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In-state artists out for NMSU arts center art

No New Mexicans win recent state art awards

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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Of the finalists announced for a state-funded \$276,800 art award for the New Mexico State University Center for the Arts, now under construction, not one is from New Mexico.

The money comes from a state law requiring that 1 percent of the construction budget for state-funded buildings or renovations worth more than \$200,000 be spent for public art at the building, usually in the form of an outdoor sculpture.

Coming on the heels of a similar controversy in which there were no New Mexico artists among the finalists for art at NMSU's O'Donnell Hall, NMSU business professor David Boje – who specializes in marketing artists and art organizations – looked into the trend and found that the NMSU selections are not uncommon.

Boje looked at 21 recent projects throughout New Mexico worth a total of more than \$2 million in awards. In many cases, the projects are open to any U.S. artist, but some are restricted to artists from this region of the United States and some are just for New Mexico artists.

Of seven projects in which award winners or finalists have been announced for awards open to any U.S. artist or an artist from this region, there are no artists from New Mexico. The other projects include \$28,600 for San Juan Regional Medical Center's Healing Garden going to a Denver artist, \$70,000 for the Eastern New Mexico University Science Building to a Minneapolis artist, \$54,300 for ENMU's Ruidoso Branch Community College going to a Pueblo, Colo., artist; \$142,355 for San Juan College's Outdoor Learning Center going to an Oakland, Calif., artist; and \$77,390 for the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired going to a New York artist.

The award for O'Donnell Hall is \$170,900, won by Connecticut artist Tim Prentice.

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'We are the champions'



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The Mayfield Trojans hoist high the 2010 5A State Championship trophy. The Trojans defeated Manzano 69-42 Saturday, Dec. 4, in Albuquerque to capture their eighth state title, and their fourth in the past six years. For more on the Mayfield title run, see **Opinion** page A4 and **Sports** page A15.

Board may delay educators' retirement

Saving for retirement may cost more and happen later

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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A state board is looking to change requirements for retirement that has all New Mexico educators – from teachers to professors – worried that they will have to put off retirement.

"I've already had several faculty – including department heads – tell me that this will add another six years of working before they can retire," said David Boje, a New Mexico State University business professor who has submitted a memorial resolution to the Faculty Senate.

Citing the need to ensure long-term fund solvency to pay out retirement benefits, the

New Mexico Educational Retirement Board (ERB) is proposing slight increases in how much teachers, instructors, professors and other state educators contribute to the fund and increasing the years of service from 25 or 30 years – depending on whether they were hired before or after July 1 – to 35 years. For educators hired before that date, the retirement age without loss of benefits would shift to 60 from a dual-reduction rate depending on whether they retire before 55 or retire between 55 and 60. A rate determined by age and plus five years of services would increase from 65 to 67.

There would be no reduction in benefits for years of service retirement, and the final

average salary would be based on the highest seven consecutive years, two more years than currently used.

If passed by the Legislature, the new rules would go into effect July 1, 2011.

The memorial before the NMSU Faculty Senate contends the proposal dashes expectations of educators who have been paying into the fund under the current rules.

Boje said that's the biggest rub with educators nearing retirement age – that they have made plans based on certain expectations. If there are going to be higher contributions and retirement requirements, they should only be

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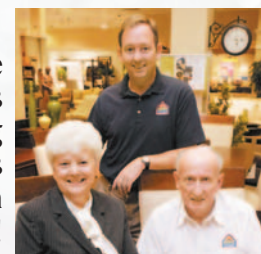
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Council to act on Garza promotion

Special meeting to finalize contract slated for Dec. 13

Promoting Las Cruces Assistant City Manager Robert Garza to city manager is the first item of business in a special City Council meeting at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, in City Hall, 700 N. Main St.



GARZA

where news reports have him starting work on Dec. 21. Moore's contract with Las Cruces expires Dec. 31, and Garza's contract will be effective Jan. 1, 2011.

Garza will replace Terrence Moore, who is leaving to become city manager of Morgantown, W. Va.,

Other agenda items of the special meeting include accepting grant awards for facilities and buying tasers for police.



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Students from Nicole Scott's kindergarten and first-grade class at Jornada Elementary School hold gingerbread cards that will be mailed to soldiers in Iraq. Also in the photo is Lana Scott with the Doña Ana County Blue Star Moms, Chapter 8, which is sending cookies along with the student cards to more than 300 soldiers from Holloman Air Force Base who are serving in Iraq.

Flowers and trees



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New Mexico State University horticulture student Laryssa Higgins completes her sale of a "Charlie Brown Christmas" display to Felicia McCracken for the department's annual floral artist fundraiser Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Skeen Hall. The reception and silent auction serves as the final exam for students in Horticulture 240, "Floral Evaluation and Design," as well as benefiting the students who sell their arrangements.

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Opinions



From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

2010 state champs

The Mayfield Trojans showed the boys up north that high school football is alive and well in Las Cruces

Congratulations to the gritty Mayfield High School Trojan football team for defying the odds and the media prognosticators from the north as they earned the Class 5A state championship on a blustery Saturday afternoon in the enemy's backyard in Albuquerque.

In their championship victory, the Green and Gold dismembered the highly regarded and No. 1-ranked Manzano Monarchs of Albuquerque.

No one gave the Trojans much of a chance to win the top honor after they completed an un-Mayfield-like regular season with six wins and four losses. The last of those four losses was a 14-9 heartbreaker to their higher-ranked cross-town rival Las Cruces High School, where the spirited rivalry game was played in front of more than 20,000 hometown fans at New Mexico State University's Aggie Memorial Stadium.

However, Mayfield recovered from the Las Cruces loss and forgettable regular season quite well. Entering the playoffs as a sixth seed, the Trojans easily disposed of 11th-ranked Rio Rancho 27-3 in the first round at the Las Cruces Field of Dreams.

The second round provided drama as Mayfield traveled north to Rio Rancho to take on the No. 3 seed Cleveland High School, a second-year program that had lost only one game all season. The Trojans took advantage of a couple of costly fumbles from the gracious hosts and came back to Las Cruces with a 21-13 victory.

Next up was the No. 2 seed, La Cueva Bears of Albuquerque, a team that had routed the Trojans earlier in the season 45-12. Most northern New Mexicans were certain that the Albuquerque Journal was correct in predicting that the high school football power had shifted from the southern part of the state to the Albuquerque powerhouses. However, the veteran Mayfield team was not about to succumb to the flashy, big-city headlines about the demise of Las Cruces area high school football. The Trojans shocked the Bears with a stunning 21-17 Friday night victory.

Hopes were high among Las Cruces that the Las Cruces Bulldawgs who, as the No. 4 seed, also had advanced to the semifinals of the 5A playoffs. After all, Manzano had lost four consecutive games to the tenacious Bulldawgs. A Las Cruces victory would have moved the state championship game to Las Cruces, where a 30,000-person sold-out crowd could be expected.

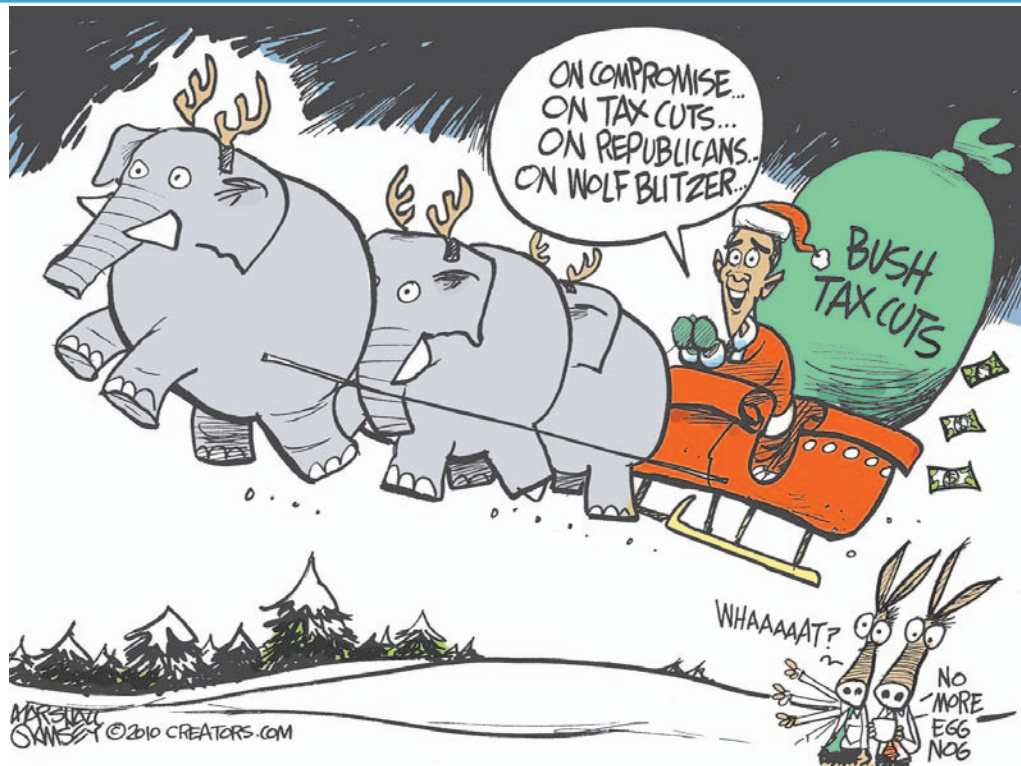
However, those hopes were dashed as time expired on the final play of the game. What appeared to be a dramatic, game-winning touchdown pass for the Bulldawgs was ruled out of bounds by a referee, who promptly disappeared into the cheering Manzano crowd and has not been seen since. This unfortunate call, which was caught on video and has been replayed a jillion times on YouTube, cost Las Cruces the opportunity to host the state championship game and tens of thousands of dollars as well.

Despite the missed opportunity to have another shot at beating Las Cruces, this time for the championship, they made another trip to Albuquerque, this time to take on the No. 1 Manzano Monarchs. What Mayfield did to the top seed can be described as decimating, annihilating, destroying or any other battlefield term that denotes complete domination.

The Mayfield Trojans won the game handily 69-42 in the highest-scoring, 11-man high school football playoff game ever in New Mexico. The 2010 championship marked the 15th time that Mayfield had played for the state title. The 2010 championship trophy is the eighth in Mayfield's storied football program.

After beating the No. 1, 2 and 3 seeds, each on their home fields, this championship may be the sweetest of all. Congratulations to coach Michael Bradley, the team and all the supporters. A potentially disappointing season has turned into a great year.

