of Dimes, Nov. 19 at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.



Despite Downtown construction, the First Friday Arts Ramble continued to grow in popularity throughout the year.



Shanghai Circus members balance on each other during what seems like an impossible feat at the Rio Grande Theatre Jan. 29.



British Car Days held April 24 in the Mesilla Plaza featured more than 30 British models with owners coming from as far away as Colorado.



"Surely, thou doth jest!" sayeth Luis Areu at the Doña Ana Arts Council's Renaissance ArtsFaire Nov. 6 and 7 at Young Park.

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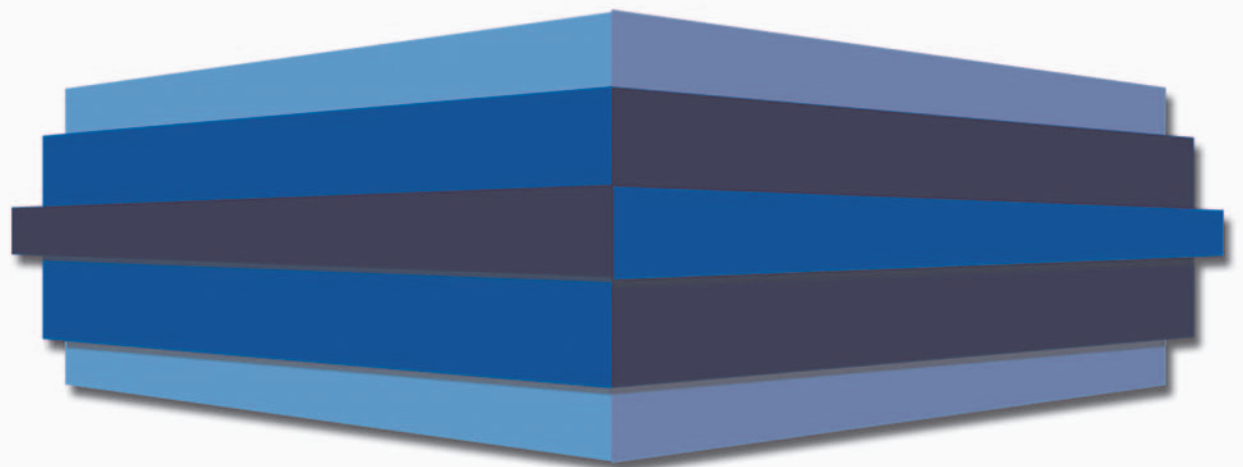
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Bulletin Restaurant Guide

El Cubano in La Mesilla

Emilia's On The Plaza brings warmth to Christmas Eve chills

By David Edwards
Las Cruces Bulletin

It is among the most picturesque views around – the one from the patio of Emilia's On The Plaza restaurant in Mesilla.

One can see the whole plaza – the shops, historic gazebo and the Basilica of San Albino overlooking it all. On this recently past Christmas Eve, the plaza was full of people, caroling and thousands of lights and luminarias. It was pretty magical, and the slight chill in the air was tempered by a couple of large outdoor heaters, some good food and holiday companions.

Owner Emily Coss – also a local Realtor – certainly knows the importance of “location, location, location,” and her relatively new eatery (formerly Don Felix) is a nice, fun place both inside and out.

The interior has been redone and is an eclectic mix of mismatched tables and chairs and different colored walls. It has a bistro feel and a homespun atmosphere with friendly, efficient service.

The lunch crew had become, for this special edition, the dinner crew, and included lunch buddy and son, mom and



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Edwards

Emilia's On The Plaza serves Mexican food, great sandwiches and burgers with a great view of the Mesilla Plaza.

sis, me and my lovely friend Britney, who was experiencing a dearth of family this Christmas.

We were able to sample a good variety from the menu, which includes sandwiches and traditional Mexican food. Sister did her standard green enchiladas with a chile relleno on the side (which I, along with a suddenly free-for-semester-break girlfriend, had sampled along with the tostadas compuestas the day before).

Mom had the chicken/green chile/tortilla soup, which was well-presented with a dollop of sour cream on top. The soup seemed, however, to be missing the green chile part of the equation. When mom, who is not a complainer, mentioned it to the server, she wasn't charged for the soup. I always appreciate it when mistakes occur – and they do – that genuine effort is made to rectify them. The soup was good, just not exactly as expected. Lunch buddy got his menudo “freak” on and polished off a bowl of green chile con carne to boot.

But what I really want to talk about here is the sloppy burger and the Cuban sandwich. Lunch buddy's son got the burger (prepared as you like it) with cheese and bacon. The fresh-cut fries are extra, but worth it. Friend Brit got the loaded burger (it comes with lettuce, tomato, grilled onions and cheese) with guacamole, bacon and green chile. The only extra she didn't take advantage of was the double meat. It was one of those burgers that just kind of comes apart when you eat it, but you don't care because it is filled with so much deliciousness.

I had heard of Cuban sandwiches for a long time (there is even a Tom Russell song about one) but never really had the chance to try one. It has, according to the song, “two kinds of pig meat, ham and a roast pork, and a slice of white cheese in

the shape of New York.” Then you “throw on a pickle and pick up your fork. Say ‘El Cubano,’ that's a Cuban sandwich.”

You don't need a fork, just your two hands and your appetite. The pulled pork, ham, just regularly shaped white American cheese and pickle come on a white bread roll that is sort of sliced lengthwise and grilled and buttery or something. The pickle is there for sure, and I would be down – for sure – for another of these great sandwiches any time.

Emilia's On The Plaza has a beer and wine license and the wine margarita was really good – both at lunch with Cindy and the ones Britney and I had Christmas Eve. Another circle of friends ended up back on the patio after the plaza walk-around, and we took the chill off with coffee and hot Mexican chocolate.

I was thrilled to be able to hit Emilia's once more on the Monday after Christmas in the company of my son and his girlfriend, who had just arrived the night before from Chicago. Tricia really enjoyed the tostadas compuestas (one red, one green) and they weren't even too hot for her Midwestern, untested chile palate. Jordan went with the green chile cheeseburger as a solid beginning to the Mexican food frenzy, which was certain to be a part of his visit. I had the supreme burrito, which was packed with beef (could have been chicken), beans and rice. We sat at a corner table, inside this time and just soaked up the Mesilla-in-December atmosphere.

I often can't separate what I eat from with whom I ate and the circumstances surrounding our meal. Christmas weekend at Emilia's On The Plaza with a variety of friends and loved ones will be one of those times when the whole experience kind of mushed together like a delicious sloppy burger with everything on it.

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	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS 22	Globe Trekker		NOVA (N) (In Stereo)		Nature Bald eagle.		Masterpiece Classic "My Boy Jack"		Jazz	Spain	Europe	Europe			
CBS 3	Inside News	60 Minutes (N)		CSI: Miami (N)		Undercover Boss		CSI: Miami "Fallen"	News	Cold Case	CC		Paid		
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos		Extreme Makeover		Desp.-Wives		Brothers & Sisters	News (N)	News	Insider	Betty		
FOX 8	Football	The OT	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Simpsons	Cleve		Family Guy		KFOX News at Nine	Seinfeld	Mother	Office	Mother	
NBC 9	Football Night		(-15) NFL Football (In Stereo Live)							Sports	News	Lopez	Nieman	Paid	
CW 14	** "The January Man" (1988)				** "Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties"				Access Hollywood		Ugly Betty	CC	Brothers & Sisters		
WGN 15	Chris	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Monk	CC	Monk	CC	Monk	CC	
ESPN 26	SportsCenter (Live)	CC	SportsCenter (Live)	CC					SportsCenter (Live)	CC			SportsCenter (Live)	CC	
ESPN2 27	30 for 30	CC			30 for 30	CC			30 for 30	CC			College Football: Autozone Liberty Bowl		
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		
TNT 32	"Saving Private"		** "Shooter" (2007)		Mark Wahlberg	CC			** "Shooter" (2007) Mark Wahlberg	CC			"The Last Castle"		
TBS 33	(4:00) "Bad Boys"		** "The Longest Yard" (2005)	CC				(-11) ** "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler, Chris Rock	CC				Lethal 4		
COM 35	** "Good Luck Chuck" (2007)	CC			** "The Heartbreak Kid" (2007) Ben Stiller	CC			Futurama	Futurama	Futurama		Arj Barker: LYAO		
LIFE 39	"The Client List" (2010, Docudrama)	CC			** "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit"				** "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit"				Mother	Mother	
FOOD 40	Chopped		Iron Chef America		Worst Cooks		Iron Chef America	"Super Chef Battle"		Worst Cooks		Iron Chef America			
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	Holmes	Holmes	Holmes Inspection		House	Hunters	Income	Income	Holmes Inspection	House	Hunters		
A&E 43	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Hoarders (N)	CC	Intervention	CC	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	
HIST 44	Ax Men	CC	Ax Men	CC	Ax Men "Manhunt"		Top Gear (N)	CC	Modern Marvels		(-01) Ax Men	CC	(-01) Ax Men	CC	
TLC 45	48 Hours: Hard Evid.		Palin's Alaska		Palin's Alaska		Palin's Alaska		Palin's Alaska		Palin's Alaska		Palin's Alaska		
DISC 47	Moose Attack!		When Fish Attack		Rise of the Jellyfish		Croc Attack	CC			When Fish Attack		Rise of the Jellyfish	Croc Attack	
ANPL 50	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		
FAM 51	(3:30) ** "The Notebook"		*** "Enchanted" (2007, Fantasy)		Amy Adams				Home Videos		J. Osteen	Ed Young	Zola Lev	Paid	
DISN 52	Wizards	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Shake it	Shake it	Shake it	Shake it	Sonny	"Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam" (2010)			Deck		
NICK 54	Anubis	Anubis	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	
AMC 57	"Exec. Decision"		** "Swordfish" (2001) John Travolta.		** "Swordfish" (2001) John Travolta.				** "Swordfish" (2001) John Travolta.		*** "Executive Decision" (1996)	CC			
SYFY 59	Stephen King's The Stand	CC			Stephen King's The Stand	CC			** "Stephen King's The Tommyknockers" (1993, Horror)						
CNN 62	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		
CNBC 63	Diabetes	Wall St.	Marijuana USA		Price of Admission		inside American Airlines: A Week, Life		American Greed		American Greed		Porn: Business		
MSNBC 64	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Inside the Mind of Joran van der Sloot		Predator Raw		Predator Raw		Predator Raw		MSNBC Undercover		

MONDAY EVENING												JANUARY 3, 2011			
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	World		Antiques Roadshow		American Experience		Yellows		Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley		
CBS 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Rules	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0 (N)		News	Letterman	Late		
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	The Bachelor (Season Premiere) (N)	CC			(-01) Castle (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX 8	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	House	CC	Lie to Me "Honey"		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb	
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Chuck	CC	The Biggest Loser (In Stereo)	CC			News (N)	Jay Leno	Late		
CW 14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	90210	CC	Gossip Girl	CC	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access		
WGN 15	Home Videos		Chris	Chris	Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb	
ESPN 26	College GameDay		Pregame	(-37) College Football	Discover Orange Bowl -- Stanford vs. Virginia Tech.				(-15) SportsCenter (Live)	CC	SportsCtr		SportsCtr		
ESPN2 27	College Basketball			Basketball		Boston		SportsCtr	SportsNation	CC	Football	NBA	NFL		
USA 31	NCIS	CC	NCIS	CC	WWE Monday Night RAW	CC			(-05) Royal Pains		(-05) Royal Pains		Law Order: CI		
TNT 32	The Closer	CC	The Closer	CC	The Closer	CC	Certain Age		The Closer	CC	Certain Age		CSI: NY	CC	
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Office	Office	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Lopez Tonight		Conan		
COM 35	(4:30) ** "The Heartbreak Kid" (2007)		Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama	Daily	
LIFE 39	"My Family's Secret" (2010) Nicholle Tom.		"The Craigslist Killer" (2011) Premiere.		Craigslist Killer				Craigslist Killer		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will	
FOOD 40	Cakes	Best	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Best	Best	Good Eat	Good	Diners	Diners	Best	Best	
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	Property	Property	House	Hunters	Cash,	Hunters	First Pla.	First Pla.	House	Hunters	Cash,	Hunters	
A&E 43	The First 48	CC	Intervention	CC	Intervention "Erin"		Hoarders (N)	CC	Hoarders	CC	(-01) Intervention		(-01) Intervention		
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		
TLC 45	Cake Boss:Next		Cake Boss:Next		Cake Boss:Next		Fabulous Cakes (N)		Cake Boss:Next		Fabulous Cakes		Cake Boss:Next		
DISC 47	MythBusters	CC	American Chopper		American Chopper		Gold Rush: Alaska		American Chopper		American Chopper		Gold Rush: Alaska		
ANPL 50	Cutest Dog		Dogs 101	CC	Dogs 101	CC	Dogs 101	CC	Dogs 101	CC	Dogs 101	CC	Dogs 101	CC	
FAM 51	Pretty Little Liars		Pretty Little Liars		Greek	CC	Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club	CC	Whose? Whose?		Paid	Paid	
DISN 52	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Wizards	Fish	Wizards	Wizards	** "The Game Plan" (2007)	CC			Good	Good	
NICK 54	iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	George	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	George	
AMC 57	"The Terminator"		** "Swordfish" (2001) John Travolta.		** "Swordfish" (2001) John Travolta.		** "Swordfish" (2001) John Travolta.		*** "48 HRS." (1982) Nick Nolte	CC			Highlander	CC	
SYFY 59	V: The Final Battle (Part 1 of 3)	CC			V: The Final Battle (Part 2 of 3)	CC			V: The Final Battle	Developing a toxin.			Anderson Cooper		
CNN 62	John King, USA (N)		Parker Spitzer (N)		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360	CC			Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper		
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report		Mind of Google		MacHEADS		American Greed		Mad Money		Big Brother, Big Business		Surveillance.		
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews		Countdown		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		Countdown		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		


TUESDAY EVENING												JANUARY 4, 2011			
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	World		NOVA (In Stereo)		Frontline (In Stereo)		Independent Lens		Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley		
CBS 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Live to Dance (Series Premiere) (N)	CC			NCIS	CC	News	Letterman	Late		
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	No Ordinary Family		V "Red Rain" CC		Detroit 1-8-7 (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX 8	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Glee "Auditions"		Million Dollar		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb	
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	The Biggest Loser (Season Premiere) (N)				Parenthood (N)		News (N)	Jay Leno	Late		
CW 14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	One Tree Hill	CC	Life Unexpected		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access		
WGN 15	Home Videos		Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb	
ESPN 26	College GameDay		Pregame	(-37) College Football	Allstate Sugar Bowl -- Arkansas vs. Ohio State. (Live)				(-15) SportsCenter (Live)	CC	SportsCtr		SportsCtr		
ESPN2 27	College Basketball	Indiana at Minnesota.		HS Football		Quarterback		SportsCtr	Nation		NFL Live	Football	NBA	Welcome	
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU		** "Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins" (2008)	CC	** "Semi-Pro" (2008) Will Ferrell	CC			** "Semi-Pro" (2008) Will Ferrell	CC			** "Hairspray" (2007)	CC	
TNT 32	*** "Gladiator" (2000) Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix	CC			Southland	CC	Memphis Beat		Southland	CC	Southland	CC	Certain Age		
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Glory Daze (N)		Conan		Lopez Tonight		Conan		
COM 35	Daily	Colbert	Steve Byrne		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Futurama	Daily	
LIFE 39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	Wife Swap	CC	Wife Swap	CC	Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will	
FOOD 40	Cakes	Best	Challenge		Cupcake Wars (N)		Chopped (N)		Cakes	Cakes	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	First Pla.	First Pla.	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Property	Property	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	
A&E 43	The First 48	CC	The First 48	CC	The First 48	CC	The First 48	CC	The First 48	CC	(-01) The First 48		(-01) The First 48		
HIST 44	Ancient Discoveries		Modern Marvels		Top Gear	CC	Ax Men "Manhunt"		Tougher in Alaska		Modern Marvels		(-01) Top Gear		
TLC 45	What Not to Wear		Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Extreme Couponing		Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Extreme Couponing		
DISC 47	Dirty Jobs	CC	Dirty Jobs	CC	Dirty Jobs (N)	CC	Auction	Auction	Dirty Jobs	CC	Dirty Jobs	CC	Auction	Auction	
ANPL 50	Behaving Badly		Animals Strike		Animals Strike		Animals Strike		Animals Strike		Animals Strike		Animals Strike		
FAM 51	Home Videos		** "The Notebook" (2004) Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams.		The 700 Club	CC			Whose? Whose?		Whose? Whose?		Paid	Paid	
DISN 52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Good	Shake it	Wizards	Wizards	"Wizards of Waverly Place"		Fish		Good	Good	
NICK 54	iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez	
AMC 57	"Another 48 HRS."		** "Demolition Man" (1993) Sylvester Stallone.		** "Demolition Man" (1993) Sylvester Stallone.				** "Demolition Man" (1993) Sylvester Stallone.				"Crocodile Dundee"		
SYFY 59	Caprica "Dirteaters"		Caprica	CC	Caprica	CC	Caprica	CC	Requiem	Requiem	Gurren	Gurren	Highlander	CC	
CNN 62	John King, USA (N)		Parker Spitzer (N)		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360	CC			Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper		
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report		"The Pixar Story" (2007, Documentary)												