Now, where is that mysterious referee who stole the semi-final game from the Bulldawgs?



Letters to the Editor

Lest we forget

Things look better, but as a nation, we are not yet out of the woods by a long stretch – as any fool can plainly see! We are noticing a clearing up ahead, a ray of sunshine peering through the gloom thanks to our newly elected philosopher king handling the helm of government. In Plato's "Republic," the philosopher king was deemed the best person to lead a country based on his superior intellect, education and wisdom.

The dark clouds he inherited weren't entirely manmade, but the responsibility for the bulk of what ails our country rests squarely upon the laps of the George W. Bush administration – as any fool can plainly see – and his minions, including the far-right media, and let's not forget that!

Let's not forget that during the eight years preceding our bright, young black president's first term, our nation and the world witnessed the American meltdown accentuated by the near-collapse of our financial institutions wrought by lax government oversight and emasculated regulations promoted by several Republican presidents.

The unbridled corporate greed manifested itself in millions of homeowners defaulting on their mortgages, nearly 10 percent of our workforce unemployed while unwarranted tax breaks and later stimulus money for the

rich failed to remedy the situation while their profits began to soar.

The budget-sucking wars that are also bleeding us – another Bush legacy – present an unappreciated complex dilemma with dire consequences, if not brought to an end in a well thought-out manner. Premature withdrawal from either Iraq or Afghanistan could result in double-crossing those left behind to fend for themselves and face an unimaginable bloodbath and pain and suffering for millions of innocent civilians (shades of Vietnam!)

A planet imperiled by manmade global warming (or exacerbated by humans) that could be reversed through international agreement, such as the Kyoto agreement, was also nixed by Bush. Let's not forget! Remember his policies on torture and the flouting of the rule of law that earned us disrespect all over the world.

Then there is that matter of a Supreme Court decision that opened wide the floodgates of corporate money in politics, rendering the conservative rightist Goliath an even more super-sized frightfully monstrous threat to Democracy... and on and on ad nauseam. For the love of Mike, let's not forget!

An accepted definition of insanity is for one to continue making the same bad choices and expecting different results.

Maury Castro

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Susana on VP short list

New governor a perfect balance for GOP ticket

Are New Mexicans about to get the same story: second verse? During Susana Martinez's year-long quest for the governor's office, no one talked publicly about the possibility of her being the GOP vice-presidential nominee two years hence.

Late in the primary campaign, it became very obvious that state and national GOP leaders had pegged her as their favorite.

Those of us not in the party structure were very surprised to see her crush four other candidates badly at the Republican pre-primary nominating convention in March.

In late May, we were even more surprised to see huge out-of-state cash donations rolling into the Martinez campaign and a reprimand of her closest competitor by the state party brass.

Martinez produced another lopsided victory margin in the June primary. But with a campaign account severely depleted by a bruising primary, the general feeling was that she would be swamped by Lt. Gov. Diane Denish's \$2 million war chest with which she was starting her campaign.

But Susana didn't miss a step. Her money kept rolling in, much of it from outside the state. It was obvious the national folks really liked her and felt she could win and guarantee Republicans some cover in next year's legislative and congressional redistricting.

The day after the Nov. 2 general election, it finally dawned on us folks out in the sticks that GOP leaders had bigger plans for Susana.

National blogs, and soon newspapers, were alive with speculation about

Martinez as the perfect GOP vice presidential candidate in 2012.

After watching George W. Bush capture 40 percent of the Hispanic vote, Republicans realized an Hispanic on the ticket might carry some real weight. This year, they also found themselves doing better with women than usual.

Wow. What if we could find an Hispanic woman of sufficient stature? That would make us difficult to beat. Hey, I hear the New Mexico Republicans have an Hispanic woman in their gubernatorial primary. Let's take a look at her.

“ Could we be in for another ... mostly absent governor ... ? ”

So now Susana is on everyone's short list for vice president in 2012. She's being invited all over the country to appear on panels about new faces in the Republican Party. Could we be in for another partly or mostly absent governor in our future?

You know the rest. She'll deny her interest and tell us she only cares about New Mexico. But she'll keep going to meetings out of state. And maybe she might do some things in New Mexico that will look good on the national stage.

Gov. Bill Richardson immediately started setting himself apart with "bold initiatives." He became a tax-cutting

Jay Miller
Inside the Capitol



Democrat. The RailRunner commuter train and other environmental initiatives made him "The Greenest Governor." And he took a leadership role on immigration.

Watch for the same types of action from Martinez. She has even dubbed her inaugural ball The "Bold Inaugural Ball." What does that mean? I'm guessing some bold themes plus some bold invitees to the first-ever invitation-only inaugural ball.

Martinez's swearing-in ceremony will not be held at the Capitol as usual. It will be held on the Santa Fe plaza. Why do that? It's a bold change. It's outside on traditionally the coldest day of the year. Only the toughest of governors would ever do that. Gov. Jerry Apodaca's was the last outdoor inaugural.

Some have worried that Susana la Tejana isn't interested in New Mexico history, tradition and culture. Where better could she be sworn in than on a 400-year-old plaza with a backdrop of the Palace of the Governors, which now is the Museum of New Mexico?

There will be a Children's Ball held at the Children's Museum. What better way to symbolize the new governor's commitment to children and education?

The only problem with grooming Martinez for a vice-presidential role is that she has reportedly said throughout her life that she wants to be president.

She could have had the GOP nomination for state attorney general in any recent election but she had her goal set higher.

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Letter to the Editor

Project will benefit Anthony

As one of the elected Trustees for the newly incorporated city of Anthony, N.M., I ran for elected office because I want to make Anthony a better place to live and help our new city to succeed. I strongly support the Jemez/Anthony casino project because it will contribute to these goals.

I am the city's representative to the business community. Our mayor, the Anthony Chamber of Commerce and the Anthony-Berino Economic Development Corporation president want to help small businesses get started.

The Jemez/Anthony project is designed to complement our master plan and economic development goals, which include making Anthony a tourist destination, developing a vibrant downtown historical and commercial district, and promoting the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro and Butterfield Trails in Anthony.

The Jemez/Anthony project gives tourists a reason to visit Anthony, and its information desk provides a reason for visitors to stay longer, spend time and money at our regional attractions and businesses. It fits perfectly with our newly passed zoning ordinance.

Our residents need jobs and this project is projected to provide more than 900 jobs with health care benefits. The employees will have \$28 million in paychecks to spend. The project will be a big purchaser of goods and services, spending \$30 million a year. This will generate gross receipts (GRT) for our city, the county and state, and add profits for our businesses.

The project will bring approximately 6,000 visitors a day to our community, with most coming off the interstate and from El Paso. They are potential customers for new restaurants and other new small businesses that will be started in Anthony as a result of the steady new traffic the casino will generate.

The project includes a hotel built on private land, which will have 80 to 100 rooms and will add to the property and GRT tax base. Other hotels will benefit because of the influx of new customers. The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) study estimated that the project's patrons will spend \$7 million every year on hotel rooms.

Jim Scott
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Change starts with the leadership

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"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday." — John Wayne's grave inscription

The recent elections say Americans want new eyes on the problems old leaders got us into. Albert Einstein wrote, "We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."

In Congress, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi lost her post to the Republicans. In New Mexico, eight Republicans won in typically Democrat-controlled districts. The New Mexico House is still in Democrat hands, but only by three representatives. If several Democrats join all of the Republicans, the coalition will control the leadership of the House.

Many New Mexico politicians seem to think the same people who got our state into trouble ought to remain in power. I am not one of those people. Others think a change in leadership is appropriate. At the New Mexico Democrat caucus, the leadership of the House was not changed despite a challenge to Speaker Ben Lujan by Rep. Joe Cervantes.

In 2008, voters voted for change, and they voted for a different change this election. There are as many theories why people voted as they did as the number of people voting, but a central theme is that new eyes are needed. It was on New Mexico Speaker Ben Lujan's watch that the problems our state is facing developed. The attempt to change the Speaker of the House failed when Democrats closed ranks to retain Lujan.

But the joker in the deck is that the Republicans have enough votes if they all vote together and are joined by only three Democrats to effect a change. No one is talking right now because it is bad luck to signal what each is going to do ahead of time, thereby giving the opposition time to counter. I suspect a change will happen and it will happen suddenly.

The New Mexico Republicans in the House have not indicated any willingness to replace Lujan with Cervantes or someone else, and we will not know until the House members come together next month and vote for the speaker position. Still, it gives me hope that the same leaders who got us into our problems will not continue leading us away from good and sustainable solutions.

Rita Mae Brown wrote, "Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

It is possible that the next New Mexico Legislature will make lots of mistakes, but hopefully, they will not be the same ones as got us into our financial crisis. Or, maybe that leadership could help the state get out of the problems. Wouldn't that be nice?

Hopefully, the mantra that government in New Mexico can spend New Mexico into prosperity is finally discarded and replaced by the notion that the engine of prosperity is in the private sector. It would seem that to rescue the New Mexico budget there are three plans with some connection between them: first, raise taxes to get more money from the people; second, cut spending by a set percentage; or, third, get the state's economy going so that much more money comes in and the first and second option are not required.

How do leaders get the engine of prosperity running better? By creating a better business environment and making New Mexico much more attractive to businesses in other states or countries.

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



The current leadership does not believe this idea of making our economy more robust. It seems that the prevailing notion is that taxes are just not high enough. If people sent more money to Santa Fe our state would be fine. The problem is that Bill Richardson and the current leadership showed there was no amount of money they could not spend, and more.

In the eight years of the Richardson administration, education in New Mexico did not improve significantly despite an influx of new money. Again, new eyes on the problem are needed. In all of the areas of government new eyes are needed, not just in the speaker's position, but that is a good start.

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Baxter Black

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



Samantha and Braveheart

My hat is off to parents who have a job in town, but insist on raising their kids in a "rural lifestyle." Fifty or so thousand young people were at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis last year. I would bet at least three-fourths of them come from rural lifestyle families.

The relationship between kids and their livestock, including rabbits and horses, is an intimate one. The animals are all named, the facilities are often much-repaired, and responsibilities are shared.

Samantha's older brother was going to junior college in their Idaho hometown. He still kept a small herd of four longhorn cows and a bull that had been his high school FFA project. The Bull-of-The-Woods was named Braveheart. That fateful morning, Samantha didn't have class and had slept in. Upon rising, she peeked out her window to see the light blue sky, high stratus clouds and her brother's cows strung out along the paved road that went by their house!

She pulled on her boots and a hoody over her colorful pajamas and marched out the door muttering technicolor threats to the cows, her brother and Braveheart. She didn't even have time to put in her contacts and sharpen her claws.

Tromping down the inside of the fence, she was singing

curse to all involved. Several civilians drove by and waved at her cheerfully. They never stopped to help, thinking maybe she was a Swiss milkmaid out to gather her cows on an Alpine hillside.

Once past the cows, she crawled under the fence and chased them back to the home lot. Then, she returned to pick up the trash can the cows had knocked over, and looked back to see that the cows had turned around and were escaping again.

Bravely standing in front of the charging herd, she yelled and waved an empty COB sack in their faces. Braveheart snorted, ran by her and crashed through the neighbor's fence wherein four sheep, three Bohr goats, two llama, a burro and several ducks watched with interest.

Back to the house she raced, she'd forgotten her cell phone, of course, and called her brother who was in class. He got excused.

With a little alfalfa bait, some clever sorting maneuvers, and his collector '72 Chevy pickup, they finally managed to get the traveling herd back in their own lot.

That evening after chores, they had a "rural lifestyle family meeting" and voted. The result was one to three. Braveheart is now in the freezer and his head is curing on the roof of the shed. Brother is considering an ostrich project and Samantha was awarded the American Farmer degree. Congratulations to you both, and don't forget to thank your ag teacher and your mom.

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Kiwanis can drive begins

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

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

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

Sobriety checkpoints

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

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

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

Residents of Doña Ana County are reminded that they can take advantage of Project HOME, an initiative of the local DWI Program.

For a minimal fee, Project HOME (Helping Others Make it home Every time) offers a safe ride home to anyone who may have consumed too much alcohol.

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

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

LCHS luminaria sale ends soon

The Las Cruces High School Band is selling luminarias through Monday, Dec. 13.

The luminarias are priced at: 36 luminarias for \$30; 72 for \$45; 108 for \$60; 144 for \$75; 108 for \$90; 216 for \$108; 252 for \$126; 288 for \$144; or 324 for \$162.

For pricing on additional luminarias, email Trae Blanco at traebianco@gmail.com.

Purchasers can select one of the following delivery dates: Saturday, Dec. 18; Sunday, Dec. 19; Monday, Dec. 20; or Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Luminarias may be ordered online at www.lchsband.com. Click on Luminarias 2010 under Main Menu in the upper left-hand corner.

For more information, call Blanco at 528.9711 or email cblanco@lchs.k12.nm.us.

City's adult basketball league opens

Registration is ongoing for the City of Las Cruces Adult Winter Basketball League at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., through Dec. 15. The five-on-five basketball league is for ages 18 and over. League play will consist of 10 games and conclude with a single elimination tournament. Cost is \$420 per team with \$150 deposit required upon registration. The remaining balance is due prior to the third game. The league is made up of the following divisions:

- Men's open – 18 years and over
- Over the Hill – 29 years and over
- Jack Benny – 39 years and over
- George Burns – 49 years and over

- Women's – 18 years and over

All players must present proof of age. All documentation will need to be submitted by each team before first game is played. No exceptions. A manager's meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center. League play is tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, Jan. 10, 2011.

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

Mayfield holds holiday concert

The Mayfield High School Choral Department will present its annual holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at First Presbyterian Church, 220 E. Boutz Road.

The program will open with the traditional candlelight processional, including trumpets and hand bells. Choirs to be featured will be Varsity Singers, Madrigal Singers, Treble Choir and Men's Choir. Also, accompanying the choirs will be a select string quintet from the Mayfield High School Orchestra. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Choir Director Beth Borchert-Thomas at 527-9415 or email bborcher@lchs.k12.nm.us.

Progress Club card party

The GFWC Progress Club will sponsor its annual card party from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2350 N. Main St. Tickets are \$10. Guests may bring their own games, if they wish. Proceeds from the event support the club's educational program, including two scholarships for New Mexico State University students and the GFWC New Mexico Dorothy Pendleton-Harriett Donohoo State scholarship. Attendees will be treated to a light luncheon, door prizes and a chance to win raffle items. Seating is limited, so early reservations are recommended. To make a reservation, call Inge Peter at 522-5474.

Healthy eating presentation

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, 518 N. Alameda Blvd., will host Katharine Chrisley, who will speak on herbs and healthy eating at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. A \$5 donation is suggested.

Everyone is welcome to the talk and an evening prayer service at 5 p.m. before the talk. Guests may park in the lot at Hadley Avenue and Alameda Boulevard outside the mission chapel. Visitors may enter through the door to the right for the talk or the door into the chapel for the prayer service. For more information, call 382-9705 or 524-2296.

Magic show at LC Academy

David McDonald will perform a magic show, starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Las Cruces Academy, 212 S. Main St. At 11 a.m. Will Beattie will give a demonstration about bubbles, with a free bubble kit for each visitor.

There will also be a scholastic book fair, inexpensive gifts for sale and a display of seed pod jewelry from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market.

All proceeds will go toward the purchase of books for use by students at the academy, a private, K-12, nonprofit, secular school serving gifted and academically advanced students. For more information, visit lascrucesacademy.org or call 521-9384.

Reception for city manager

The public is invited to a farewell reception for outgoing City Manager Terrence Moore from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, in the City Hall lobby, 700 N. Main St. Light refreshments will be served.

Moore has accepted the city manager position in Morgantown, W.Va., and will be leaving Las Cruces at the end of December. Moore has served as Las Cruces city manager for nearly six years.

AdFed holds meeting Dec. 14

The Advertising Federation of Las Cruces will present a special holiday program titled "Christmas in Chile Country" at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Lorenzo's Ristorante Italiano, 1750 Calle de Mercado, in the Palermo Room. The meeting will focus on "the marketing, the message and the magic of Chile" and is open to club members and the public.

The event will feature author and food consultant Kelley Coffeen, who has written several cookbooks. Opening the program will be David Lucero of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture with a look at national and international efforts to market and advertise New Mexico Chile.

Cost is \$15 for members and students and \$18 for guests. Door prizes will be awarded.

For more information or to RSVP, call 647-4676.

Archaeological society meets

The Doña Ana Archaeological Society will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the auditorium.

David Greenwald of Four Corners Research will give a presentation on the effort to locate and disinter 65 individuals from the Fort Craig cemetery for reburial in the Santa Fe National Cemetery. He will discuss the effort to untangle archival documentation, field methods to examine each grave and document looted graves in the complete excavation of the post cemetery. The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 524-9497.

High school sing-off set

The Madhatters Optimists Club is having a Christmas

Carol Sing Off for high school age groups of eight or more singers at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. They will sing two songs of their choosing and a rendition of "Jingle Bells." Entry fee is \$10 per group.

Spectators may purchase tickets to the event for \$5. Donations of children's books for Booker T. Washington School would be appreciated. For more information, call Helen Booker at 915-203-1166, Frank Sheldon at 515-496-2808 or Jong Wang at 858-349-9310.

Lights for bikes

The Mesilla Valley Bicycle Coalition (MVBC), in conjunction with the Community of Hope and the Gospel Rescue Mission, will donate lights to homeless bicyclists at noon Saturday, Dec. 11. The Ride Right Ride Bright event will honor Ricardo Duarte, who was killed in a late night crash in October. The MVBC has collected contributions from the local cycling community to purchase headlights and tail lights for the bicycles of Community of Hope and Gospel Rescue Mission clients.

Don Donahue and Pablo Lopez of the Outdoor Adventures bike shop generously assisted with the selection and purchase of lights. MVBC volunteers will gather in the parking lots of the two agencies to install the lights and certified cycling instructors will provide tips for riding on the roads.

The MVBC strives to represent the interests of all cyclists and recognizes that many people in Las Cruces use a bicycle as their only means of transportation.

With fewer hours of daylight in the winter months, cyclists, motorists and pedestrians need to be particularly alert.

MVBC is planning to make the Ride Right Ride Bright event an annual program.

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Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of a man who impersonated a police officer and attempted to persuade a woman to get into his vehicle.

At around 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, Las Cruces Police learned that a woman walking along West Amador Avenue was approached by a man driving a green Chevrolet Avalanche. The woman told police the man pulled up in front of her and tried to persuade her to get into his vehicle.

The woman was not injured and was able to walk away from the man.

The man was described as Hispanic with a dark complexion and a thin mustache.



He was said to be wearing a light-blue shirt with what appeared to be a police badge, or patch, on its left sleeve.

The man was said to be driving a newer model, green Chevy Avalanche with shiny rims.

Anyone with information on the identity of this man, or if you have experienced a similar solicitation, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477).

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

'Buddy Ritter Day' proclaimed

Las Cruces restaurateur proud of recognition

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In honor of his 50 years in the New Mexico hospitality industry, Double Eagle owner C.W. Buddy Ritter was honored with a proclamation naming Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010, as "C.W. Buddy Ritter Recognition Day."

A fifth generation New Mexican, Ritter received the proclamation, signed by Gov. Bill Richardson, from New Mexico Tourism Commission Secretary and longtime friend Michael Celetti during the Tourism Commission dinner held at the restaurant.

"I asked Secretary Celetti to talk to the governor about such a proclamation because of Buddy's 50th year of service in New Mexico," said Double Eagle manager Jerry Harrell. "They immediately liked the idea and wanted to do something."

"It was wonderful," Ritter said. "It was very unexpected. Everyone would be proud to receive an honor like this."

The proclamation cited several contributions Ritter made to the state, such as operating several restaurants and lodging facilities in southern New Mexico, and various local honors.

Among those recognitions, there are a few of which Ritter said he is most proud, including being named the 2010 Citizen of the Year by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

He added that he is also proud of his ability to employ several thousands of New Mexicans during his 50 years in business.

Ritter was also recognized for his service to various state and city boards and his contributions to the NMSU Athletics Department and a yearly scholarship to the NMSU School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management.



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Photographer Alan Caudill donates his time while Alexandra poses with Santa Claus for a picture.



Jonathan, Misty, Chris, Jacqueline (elf), Noah, Santa Claus and Alexandra were in attendance to meet Santa, Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Albertsons on North Main Street.



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Making Christmas brighter for The children of Jardín de los Niños

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Children of Jardín de los Niños were treated to a Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 2, by Bank of the West employees. Assisting Santa is Claudia Clement, manager of the bank's Telshor Boulevard branch. This is the fourth year employees have bought clothing and a toy for the children of Jardín de los Niños.