WEDNESDAY EVENING		JANUARY 5, 2011														
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	World	Master-Arctic	Great Performances at the Met "Don Pasquale"	Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley									
CBS 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Live to Dance (N)	The 37th Annual People's Choice Awards	News	Letterman	Late							
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Better	Family	Cougar	(:01) Primetime (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX 8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Human Target (N) (In Stereo) (C)	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb					
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Minute to Win It (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late						
CW 14	Chris	Chris	Chris	Chris	Hellcats (C)	Hellcats (C)	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access					
WGN 15	Home Videos	Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb				
ESPN 26	High School Football					Sports.	NBA Basketball: Lakers at Suns				SportsCenter (C)					
ESPN2 27	College Basketball					College Basketball					Coll. Football Live	NBA	NFL Live			
USA 31	NCIS (C)					*** "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007) Matt Damon.	*** "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007) George Clooney.	"Bourne Ulti."								
TNT 32	Bones (C)	Bones (C)	Bones (C)	Bones (C)	Bones (C)	Southland (C)	CSI: NY (C)	CSI: NY (C)								
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	There	There	Conan	Lopez Tonight	Conan					
COM 35	Daily	Colbert	Chap	Chap	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Tosh.0	Colbert	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Daily			
LIFE 39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	** "She's the One" (1996) Premiere.	Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will					
FOOD 40	Cakes	Best	B. Flay	B. Flay	Worst Cooks	Dinner: Impossible	Diners	Diners	Worst Cooks	Dinner: Impossible						
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	Cash,	Property	Disaster	Disaster	House	Hunters	Vanilla	Vanilla	Disaster	Disaster	House	Hunters		
A&E 43	The First 48 (C)	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog Bounty Hunter	Storage	Storage	Storage	Dog	Dog	Dog Bounty Hunter					
HIST 44	Modern Marvels	Ancient Aliens	Prophets of Doom (N) (C)	Prophets of Doom (N) (C)	Nostradamus Effect	(:01) Ancient Aliens	Prophets of Doom									
TLC 45	Conjoined Twins	Addiction	Addiction	Addiction	Toddlers & Tiaras	Addiction	Addiction	Toddlers & Tiaras	Addiction							
DISC 47	MythBusters (C)	Black Ops Brothers	MythBusters	MythBusters	Black Ops Brothers	MythBusters	Black Ops Brothers	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters					
ANPL 50	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive					
FAM 51	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	The 700 Club (C)	Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid						
DISN 52	Hannah	Hannah	Hannah	Hannah	Sonny	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah	Shake It	Sonny	Deck	Good	Good		
NICK 54	iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	George	George		
AMC 57	"Croc. Dundee 2"	** "Eraser" (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (C)	** "True Lies" (1994, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (C)	Break												
SYFY 59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters Inter.	Ghost Hunters Inter.	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters Inter.	Ghost Hunters Inter.	Ghost Hunters Inter.	Highlander (C)							
CNN 62	John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (C)	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper										
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Planet of the Apps	Biography on CNBC	60 Minutes on	Mad Money	Biography on CNBC	60 Minutes on									
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	Countdown	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	Countdown	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word									

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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	World	News	Field	International Jazz	Roadtrip	NMSU	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Dad Says	CSI: Crime Scene	The Mentalist (N)	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Wipeout (C)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Private Practice (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
FOX 8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Million Dollar	Bones (C)	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb			
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Commun	30 Rock	Office	Office	Office	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late		
CW 14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	The Vampire Diaries	Nikita "One Way"	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access				
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	WWE Superstars	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars	Entou	Curb					
ESPN 26	Quarterback	College Football: GoDaddy.com Bowl						SportsCenter (Live) (C)	SportsCenter (C)						
ESPN2 27	College Basketball	Xavier at Cincinnati.	College Basketball					SportsCtr	NFL Live	Quarterback	NFL's Greatest				
USA 31	House "Unwritten"	** "National Treasure" (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage. (C)	** "Jurassic Park III" (2001) Sam Neill.	"National Treasure"				Inside the NBA							
TNT 32	Bones (C)	NBA Basketball: Thunder at Mavericks	NBA Basketball: Nuggets at Kings												
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	** "Failure to Launch" (2006) (C)	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan	Lopez Tonight	Conan							
COM 35	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	South Pk	Futurama	Daily		
LIFE 39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	"Deadly Relations" (1993) Robert Ulrich.	Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will				
FOOD 40	Cakes	Best	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Cakes	Unwrap	Chopped	Iron Chef America	Cakes	Unwrap					
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	Selling	Selling	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	Cash,	Hunters	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	
A&E 43	The First 48 (C)	The First 48 (C)	The First 48 (N)	The First 48 (C)	The First 48 (C)	The First 48 (C)	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48							
HIST 44	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Ancient Aliens "The Mission" (C)	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Stan Lee's	(:01) Ancient Aliens	"The Mission" (C)									
TLC 45	Palin's Alaska	Palin's Alaska	Palin's Alaska	Palin's Alaska	Palin's Alaska	Palin's Alaska	Palin's Alaska	Palin's Alaska							
DISC 47	Two Weeks in Hell	Secret Service	American Chopper	Auction	Oddities	Secret Service	American Chopper	Auction	Oddities						
ANPL 50	Yellowstone Bison	Natural World (C)	Alaska Dogs (N)	Alaska Wildlife	Natural World (C)	Alaska Dogs	Alaska Wildlife								
FAM 51	** "Bruce Almighty" (2003) Jim Carrey.	** "Evan Almighty" (2007) Steve Carell.	The 700 Club (C)	Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid								
DISN 52	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Fish	Hannah	Wizards	Wizards	"Princess Protection Program"	Deck	Good	Good			
NICK 54	iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	George	George	
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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	9	8	3	1	7	6	2	5	4
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	8	4	6	7	1	3	5	2	9
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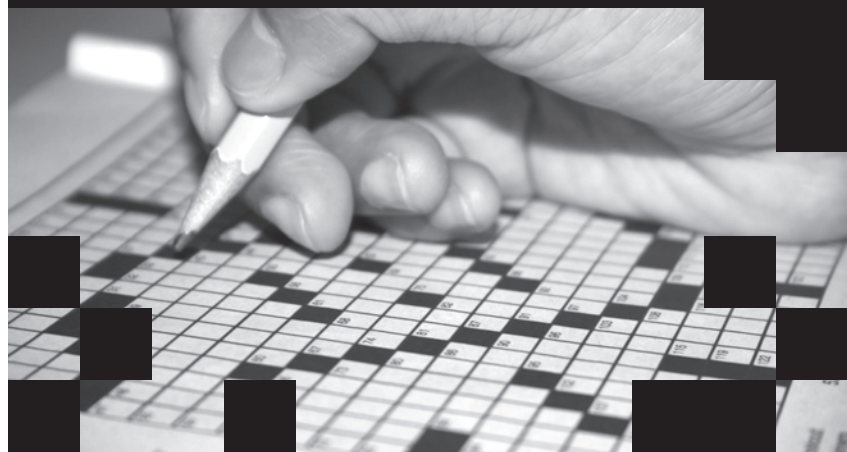
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BrainGames



Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

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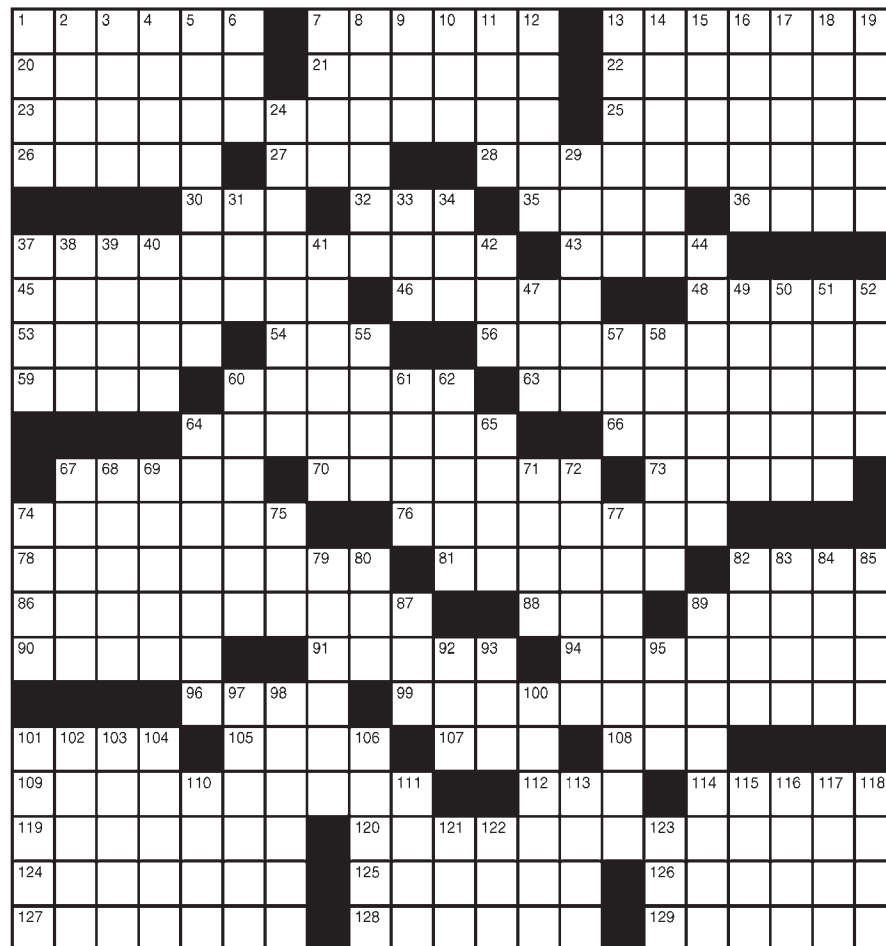
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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 Pindar poem
 - 4 Improve
 - 10 Old crone
 - 13 Craftsmanship
 - 14 Get there
 - 15 Pub preference
 - 16 Stadium cheer
 - 17 Theatrical works
 - 18 Brooch
 - 19 Trifling amount
 - 21 Lemon or lime ending
 - 22 High peak
 - 24 Cote mama
 - 27 Sock end
 - 28 Earl Grey or pekoe
 - 29 Myrna of "The Thin Man"
 - 30 Fido's friend
 - 31 Health resort
 - 32 Sothern or Sheridan
 - 33 Forever and a day
 - 34 Cigar residue
 - 35 Intense anger
 - 37 Fuss
 - 39 Little barrel
 - 41 Permit to
 - 43 Escort's offer
 - 44 Gym padding
 - 45 Gemini count
 - 46 Hurler's stat
 - 47 Cat's wink
 - 48 Big-headedness
 - 49 Popeye's Olive
 - 50 Little yelp
 - 51 ___-tac-toe
 - 53 Onager
 - 55 Begley and Sullivan
 - 57 Last letter
 - 59 "Sliver" author Levin
 - 60 Cool down
 - 61 Top shot
 - 62 Stately tree
 - 63 Lubricant
 - 64 "___ as a Stranger"
 - 65 Decay
 - 66 Poorly lit
 - 67 Sedan or SUV
 - 69 School grp.
 - 71 Dined
 - 73 Styron's Turner
 - 75 Lincoln or Burrows
 - 76 Building wing
 - 77 Transgression
 - 78 NASA's ISS partner
 - 79 Cabin material
 - 80 Liquid sample
 - 81 Nobel letters
 - 82 Rock instrument
 - 83 Long-standing
 - 85 Puppy bite
- DOWN**
- 87 Heating fuel
 - 89 "___ Miniver"
 - 91 Take to court
 - 92 African antelope
 - 93 Colonial insect
 - 94 Came across
 - 95 Lamprey
 - 96 Kiki or Ruby
 - 97 Links org.
 - 98 Pen on the farm
 - 99 Niner or Buc
 - 101 Bridge of Venice
 - 104 Thurman of films
 - 106 In what way?
 - 107 Ripped to shreds
 - 108 Grave letters
 - 109 Lodging house
 - 110 Beginning
 - 111 Profit
- DOWN**
- 1 Pole with a blade
 - 2 Air currents
 - 3 Of Addis Ababa
 - 4 Evil
 - 5 List of text corrections
 - 6 Brand
 - 7 Repeatedly
 - 8 Actress Gabor
 - 9 House on the market
 - 10 Annual greeting
 - 11 Ring king
 - 12 Swiss summit city
 - 20 Transmission comparison
 - 23 Expect from
 - 25 General Clark
 - 26 Knocked out
 - 36 Verifiable by experiment
 - 38 Ear examiners
 - 40 Gulf of Guinea neighborhood
 - 42 Measuring strips
 - 52 Hoosegow
 - 54 Relaxing into position
 - 56 Separating
 - 58 "Dynasty" co-star
 - 68 Repair with paste
 - 70 Mountainous
 - 72 Complicates
 - 74 April 15 posting
 - 84 Site of an oracle of Apollo
 - 86 ___ Vallarta, Mexico
 - 88 "___ of Liberty"
 - 90 Flummox
 - 100 Silver or Ely
 - 102 Promissory note
 - 103 Make a decision
 - 105 Appropriate

STREET GANG

- ACROSS**
- 1 Decide on and pick out
 - 7 Secret agents, slangily
 - 13 Blunder
 - 20 Protective headgear
 - 21 Iran, once
 - 22 Former
 - 23 Haberdasher's road?
 - 25 ETO part
 - 26 Author of "The Republic"
 - 27 Addams Family relative
 - 28 Thespian's road?
 - 30 Dr. Timothy Leary's drug
 - 32 Historic time period
 - 35 Entertainer Coward
 - 36 Brings to a conclusion
 - 37 Philanthropist's road?
 - 43 God of war
 - 45 "To Althea, from Prison" poet
 - 46 Complaints
 - 48 Irrigate
 - 53 "___ and Ivory"
 - 54 Showery mo.
 - 56 Green Party's road?
 - 59 Refuses to
 - 60 Condescends
 - 63 Bold and self-assured
 - 64 Municipal pickup points
 - 66 Information communicated
 - 67 Satisfied to excess
 - 70 Cream-filled pastries
 - 73 Daughter of Saturn
 - 74 Lays eyes on
 - 76 Pathfinder vehicle
 - 78 Goes too far
 - 81 Catch in a sting operation
 - 82 Bind with cord
 - 86 Sport enthusiast's road?
 - 88 Women's campus org.
 - 89 Like some air fresheners
 - 90 Provide with income
 - 91 Barter
 - 94 Confronted with boldness
 - 96 18-wheeler
 - 99 Angler's road?
 - 101 Breezed through
 - 105 Hourglass contents
 - 107 Abandon the truth
 - 108 Long-standing
 - 109 Auditor's road?
 - 112 Calendar abbr.
 - 114 Suffers defeat
 - 119 Large South American anteater with white stripes
- DOWN**
- 120 Sadist's road?
 - 124 Grooved like muscle
 - 125 Future oaks
 - 126 As a precaution
 - 127 Churned as if boiling
 - 128 Most recently created
 - 129 Playing marbles
- DOWN**
- 1 Gent
 - 2 Devil's domain
 - 3 Earthenware crock
 - 4 Fail to mention
 - 5 Utah's state flower
 - 6 Airport info
 - 7 Catch sight of
 - 8 More jaunty
 - 9 Poetic peeper
 - 10 Sugar suffix
 - 11 Brick oven
 - 12 Beelzebub
 - 13 May honoree
 - 14 Take a breath
 - 15 Espied
 - 16 Old hat
 - 17 Tennessee footballer
 - 18 Improve
 - 19 French fathers
 - 24 Fresh Step competitor
 - 29 L'chaim and prosit
 - 31 RR depot
 - 33 Chest bone
 - 34 Caesar's hail
 - 37 Ball of yarn
 - 38 King of the road
 - 39 Stratford's river
 - 40 Use for a fee
 - 41 Out
 - 42 Post-dusk
 - 44 One who veers
 - 47 Air-safety agcy.
 - 49 Up and about
 - 50 Two times
 - 51 Roof overhang
 - 52 Bread choices
 - 55 Campus mil. org.
 - 57 1996 Olympics host
 - 58 Porter



- 60 Abrupt
- 61 D.C. old-timers
- 62 Elbow room
- 64 Air-current device
- 65 Swiss city on the Rhone
- 67 Craps number
- 68 Leading
- 69 Body trunk
- 71 Furrows
- 72 Timing-signal light
- 74 Gandhi's rival
- 75 Tree fluid
- 77 Some airplane luggage
- 79 Copper crust
- 80 Ukr. or Lith., once
- 82 Speech impediment
- 83 Against
- 84 Look for
- 85 Jekyll's other half
- 87 Viewed
- 89 Propelling a canoe
- 92 Delhi dip
- 93 Actor Wallach
- 95 Marine shocker
- 97 Contents of a will
- 98 Damaged
- 100 Clunky cars
- 101 Pile up
- 102 Italian noble
- 103 ___ nous (confidentially)
- 104 Red figure
- 106 Backless sofa
- 110 Sure!
- 111 Parasites on people
- 113 Force out
- 115 Killer whale
- 116 Ella's singing style
- 117 If all ___ fails...
- 118 Bishoprics
- 121 Borden's Elsie
- 122 Cholera
- 123 OSS, today

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

ARJENEDOZORTPE
AOTICOKOESTUSIE
LEYBUTSTEKCTISH
ATEJRATO BROEHTIC
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Diagramless

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POE LEE MAW ARE
URN SAL IDO GEO
RATATATTAT HOARSNESS
BIRETTA UNITIVE
TRAMMELED BESHREWED
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AGO PEST PARALLELS
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X U X F M G I X U X F M G ?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
You remember the wacky lady who continually burned her bills? She was nicknamed "Bernadette."

AtTheMovies

Finale is entertaining but weakest of trilogy

'The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest'

Review by **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Well, you knew it was coming to an end, Stieg Larsson fans, and this is it. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" is the end of the line for the original film versions of the books, which curiously were made for television in their native Sweden. I find it slightly amusing that these dark and brooding films have become the foreign indie darlings since their release in the United States.

I still have not read the books ... I'm just not a big fan of fiction, so I won't be comparing this film to the book, the same as the first two reviews.

However, I found this film to be a letdown after the twisty and sometimes too-violent entertainment offered in its predecessors.

As a refresher ... at the end of "The Girl Who Played with Fire," our heroine Lisbeth (Noomi Repace) had more or less met her maker after a deadly rendezvous with her horrible father and sociopathic half-brother Ronald. Axes fell, live burials took place and bullets flew in the final scenes of a really bad family reunion.

However, Lisbeth and Ronald survived, as did dear old dad. Dad, who is now in the

same category of Jason of the stupid "Friday the 13th" films, has now survived being set on fire, a massive beating and an axe attack.

He lies in a hospital bed just down the hall from Lisbeth, who is recovering from several bullet wounds, one of which we get to see extracted from her brain.

You know that no good can come of this, and it doesn't.

Lisbeth's journalist ally, Mikael, and the small staff of the magazine Millennium, are getting ready to print a story that will do massive damage to the security branch of the Swedish government, a corrupt and perverted psychologist and to Lisbeth's nutcase father.

So, the bad guys are out to put an end to all of it, along with Lisbeth. And all the while, half Ronald, who can feel no physical pain, (as is clearly demonstrated at the end of the film) wanders around knocking off innocent folks left and right.

"Hornet's Nest" is certainly the weakest film of the trilogy, and it is pointedly obvious that this is a result of the fact that Lisbeth spends almost the entire movie in the hospital, jail and court. The high-pressure action and smarts supplied by her that fueled the first two films are clearly gone, and the action, greatly toned down, seems almost to be an afterthought.

Lisbeth is not on her own anymore, as

“The high-pressure action and smarts supplied by her that fueled the first two films are clearly gone ...”



Lisbeth (Noomi Repace) is "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest."

she relies on a friendly doctor, a good lawyer, Mikael and his staff, and most of all "Plague," the atypical computer hacker know-it-all, to make sure that justice is served. She also relies on the cops and bikers to help a bit, which takes away most of her appeal – she does little but recover from her wounds, call for help and tell the truth.

There are a few good scenes, and Lisbeth is certainly the ultimate female antihero, but in the end, this film felt somewhat unengaging and like a product of the U.S., rather than of Sweden. Although I still grimace when I think of how the U.S. versions of the films will look when released much later.

A most passable way to spend the evening, and a must for "Girl Who" fans, But if you were going to use this film as a catalyst to launch yourself into the trilogy, check out the previous works, which are much more interesting and entertaining.

jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com wonders how the U.S. versions of these films will do ... 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

"Millennium: The Story,"

There will be a free special encore screening of a 50-minute documentary that tells the story of Stieg Larsson, the author of the books that the three "Girl Who" movies were based on. If you plan on attending this documentary, note that the theater will be cleared prior to the "Hornet's Nest" screening, and no seats can be saved.

When

At 5 p.m.
only tonight, Friday, Dec. 31



"The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" opens Friday, Dec. 31, at the Fountain Theatre. It runs 147 minutes, is in Swedish with English subtitles and is not for children.

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Parades? Football?

Nope – It's the inaugural Popcorn Bowl

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, the Mesilla Valley Film Society (MVFS) presents the Popcorn Bowl. Join the Society for a day that does not include football or parades when the MVFS presents two fun comedies – one an old standby and the other a New Mexico premiere – along with a tailgate party-type lunch in between. Admission is \$3 for MVFS members and \$5 for nonmembers for the whole day. Or usual CineMatinee prices – \$1 for members, \$4 for non-members for just one of the films – with lunch not included.

11 a.m. – "Bagdad Café" (1987, 90 minutes, rated PG). With a quirky plot, strong acting, a haunting score and beautiful cinematography, it's not hard to see why the movie remains popular. It's a chick flick that guys – smart guys, anyway – will like, too.

The plot is straightforward: Two women who are opposite in every imaginable way are brought together when each makes a break from her no-good husband. Jasmin Muenchgstettner is a plump German hausfrau. Brenda is an African-American proprietor of a run-down truck stop in the hot and dusty rural Southwest of the U.S. – the Bagdad Gas

and Oil Café. Jasmin is fastidious, buttoned up and childless, while Brenda is raucous, disorganized and overburdened by her work and three children. They are thrown together when Jasmin walks up to the Bagdad Café – in the middle of nowhere – and asks Brenda for a room. They must somehow trust each other before they can learn from each other.

What makes this movie work is the contrast between the two female leads. While the hausfrau and the black single mother are recognizable cultural types, in "Bagdad Café" they quickly become deeper characters than the first-glance stereotypes. Their approach to their surroundings and their reaction to each other are more complex and more amusing than any simple type the viewer might have in mind. Indeed, their differences become the catalyst for development, as Jasmin learns to let it all hang out and Brenda learns to run a successful, efficient business.

But if viewers can suspend their disbelief at Jasmin's silly magic tricks, they will find "Bagdad Café" a charming and enjoyable film.

Halftime – At approximately 12:30 p.m., a buy-your-own "tailgate" party will take place

at Russ Smith's Happy Dog Food Cart, which will be parked behind the theater. Happy Dog not only serves hot dogs, hamburgers, homemade coleslaw and chicken sandwiches on wheels, but also caters to vegetarians who can order a veggie burger, veggie dog or both. Smith will also offer several gift certificates as door prizes. For more information visit lascrucesfarmersmarket.org/vendors/happydog.htm

1:30 p.m. – A screening of "Love Ranch" (2010, 117 minutes, rated R for very strong language and boxing mayhem). Partially shot in New Mexico). What can't Helen Mirren do? Her brilliantly chameleon-like abilities are apparently limitless. There's a joke in the film when someone asks her crippled Nevada brothel owner character Grace "Who do you think you are? The Queen of England?" And of course, she is that, too.

Mirren brings all of her luminous beauty, not disguised under her rather sedate '70s wardrobe, with soulfulness we wouldn't expect from a woman in her job but, of course, must expect. People are unexpected and Mirren epitomizes it.

Sergio Peris-Mencheta, a Spanish actor who plays Bruza, her young lover, is a find. He is a boxer whom Grace's husband (Joe Pesci) has taken under his wing, has animal magnetism – something we haven't seen lately – plus heart, sweetness and tenderness mixed with the violence of his calling.

Bruza falls utterly, selflessly in love with Grace, which is dangerous to his health as Charlie (Pesci) is a brutally violent, selfish man and criminal. He neglects Grace until he discovers she has interests elsewhere and his "love" turns to jealous ferocity. Who does ferocity better than Pesci? His all-consuming evil contrasts well with Bruza's warm-hearted innocence.

"Love Ranch" is a character study, Grace's story – an older woman resigned to a loveless marriage and proscribed life, who has a shot at new life with a hot, young Mexican fighter. It is exciting, romantic and incredibly moving. The kicker is that its tragedy unfolds and resonates right down to South America, where Bruza was a hero.

It's an amazing story of brothel owners who not only fought to legalize prostitution in Nevada, but also opened the first and made a go of it for a long while. Strangely, for a film about a brothel, there is surprising little sex or salaciousness.

Director Taylor Hackford knows how to make a story get under our skin; his sensitivity and efforts have paid off. It's Hackford's best film and deserved a wider release, although it never received one. (monstersandcritics.com)

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.



AtTheMovies

Comedy lacks laughs

Four reasons 'Little Fockers' fails, but I'm sure you can think of more

Review by **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

"Little Fockers" produces a few good laughs but, overall, the Focker/Byrnes family has run its course.

Perhaps it was because I was feeling under the weather, or maybe it was the group of teenagers locking lips behind me that caused me to not prefer the third installment of the "Meet the Parents" series. But I really believe the cheesy comedy was overdone and poorly made. The film seemed quickly pushed through the movie-making cycle and short on follow-through for potentially funny scenes.

The movie begins with Greg (Ben Stiller) and Pamela (Teri Polo) Focker and their twins Samantha and Henry. Leading a normal, father-in-law free life, Greg and Pamela are happy in their comfortable apartment and have a new house being remodeled. However, when father-in-law

Jack Byrnes (Robert De Niro) goes into cardiac arrest in his basement, he calls on Greg to be the next in line to run the family, out of worry of leaving the family without a leader. This scene, an example of many, shows bad editing or just bad writing for making a comical scene ... well comical.

During Jack's minor heart attack, he calls the paramedics and asks for a quick response, but also informs them that he will be defibrillating his heart in the mean time – and that's it. The audience doesn't get to see him stick the small radio wires to his chest and De Niro jump, squeal, squirm or anything. That's just it. **Failure one.**

“ ... you can only put 'focker' in a movie so many times before it's not funny anymore. ”

But back to the movie – keep in mind this flick offers no transitions to facilitate a smooth movie-watching experience – Greg is trying to prove to Jack that he is suitable to be the next leader of the pack, aka "the God-Focker." I don't know about you, but you can only put "focker" in a movie so many



Jack and Greg tour The Early Human School in hopes of getting Greg's children enrolled in "Little Fockers," now playing at the Allen Theatres.

times before it's not funny anymore.

Anyways, during a nice family dinner, not Thanksgiving, but there is turkey and stuffing, Greg cuts himself while carving the turkey. The laughter in the audience begins as Greg flails about the dining room, with blood squirting on food and family members, but the scene ends abruptly with a knock at the door. What? He's projecting blood 6 feet across the room and that's it? No funny ER skit or jokes about Greg being a nurse? I mean the guy probably needs stitches or a new finger for goodness sake, but that's just it. **Failure two.**

But don't worry, Owen Wilson enters the movie playing Kevin, Pam's ex-boyfriend who is over-the-top weird, but her parents are still hoping for a rekindled romance. Kevin is upset because his girlfriend broke up with him because he took Greg's "keep it simple" advice when planning a proposal. Again, this could have been funny if a little more effort had been put into making something of it. Instead it was just another useless bit of info. **Failure three.**

Jessica Alba. **Failure four.**

Alba plays drug representative Andi Garcia who wants Greg to be the new spokesperson for an erectile dysfunction drug, but I think Alba's character suffers from a personality dysfunction. To me, Alba is a sweet and sexy actress who can pull off a few action movie roles, but in "Little Fockers," Alba plays a gangster/eccentric cheerleader ... I think. After taking a few of the E.D. pills herself, Alba goes into a drunken state of delusion. Is that the side effect for women? Fail. Fail. Fail.

I could go on and on, but I will stop there.

On a more positive note, I will give credit to the "little Fockers" of the film Henry and Samantha. They were cute and entertaining, but what 5-year-old with a lisp isn't? Maybe if the movie was more about the kids then it would have been more enjoyable – after all, "Little Fockers" is the title. I did say that this comedy was better than expected and there were a few laughs that kept me somewhat intrigued, but overall this film is not worth your time. The best part about "Little Fockers" is it's only 98 minutes.



Ben Stiller and father-in-law Robert De Niro confront Harvey Keitel, a pompous handyman, about his laziness on the job while Owen Wilson calmly observes.



A few laughs, but overall "Little Fockers" does not deliver.

Grade **D**

Andi Garcia (Jessica Alba) brings Chinese food and wine to cheer up co-worker Greg (Ben Stiller) after a fight with his wife.