Lee Ruiz sings "Oh Holy Night" and plays guitar with assistance from Terri Figueroa.

Volunteer Samantha Singh, a senior at Santa Teresa High School, explains the auction process to one of the patrons of the art show and auction Sunday, Dec. 5, at Josefina's Gate in Mesilla to benefit Jardín de los Niños, which provides day care and afterschool services to homeless and near-homeless children in Las Cruces.



Singh greets people attending the art show and auction.

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Artist George Mendoza stands next to one of his paintings at his Las Cruces home. Mendoza is concerned that no New Mexican artists were finalists for building art at New Mexico State University's new O'Donnell Hall nor its Center for the Arts, which is now under construction.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson



Art

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The NMSU Center of the Arts finalists are: Ed Carpenter of Portland, Ore.; Michio Ihara of Concord, Mass.; Ray King of Philadelphia; Albert Paley of Rochester, N.Y.; and Meg Saligman of Philadelphia.

"This is a slap in the face of New Mexico artists, period," said George Mendoza, an artist from Las Cruces whose artwork has been internationally recognized.

Boje has written to Ben Owen, public art project coordinator of the state arts agency under the Department of Cultural Affairs, to seek more information about the status of the other recent public arts proposals and for possible answers about why this keeps happening.

In both NMSU cases, the finalist selections were made by committees made up of NMSU faculty and community members. Other projects have selection committees of similar makeup, but out-of-state artists keep getting selected unless the solicitation is restricted to in-state artists.

More than 30 qualified New Mexico artists applied for the two NMSU projects, Mendoza and Boje noted.

Boje became aware of the issue through his class' work with Mendoza. For both NMSU art awards, Boje's class helped Mendoza submit his application and proposal.

Like almost every part of the current economy, New Mexico artists are struggling to survive, Boje said. Winning these awards would not only help these artists keep their studios and galleries open, but they would showcase the state's art diversity and heritage, he said.

How does it help New Mexico attract visitors to appreciate its unique art and culture if the art that graces major public building

are by artists from elsewhere? Boje asked. "Why not make them phenomenal examples of what this state can produce?" he said. "People don't come here for a cosmopolitan experience."

Although the design of NMSU's Center for the Arts has Southwest influences, the style influence of most of the art finalists is primarily industrial, Mendoza said.

With artists consistently picked whose work doesn't reflect the area, Mendoza said he believes the process is somehow skewed to seek out-of-state artists, especially in light of the state-wide trend that Boje has found.

"I'm amazed," Mendoza said. "I'm not an activist, just an artist. I don't know the driving force behind it. ... This seems so chronic. I want to know what's their motivation. It's not like we don't have the talent."

Boje said he's also at a loss to explain the phenomena at this point. "Maybe it's like that saying, 'You're never a messiah in your own land,'" he said.

Boje said the purpose of his letter to Owen is to find more and better data because transparent account-

ability for the 1-percent spending is lacking.

Ruben Smith, former Las Cruces mayor and former state representative who was one of the original co-sponsors of the 1-percent-for-art legislation passed in 1986, said he is bothered by the trend of awards to out-of-state artists.

That concern didn't come up with the original legislation, he said, but whether the program would add to the cost of construction budgets. Some states with similar laws, such as California, restrict all awards to in-state artists and Smith said that perhaps the original legislation should have required the awards to go only to in-state artists.

"We have incredible artists in the state of New Mexico," Smith said. "We should be doing everything we can to nurture them."

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for new people entering the system, he said.

The fund's long-term solvency shouldn't be put on the backs of those who already have put in many years of service to the state, Boje said.

"They've earned that," he said. "They've paid their dues."

Experienced full-time faculty believe the new rules will delay their retirement by four to seven years and part-time faculty by seven to nine years, he said.

The memorial supports statements by NMSU President Barbara Couture, who told faculty in a December memo that she took a leadership role in the Council of University Presidents that urged the ERB to listen to the concerns of educators before making a final recommendation to the Legislature.

Also, the proposal is much more than is needed to keep the fund solvent over the long run, according Couture's memo. The council also urges ERB to create a "safe harbor" for employees with 22 years or more of service.

Though the ERB proposal impacts public school teachers, Boje notes that most higher education faculty enter the workforce at a much later age.

According to news reports, ERB is looking for ways to rebound from losses in recent years to the retirement funds, as well as a growing demand by more people retiring and living longer.

ERB Executive Director Jan Goodwin has been quoted as saying the goal is to achieve 80 percent funding for the retirement plan and pay off unfunded liability within 30 years, projected to be \$9 billion in 2039. But Couture's memo states the Council of University Presidents believes the proposals actually amount to 102 percent funding of those liabilities over 30 years.

Couture said in the Dec. 6 memo that ERB staff will visit with NMSU staff Monday, Dec. 13. But, she notes, that will be after the board meets Friday, Dec. 10, to make a final decision on the proposal.

In 2005, the Legislature agreed to increasing the contribution level to keep the fund solvent.

An estimated 63,000 public education employees will be affected by whatever changes are approved.



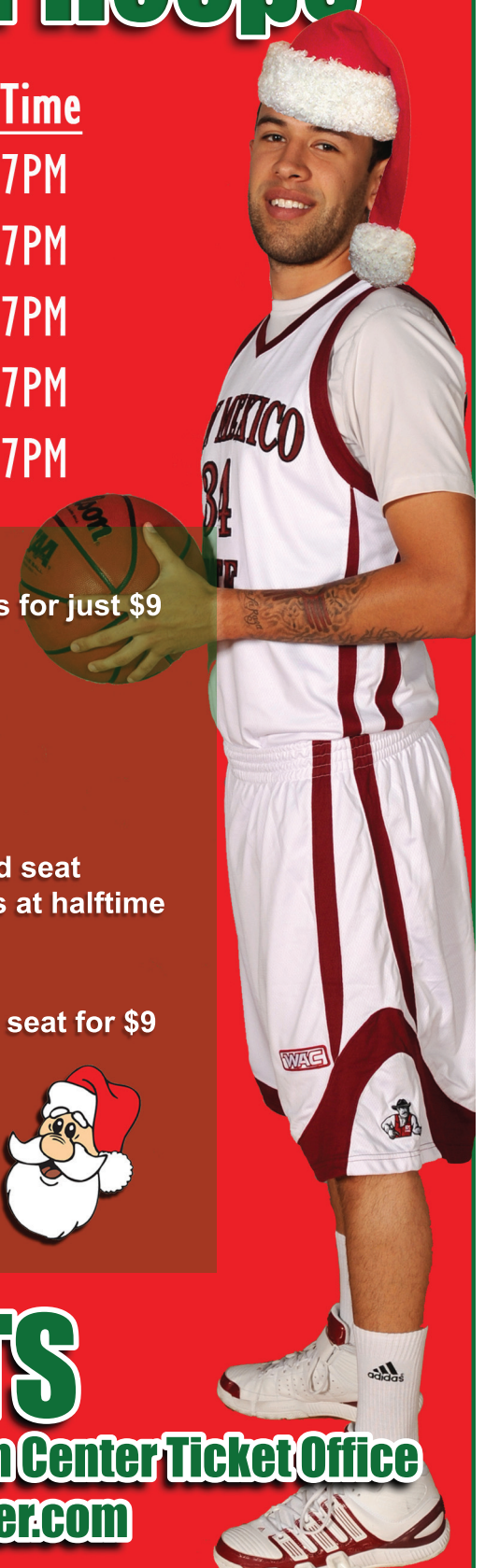
David Boje, a New Mexico State University business professor, is working with the NMSU Faculty Senate to raise formal objections to proposed changes to the state education retirement fund that would cause many faculty planning to retire soon to delay those plans by four to seven years.

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NMSU honors outstanding seniors at Friday luncheon

Students from each college recognized

The New Mexico State University Alumni Association will honor the fall 2010 Outstanding Seniors at noon Friday, Dec. 10, during a luncheon in their honor at the Corbett Center Student Union ballrooms.

Based on outstanding scholarship, leadership and participation in university and community activities, these students are honored with a banquet and recognition ceremony.

The Alumni Association selects students every semester from each of the university's seven colleges and two graduate students based on academic excellence.

The College of Arts and Sciences will honor Christopher Anaya, of Moriarty. Anaya is pursuing a major in government and holds a 3.9 GPA. He is a Crimson Scholar and was on the dean's list from 2007-2009. Anaya is currently a member of the New Mexico Student Loans Board and ASNMSU senate from the College of Arts and Sciences. Anaya is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and is currently an alumni member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, where he served as rush chairman and a member of the executive board.

Elizabeth Cobb will be honored by the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. Cobb, from Alamogordo, is a human nutrition and food science major with a 3.9 GPA. She is a Crimson Scholar and is on the dean's and president's list. Cobb is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Alpha Chi.

The College of Engineering will honor civil engineering major Joye Moore of Roswell. Moore has a 3.76 GPA, is a Crimson Scholar, has been on the dean's list since 2006 and is the vice president of the Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honors Society. She is the recipient of the J. Maughs Brown Endowed Engineering Scholarship, the Richard Leza Engineering Scholarship, the Rhonda Faught Transportation Scholarship and the Chi Epsilon Endowed Scholarship.

Economics major Eric Layer will be honored by the College of Business. Layer, from Albuquerque, graduates with a 4.0 GPA and

on the dean's list. He is a President's Associates Scholar, a National Merit Scholar and a Truman Scholar.

The College of Education will honor Olivia Peña of Las Cruces. Peña will graduate from kinesiology and exercise science with a 3.8 GPA. Peña is a Crimson Scholar and was on the dean's list. She is an ASNMSU Electoral Board member and also participates in Phi Eta Sigma and Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Societies. She was the recipient of the James B. Delamater Scholarship.

The College of Health and Social Services will honor nursing major Teresita Arellano. Arellano, from Las Cruces, will graduate with a 3.71 GPA. She is a part of the NMSU Student Nurses Association, Pi Gamma Nu-NMSU, Chicano Club and volunteers with the Special Olympics. Arellano also participates as mission coordinator for volunteer medical missions in Guatemala.

Douglas Beckman, from Las Cruces, was chosen by the College of Extended Learning for the honor of outstanding graduate. Beckman graduates with a major in individualized studies and a minor in history; he holds a 3.59 GPA and has been a Crimson Scholar since 2008.