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Film Review



At The Movies

Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

<p>Tron Legacy Rating: PG Plot Overview: Sam Flynn looks into his father's disappearance and finds himself pulled into the digital world of Tron, where his father has been living for 25 years. Starring: Jeff Bridges Director: Joseph Kosinski</p> 	<p>The Tourist Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: An American tourist's playful dalliance with a stranger leads to a web of intrigue, romance and danger. Starring: Angelina Jolie, Johnny Depp Director: Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck</p> 
<p>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: In this seventh installment, Harry faces new troubles; – he must collect all of the Horcruxes that the evil Lord Voldemort has left behind. Starring: Daniel Radcliffe Director: David Yates</p> 	<p>How Do You Know Rating: R Plot Overview: A romantic comedy centered on the love triangle between a professional softball player, a corporate executive and a major-league pitcher. Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Owen Wilson Director: James Brooks</p> 
<p>Tangled Rating: PG Plot Overview: When the kingdom's most wanted – and most charming – bandit hides out in a mysterious tower, he's taken hostage by Rapunzel. Starring: Mandy Moore Directors: Nathan Greno, Byron Howard</p> 	<p>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 targets. Starring: Bruce Willis, Helen Mirren Director: Robert Schwentke</p> 
<p>Secretariat Rating: PG Plot Overview: Based on the remarkable true story of maybe the greatest racehorse of all time. Starring: Diane Lane Director: Randall Wallace</p> 	<p>The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader Rating: PG Plot Overview: Lucy and Edmund Pevensie return to Narnia where they take a trip aboard the royal ship The Dawn Treader. Starring: Ben Barnes Director: Michael Apted</p> 
<p>The Fighter Rating: R Plot Overview: A look at the early years of boxer "Irish" Micky Ward and his brother who helped train him before going pro in the mid-'80s. Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Amy Adams Director: David Russell</p> 	<p>Yogi B Rating: PG Plot Overview: Yogi, everyone's favorite pic-a-nic basket-stealing bear, must prove he really is "smarter than the average bear," to find a way to save Jellystone Park from closing forever. Starring: Dan Akroyd Director: Eric Brevig</p> 
<p>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</p> 	<p>Life As We Know It Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: Two single adults become caregivers to an orphaned girl when their mutual best friends die in an accident. Starring: Katherine Heigl, Josh Duhamel Director: Greg Berlanti</p> 
<p>Little Fockers Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: Greg and Pam, from "Meet the Parents" and "Meet the Fockers," are raising their mischievous son who makes their lives a wreck. Starring: Ben Stiller, Robert De Niro Director: Paul Weitz</p> 	<p>True Grit Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: A tough U.S. Marshal helps a stubborn young woman track down her father's murderer. Starring: Jeff Bridges, Josh Brolin Directors: Joel and Ethan Coen</p> 
<p>Gulliver's Travels Rating: PG Plot Overview: Travel writer Lemuel Gulliver takes an assignment in Bermuda, but ends up on the island of Lilliput, where he towers over its tiny citizens. Starring: Jack Black, Jason Segel Director: Rob Letterman</p> 	<p>Black Swan Rating: R Plot Overview: A psychological thriller set in the world of ballet. Nina, a featured dancer, finds herself locked in a web of competitive intrigue with a new rival at the company. Starring: Natalie Portman Director: Darren Aronofsky</p> 

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- Machete**
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Directors: Robert Rodriguez, Ethan Maniquis
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Rating: PG-13
Genre: Horror
Starring: Patrick Fabian
Director: Daniel Stamm
- Dinner for Schmucks**
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Steve Carell, Paul Rudd
Director: Jay Roach
- Catfish**
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Documentary
Starring: Nev Schulman
Directors: Henry Joost, Ariel Schulman
- Case 39**
Rating: R
Genre: Horror
Starring: Renee Zellweger
Director: Christian Alvart

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- Little Fockers** (Week No. 1) **\$34,016,000**
- True Grit** (Week No. 1) **\$25,600,000**
- Tron Legacy** (Week No. 2) **\$20,107,000**
- The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader** (Week No. 3) **\$10,800,000**
- Yogi Bear** (Week No. 2) **\$8,800,000**
- The Fighter** (Week No. 3) **\$8,500,000**
- Gulliver's Travels** (Week No. 1) **\$7,200,000**
- Black Swan** (Week No. 4) **\$6,600,000**
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A new year, new weight

Natisha Hales
Adventures in Dieting



I wasn't kidding when I said I was going to make healthy lifestyle changes in 2011, but I'm not doing it alone. I've dragged 15 people with me to join in the weight loss challenge. Hey, it's always better to work with others, right?

A handful of people from the Bulletin, some family members and several readers are going to join me in changing our diet and exercise habits for the next three months, and, hopefully, for the rest of our lives.

That's my goal. I don't want to try any crazy crash diets or super intense exercise programs because once we're done with this challenge, we'll just add the weight we've lost and probably more. But I want to start with something solid that we can continue on our own.

While we will keep our own diet and exercise logs, we'll have a brief meeting once a week where we will weigh in and have our measurements taken. We'll also get coaching from experts leading us on this life-changing journey, and if we stray from the path, we'll also have to answer to them.

My brother-in-law, personal trainer Bill Davila, will be assisting us with the exercise challenges, and independent health care consultant Laura Smart will help us with making healthier choices when it comes to food. We need these experts – it can't be the blind leading the blind here.

There is no catch and no cost for this group. I've just asked that they do a couple of things. They must be willing to commit to the change, and their photo and weight will be published in the paper so readers can track their progress as well. It has been a challenge for some of us to announce our weight, but if it's going to change, who cares? That's my logic, anyway.

We officially begin the week of Jan. 2, and I'll introduce every single one of them to readers. We'll each talk about why we joined and what we plan on getting out of this challenge, and I'll be there to document my struggles along the way.

I'm so optimistic about this challenge because I think we can all make healthier choices when it comes to living.

I'm 28 years old, I have no energy, and I have a handful of health issues that I don't need to have. I head to the drive-thru at any and every opportunity, and I don't need to live like this anymore. I know there are plenty who feel the same way, and even if you're not in the weight loss group, you can follow along at home.

It's about living a healthier lifestyle, but the perks of smaller clothing sizes and a happier self-image just seem to go along with it.

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Preparing for changes

Local hospitals still make great strides in 2010

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Even as the health care profession will be challenged in the coming year with issues of health care reform and budget cuts, major health care facilities in the Mesilla Valley have continued to play their roles in maintaining the health care hub of southern New Mexico.

Despite a recession, some facilities have been able to expand their facilities or implement new services.

Memorial Medical Center, the oldest acute care hospital in the region, has continued to upgrade its facilities with state-of-the-art services. In February, MMC unveiled an additional 20 cardiac care unit beds. The \$10 million addition brings the total of Intensive Care Unit/Cardiac Care Unit beds to 43.

"This was clearly warranted based on the needs of the community," said MMC Chief Operating Officer Steve Hyde at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "We serve really as a regional referral hospital for all of southern New Mexico – T or C (Truth or Consequences), Deming, Alamogordo and Silver City. Frequently, they'll call and request for an ICU or CCU bed, and we run at capacity all the time. It's a way of expanding services to continue serving the region from a health care standpoint."

The update was made with a focus on heart patients who will occupy the beds after open-heart surgery or services received in the cardiac catheterization lab – one of three cath labs opened in

December 2009, while another was completely upgraded to include state-of-the-art equipment. The ICU/CCU also is equipped with state-of-the-art tools and monitors and includes two rooms designed specifically for bariatric patients.

While focusing on cardiac care, MMC also is a regional leader in cancer treatment. The hospital's Memorial Ikard Cancer Treatment Center celebrated a year of innovative TomoTherapy, a form of radiation oncology. Unlike standard linear accelerators that treat cancer patients with radiation therapy, TomoTherapy provides treatment over a 360-degree rotation. The beams delivered using TomoTherapy are able to provide higher doses of radiation in a more precise area while minimally affecting the normal tissue around the tumor.

The hospital also has expanded its medical staff with 30 additional physicians and is going to graduate six residents from its family medicine residency program in 2011.

For MMC, there is more that lies ahead. Currently under way is the first phase of the expansion of the hospital's surgical services department, and its second phase – the addition of two operation suites and renovation of its cystoscopy room – is in the planning stages.

"This continued effort to improve quality care just shows our commitment to the community," said CEO Paul Herzog.

Memorial Medical Center isn't the only acute care hospital that made great strides in 2010. MountainView Regional Medical Center welcomed the da Vinci Robotic Surgical System, a three-armed machine that offers a minimally invasive surgical alternative to laparoscopic and open surgery. This alternative offers less scarring, blood loss and pain as well as



OB/GYN specialist Dr. Ismael Lopez was the first to use MountainView Regional Medical Center's da Vinci surgical robot when it was introduced to the Las Cruces market in the summer of 2010.

less recovery time for patients.

The robot uses two "endowrists" that can move in a variety of ways that human wrists cannot, allowing for greater dexterity during the surgical process. Along with the endowrists is a 3-D camera that gives the da Vinci a clear, realistic and enhanced view of the surgical site.

"This is just one step up on

procedures we already know how to do, it is just a different way of doing it," said Anthony Levantino, an OB/GYN who was one of the first to operate the \$1.5 million robot along with OB/GYN Ismael Lopez. "We're not learning from scratch. We're learning the practical differences, but in the end, it is the same procedure we've done before."

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New law urges healthy schools

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act works to combat obesity

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Working to combat childhood obesity, Congress passed the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, which President Obama signed into law on Dec. 13.

The new law provides an additional \$4.5 billion in federal funds to school districts nationwide so children can have healthier options with their school lunches. It also authorizes the U.S. Department of Agriculture to set nutritional standards for all foods sold in schools, including the vending machines, a la carte lunch lines and school stores.

"As we continue to focus on the twin issues

of childhood obesity and hunger, we will increase access to good, quality meals in school cafeterias so the nutritional needs of our youngsters are better met," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

Approximately 16.9 percent of U.S. children ages 2 to 19 were considered obese in 2008, according to the Centers for Disease Control, and 32 percent of U.S. children are overweight. In New Mexico, that number is higher – 32.7 percent of New Mexican children are considered overweight or obese.

The new law, while reauthorizing programs that have already been put in place to provide low-income children access to healthy choices, will provide schools with the ability to give children healthier options during the day. The White

House even released a sample before-and-after menu to illustrate the changes in food.

Currently, a school lunch would include a bean and cheese burrito, applesauce, orange juice and milk. The modified menu under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act would include a turkey and cheese sandwich on a whole wheat roll, refried beans, jicama, green pepper strips with ranch dressing, cantaloupe wedges and skim milk.

"The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act makes the most significant investment in the National School Lunch program in more than 30 years," said U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan.

The law also will increase the amount school districts are reimbursed by the federal government. For students who qualify for free lunches,

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Make the switch to lower-fat snacks

Healthy options still taste good

Navigating the grocery store aisle to find a lower-fat or lower-calorie salty or sweet snack alternative that tastes just as good as its regular counterpart can be a daunting challenge.

According to a recent survey conducted by Cape Cod Potato Chips, only 33 percent of respondents said the low-fat version is always or often as good as or better than the original. Luckily, there are a variety of snacks available that offer a lower-fat/ lower-calorie indulgence without sacrificing the taste of the original.

Here are some things to consider that can affect the taste and nutritional value when searching for tasty low-fat indulgences as well as tips on how to make the switch to low fat:

- Taste matters. If a low-fat version of your favorite snack doesn't taste as good as the original, how likely are you to continue eating it? Not very, according to the same survey by Cape Cod Potato Chips. While 62 percent of respondents said they would try a lower-fat version of their favorite snack, 90 percent said they would switch to the lower-fat version if it tasted the same as the regular. After all, if it doesn't taste good, it will be that much harder to sustain sensible snacking habits.
- Figure out why the snack has reduced fat by carefully reading the packaging, ingredients or product website. For example, the use of fat or sugar substitutes often alters the taste. Search for snacks that achieve lower fat or calorie contents without using substitutes.
- Take portion size into account. Some snacks may be able to promise low-calorie counts because the serving size is not very large. Consider whether such snacks will actually be able to satisfy hunger cravings or send you reaching for a second bag.
- Use the resources available to discover the good and bad. A wide variety of magazines have annual awards for the healthiest snacks, and websites and blogs follow developments in the world of healthy snacking. Nutrition facts for most foods can also be found online with a simple search or at www.nutrition.gov.
- Don't go about it alone. It's no secret that friends influence healthy habits. Once you find more sensible snacks,

“ Once you find more sensible snacks, incorporate them into your get-togethers ... ”



incorporate them into your get-togethers, such as wine or movie nights. Have your friends try the snacks you have found and rank them so you know which ones to continue buying and which ones do not have as much appeal.

- Try a lower-fat or lower-calorie switch. The next time you have friends over to watch sports, celebrate a holiday or just to hang out, try putting out those great-tasting lower-fat and/or lower-calorie dishes and see if anyone can tell the difference.

With all of these helpful tips, making the switch to low-fat and low-calorie snacks that taste like the original should be easier than ever.

Schools

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the federal government currently reimburses schools \$2.68 per lunch – an amount that hasn't changed since 1973. Under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, that amount would increase to \$2.74, if the schools meet the updated nutritional standards.

The number of students enrolled in school meal programs will increase under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act by approximately 115,000 students. The law also will help certify an additional 4,500 students per year to receive school meals by setting benchmarks for states to improve the certification process and will expand the USDA's authority to support meals served to at-risk children in after-school programs.

School districts will be audited every three years to improve compliance to change their nutritional standards. The law will also require schools to make nutritional information readily available to parents. Recall procedures will be improved, and training and technical assistance for school food-service workers will also be provided under the act.

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The 'M' word



Bob Nosbisch
Getting the Word Out

Now that you have made your New Year's resolutions, it's time to discuss the "M" word. Not money, not marriage, not mosquitoes, not Mesopotamia.

Motivation.

This year, two friends from a local gym offered advice that I would like to share. Ray told me he doesn't focus on the workout. Instead, he focuses on how he will feel after a good workout. After a frenetic day with his children, Chris told me he decided to visit the gym before he "barked at the kids." Let's face it, exercise is a great stress buster.

Many people will quit a fitness program if they're not seeing quick-enough results or if they get bored. However, the Mayo Clinic says if you choose activities you enjoy and set goals, the chances of sticking with your program will increase. The clinic offers seven tips to help you stay with your program.

- Set goals, but don't make them unrealistic. The clinic says, if you have not exercised in a while, make a short-term goal of walking five minutes once or twice a day. As you get ready for a bigger challenge, you may want to increase your walking time to 20 minutes three or four times a week. Finishing a 5k walk may be your long-term goal.
- Have fun. Do something you enjoy and change the routine every now and then. If you do not enjoy what you're doing, try something new. If you're having fun, you're more likely to stick with the program.

“ If you're having fun, you're more likely to stick with the program. ”

- Incorporate physical activity into your daily routine. Use the stairs instead of the elevator at work. As you watch TV, pedal a stationary bike or use resistance tubing for strength training. One of the dangers of watching TV is that you have two free hands and it's tempting to have a super-sized soft drink and a bag of chips or cookies at your beck and call. Biking or performing strength training while watching TV is beneficial because your hands will be busy.
- Write down your goals. Many people are visual learners and may stay motivated when they see the benefits of regular exercise on paper. The Mayo Clinic advises you to record how long you exercised and how you felt afterward. By doing so, you will see your progress as you work toward your goals.
- Don't do it alone. Your family members, friends or co-workers also may want to get in better shape. It's easier to have workout partners because you can motivate each other when one of you doesn't feel like exercising.
- Don't forget to reward yourself. After each exercise session, enjoy the good feelings exercise gives you. When longer-range goals are reached, buy yourself a new pair of walking shoes or something else that will help you enjoy your exercise.
- Be flexible. There will be times when you're too busy at work, you're sick or you simply do not feel like working out. If you need a break, take one. Just be sure to get back into your exercise routine as soon as you can.

By following these tips, you will be on your way to keeping your New Year's resolution. When December 2011 comes around and you look back over the year, you may be so proud of your accomplishments that you will want to use these tips again in the years to follow.

On behalf of the New Mexico State University College of Health and Social Services, may you have a very happy New Year!

Bob Nosbisch is the education outreach coordinator in the New Mexico State University College of Health and Social Services.

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For more information, visit www.adultchildren.org.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room. For more information, call 523-6240.

T'AI CHI CHIH CLASSES

Instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado holds T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement classes each Tuesday, with beginners classes 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. Cost is \$2, or free

for Senior Circle and Healthy Woman members. 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 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 is no longer operational due to a lack of funding. 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 Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door. The group also has a big-book meeting at 2 p.m. Fridays at Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive.

YOGA CLASSES AT MEERSCHIEDT

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.

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_n@yahoo.com or leave a message at 882-4943.

T'AI CHI CHIH, YOGA CLASSES

Clear Mind Zen Temple, 642 S. Alameda Blvd., will offer T'ai Chi Chih classes 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.

GAY COMMUNITY CENTER GROUPS

The Las Cruces Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Questioning/Queer (GLBTQ) Center, 1210 N. Main St. and is open from noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The center offers gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender members of the community counseling, support groups and networking activities. For more information, call the center at 635-4902 or email info@newmexicolgbtcenters.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 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Share camaraderie while learning new skills and receiving support and advice on raising a GLBTQ youth.

- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous meets from 7 to 8 p.m. 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.edu.

- A men's group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group is an additional opportunity for men in the community to get together and support each other. It is an inter-generational group with discussions and activities designed by the group members.

- Bisexuals' support group meets from 7:30 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.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Las Cruces Chapter Parkinson's Support Group meets at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call Kay Laurel Fischer at 522-4047 or Bill Wallace at 680-2520.

HEARING LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

The Las Cruces chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America will hold its monthly meeting at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The group is for people with hearing loss and those who help them. The January topic will be telecommunication options. For more information, call 525-1037.

APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Aphasia Support Group is a community group for social conversation, support and education about aphasia. The group meets at 4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call 521-6400.

FEDERATION OF THE BLIND MEETS

The Mesilla Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind meets from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. For more information, call Nato at 571-2604.

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Health

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The da Vinci robot is the first of its kind in southern New Mexico. There are only two in Albuquerque and one in Santa Fe. In 2010, there are only 1,395 robots purchased worldwide.

While providing innovative care at the acute care hospitals, the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico and the Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico have worked to maintain quality patient care.

The Rehabilitation Hospital for the fourth year in a row – since the hospital opened in 2006 – was ranked in the top 10 percent of similar hospitals throughout the United States.

“That’s a pretty big deal,” said Rehab Hospital CEO Tony Hernandez. “It’s a celebration for the whole campus.”

The campus Hernandez spoke of includes the Advanced Care Hospital, a long-term acute care hospital that opened in 2008. Both are under the parent corporation Ernest Health.

“We work together on a lot of things,” said Advanced Care Hospital CEO Suzanne Quillen. “We have a separate patient population and medical staff, but we’re very dependent on each other for critical services and teamwork. It is a campus, and both facilities are driving toward the same goal of quality outcome in different ways.”

Because the Advanced Care Hospital relies on referrals from other hospitals in the area, Quillen said the hospital has spent much of its first two years in the community working to gain trust, especially from the local hospitals and area physicians. In



In February, Memorial Medical Center unveiled an additional 20 beds in its Cardiac Care Unit. Now, the hospital can serve 43 patients in its ICU/CCU.

2010, Quillen said she believes the hospital has achieved that.

“I feel that we’re a good part of the acute-care hospital continuum in southern New Mexico,” she said. “We have strong support from the 54 physicians on our medical staff, and that came with time. We wouldn’t be where we are without them, so we definitely strive to make sure we’re meeting the needs of

our patients.”

Despite the growth and quality outcomes produced by area hospitals, there are still challenges that lie ahead.

Hospice care is incurring excessive administrative costs, according to Terra Van Winter, development director for Mesilla Valley Hospice, the only freestanding hospice in New Mexico. Despite the costs,

Van Winter said that \$1.8 million was cut from the budget without laying off a single employee. The hospice employs 117 full- and part-time members with an additional 100 volunteers.

“That was our big accomplishment for 2010,” she said. “Our staff cut down on supplies and took cost-cutting measures to make sure that a predominant amount of our budget goes straight to patient care.”

But Medicaid and Medicare cuts have posed significant challenges.

“We’re getting more regulations on a daily basis,” Van Winter said.

New Medicare regulations require more quality analysis and make charting a top priority, Van Winter said, which makes administrative costs rise, and there is a need for charity care and donations to cover the gap. In 2009, Mesilla Valley Hospice provided \$850,000 in charity care to patients in Doña Ana County who had little or no insurance.

Van Winter said the hospice is seeing an increase in charity care patients, especially since more people have lost jobs and/or health care insurance. However, she said she has seen fundraisers and donations increase throughout the recession, as well as a \$20,000 grant from the Carpenter Foundation to cover the larger demand in charity care.

But she said everyone is preparing for the drastic changes that will begin to take effect from 2011 to 2014.

“From 2011 to 2014, there is going to be a constant change in the community,” Van Winter said. “It’s going to be interesting to see what happens.”

Find the happy medium between passive and aggressive

Marcy Shoberg
The Art of Self-Defense



When I talk about self-defense, I’m talking about a variety of situations where your feelings, possessions or body may be in danger from another person. Also consider the need to politely defend yourself from people who waste your time and energy.

In last week’s article, I demonstrated the strategy of using an imaginary third party to do your arguing for you, avoiding putting the person you actually feel like arguing with on the

defensive. This means instead of telling someone “I disagree,” tell them “some people” or “my mother” or “my spouse” feel (whatever it is you actually want to say) can help you get your point across easier.

This article will deal with being properly “assertive.” In addition to choosing your words carefully, you must also manage your tone of voice and body language. Bullies and other predatory bad guys look for easy victims. They are also very easy to pick fights with. One must make sure their posture and eye contact convey confidence, yet don’t offend others.

A person who is too passive, besides being more likely to be selected as a victim by a predator, often feels “used” by friends, co-workers and family members, not standing up for themselves when they should. A person who is too aggressive may inadvertently cause others to feel used or hurt, making them likely to react in an angry way, starting a verbal or physical “fight.” Your goal should be to be in the middle – “assertive.” Say what you need to say, but say it nicely.

Doc Thompson, the author of “Verbal Judo,” has created a five-point scale he uses to teach children about being properly assertive. He suggests parents encourage their children to rate TV characters and themselves in various situations, discussing if they are really passive, somewhat passive, assertive, somewhat aggressive or really aggressive. In general, you want to stay right in the middle. However, some situations may call for being a bit passive or a bit aggressive. If you do this exercise, remember to consider not just the choice of words, but also posture and eye contact.

Let me give you an example of how we use this at Las Cruces Self Defense, in teaching response to a predatory attack. This concept was created by Bill Kipp, creator of the FAST Defense Methodology.

Whenever out of your house, be on “yellow alert.” This means being aware of what is going on around you, trying to move with good balance, having your hands as unencumbered as possible and being an assertive person. You should also make pleasant eye contact with almost everyone around you, so if anyone is a bad guy looking for a victim, they know they can’t sneak up on you.

If you notice an unknown (or disliked) person approaching you, go on “orange alert,” where you position yourself with balance, hands in front of you creating a bit of a physical boundary, but also prepared to shake hands if that seems appropriate. Try to maintain a distance of two arm lengths from them, but don’t back up too much because it looks passive and you could trip. Look anywhere on their face as you speak to them, assertively and politely.

If you feel you are in danger from this person, move to “red alert” with your left hand in front of your left eye, right hand around the midline of your chest, right foot a step behind the left, in a stable stance. This position of the left hand is a little trick to make it more obvious if they do decide to take a swing at you. At this point, change the level of your eyes to look at their shoulders, again to make it easier to notice if they reach for you or try to strike. Things you say while in red alert would be simple, direct, assertive and probably loud – “back off,” for example.

We’ll cover more choices of things to say in a situation where someone may hit you in a later article. Next week: More on how to control the aggressor by keeping control of yourself.

Marcy Shoberg is owner of Gold Medal Taekwondo, 519 Boutz Road, which teaches sport and traditional taekwondo, as well as self-defense to preschoolers, kids, teens and adults. Shoberg is also director of Las Cruces Self Defense specializing in teaching no-nonsense, reality-based self-defense to women, children and men. She can be reached at 526-4429 or gmtkd@zianet.com.

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ThePetReview



A better future for heroic dogs

Las Cruces couple facilitates military dog adoptions

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Since they've been involved in military service, the role of the military working dog (MWD) has been invaluable.

From protecting the base at which they're stationed by searching incoming vehicles to being deployed to Iraq to sniff out improvised explosive devices, MWDs have saved the lives of their handlers and platoons, sometimes after sacrificing their own.

To honor the dedication and loyalty of MWDs, Las Cruces Debbie and Mike Kandoll have been invited to travel with their dogs, MWD Alex H116 and MWD Bino C152, to Pasadena, Calif., to the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day.

The Kandolls will ride on the Madeleine Pickens Saving America's Mustangs float.

"Her goal is to get mustangs to an ecosanctuary where everyone can enjoy them, but in 2008, she started to pay tribute to the armed forces, not just the two-footed but also the four-footed," Debbie Kandoll said.

MWDs haven't always been honored as the heroes they've become while serving their country. It wasn't until 2000, when President Clinton signed Robby's Law, that these dogs were allowed to be adopted. Before Robby's Law was enacted, the dogs were euthanized as soon as their work was done.

But even after the law was passed, the

process to adopt MWDs was complex, as Debbie and Mike Kandoll discovered when they tried to adopt their first MWD.

With their military experience – Debbie Kandoll was raised in an Air Force family, and Mike Kandoll is an Army veteran and retired from the Air Force – the Kandolls were able to adopt their first MWD Benny B163 in 2008.

"I found him after making 50 phone calls, and 30 of them were wrong numbers," Debbie Kandoll said. "If it wasn't for my knowledge of the military system, I would have given up long ago."

The kennels had experienced difficulty trying to find Benny a home, and in his file there was an order for euthanasia ironically on the same day Debbie Kandoll called to express interest in adopting him.

"Within a week, the dog would have been gone," she said. "It's terrible. This is a hero dog who save thousands of soldier lives."

Benny came home with the Kandolls and lived for two more years before dying of natural causes.

Convinced that there were cases similar to Benny's, Debbie Kandoll decided to take action and created the Military Working Dog Adoptions website, www.militaryworkingdogadoptions.com. The website provides those who are interested in adopting MWDs with step-by-step instructions.

Debbie Kandoll has flown across the country educating people on how easy it is to adopt MWDs and explaining the kind of care these dogs need.

"These dogs are unlike any other dog," she said. "I had seven German shepherds group up, but I had no clue what loyalty and love these dogs are capable of giving. I needed to put it out there."

Since the website was launched in 2008,



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler

Debbie and Mike Kandoll will accompany their retired military working dogs Bino and Alex to the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day in Pasadena, Calif. The float on which they will be riding pays tribute to the two- and four-footed servicemen of the armed forces.

the Kandolls have had a hand in facilitating 30 MWD adoptions, but it's hard to tell who has adopted MWDs by just visiting the website, Mike Kandoll said.

"This is like a ministry," Debbie Kandoll said. "I believe God has a hand in all of this. Many adoptions have been down to the zero hour, and we've found them a home all of a sudden."

But the Kandolls don't just stop there. Debbie Kandoll said she is working with the kennels to assist in a follow-through program. Once a dog has been adopted, there is no one to call for assistance or to return the dog if the home is not as good a fit as originally thought.

"We're working on that," Debbie Kandoll said.

Working with the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, Debbie Kandoll also assists in providing Fort Bliss soldiers who

suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder with a companion animal.

"It's amazing how much a soldier can change when they have a dog," she said.

She assists the new handlers with basic obedience and public access training, which streamlines the process and cuts the costs dramatically, she said.

"Some of these soldiers are on a waiting list, and they may not be here next year because of their depression," Mike Kandoll said.

As for Debbie Kandoll, she just wants to share the love she gets from her MWDs, Alex and Bino.

"They're my babies," she said. "Our motto is that many soldiers are enjoying their to-days and continue enjoying their tomorrows because of what a military dog did for them yesterday."

Pet briefs

ASCMV volunteers

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is looking for volunteers who love animals and want to do what they can to help. For more information, visit www.ascmv.org.

Fence materials needed

ACTion Programs for Animals (APA) is seeking fence materials to donate to its low-income clients so they can mend or build a fence, dog run or enclosure.

If you have leftover fencing materials

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Reiki for animals

Pi-Yoga Studio is offering a Reiki Healing Clinic for Animals by appointment starting at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at the studio, 207 Avenida de Mesilla.

Reiki is a hands-on energy healing method originated in Japan that can help release emotional problems due to a traumatic situation, such as abuse or being hit by a car. Other benefits include helping

your pet relax and healing your pet from a sickness or injury.

If your pet is dying, Reiki for animals can help bring peace and comfort. There is a \$25 suggested donation.

For more information, call 526-0977.

'Animal Talk with Dr. Beth'

"Animal Talk with Dr. Beth" is a weekly show that promotes shelter adoption by featuring different adoptable pets and discussing pet ownership and animal health.

The show airs on Las Cruces Channel 98 on Comcast cable at 10 a.m. Saturdays and 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

The show encourages viewer participation, and Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, director of the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, will answer questions emailed to her at drbeth@pals4pets.info.

Information also will be provided to viewers about the pet of the week and who to contact if they are interested in adopting an animal. Each week, Vesco-Mock will tell her audience which dogs from previous shows have been adopted.

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ANNUAL PET AND ANIMAL BLESSING

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission will hold its annual blessing of animals at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, in the parking lot of the chapel at the corner of Hadley Avenue and Alameda Boulevard. All animals are invited as well as their human friends. Treats for dogs and cats will be available and new animals will join the festivities this year. For more information, call Michael at 382-9705 or Father Gabriel 542-2296.

Interested in being on our worship services page? Call 524-8061 for details.

Christmas story comes to life at El Calvario United Methodist Church

Photos by Derek Brandt

The cast performed the Christmas story at El Calvario United Methodist Church Wednesday, Dec. 22.



Mariel Dominguez, Lacey a la Torre, Ania Dominguez and Nicolett Young visit Baby Jesus during the telling of the Christmas Story, held to get congregation members into the spirit of the season.



Director Marian Smith stands with the cast of the play, including Annia Dominguez (Little Angel), Nicolette Young (Main Angel), Mark Romero (Wise Man), Brock Hartell (Wise Man), Alyssa Romero (Shepherd), Raul David Dominguez (Shepherd), Mariel Dominguez (Little Angel), Lacey a la Torre (Angel), Tina Hartell (Mary), Chris Garcia (Joseph), Rev. Raul Dominguez (Prophet), Sam Karka (Wise Man), Lia Kreks (Narrator) and Jerry Smith (King Herod).



Tina Hartell portrays Mary and Chris Garcia plays Joseph during the telling of the birth of Christ.



Smith, director of the production, thanks the crowd and participants.

Church News

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ACTS RETREAT FOR MEN

Men ages 21 and up are invited to attend the ACTS Retreat Jan. 13-16, 2011, at the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1240 S. Espina St. The retreat is an opportunity for men to deepen their relationship with Jesus, renew themselves spiritually, build lasting relationships and become more active in their church. The cost is \$60 and scholarships are available. For more information, call 524-8563.

UNITY 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.unityoflascruces.org.

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.

EASTERN STAR MEETINGS

The Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold monthly meetings

at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Aztec Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road. A potluck dinner will be held prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. All OES members in good standing are invited to attend.