The Graduate School will honor Capt. Stacy Marie Baber as outstanding master's degree student, and Annajirao Garimella as the outstanding doctoral degree student.

Baber will graduate with a master's of science in chemical engineering with a 3.8 GPA. Her honors include the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal in 2007, Commander of the Year for the 28th Test and Evaluation Squadron Flight for 2007-2008 and 53rd Test Management Group Engineer of the Year.

Garimella will receive a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and computer engineering with a GPA of 3.93. He was the recipient of the Graduate School Merit Based Enhancement Fellowship, Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Corporation Award, among others. He has participated in more than 28 publications and articles throughout his time at NMSU.

Carmen Gonzales retires

NMSU vice president well respected for expertise in education technology

Carmen Gonzales is retiring as the vice president of Student Success at New Mexico State University, but she does not plan to stop working. She is excited to look for opportunities to continue to support distance education and learning technologies across the state - passions of hers for years.

"I've always been interested in learning technologies and how you integrate that into teaching and learning," Gonzales said. "I'm not ready to fully retire and want to pursue other opportunities in this area."

Gonzales began her career in higher education at NMSU in 1995 after earning a doctorate in learning technologies from the University of New Mexico. Gonzales wrote her dissertation on telecommunications and online communication between northern New Mexico and Hispanic communities. 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.

Gonzales has a distinguished history of scholarly activity that includes national and international presentations, and significant contributions to literature on the use of educational technology and professional development. 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, whose last day at NMSU is Dec. 10, plans to return to Santa Fe, where many of her family and friends live, and spend the holidays with them before beginning work as a legislative analyst for the 60-day session starting mid-January.

"There is just so much potential for distance education," she said. "In the future, it is going to be integrated in everything. I see more

blended learning where students may not go to class every week, but meet sometimes online. This is really how the real world works and students need to adopt this form of communication to be successful in their studies."

Gonzales is grateful to the many people who have supported her during her time at NMSU, especially Robert Moulton, former dean of the College of Education, and Bill Flores, former provost, for giving her the opportunity to work in the field of administration in a time when few Hispanic women were hired for such positions.

"I have had a really great experience here and support from many people," Gonzales said. "The people and students who I work with are the most memorable part of my time here. There is an incredible group of people who work at New Mexico State and I think leaving them is the hardest part of my retirement."

Bernadette Montoya, associate vice president for enrollment management in NMSU's Division of Student Success, has accepted an invitation from Executive Vice President and Provost Wendy Wilkins to take on the role of interim vice president of Student Success.

Montoya will start her new role as interim vice president of Student Success Jan. 4, 2011.



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Jim Hilley
Bulletin in the Zone

The horse racing season starts on Friday, Dec. 10, at Sunland Park Race Track & Casino. I grew up in a horse racing town – Raton, N.M. – but never got into the “Sport of Kings” back in my high school days.

A couple of years ago, I turned on my television and began watching the coverage of the Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday in May.

I am always intrigued by local connections to national events so my interest was piqued by two horses in the event that had raced at Sunland Park, Advice and Mine That Bird. Mine That Bird was actually owned by two gentlemen from Roswell.

I decided it would be fun to get on the Internet and place a \$10 bet on each of them just so I would have something to cheer for.

I jumped on my little Toshiba lap top and navigated to the Churchill Downs betting site and entered all my relevant information.

But then you get to the little drop down menu to select the state you are betting from. New Mexico was not on the list.

It seems that such online betting is not available in New Mexico because they have actual horse races here.

I was disappointed, but I was able to console myself with the fact that I had just saved \$20.

I was still having a great time though. One of the horses with a New Mexico connection was getting some good screen time on the national telecast because of the great back story.

Trainer Chip Wooley had loaded Mine That Bird in a horse trailer and driven him from Sunland Park to Kentucky to run for the roses. The sardonic New Mexico cowboy was quite a sight in his black cowboy hat, leg in a cast and walking on crutches.

Of course, everyone knew that the funny-looking little gelding Mine That Bird had no chance of being a factor in the race. He went off at 50-to-1 odds.

Early in the race, Mine That Bird was so far back he was completely off the screen. Then, jockey Calvin Borel guided the horse along the rail and past all the other horses, leaving everyone, including the race announcer, stunned.

Now, it looks like the whole story is going to be made into a movie, some of which will be filmed here in New Mexico, apparently. Wooley and the little horse that could are going to be immortalized on the big screen.

But that's no consolation for the \$10 bet I wasn't able to place at 50-to-1 odds. Wah!

Trojans are champs

Underdog Mayfield explodes past Manzano Monarchs 69-42

By **Craig Massey**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

The newly crowned state football champions were gathering outside the Mayfield locker room earlier this week. Two players were on crutches, one had his arm in a sling, but they all wore smiles.

The Trojans won their fourth state title in the past six years Saturday, Dec. 4, defeating Manzano in a 69-42 shootout at Wilson Stadium in Albuquerque. Mayfield, which entered the 5A playoffs as the sixth seed, beat No. 2-seed La Cueva in the semifinals, then beat the No. 1 team for the championship.

The first inclination is to say that the Trojans' impressive playoff run was improbable. But when Mayfield's football history is considered, nothing positive is improbable. It's actually more than probable.

Mayfield head coach Michael Bradley was confident heading into the 2010 season. He usually mentions one or two aspects of the team that cause some concern, but not this year.

“We had a great group of kids who were committed to excellence,” Bradley said. “They had a good attitude, they worked hard. We had potential leaders and we had two Division I athletes who had already received offers and that's never happened in Mayfield history. And we had a quarterback that had no varsity experience, but a player we felt had a lot of potential.”

“We had all the characteristics of a great football team.”



Albuquerque Journal photo by Jim Thompson
Mayfield High School's Avron Garcia breaks up a pass intended for Manzano's Louis Nutall during the Trojans' dominant 69-42 win in the 5A state championship game Saturday, Dec. 4, in Albuquerque's Wilson Stadium.

But the season started and injuries started piling up. More than 20 players missed games this season, and most missed multiple games.

Then there were losses. Four of them – way more than usual for the Trojans. Three of the losses –

to Montwood, Eldorado and Las Cruces – were close ones, and the other one was a blowout to La Cueva.

Bradley said the fact that all four of the losses were to Mayfield's biggest rivals made them even more painful.

“That would be tough for any team to overcome,” Bradley said. “Most would have quit.”

Trojan running back Brandon Betancourt, one of the Division I-bound athletes, is glad his teammates didn't quit. He missed
 See **Champs** on page A18

Racing season begins at Sunland Park

Track earns accreditation from NTRA Safety & Integrity Alliance

By **Jim Hilley**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

While many racetracks across the country are struggling, Sunland Park Race Track & Casino is expecting another great year as it holds its first day of racing Friday, Dec. 10.

“I don't see anything but good times ahead,” said Publicity Director Eric Alwan.

“We have a 77-day meet in store and a \$19 million season. That's big-time money for any racetrack in the United States. The horsemen will be running for about a \$250,000 each and every day.”

The March 27 Sunland Derby remains a Grade III for 2011 and Alwan said the track owners are certainly very pleased about retaining the graded status.

“A number of races around the country have been downgraded last year but not the Sunland Derby. That's going to be our main-

stay and highlight of the meet on March 27,” he said. “That will be a day of \$1 million worth of racing.”

The racetrack also announced that it is now accredited by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association Safety and Integrity Alliance. The alliance works toward the goal of having standards in the areas of safety and integrity. Sunland Park becomes the 20th track in the nation to earn the accreditation, joining tracks such as Anita Park, Churchill Downs, Belmont Park and Pimlico.

Alwan also announced that former Dallas Cowboy fullback Daryl Johnston will be the guest speaker for the Sunland Derby United Blood Services Gala in March 2011.

“It's going to be a meet of champions in every division, quarter horses, thoroughbreds 2-year-olds, 3-year-olds,” Alwan said about the upcoming racing season. “It's going to be especially exciting once we hit March with the

Sunland Derby and its implications for the Kentucky Derby.”

With an \$800,000 guaranteed purse, the winner of the Sunland Park Derby is almost certain to have enough graded earnings to qualify for the Kentucky Derby.

Alwan said the first post times will be 12:25 p.m. for the first portion of the meet. The basic racing schedule is Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday, with some exceptions over the Christmas holidays.

Racing this weekend features the Jess Burner Memorial and KLAQ handicaps on Saturday and the Johnny L. Jamison Stakes and New Mexico State Racing Commission Handicap on Sunday.

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Time to answer your mail

Questions concern wedges, putting and fear

Last year I won a wedge at a tournament and then got a couple of new wedges on sale at the golf shop. But everyone I play with has different wedges and has completely different opinions on what wedges to play. Right now I'm totally confused about which wedges and how many wedges to have in my bag. Plus, there are so many available. Can you help?

Doug B.
Las Cruces

Dr. Golf: Years ago, golfers carried one standard sand wedge, at 56 degrees. That was because they had three woods, along with their two iron through pitching wedge and a putter. Today, most golfers carry two or even three wedges in addition to the pitching wedge. Starting with your pitching wedge at a loft of 45 to 47 degrees, you have to select which sand wedges to include in the 14 club make-up of your set.

Keep in mind that the two main features of wedges are the loft and the "bounce." The bounce angle is a measurement of the slope of the sole at its bottom, compared to the leading edge of the clubhead. The more bounce, the more the leading edge sits off the ground. If you play in soft ground conditions and fluffy sand, you need a lot of bounce (say 12); less bounce (say six) for firm conditions. If you have a steep, upright swing, you'll probably need more bounce than golfers with a shallow swing style. As for loft, it's a matter of personal preference. I recommend a spread of 4 to 6 degrees of loft between wedges. That might mean going from 46 degrees (PW), to 52 degrees for a "gap" wedge, to 58 degrees for sand wedge. A lot of tour players use a 54-58 or a 54-60 combination. If you use a gap wedge – one that fills the void between the pitching wedge and the sand wedge – it means you'll probably have to take out some other club in your bag.

It's been our experience at Performance Golf Schools, in working with a lot of higher handicap golfers, that beginner and high-handicap players should definitely not be trying to use a 60 degree lob wedge. It takes a lot of practice to loft a ball high and land it soft with a lob wedge, and it's usually a talent that the less skilled golfer hasn't developed. In my case, I keep at least six wedges around at all times and change the combinations according to where I'm playing and how my swing feels. Right now, I use 54 and 58 wedges with medium bounce.