ALPHA COURSE

The public is invited to a 10-week, video-based small group study course on the Christian faith at Morning Star UMC, 2941 Morning Star Drive. The sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, and a potluck supper will be held beforehand at 5:30 p.m. Child care is provided. For more information, call 521-3770.

DIVORCE CARE

Morning Star UMC, 2941 Morning Star Drive, will hold a 13-week, video-based discussion and support group for those suffering from the pain of separation or divorce at 6:30 p.m. Mondays. Participants can enroll at anytime for the free group, and child care will be provided. For more information, call 521-3770.

CALVARY GROUPS

El Calvario United Methodist Church is starting a group approach to empower Christian believers to become better disciples. Calvary Groups, to be led by Rev. Raul Dominguez, are planned for various areas in Las Cruces. Anyone interested in participating, whether they're a member of the congregation or not, should call the church office at 524-1230.

BOOK STUDY AND PROSPERITY DISCUSSION

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will hold a book study group for "Atom Smashing Power of Mind" by Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, at 10 a.m. Tuesdays. New members are welcome to come explore another facet of Practical Christianity in action. The church will also hold prosperity discussions at 9 a.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

DIVORCECARE

Sonoma Springs Church,

3940 Sonoma Springs Ave., now offers an ongoing DivorceCare support ministry from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The ministry is devoted to helping people find support, healing and becoming whole again. Child care is available. For more information, call 526-4907.

BIBLE COURSE

John Anderson at Holy Cross Church, 1327 N. Miranda St., will hold a course based on the writings of the apostolic fathers from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays in the church's gathering space. Bring your Bible and a friend.

STUDY GROUP

The Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St., has a study group for "The Course In Miracles" from 11 a.m. to noon every Saturday. For more information, call Lisa at 644-2977.

OPEN SPIRITUAL GROUP

The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) Edgar Cayce Studies holds group meetings from

10 a.m. to noon every Thursday. The meetings are hosted by local chapter leader Linda Aragon and are open to the public. Anyone seeking spiritual study, knowledge and awareness is encouraged to attend. There is no fee. For more information and location, call 382-6400.

KID'S TRIUMPHANT LEARNING CENTER

Church Triumphant, 2020 N. Valley Drive, has begun enrollment for its Kid's Triumphant Learning Center. The center provides creative, social and physical programs for children in grades kindergarten to sixth. For more information, call 528-5683.

MEDITATION AND ZEN SERVICES

Clear Mind Zendo offers daily meditation instruction, as well as a formal Zen service at 9 a.m. Sundays at 1913 Piquito Road. Instruction is by Rev. Harvey So Daiho Hilbert-roshi, an ordained soto Zen priest. For information or private lessons in Zen practice, email harveyhilbert@yahoo.com or call 405-8522.

Senior Activities

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

AEROBICS CLASS

Aerobics class with Luis Ortega is at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Donation suggested.

AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatics class (senior exercise class) with Nora Bailey is offered on a first-come, first-served basis from 11:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. Donation suggested.

BLOOD PRESSURE AND GLUCOSE CLINICS

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are:

- 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road
- 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Mesilla Park Community Center, 503 W. Bell Ave.
- 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.
- 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday, East Side Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Donation suggested.

HATHA YOGA

Yoga classes are held at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road. Nora Bailey, a certified instructor, leads Hatha yoga classes beginning at 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Donation suggested.

CORE-FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

Core-floor exercise classes with Lucille Garcia are held from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Thursday at Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. Donation suggested.

T'AI CHI CLASSES

T'ai Chi classes with instructor Jason Shoberg are held from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Senior Center. Donation suggested.

CHESS

Chess games are played from 8:30 a.m. to noon Fridays at the Munson Center. All are welcome. Participants are asked to bring chess sets, boards and clocks, if available.

CHINA PAINTERS

China painters class is from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays at Munson Center.

MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg is played from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Munson Center.

JEWELRY MAKING

Jewelry-making classes are from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, and Jewelry Lab is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Munson Center.

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.

HORSESHOE PITCHING

Horseshoe-pitching practice is held from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday behind Munson Center. For more information, call Burt Trujillo at 522-4849.

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.

CANASTA

Canasta is played from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays at Munson Center. All are welcome.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS

Watercolor painting class is held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Munson Center.

STAINED-GLASS

Beginning and advance stained-glass class meets at 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and intermediate stained-glass class meets at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center.

WOODCARVING

Woodcarving class meets from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays at the Eastside Community Center.

HANDS 'N' FEET CARD GAME

Hands 'n' Feet card game is from noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays at Eastside Community Center.

TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at Munson Center. The club is

currently booking the following trips:

- **Sunland Park and War Eagle Museum:** Day trip Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, day trip. Cost is \$25.
- **Las Vegas, Nev., and Hoover Dam:** April 11-15, 2011. \$385 double, \$410 single.
- **Mount Rushmore and Black Hills of South Dakota:** May 14-22, 2011. \$760 double, \$1,019 single.
- **Hawaii Cruise:** Oct. 22, 2011. Call for details.
- **Branson Show Extravaganza:** Nov. 12-20, 2011. \$869 double, \$1,109 single. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

DAY TRIPS

To register for a walking group or fishing trip, seniors must present their membership card along with payment. Checks must be made out to the City of Las Cruces. There is a minimum of 8 participants and maximum of 10 to 13. Trips are subject to cancellation due to weather or other circumstances.

For more information or to sign up, call 528-3000.

WALKING GROUP

In case of bad weather, walks will take place at Mesilla Valley Mall. Minimum participants eight, maximum 14. All walks depart from Munson Center, at 9 a.m. and return by

approximately 11 a.m.

For more information, call 528-3000 from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m.

MYSTERY TOURS

A mystery tour will depart from Munson Center, at 9:30 a.m. the last Friday of the month. All trips will be within the surrounding area and will return by 11:30 a.m.

Trips may be for sightseeing, visiting a museum or touring new buildings. Trips are limited to the first 14 participants. Some trips have fees.

Sign up begins the first Monday of each month at the center or by calling 528-3000.

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center meet at 7 p.m. Saturdays at Munson Center. 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.

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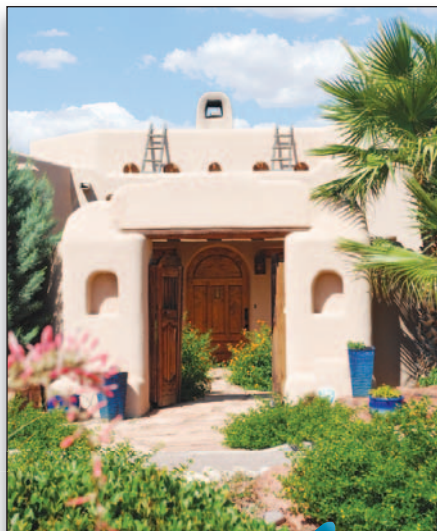
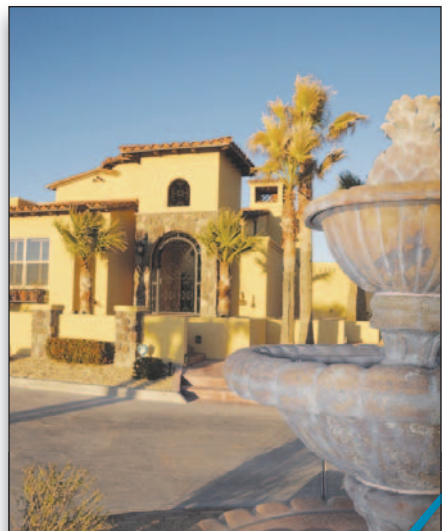
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Highlights of 2010

YEAR OFFERS FAIR SHARE OF UPS AND DOWNS IN HOUSING MARKET



See last year's featured homes on pages E2-3

Last year's featured homes

A chandelier graces the 16-foot foyer ceiling of the home at 5585 Camino Escondida.



Rustic elements, such as dark wood beams and corbels, are combined with minimalist features in the home at 1224 Calle de El Paso.



Chef Kelley Coffeen-Holt welcomes guests into her kitchen with a decorative hood.



A spiral staircase leads to the loft of 8725 State Highway 28.



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One last look at 2010

Despite ups and downs, Las Cruces is still a desirable location for retirees

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As the housing and construction markets continue to rebound from the economic downturn, 2010 brought its fair share of ups and downs to Las Cruces.

With the end of the government's First-Time Homebuyers Tax Credit in June 2010, Las Cruces Association of Realtors Chief Executive Officer Isaac Chavez said the local market saw a drop in home sales.

"In November 2010, there were 82 homes sold in our MLS," he said. "Last November (when we really pushed the tax credit) it was 122 homes sold. In November 2005, at the height of the market, we sold 169 homes."

Chavez said in addition to the expiration of the tax credit, several factors have contributed to the decline, such as the national recession and tightening of lending criteria, which now includes documentation of having a job for at least two consecutive years.

"It's changed back to what it used to be," he said. "Only those who have earned it can buy a home. ... A dual-income family can still afford to buy a home in Las Cruces."

Those looking for loans to purchase a home weren't the only ones facing tighter conditions. Builders were also met with barriers, said Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico 2010 President John Hadley.

"Resources have dried up as far as financing is concerned," Hadley said.

A prime example of this, he said, was the BIA-SNM Green Street, which was going to be a single-site showcase that featured homes built to Build Green New Mexico or LEED silver standards with solar panels.

"It was going to be totally different than anything else in the state," said Hadley, adding they were working with El Paso Electric Co. and engineers from New Mexico State University to make the project a reality. "The idea was how can this be a subdivision

that sustains itself, because that's what the government wants."

After a year of planning, pushing deadlines back and meeting with legislators and just anyone who would listen, Hadley said Green Street came to an end because participating builders couldn't receive financing for a spec home from the banks.

"Spec is a bad word," he said. "You won't see a spec home."

Explaining it is crucial to a builder to have a product on the ground for potential customers to see, feel and experience, Hadley said the construction of spec homes has come to a stop, while the pre-sale facet has remained active.

"It's a good time for homeowners to build," he said, explaining that there have to be decreases in the price of labor and materials.

Although pre-sales are still taking place, the homes are being built on a smaller level, averaging about 1,500 square feet and under \$160,000.

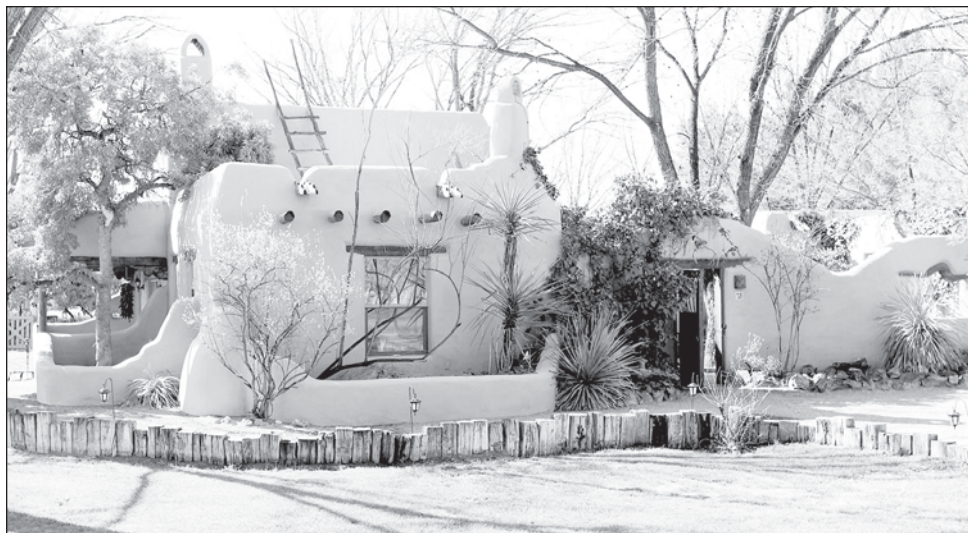
"There has been a shift," he said, explaining that at one point a home was considered an investment, but now it has gone back to being viewed as a place to live. "Those years of building 'McMansions' are gone. They're few and far between. The trend on the national level is toward smaller homes."

While new-home construction has suffered, Chavez said resales have thrived in 2010.

"The resale market has rebounded," he said. "I believe 2009 was the bottom of the resale market, and 2010 has been a healthy year for them."

One reason, he said, is because it is a buyers' market, thanks to home prices stabilizing and low interest rates. Also, he said Las Cruces hasn't seen as many foreclosures as other parts of the country and is doing quite well compared to the rest of the state.

"I think we've seen the worst of it. 2009 was the bottom, and in 2010 we started to crawl out of it. In 2011, we'll continue to crawl out of it," he said, adding that more tax incentives to



The 3,007-square-foot pueblo-inspired home at 4703 Grider Road sits among 23 trees.

homebuyers would spur the market.

There also were a few bright spots for the Las Cruces building industry in 2010.

Hadley said in addition to growth in the remodeling and renovation market, green construction increased in popularity in 2010.

Miles Dyson, a local Home Energy Rating System rater, said he has seen more homes built with energy-efficient techniques and materials, including the use of spray foam insulation and taking a home's duct work out of the attic and into the conditioned space.

"I think the people building right now are the people who really need a home, and they're the people who had the time to do their research," Dyson said. "People are asking for it. They're taking the time to become educated about it."

Another boost to the green industry has been the establishment of tax incentive programs – such as the El Paso Electric Energy Star New Homes Program implemented in September 2010 – which have helped defray the additional costs associated with energy-efficient materials and rating a home.

"Solar panels are more affordable because of government intervention," Hadley said. "With the rebates, there is more interest from builders."

Taking a team to make green possible, Hadley said builders, Realtors, banks and appraisers have become more educated on

"building with a conscience," a practice Dyson said will continue into 2011.

"I think there is going to be a lot of careful homebuilding in 2011," he said.

He added that the implementation of the New Mexico Sustainable Tax Credit in 2011 will continue to encourage builders to build energy-efficient residences.

"Incentives have been one of the biggest reasons builders have participated in building Build Green New Mexico and LEED homes," he said.

In addition to new homebuilding, Dyson said there has been interest in creating a tax-credit program that allows the general public to make energy-efficient changes to their existing homes.

"That's something I'm watching out for," he said.

As for real estate, tighter lending conditions haven't deterred all potential homeowners.

With New Mexico State University and White Sands Missile Range still employing Las Cruces, and the development of Spaceport America, which should bring tourists to the area, Chavez and Hadley said Las Cruces is in a great position to draw in new residents.

"Next year is going to be the same as this year," Hadley said. "Our saving grace is going to be the baby boomers coming to Las Cruces. People still want to come to the Southwest."

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Reusing holiday cardboard

Old boxes, tubes great for storing what's important

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With the holidays finally over and all of the gifts unwrapped, you're probably left with an abundance of cardboard boxes and tubes.

Created from a thick, stiff paper, cardboard is used for a wide variety of commercial products, including cereal boxes, paper towel spools and packing material, in addition to gift containers and wrapping paper tubes.

Whether you have a stack of wrapping paper tubes or piles of boxes of various sizes, reuse all of that cardboard in some innovative ways around the house.

1. Make your own sled: If you happen to be heading to an area with snow, don't bother buying a sled, just grab a large cardboard box. The perfect size for a small child or for lugging around firewood, create a handle in the box so you can easily pull it. When you're done, the box can be placed in the recycle bin.

2. Stay organized: Whether it's sports equipment or art supplies, an easy way to keep everything in order is with cardboard boxes. Use small boxes for small items and place them in larger boxes. Be sure to mark the contents on the outside of the boxes so they're easier to search through.

3. Store tall garden tools: Instead of purchasing a store-bought garden tool organizer, keep your supplies together with a large cardboard box, like that used for a TV or kitchen appliances. These homemade storage bins are

great for short-handled tools, such as spades or trowels, or long-handled utensils, including shovels, hoes and rakes.

4. Hold a nail still: When hammering, it can be difficult to hold the nail steady and not nick your finger. Instead of risking your tiny extremities, use a piece of cardboard to steady the nail. Stick the nail through a slice of cardboard. Holding the end of the cardboard by its edge, position the nail where you want it and hammer away. After you're finished, tear the cardboard away from the nail.

5. Prevent art messes: Cleaning up after your kids' arts and crafts projects can be a pain. Get help before they even start by lining their work area with broken-down cardboard boxes. The boxes will catch fallen messes, such as paint, glue and glitter. When the project is done, simply pick up the box and throw it away.

6. Make a drip pan: Stop an oil leak from staining your garage floor or driveway by creating a drip pan from cardboard. Cover a cookie sheet with strips of the cardboard and place it under the leak. The cardboard will absorb the falling liquid. For extra help, add cat litter, sawdust or oatmeal.

7. Protect your knives: Make a sheath for your knives using a flattened cardboard paper towel tube. After the tube has been flattened, tape one end closed and insert the knife.

8. Fabricate your own fly strip: Store-bought fly and pest strips aren't necessary when you have leftover cardboard tubes. Use a paper towel or cut wrapping paper tube, and cover the outside with tape so the sticky side is out. Hang them where mosquitoes and other flying insects are found the most.

9. Use for fire kindling: Cut wrapping paper tubes also make great kindling for fireplaces. To get the fire going, cut the cardboard into 1/8-inch strips. The tubes can also be transformed into logs by stuffing them with shredded newspaper.



Around-the-house item: Cardboard

The tighter the roll is packed, the longer the log will burn. Keep a stack of the logs and strips next to the fireplace so they can be added when needed.

10. Store knitting needles: A good way to protect your knitting needles from becoming bent and damaged is to store them in cardboard tubes. Cover one end with another piece of cardboard, plastic wrap or paper and pinch the other end closed, securing it with tape. The knitting needles can be inserted and removed easily through the taped end. Not only will they be safe, but you won't have to worry about losing them.

11. Tidy up fabric scraps: For avid quilters or those who enjoy other sewing projects, keep your leftover pieces of fabric organized with cardboard tubes. Roll up the scraps tightly and insert them into the tube. Write what type and color of fabric is inside the tube so it's easier to find what you're looking for. The cardboard tubes can also be used to store string and prevent it from becoming tangled. So the string is always ready to be used, cut a notch into the top of the tube and stick the end of the string through it.

12. Keep Christmas lights organized: Stop spending the beginning of your holiday season unwinding tangled Christmas lights by neatly storing them in cardboard tubes. After carefully folding and placing them inside the tube, secure the ends with tape.

13. Give your hamster a toy: An inexpensive toy for your hamster or gerbil is an old cardboard tube. Cut the tubes into a variety of sizes and place them into the cage. The little critter will enjoy running through them. Also, they can chew on the cardboard. Be sure to remove the tubes when they start looking ragged and replace them with new ones.

14. Preserve important documents: Whether you want to save your children's masterpieces or you have important documents that need to be protected, store them in cardboard tubes. Just roll them up and stuff them in the tubes. Write on the tube what is inside and, if it's artwork, who created it and on what date. When you need them in the future, you'll be able to easily find them.

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Storing for freshness

Herb keeper helps ingredients last longer

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

While your kitchen shelves might be packed to the brim with a variety of spices, don't forget the importance of herbs when creating your signature dish or daily meals.

The difference between herbs and spices is that herbs are edible leaves and stems, while spices are flavorful seeds, bark or flower buds, according to FreshHerbs.com.

Most recipes can be enhanced by fresh herbs versus the dried variety, which have lost some of their essential oils. While abundant in flavor, it can be hard to keep fresh herbs, well ... fresh. So often they dry out, become wilted or go bad before you have a chance to use them all up, costing your wallet money and your dishes taste.

A good way to prolong their shelf life is to skip the sandwich baggies and damp paper towel and instead store your cut greens in an herb keeper.



Featured kitchen gadget: Herb keeper

What is it?

The herb keeper is an easy-to-use gadget that keeps cut herbs fresher longer. The clear plastic cylinder consists of a slotted tray that suspends only the ends in water, allowing the plant to stand straight up. Not only will they stay well hydrated, the delicate plants will be protected from being smashed, torn, bruised or damaged in other ways.

The idea behind this design is like that of a flower vase – the freshly cut ends of the plants will suck up the water, helping them to better retain their flavor and texture longer than if they were stored loose in the refrigerator or on the counter.

A great tool for any at-home chef, the keeper will prevent your greens from wilting or drying out. Now, you can always have fresh herbs for cooking at your fingertips.

Able to hold up to three bunches of fresh herbs at once, the keeper is the perfect size for the counter or refrigerator. When used in the refrigerator, the container fits easily in the door. Plus, thanks to its airtight seal, the container won't absorb those unpleasant refrigerator odors.

How does it work?

After washing and cutting your herbs, store the stalks in the herb keeper. Simply fill the reservoir to the line with fresh water, place the plants on the slotted tray and lower until the lid creates a tight seal around the opening.

When it comes time to use the herbs, lift the lid and take out a stalk or two.

The herbs should last several weeks longer when stored in the herb keeper and placed in the refrigerator.

Not just great for fragile herbs such as basil, mint, cilantro, parsley and chives, the keeper can also be used to store asparagus.

When you're done, be sure to clean the herb keeper. While the gadget can be placed on the top shelf of a dishwasher, it is recommended that it be cleaned by hand using soap and warm water.

Where can it be found?

The herb keeper can be found at Sears and Bed, Bath & Beyond and online.

How much does it cost?

The herb keeper costs between \$12 and \$20.

Types of herbs

- **Arugula:** Commonly used for salads and sandwiches, this Mediterranean herb adds a sharp, peppery flavor.
- **Basil:** Available in numerous varieties, including sweet, purple, Thai and lemon, basil is one of the most used herbs in Western cooking.
- **Bay leaves:** Also a native of the Mediterranean region, the bay leaf is usually used as a flavoring agent for stocks, stews and soups.
- **Chervil:** Also known as gourmet's parsley, this member of the carrot family, tastes like tarragon with a peppery and licorice flavor.
- **Chives:** Consisting of a slight garlic taste, this herb is also known as green onions or scallions, and is native to Asia, Europe and North America.
- **Cilantro:** Derived from coriander, this earthy and tart herb offers a fresh and clean taste, and is commonly used for salsas, stews and marinades.
- **Dill:** Similar in appearance to fennel fronds, it offers a tart and savory zing.
- **Epazote:** Known by several names, this jagged herb has a taste crossed between anise, lemon and mint, and is commonly used in Mexican and Southwestern cuisine.
- **Garlic chives:** This herb has longer, flatter leaves than common chives, and a more garlic taste.
- **Lavender:** With 39 different species, the most popular types of lavender are Italian, French and English, which has a sweet scent.
- **Lemongrass:** Native to southern Asia, this tall grass combines a fresh zing of citrus with ginger.
- **Lemon verbena:** Also consisting of a citrus taste, this green has bell-shaped leaves that are used for everything from tea and potpourri to savory dishes and desserts.
- **Lime leaves:** Grown from the kaffir lime tree, its strong, savory citrus flavor is often found in Asian cooking.
- **Marjoram:** A close relative to oregano, the herb has a mild but sweet earthy flavor.
- **Mint:** Of the 25 varieties of mint, the two most popular are peppermint and spearmint, both of which have fresh, crisp flavors.
- **Oregano:** Native to every continent, this herb is popular because of its strong peppery flavor.
- **Parsley:** There are two types of parsley – curly and Italian or flat – both of which are identical in taste, offering a sweet and earthy flavor.
- **Rosemary:** This hearty bush has a earthy, piney flavor, making a great pairing for steak, chicken and salmon.
- **Sage:** Thanks to its distinctive sweet-and-savory flavor, this herb is often used to season roasts, stews and vegetable soups.
- **Savory:** Although there are more than 30 varieties, the two most popular savories are winter and summer, which is the more peppery herb of the two.
- **Sorrel:** Similar in appearance to spinach, the herb has a strong and spicy taste mostly used in soups and stews, or can be sautéed and eaten alone as a side dish.
- **Tarragon:** With a spicy, licorice flavor, its nickname is "dragon's wart."
- **Thyme:** Another popular herb, thanks to its savory flavor it can be used in most dishes.

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A look at 2010



After more than two years of research, planning and construction, Don and Beatriz Rudisill welcome the public and government officials Jan. 9 to their home at 4367 Isleta Court, dubbed "The Pathfinder" because it was designed to be the first LEED Platinum certified home.



Community members viewed 22 area homes during the BIA-SNM Spring Showcase of Homes held the last weekend in April and the first of May.



The Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico featured more than 80 vendor booths during the 28th annual Home & Garden Show held March 6-7 at Dickerson's Event Center.



Art, outdoor kitchens and community gardens were the focus of the 2010 Tour of Gardens, which was centered around the Picacho Avenue area.



Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity kicked off its building season with a wall raising ceremony held Oct. 4, World Habitat Day, on Kenmore Road.



Las Cruces Association of Realtors honored Sheila Gonzales, Realtors' Choice Award; Mike Julian, Realtor of the Year; Gerry Sells, Lifetime Achievement Award and Affiliates' Choice Award; Morgan Switzer, Citizen of the Year; and Elsie Bonfantini, Realtor Citizen of the Year, during its annual awards banquet May 5.



Las Cruces Bulletin Publisher David McCollum and ad consultant Jorge Lopez welcome LCAR members before unveiling the organization's new publication Neighbor to Neighbor May 21.



Chad Norred lends a hand to the restoration and conservation project of Phillips Chapel CME Church on Tornillo Street June 19.



The 2011 BIA-SNM Board of Directors were sworn in during an awards ceremony Nov. 10.



LCAR Community Service Chair Elsie Bonfantini joined scholarship recipients James Schoonover, Christian Jokinen and Virginia Hernandez during the association's Blue and Gold Gala Dec. 8.

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima was one of 64 local chefs who participated in the third annual Mesilla Valley Hospice Men Who Cook fundraiser Aug. 14.



Volunteers filled 200 boxes assembly-line style with turkeys and all the fixings for families at Families & Youth Inc. and MacArthur Elementary School during the BIA-SNM Thanksgiving food donation Nov. 23.



The 2011 officers and board of directors were sworn in during the LCAR installation luncheon Oct. 21.

Featured Realtor : Sharon DeBraal

LCAR president reflects on achievements Sharon DeBraal passes on position after a year of ups and downs

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

After a hectic start, Las Cruces Association of Realtors 2010 President Sharon DeBraal is finishing the year with several accomplishments under her belt, she said.

"We've accomplished a lot, we've been through a lot and we're ending the year on a high note," she said.

As with her year of presidency, DeBraal's journey to becoming a Realtor wasn't a smooth road.

Raised in Silver City, DeBraal attended the University of Kansas until she married her husband Jim and his career took the family back to New Mexico before heading to Washington, D.C., and California.

"It took me 23 years and five colleges to get my bachelor's degree," said DeBraal,

adding that she earned bachelor's and master's degrees in human resources from Golden Gate University in Monterey, Calif.

Debraal said she took on several jobs and career paths, including substitute teaching, government contracting, banking and working for a home health agency.

"I've worked since I was 12," she said, adding that as a kid she would spend hours working in her parents' supply store.

Also having experience in the bookkeeping sector, she said she worked for Sprinkled Sugar Co. in the accounting department. After 18 years with the company, she and her family left California and moved back to New Mexico in the 1990s.

"We came back because my dad had congestive heart failure," she said. "When we moved here, we were looking for a house and the Realtor kept saying, 'You really should be

in this business.'"

Instead of heeding the Realtor's advice, DeBraal opened a Mail Boxes Etc. business with her husband.

"Jim always wanted (us) to have our own business," she said. "I had two criteria – it couldn't be anything open seven days a week, and it couldn't be anything open 24 hours a day."

While the couple was busy operating their own business, they had to go through the home-buying process yet again, during which the Realtor once more encouraged DeBraal to give the real estate industry a chance.

"I can see things," she said. "I can go into people's homes and mentally rearrange their furniture. I know balance and floor plans. I know what the client wants by the third home."

"I like the business. I love the people. I have great clients. I should have done this sooner."

Deciding the time was right, she earned her license and joined Steinborn GMAC Real Estate, now Steinborn & Associates Real Estate, in August 1998.

"I said, 'If I'm going to manage someone else's business, I should just manage my own,'" she said.

Serving as LCAR president

Within a few years, DeBraal was working closely with developers and builders, selling lots in Barcelona Ridge, Spanish Point, Coronado Ridge, Pueblos at Alameda Ranch and Fairway Village. She also spent her time working with buyers purchasing their dream homes.

"The clients are great," she said. "You

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Realtor Sharon DeBraal, who served as the 2010 Las Cruces Association of Realtors president, represents this horse-friendly property at 5041 Silver King Road.



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form friendships with them and those in the real estate community. Even though we're all competitors, we all work together for the good of our clients."

While she was busy helping clients, she was also dedicating her time to LCAR, a practice that began after Realtor Sandy Sanderson encouraged her to join the program committee. Since then, she has served on several LCAR committees and as treasurer and 2010 president, a position she wasn't expecting.

She explained that in 2009, Chuck Olson had to unexpectedly step into the president position, leaving the president-elect role vacant.

"I was on the board at the time. We didn't have a president-elect, and there were five new board members," she said. "I basically volunteered and applied for the association's position. I said, 'You know, we've got to have that history.' I think you need to know why things are done a certain way before you try to change it."

After using that year to learn the ropes, DeBraul took over as president in January and had to deal with her first crisis only a little more than a month later when the then chief executive officer left Feb. 26.

"It's been a learning process," she said, adding that in addition to conducting a national search for a new CEO, the association also had to hire an outside bookkeeping firm to manage the accounting side. "Things have smoothed out a lot."

DeBraul said during the past year, the LCAR board has accomplished many things, including creating a new website and reducing expenditures by doing more things electronically, such as allowing members to pay dues and track their certifications online.

"We've done so many things for the benefit of the members without a lot of money," she said. "LCAR dues have stayed the same this year."

While DeBraul said the board was a bit lost with the

departure of the CEO at the beginning of the year, they've managed to come together and better the organization.

"This year, I've accomplished everything I hoped to do," she said. "I think we ended the year as a unanimous board, everyone moving in the same direction. That's an important thing to do."

Passing on the responsibility

In addition to serving as president, 2010 brought another change for DeBraul. In July, the qualified broker left Steinborn and joined the RE/MAX Infinity team.

"It was just time for a change," she said.

With the year coming to an end, DeBraul will pass on the president position and its responsibilities to Realtor Evan Self of Garland Realty. She will, however, remain on the board of directors in 2011 as immediate past president.

"Mainly, I'm going to support Evan and make sure we continue down the same path and act as a cohesive unit," she said.

While the biggest challenge DeBraul foresees in the coming year is creating a regional Multiple Listing Service system, she said she thinks the association itself is in good standing.

"We've pretty much got LCAR stabilized," she said. "LCAR should continue on

smoothly. We've got a good routine going."

DeBraul said she will continue to serve on the Realtors Association of New Mexico (RANM) budget and finance and bylaws committees. She said she will also use her time to help Teresa Ramos, owner and broker of RE/MAX Infinity, with several projects since Ramos will be busy acting as the 2011 RANM president.

"I will take on some things to make it easier for her," she said.