I seem to be having trouble lining up putts. After I mark my ball on the putting green and look at the putt, I see the general line or break of the putt, and then when I approach the ball, I seem to line up wrong. The problem has caused a lot of three-putts and I'm losing confidence really fast. I'll listen to any worthy suggestions.

Peter D.
Mesilla Park

Dr. Golf: Peter, you're not alone in your putting woes. Proper alignment is one of the trickiest aspects of the short game.

Putter manufacturers have been experimenting with designs intended to help you line up the club in the best

possible way, with the variety and creativity of styles never-ending. Interestingly the Odyssey "Two-ball" putter, with the golf ball sized discs in line with the putter face, is the single highest selling golf club ever made, simply because golfers like the alignment aid. But short game guru Dave Pelz says that what we actually see as we stroke a putt is somewhat of a blur, and we don't focus on an alignment feature.

Still, I have two suggestions for you to help enhance your ability to see the line of the putt, and to set up to that line correctly. The first is to get a putting mirror device made by Eyleine Golf. We teach with the mirror system at every golf school and it is used by dozens of college teams and a lot of the tour pros. Check this and other putting aids out at www.eyleinegolf.com. I would recommend Eyleine's "Dual Plane Putting System," which is a flat mirror with two attached rails. The mirror helps position your eyes over the ball, which is the method most of the best putters in the world use, while the rails train you to take the putter back and through on track, without waving or wiggling it around. The device sells for \$69.95 and shipping is free.

The other idea for you is to mark your ball with a distinctive straight black line for lining up the putt, and then use an AimPro ball marker to place behind the ball when you pick it up. Many golf ball manufacturers paint a small line on their golf balls these days, but it isn't big or good enough. You need to draw a big, dark perfect line on your ball. The AimPro is an oversized flat ball marker that is exactly the same size as a golf ball with an alignment line down the middle. The item costs \$9.95 plus shipping and handling, visit www.aimprogolf.com.

Research indicates that the two-dimensional shape of the marker, sitting flat on the green, is visually easier to line up to than the three-dimensional spherical shape of the ball itself. The AimPro gives you an instant reference point as you mark your ball on the green, allowing you to create a visual image without depending on the ball.

It does conform to USGA rules, even though it's large, and is about the only aid you can legally use for alignment while actually playing on the golf course.

My only other suggestion is to have your golf teacher watch your putting routine and check to see if you are in

Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor



position with your posture, ball position and aim to stroke a consistently accurate putt.

I read your column regularly, and I really like how you talk about real situations that real golfers struggle with, which is down-to-earth compared to the big golf magazines. I know you have talked about fear and focusing on the golf course before, but I have a habit of getting nervous, I mean to the point of shaking, when I think the other guys I'm playing with are standing around as an audience. I know they don't care, but it seems to hurt my game.

Roberto G.
Las Cruces

Dr. Golf: You're mentioning a major area of difficulty for a lot of athletes, not just golfers. Feeling like you're under the microscope and constantly being evaluated can be a paralyzing fear. The farther you get out of your comfort zone the worse it tends to get. Start training yourself to feel like you are standing in your own personal, private space that nobody else can penetrate.

My colleague Tom Kubistant, also a sport psychologist, speaks about how stage performers try to stay in their "light," because often the lights are so bright the can't see the audience. Tom coaches his students to learn to enjoy working within their very own "light cone" where they are immersed in their own performance to the exclusion of everything and everyone nearby. He also makes a big point about finding a balance between having fun and being serious.

Try not to get too serious on the golf course, and enjoy the company of your companions a little more.

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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Geneva Hernandez

Geneva Hernandez is a 17-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. She is a guard on the Lady Blazers' basketball team. This season she has averaged 15 points, five rebounds and two assists per game. Hernandez is a positive role model for the young athletes on the MVCS basketball team with her strong work ethic and desire to be successful at everything she is involved in. She is a dedicated student with a 3.9 GPA. Outside of school and sports, Hernandez enjoys attending her church youth group.



Conner Wagner

Conner Wagner is a 17-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He plays small forward on the SonBlazers' basketball team. Wagner had 22 points, six rebounds and five assists against Penasco High School this past Friday night. Wagner also played on this year's football team. He has a strong work ethic and is a tremendous example to his teammates. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his youth group at Calvary Baptist Church.

Davon House named to 2010 All-WAC first team

Rogers gets nod for special teams play

Senior defensive back Davon House and junior kick returner Taveon Rogers were named to the All-WAC teams Monday, Dec. 6, as announced by the conference office. House earns his second first team All-WAC honor, while Rogers earned second team honors as the special team selection.

House, a native of Palmdale, Calif., ended his career with New Mexico State ranked sixth all-time in interceptions for a career with 11 and first in interception return yardage with 319. He returned three interceptions for a touchdown in his career, tallying 198 tackles, 46 pass break ups and three fumble recoveries. In 2010, House led the team with two interceptions, 57 tackles and 10 pass break ups.

"This means a lot to me," House said. "I accomplished all my personal goals that I set for myself while I was here at New Mexico State. It's an honor to be selected a first team All-WAC member by the conference coaches."

"It's nice for this staff to have had a hand in helping Davon develop as a football player and a student athlete," coach DeWayne Walker said. "It is also good to see good things happen to good people like Davon. We feel he has been a very special part of this program, and hopefully he will continue his journal to graduate from college and pursue his dream to be a professional football player."

Rogers, a native of Lancaster, Calif., finished the season with 1,410 kick return yards

on 52 attempts, setting a new school record in both categories. He currently ranks in the top-five in kick return yardage, kick return attempts and kick return average for a career at NMSU as well. Rogers also caught 18 passes for 278 yards and two touchdowns, while leading the team in all-purpose yards with 145.2 yards per game.

"It's nice to have been recognized by the conference coaches as one of the top players in the league and I'm honored to be named an All-WAC member," Rogers said. "Obviously, I would have liked to have made first team, but this just gives me motivation for next season to try harder and prove that I'm worthy of the top honor."

"One thing we wanted to do coming into this season was improve our special teams and Taveon was the answer for us this season," Walker said. "We knew he could run and had the ability to make plays. For him to come in his first year and make an impact, break some records and become not only one of the best returners in the conference, but in the country is a big accomplishment. We hope to see him continue to add to this success next season."

Boise State's Kellen Moore and Nevada's Colin Kaepernick were named Co-Offensive Players of the Year, Fresno State's Chris Carter earned Defensive Player of the Year honors, while Keith Smith of San Jose State took home Freshman of the Year. Nevada head coach Chris Ault was named WAC Coach of the Year.

Champs

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several games with a broken clavicle and was able to come back for the semifinal and championship games.

"At first, they told me I would miss two or three weeks, but then it was still hurt," he said. "I was starting to worry. I was relying on those guys to win that first playoff game so I could come back and play."

Betancourt, who has accepted a scholarship offer to New Mexico State University, rushed for 114 yards in the semifinal win over La Cueva, and had 216 yards against Manzano in the title game.

He said the losses and the injuries helped the team form a bond.

"It opened our eyes and showed us that we need the entire team," Betancourt said.

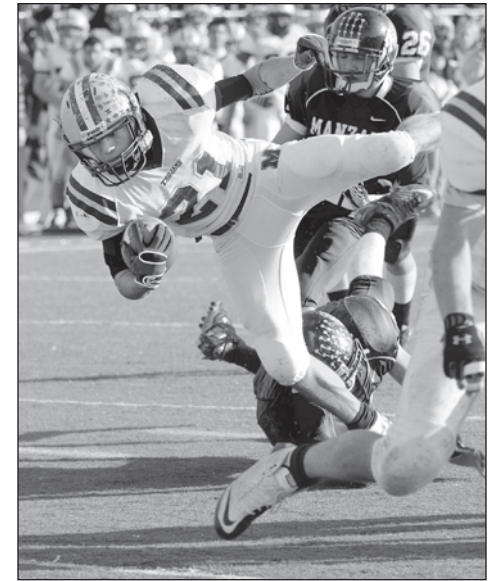
That team-oriented bond was illustrated beautifully on the eve of the championship game when the team was practicing at Milne Stadium in Albuquerque. When the coaches asked the seniors to pick their captains for the championship game, the seniors did something way out of the ordinary – they chose four of the juniors – Axten Franzoy, Ricky Milks, Jesus Olivas and Cayman Green.

"We just felt that the juniors had a huge role in getting us that far and they didn't get enough recognition," said senior Kiefer Payne. "We wanted to give them the opportunity to represent the whole team."

Payne overcame various injuries to play a huge role down the stretch. In the title game, he had five carries for 101 yards and caught six passes for 204 yards and three touchdowns. During the season, he said he had a partially torn medial collateral ligament in one knee, a sprained ankle, a sprained hip flexor and "many other" aches and pains.

On Monday, Payne's arm was in a sling due to a shoulder injury suffered at some point in the championship game.

"I don't know what it is yet, but it hurts," he



Albuquerque Journal photo by Jim Thompson

Brandon Betancourt leaps into the end zone for a Trojan touchdown as Mayfield wrenched the state championship from Manzano Saturday, Dec. 4.

said smiling.

The big yardage by Payne and Betancourt were part of an amazing offensive performance by the Trojans, who racked up more than 700 yards against the Monarchs. Franzoy, the junior quarterback who Bradley said "hit his stride in the playoffs," completed 8-of-10 passes for 232 yards and also was a threat running the ball.

Bradley knew a great offensive performance would be necessary.

"We knew we would have to score as many points as we could because nobody had stopped (Manzano) all year long," Bradley said. "At halftime, we told our players, 'On offense you have to score every time, and on defense, we need to get a turnover.'"

And that was pretty much how it went. After a few hundred yards on offense, a turnover or two on defense, and an hour or so later, the Trojans were again hoisting the blue trophy.

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Sports Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Dec. 9-11..... Girls Basketball..... at Rio Rancho Tournament TBA
 Dec. 10-11..... Wrestling..... at Las Cruces High School Invite..... TBA
 Tuesday, Dec. 14 Girls Basketball..... at Deming High School..... 7 p.m.
 Dec. 17-18..... Swimming at APS Mini #3... 4 p.m. (12-17), 9 a.m. (12-18)



Mayfield High School

Dec. 9-11..... Girls Basketball..... at Moriarity Tournament..... TBA
 Boys Basketball at Mt. View Tournament TBA
 Dec. 10-11..... Wrestling..... at Las Cruces High School Invite..... TBA
 Tuesday, Dec. 14 Boys Basketball at Chaparral High School..... 7 p.m.



Oñate High School

Dec. 9-11..... Girls Basketball..... at Albuquerque Academy Tournament..... TBA
 Dec. 10-11..... Wrestling..... at Las Cruces High School Invite..... TBA



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Dec. 9-11..... Girls Basketball..... at Lake Arthur Invitational TBA
 Boys Basketball at Tularosa Invitational TBA
 Tuesday, Dec. 14 Boys Basketball Hatch High School..... 7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball..... at Hatch High School..... 7 p.m.



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NM STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETE of the WEEK



Tricia Kiss Freshman, Swimming & Diving

Freshman Tricia Kiss claimed a pair of individual titles at Northern Arizona, Dec. 4. She won the 200 back (2:19.78) and 200 individual medley (2:25.19). This was her third win in the 200 back this season and second in the 200 IM. Kiss also scored in the 100 back (1:05.36) with a third-place finish.



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SportsBriefs

McKee resigns, search begins for new Oñate football coach

Oñate High School athletic director David Day is forming a committee to find a replacement for longtime Knight football coach Kelly McKee, who resigned Tuesday, Dec. 7.

"I'll set up a committee of eight or nine people that will include people from the community, teachers, parents, at least one from the booster club and (Las Cruces Public Schools athletic director) Ernie Viramontes," Day said.

McKee led the Knights to the 2002 4A state championship.

"He's done a good job, he's been there 14 years and he's a good man," Viramontes said of McKee. "I've always said he's a class act."

The Knights made it to the state quarterfinals in the playoffs in 2009, but won just two games this season.

Day said the resignation was not a complete surprise, but that McKee had a positive impact at Oñate during his career.

"He's such a great guy, and totally professional," Day said. "Coach McKee's a fantastic individual, and he's not just good with kids, he's awesome with kids."

McKee is also a physical education teacher at the school, and that will continue, Day said.

Day said the goal of the search committee is to find the best possible person and make sure everyone is involved. Viramontes said the plan is to hire a new coach by Feb. 1, 2011.

"I've already started looking at who I want on that committee," Day said. "We'll interview applicants and narrow it down to two. Then (Oñate principal Tom) Phelps will interview the final two."

Aggies defeat Cal State-Northridge

New Mexico State junior forward Tabytha Wampler netted a career high 26 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to post her fourth double-double of the season to lead the Aggies past Cal State Northridge 66-59 at the Pan American Center Sunday, Dec. 5.

Wampler's point total of 26 eclipses her previous career high of 20 that she notched at North Dakota in the season-opening weekend. The Cottonwood, Calif., native shot 7-of-12 from the floor and was 75 percent from the line, making 12 of 16 attempts. Four of those free throws

came in final 30 seconds of the game to increase the Aggie lead late after a 59-59 tie.

NMSU returns to action next Monday, Dec. 13, on the road at Michigan with the tip slated for 5 p.m. inside Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Soccer team earns NSCAA academic honor

The New Mexico State soccer team earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award for the 2009-10 academic year. The Aggies posted a 3.33 grade point average to qualify for the honor.

"I am extremely proud of these young women," coach Michael Needham said. "The ability to balance a challenging academic environment and NCAA Division I athletics is a daunting task, and our players have embraced this challenge and excelled in the classroom. We are honored to receive this award, and believe it is a great step in building the culture of our program as we move swiftly into the future."

NMSU baseball signees named

New Mexico State baseball head coach Rocky Ward recently announced the addition of eight new student-athletes, as each have signed National Letters of Intent to play and attend school at New Mexico State.

The Aggies are bringing in a couple of left-hand pitchers, four right-handers, one that can also play in the outfield, a catcher and an infielder. These student athletes come from California, Washington, Oklahoma, Oregon, Arizona and New Mexico.

"We are happy with the signing class. We filled our needs with quality baseball players and continued to get more athletic across the board," Ward said. "We don't lose much off of this 2011 team, but this group of new Aggies will make us much deeper and more versatile on the mound and should be able to fill the voids left by graduating seniors."

The Aggies start the season Feb. 12, 2011, with the annual alumni game at Presley Askew Field before opening the regular-season with a three-game series against Houston Baptist Feb. 18-20, 2011.

Among the signees are: Brennen Jacobsen, infielder, Madera, Calif., San Joaquin Memorial High School; Ryan Patterson, right-hand pitcher, Camas, Wash., Camas High School; and Michael Ormseth, right-hand pitcher, Las Cruces,

Luna Community College and Mayfield High School.

BYU, UTEP meet in the NM Bowl

The field is set for the fifth annual New Mexico Bowl. The UTEP Miners officially accepted an invitation today and will play the BYU Cougars on Saturday, Dec. 18. The Miners, who will represent Conference USA, become the first team from outside the Mountain West Conference and Western Athletic Conference to appear in New Mexico Bowl. The Miners will be playing in their first bowl game since 2005.

"We are all very happy that things worked out the way they did and UTEP is coming to the New Mexico Bowl," said Jeff Siembieda, New Mexico Bowl executive director.

The Miners will play as the home team against BYU (6-6, 5-3 MWC). The Cougars lead the all-time series 28-7-1 and the two programs haven't met since 1998 when they played as Western Athletic Conference foes. The fifth annual New Mexico Bowl will be played at noon Saturday, Dec. 18, at University Stadium on the University of New Mexico campus. The game will be televised nationally on ESPN and ESPN HD.

Ags face UNM rematch

Five-game home stand begins Monday

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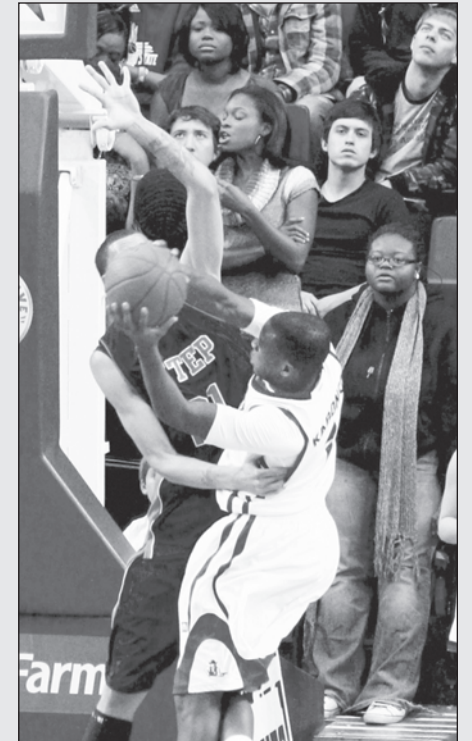
The New Mexico State Aggie basketball team finishes up their rivalry games with a visit to the Pit in Albuquerque at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. The shorthanded Aggies are looking to end a six-game losing streak after dropping a game at UTEP Nov. 23, 56-73, and games in the Pan American Center to the Miners 72-74 and the UNM Lobos 78-84 in overtime.

In both of the games at home, the Aggies battled evenly with their arch rivals before falling in front of the home fans. Starting center Hamidu Rahman missed both of those games with a calf injury and his return to the court is still listed as "day-to-day." The Aggies are now 2-6 for the season. NMSU is led in scoring by Troy Gillenwater who is averaging 20.4 points and 7.8 rebounds a game. One bright spot for the Aggies has been their rebounding. They are outrebounding their opponents by an average of 6.7 per game, 48th best in the nation.


The Aggies trail the Lobos 94-111 in the all-time series. New Mexico has won the last six games in the series. NMSU is looking for its first win in Albuquerque since Dec. 15, 2002.

After the Dec. 11 game with the Lobos, the Aggies will return home for a five-game home stand that begins with Arkansas-Pine Bluff at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13. The University of Pacific will visit for the Lou Henson Classic Saturday, Dec. 18, and Louisiana, who the Aggies defeated Friday, Nov. 12, 92-76, will come to Las Cruces for the rematch Tuesday, Dec. 21. On Thursday, Dec. 23, Saint Mary's team visits Las Cruces to face NMSU.


Saturday's game is available on KGRT-FM 103.9 with the "Voice of the Aggies" Jack Nixon calling the action. The pregame show starts at 6:30 p.m. The contest is available in Spanish on Vista-FM 98.7 with Martin Cortez. The game is also televised on the Mountain network.



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Freshman Guard Christian Kabongo attempts to score for the Aggies against UTEP at the Pan American Center on Nov. 30.




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Taking the long road

Noopila puts down roots in Las Cruces

The fall semester's graduation day is Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Pan American Center and there is one Aggie whose journey to this day has been an international travelogue.

Mikko Noopila was recruited from Helsinki, Finland, in 1997. He came to town ready to play for Neil McCarthy, but came under the spell of Lou Henson for the balance of his career.

During his time at New Mexico State, Noopila played on teams that went to the NCAA, the NIT and won a conference championship. He helped an underdog Aggie team win the Big West Tournament and was the hero in an amazing comeback on the road in El Paso in 1999. The Miners saw a big lead evaporate late in the game with poor free-throw shooting and an inability to stop the outside shooting of Brad Bestor.

NM State was able to cut the margin gradually and by then end of the game had gotten back into it. With seconds left in the game, Noopila was fouled in the act of shooting. His team trailed by one, and he had been less than automatic at the line to that point.

He made both free throws as calmly as if he was in his backyard and capped the comeback victory on Glory Road.

Noopila was more than a one hit wonder; he went on to play for several years in the German professional league, but came



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

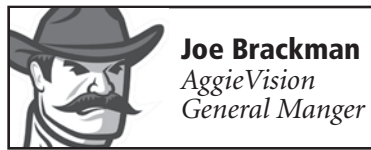
to a decision in mid-decade. He had married a Las Cruces girl, Mari Briggs, and had changed his perspective on life. Now, raising a family held more appeal than the pace of training and playing 12 months a year. The couple has been together a long time, meeting when the Aggies played in the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu. After growing together for the next several years, they married after Noopila's first pro season. The Noopilas are raising daughters here in Las Cruces and have been content to stay in America.

Noopila has earned a master's degree and will be toasted Saturday night by Aaron Brodt, a former teammate. Brodt's Aggie years mirrored Noopila's and they stay in touch as a neighbors in Phoenix. Not every Aggie who has earned a degree has been around the world courtesy of his athletic experience, but Noopila is one of several who have played ball in Europe, and will be also earning a degree.

Noopila is in the banking business in Las Cruces and is putting down deep roots in our town. Here's to Mikko Noopila, who has seen the world and chose to build his life in Las Cruces.