Although her position on the board of directors has occupied much of her time, she said her favorite part of

“ We’ve done so many things for the benefit of the members without a lot of money. ”

SHARON DEBRAAL,
2010 LCAR president

being a Realtor is working with clients and helping them achieve their goals of selling or buying a home.

"You have to decide right away if you're going to treat it as a business or a hobby. I've treated it as a business since I first started," she said. "I plan to be in real estate several more years."



DeBraul, who has participated with LCAR and served on numerous committees since entering the real estate field, also represents the home at 8101 Constitution Road in the gated Coronado Ridge subdivision.



Also located in the secure Coronado Ridge community is this lot at 8147 Constitution Road, which is also represented by DeBraul. Now that her term as LCAR president is coming to an end, DeBraul said she will spend her time helping clients and contributing her experience and knowledge to new board members.

Providing Christmas dinner



Members of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors Community Service Committee collected enough donated food for the Gospel Rescue Mission Wednesday, Dec. 22, to feed 500 people on Christmas day – this included everything from ham and pies to rolls and the fixings. In addition to donating nutritional items to the food bank throughout the year, the committee also gave enough to feed 500 people an entire meal on Thanksgiving day.

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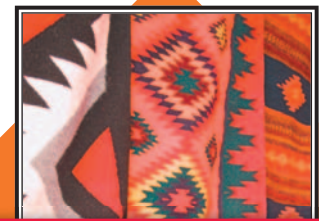
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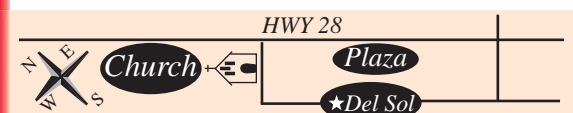
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LCAR grant will help renters

Security deposit microloan program to kick off January

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With new restrictions to lending requirements, the Las Cruces Association of Realtors will be able to help those Las Cruces looking at opportunities to rent thanks to the National Association of Realtors (NAR) Ira Gribin Workforce Housing Grant received in October.

The grant – named in honor of former NAR president Ira Gribin, an advocate for fair and affordable housing for diverse populations – was designed to help those who work, but don't make enough money to purchase a home, said LCAR CEO Isaac Chavez.

"Each state association applied for the two-year grant, and money available to each state association depended on the size of the association," he said. "It was then up to the local

associations to apply for the grant."

Chavez said the Realtors Association of New Mexico received \$60,000, which was divided between LCAR and the Santa Fe Association of Realtors.

The Santa Fe Association of Realtors received \$47,500 to create a program that provides down-payment assistance to buy houses in the form of \$2,000 to \$3,000 grants, Chavez said.

"Our program is different," he said. "We had two different ideas and mindsets."

Using the \$12,500 awarded by NAR, Chavez said LCAR will implement the Home Renters Assistance Program, which provides a \$500, zero-interest microloan to employed home renters to be used for a rental security/move-in deposit.

"We recognize that not everyone who wants to buy a home can afford it," Chavez said. "Some just can't qualify for the loan. They don't make enough so they have to rent."

After the grant went public in 2009, Chavez said the association spent a year researching its idea and examining Realtor associations throughout the country to learn from their endeavors.

"This was a different animal," he said, adding that the association usually applies for grants in the \$4,000 to \$5,000 range. "We realized the Las Cruces market was different – first, the market didn't collapse completely, and second, our per capita income was lower."

When the time was right, LCAR turned in a lengthy application that dealt with a new aspect of the local home market.

"Almost everything we do focuses on buying and selling," he said. "We decided to think outside the box, and the obvious choice was renters. We explored the idea because more people were renting because of the tightened lending criteria."

Inspired by a similar program in Nevada, Chavez said LCAR has established the security deposit effort to fit the local market and culture. Through the program, LCAR will team up with the Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces to select 25 area families who will receive the microloan and pay it back within a year.

"We don't have the experience to pick and choose applicants," Chavez said. "(The housing authority) will pick those applicants who are serious."

"This program doesn't currently exist in Las Cruces. It's for those who are in the middle, who work hard, but can't receive a loan or qualify for assistance."

Since the microloan has to be paid back, Chavez said the program will be self-sustaining, a requirement of the Ira Gribin grant.

"NAR wants to be updated every quarter on how the program is doing," he said. "We can change and adjust it if it's not working, or we can use the funds for a different program in the same vein. But I think there is definitely a demand for this program."

Chavez said the program will kick off the beginning of 2011 at the first LCAR Realtor Rally to be held Jan. 20.

"This is something new for the association," he said. "This is the first time we've done anything of this nature. It's going to be positive for the association and the community."

Showing another side to the association and its members, Chavez said the program provides LCAR with the chance to give back to the community it serves.

"What we're trying to do is be a good neighbor," he said. "We want to show that we're not all about buying and selling houses. There is nothing wrong with renting, but the majority of people want to buy. And at the time they can move up to buy a home, they will feel good about working with a Realtor."

Creating the winter garden

Plants can add needed color to your yard

Happy New Year to everyone! The beginning of winter is now upon us, even though some days it does not seem like it.

Most of the deciduous trees and shrubs have lost all of their leaves. All of the fall color is gone. To some, it may look bleak. So how could one even think of planting in the garden? Don't despair – just take a stroll over to the nearest plant nursery.

The idea is that if a tree or shrub that is exposed to the winter elements still looks good in the nursery, imagine how it will look in your yard. There are quite a few plants that will actually thrive and look almost as lush in the harsh winter weather, as they do in the summer months.

You can choose from Youngstown juniper, "emerald gaiety" euonymus, "emerald and gold" euonymus, abelia "kaleidoscope" and nandina – all of which will show a beautiful reddish or purple winter hue.

A small list of plants that will stay green are juniper, ligustrum, magnolia, piñon, elderica pine, "winter gem" boxwood, euonymus, arborvitae, Indian hawthorn, box leaf and rosemary.

Two varieties of palm that seem to look better than others during the winter are the Mediterranean fan palm and windmill palm. These two palms, although slow growing, can withstand temperatures into the high teens and still keep their green fronds.

Don't forget there are some plants that will also provide some color during the winter months. Pansies, viola, stock, snapdragon, dianthus and some varieties of ice plant can all have bright blooms during this time of the year. These plants will look their best in areas that have some winter protection, such as a courtyard, near a rock wall or south-facing wall or in a patio or covered porch.

Although these plants can take sub-freezing temperatures they will still look their best if a frost cloth or blanket, such as N-Sulate, is used during temps that drop to the lower 20s or below.

The same rules apply to winter plantings as they do to warmer months other than they will need much less water. Root stimulator and compost or peat moss are

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Gardening Guru



still recommended. Plants should be watered thoroughly, but do not need to be constantly wet. If freezing temperatures are near, it is best to water most new plantings as well as established plantings if there is no rain or snowfall in the forecast.

So, if you are still looking for something to fill in that bare spot in your garden, and still want it to look good for the winter months, now is a great time to plant. Not only will it be less stress on the plant, but you will get a jump on spring! Or, if you're like me, you will be just catching up from last spring.

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Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales New Homes	4	0	6

Closed Sales Existing Homes	15	16	17
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Pending Home Sales (All)	135	143	142
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	114	100	155

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$145,500	N/A	\$208,500

Median Price Existing	\$174,800	\$246,200	\$186,600
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,085	1,094	1,244

Real Estate Agents	426	426	510
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"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 12/20/10 - 12/26/10
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A look at 2011

Internet predicts continued use of 'craveable contrasts'

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Chile Knights



Happy New Year chileheads! For the past several weeks, I've been "cyberblasting," scouring the Internet to learn what the hottest food trends will be in 2011. It's no surprise that spices, including chile peppers, in particular ancho, will continue to be part of our food group menu.

In a recent press release, McCormick & Co. announced its annual Flavor Forecast. Spice consumption in this country, the company said, is at an all-time high, growing more than three times as fast as the population and currently exceeds 1 billion pounds per year. Wow!

Mom's pantry in the 1950s had at most 10 different seasonings such as salt, black pepper, parsley, paprika, dill, nutmeg and cinnamon. According to McCormick, today's pantry can consist of about 40 different seasonings. Consumers are demanding more flavor, more variety. A leading trend is "craveable contrasts" in 10 flavor pairings.

"Mixing and matching different tastes, textures and visual cues adds fun and energy to the basic pleasures of eating," said Larry Tong, McCormick chef. "Whether it's the unexpected zing of hibiscus in a Latin-inspired ancho chile sauce for ribs or brisket, or a clever twist on a cheesecake tart with an herb-popcorn crust, this year's flavors really take the taste buds to exhilarating new places." (Check out McCormick's hibiscus-ancho recipes below.)

Other McCormick Flavor Forecast 2011 flavor pairings include:

- Fennel and peri-peri sauce (this hot and fragrant sauce is used in both Portuguese and African cooking)
- Pickling spice and rice vinegar
- Roasted curry powder and wild mushrooms
- Caramelized honey and adzuki

- red beans
- Thyme and stone fruits
- Mustard seed and vermouth
- Cilantro and nut butters
- Green peppercorn and goat's milk

McCormick also predicts that consumers will be more willing to explore new ingredients and techniques, especially in the international culinary arena.

Consumers will also concentrate more on eating for wellness – foods that are delicious and good for you but at the same time comforting – "favorites that soothe the mind, heart and taste buds."

I'll continue to explore these new trends and share recipes with readers as I go along!

Hibiscus Ancho Sorbet

Hibiscus blossoms infuse this exotic sorbet with subtle berry color and flavor, while ancho chile pepper adds lively heat.

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup whole dried hibiscus flowers
- 1/2 teaspoon ancho chile pepper

Bring water and sugar to boil in small saucepan. Add hibiscus flowers and ancho chile pepper. Remove from heat. Let stand 15 minutes, stirring occasionally to dissolve sugar. Strain into medium bowl. Cool to room temperature. Cover.

Refrigerate 4 hours or until well chilled. Pour into an ice cream maker. Freeze according to manufacturer's directions. Makes 5 1/2-cup servings.

Ancho-Hibiscus Sparkling Sangria

Dried hibiscus flowers, also known as sorrel or Flor de Jamaica, are the edible flowers of the Hibiscus sabdariffa. They are popular in beverages and desserts in the Caribbean, Mexico, Africa and Asia. The dried flowers can be purchased whole, ground or in syrup in ethnic



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A new food trend for 2011 is mixing and matching different tastes, textures and visual cues, such as this hibiscus ancho sorbet.

markets or online specialty stores.

This is a beverage to delight the eyes as well as the taste buds. A lively Latin duo of tart colorful hibiscus flowers and mildly fruity ancho chile pepper add punch to sangria.

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons ancho chile pepper
- 2 cups whole dried hibiscus flowers
- 2 cups orange juice
- 1/3 cup lime juice
- 1/2 cup orange-flavored liqueur, such as Triple Sec
- 1 bottle cold sparkling white wine
- Fruit slices, such as lime, pear and apple

Mix sugar, water and ancho chile pepper in medium saucepan until well blended. Stir in hibiscus flowers. Bring to simmer on medium heat. Simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally to dissolve sugar. Remove from heat. Let stand 10 minutes. Strain into large pitcher. Refrigerate until syrup is well chilled.

Stir juices and liqueur into syrup. Just before serving, gently stir in sparkling wine. Pour into ice-filled cocktail glasses. Garnish with fruit slices.

For a nonalcoholic version, prepare as directed increasing orange

juice to 2 1/2 cups and omitting orange-flavored liqueur. Use 1 bottle sparkling white grape juice in place of the sparkling wine. Makes 8 1-cup servings.

Ancho Chile & Hibiscus Barbecue Brisket

A smoky ancho chile rub for slow cooked brisket is complemented by a sweet and tangy barbecue sauce featuring ground dried hibiscus flowers.

- 1 beef brisket (about 3 1/2 pounds), trimmed
- 1/4 cup dried hibiscus flowers, finely ground
- 2 tablespoons ancho chile pepper
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon Sicilian sea salt
- 2 teaspoons ground coriander seed
- 1 teaspoon coarse grind black pepper
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/4 cup water

Ancho-Hibiscus Barbecue Sauce:

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed

- 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup white vinegar

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place brisket, fat side up, in foil-lined 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Mix hibiscus flowers and spices in small bowl. Reserve 2 tablespoons for the barbecue sauce. Rub remaining spice mixture all over brisket. Add water to pan; cover tightly with foil.

Braise in oven 3 hours. Meanwhile, for the barbecue sauce, heat oil in medium saucepan on medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir 4 minutes or until softened. Add sugar, tomato paste, water, vinegar and reserved spice mixture; mix well. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 20 minutes or until thickened, stirring occasionally. Remove brisket from oven. Spoon 1 cup of the sauce over brisket. Cover.

Braise in oven 1 hour longer or until brisket is tender. Transfer brisket to cutting board. Slice across the grain into 1/4-inch thick slices. Return brisket to pan. Spoon pan juices over brisket. Serve with remaining sauce. Makes 12 servings.

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Who let those rats in?

Cooler weather attracts rodents of all types

During the winter months, cooler temperatures are a welcome change, making outdoor activities a pleasure. However, this same weather forces rodents – one of mankind's oldest and most reviled pests – to seek shelter indoors.

It is estimated that there is at least one rat for every person in the United States, and more than 45,000 people are bitten by rats each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control. These pests (and their furry cousins) carry diseases and can be extremely destructive, chewing through building materials such as glass, cinder block, aluminum and lead.

Mice and rats invade homes and businesses and search for grease and fat, which are parts of any self-respecting rodent's

balanced winter diet. Rodents can be extremely difficult to eliminate.

Some common rodent vermin include:

- **Roof rat** – 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. Adults weigh between 5 and 9 ounces and they are known as vegetarians because they prefer seeds, fruits and vegetables.
- **Norway rat** – Also known as the house rat, it 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, weigh-



Barry Murray
The Bug Guy

ing between 12 and 16 ounces. These rats prefer meats and proteins to fruits and vegetables, and they have adapted to cooler climates better than any other rat species.

- **White throated wood rat** – Also known as the pack rat, these rats are desert-dwellers, living in the southwestern United States. They build nests in rocky crevices and underground chambers and feed on cactus, mesquite and other leafy plants.
- **House mice** – They can contaminate food and carry disease such as salmonellosis, rickettsial pox, lymphocytic choriomeningitis, leptospirosis, ratbite fever, tularemia and dermatitis. They can crawl through a hole the size of a dime and build nests out of string, insulation material and shredded paper. These nests cause damage to homes and businesses throughout the U.S. and all of North America. They have poor vision, but they compensate with a heightened sense of smell, taste, hearing and touch.

Fortunately, there are some simple steps you can take to prevent rodent infestation. The No. 1 rule is to seal all food tightly and never allow food to accumulate in open containers. Additionally, if rodent droppings are found, they should be immediately cleaned and you should call a pest control service.

Beyond these basic steps, there are a number of common sense actions you can take to discourage rodents from entering or populating a building.

- Check for torn screens and loose attic vents. Seemingly insignificant openings can give rodents access.
- Be certain that garbage can lids fit securely.
- Do not allow piles of lumber or other debris to accumulate and eliminate overgrown, weedy patches of flora that provide attractive shelter for rodents.

Remember, it's much easier to keep rodents out than it is to get rid of them after they are in. You should ask your pest control technician to carefully and thoroughly inspect the exterior of your home or business, especially during the winter months.

It doesn't take much for rodents to make themselves at home in your home or business.

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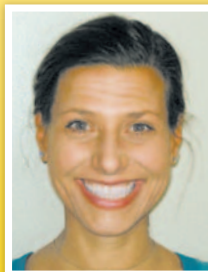
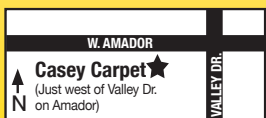
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