AggieVision pays off

Student-produced broadcasts make great training tool



AggieVision (also known as the Special Productions Unit) is a television production group at New Mexico State primarily focused on producing a weekly half-hour show called "New Mexico State Sports Weekly," as well 40 live broadcasts of seven different sports each year.

In addition, we also produce promotional videos, commercials and other academic-themed programs for University Communications, the NM State Athletics Department and KRWG-TV. However, the majority of our activity remains our sports programming that covers intercollegiate athletics at NM State.

Through agreements with regional sports networks such as Fox Sports Arizona and Altitude, we're able to bring these programs into households in 10 states. In addition, a few of our broadcasts are available nationwide through ESPN pay-per-view and on ESPN3.com. A partnership with Comcast also allows us to be in many of the cities in New Mexico, which we are very thankful.

One thing people might not realize about AggieVision is the level of student involvement in each of our live productions. It's a symbiotic relationship that allows us to televise many events, while our students can gain hands-on experience in a professional environment.

Speaking for the three full-time staff at AggieVision, training students is something we take very seriously. First and foremost, it's how all of us got our start in this industry. Secondly, we rely on students for all but a handful of the critical positions on our crew.

Each of our live telecasts requires at least 10 students, with as many as 18 for some of our larger efforts. On any game you watch, you can expect that every single camera will be manned by a student (or a recent graduate). In addition, our replay system, audio and switcher will all be operated by students.

In order for us to have success during a live production, it requires the basics: practice, preparation and patience. We train students during games that are not being broadcast, prepare "shot sheets" so they understand their assignments during the games and we strive for patience as they are learning. In live TV, everyone gets to see your mistakes, and sometimes it's even us professionals that get caught hitting the wrong button or calling up the wrong graphic.

True to the mission of NM State, many of our students have gone on to secure internships and jobs in the sports television industry. In fact, just this past month, one of our students announced that he was selected for an internship at ESPN. While losing him on our crew will be tough come January, knowing that he will be representing NM State at a highly respected organization is something that makes all of us proud.

Throughout our live games, we work to promote the university and show off the Aggie spirit. If you've never seen an AggieVision telecast before, I ask that you try to. Or, check out segments from our productions on YouTube. That link can be found at our website, www.AggieVision.TV.

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In Aggie Athletics

Saturday, Dec. 11

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Albuquerque
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Sunday, Dec. 12

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Las Vegas, Nev.
All day

Men's Basketball

Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Michigan
Ann Arbor, Mich.
5 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 16

Men's Basketball
Oklahoma Panhandle State
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Danisha Corbett
Senior
Women's Basketball

Senior guard Danisha Corbett matched a career high in points with 22 against New Mexico, Dec. 1. The San Diego, Calif., native played a team-high 36 minutes while knocking

down 5-of-12 shots from beyond the arc. She added 10 points in the win against Cal State-Northridge Dec. 5.



Troy Gillenwater
Junior
Men's Basketball

Junior forward Troy Gillenwater scored a career-high 32 points against New Mexico, Dec. 4. Gillenwater made 13 free throws on 15 attempts along with 11 3-point

attempts and 29 field goal attempts, which were all career highs. Versus UTEP, Nov. 30, Gillenwater led the Aggies with 22 points and 10 rebounds.



Tabytha Wampler
Junior
Women's Basketball

Junior forward Tabytha Wampler averaged a double-double in a pair of games last week. She netted a career-high 26 points in the win against Cal State Northridge to go

along with 14 boards. Wampler leads the WAC in rebounds and free throw percentage.

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Remembering loved ones at the Candlelight vigil in Mesilla

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Mesilla Valley DWI Resource Center and New Mexico Survivors of Homicide hosted a candlelight walk from San Andres High School to Mesilla Plaza Saturday, Dec. 4. The walk and candlelight vigil was in memory of victims of DWI crashes and homicide, and included music readings and a memorial balloon release.



Main Street check



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jim Hilley

Commissioner John Hummer of the New Mexico Transportation Department presents a grant check for \$228,019 to the City of Las Cruces for rehabilitation and reconstruction of South Main Street from Alameda Boulevard to Idaho Avenue. Hummer said it was likely that this was the last check he would be presenting, and praised Las Cruces government for its willingness and ability to make good use of such state grants. Pictured at the City Council meeting Monday, Dec. 6, in City Hall are Public Works Director Mike Johnson, Hummer, City Councillor Nathan Small and Mayor Ken Miyagishima.

Las Cruces Convention Center announces open house

Public invited to January events

It has been a long time coming, but the city's first convention center is now open. The Las Cruces Convention Center hosted its first event on Wednesday, Dec. 1, less than a year-and-a-half after breaking ground in June 2009.

"We have been waiting a long time for this day," said Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director Ken Mompellier. "Countless legislators, councillors, city staff and

dedicated members of the Las Cruces hospitality and business communities worked extremely hard over the last several years to make this facility a reality for Las Cruces. We would not be here if not for them."

The center is 55,000 square feet with just over 30,000 square feet of meeting space. The facility features a 15,000-square-foot exhibition hall as well as a 9,360-square-foot ballroom. There are six break-out rooms

totaling more than 3,000 square feet. Additionally, there are more than 5,000 square feet of outdoor space and 2,000 square feet of indoor pre-function space.

"This facility is a state-of-the-art meeting facility ready to serve the professional meetings industry as well as the community," Mompellier said. "It will be a tremendous asset to advance the economic development of Las Cruces."

Although the level has yet to be determined, the facility will be Lead-

ership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified and features a variety of renewable energy efforts, including low-water-usage landscaping materials that were used to landscape the facility, the reserved parking spaces for alternative energy vehicles and rows of bicycle racks to encourage alternative forms of transportation.

The roof was painted a light color to reflect heat and photo voltaic cells are used to convert sun energy to electricity to further reduce energy costs for the facility. Inside, energy-

efficient lighting was used throughout as well as low-flow plumbing to reduce water consumption. Heavy emphasis was also placed on recycling from the start of construction.

The City of Las Cruces and the Las Cruces Convention Center will be hosting a series of grand opening events beginning with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011 and concluding with a public open house on Friday, Jan. 15, 2011. The convention center is located at 680 E. University Ave.



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Feeding students at the NMSU pancake finals

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Associate Athletics Director Maria Roth entertains students with her impressive omelette-flipping skills



New Mexico State University President Barbara Couture spoons strawberry sauce on pancakes – served up by her husband Paul – for biology student Kaitlyn Graham during the late-night finals pancake event Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Taos Cafeteria in Corbett Center Student Union. Along with pancakes, NMSU administrators also made omelettes and hot cocoa for the students.



NMSU Director of Alumni Relations Debbie Widger puts whipped cream on biology student Shannon Pease's pancakes.



Ross Justus of the auditing department delivers a freshly made omelette to nursing student Alem Abai.



Biology student Sarah Becket gets whipped cream on her pancakes.

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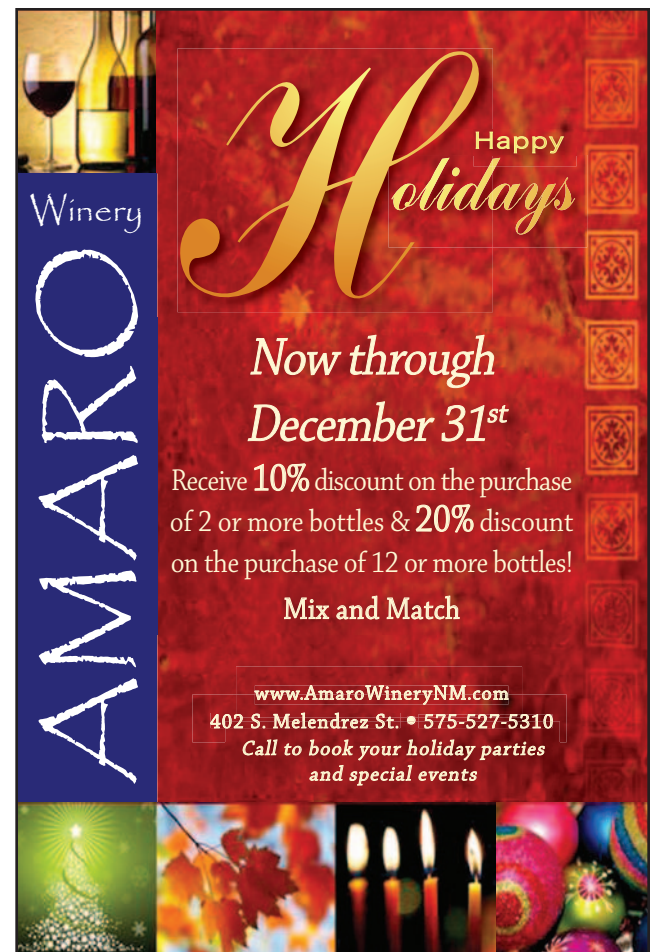
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My flea market memories

Gabriel Vasquez
Business Editor



Most of us remember our first dog. Mine was named Superman.

He was a pointer mix we picked out of a dingy cage filled with mutts of all varieties at the Fox Plaza flea market in El Paso, which I think is still around.

That same day, my dad also let me go home with a pair of foam nunchucks, a glow-in-the-dark Yo-Yo and a 20-pack of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle stickers.

It was pure bliss.

It was also during this flea market trip that I remember popping in a quarter at a vending machine across the street from the market at McDonald's, which dispensed a plastic football helmet with a San Francisco 49ers logo emblazoned on the side.

"This is my team from now on," I told my brother. "Now you put a quarter in and whatever team comes out, that's your team."

I'm thankful to this day a Dallas Cowboys helmet didn't come rolling out. His team was the Washington Redskins.

Since that day, we're both adamant (and sometimes rabid) 49ers and Redskins fans.

I don't frequent flea markets as much today, but I am lucky enough to live right by Big Daddy's Flea Market on Mesa Grande Drive, a vibrant, colorful outdoor market that people forget is there most of the time.

And to my surprise, many of the same items for sale when I was a kid are still a staple of the flea market today – puppies, toys, home decorations, purses, socks, kitchenware, televisions, CDs with questionable copyright material, furniture, fresh fruit and produce and even plastic nunchucks.

I must admit, I mostly visit the flea market today to get my tacos de barbacoa fix. Every Saturday and Sunday morning, various food trucks set up shop and intoxicate marketgoers with the sweet smell of fresh Mexican food.

If you haven't had a chance to visit Big Daddy's Flea Market on Saturday or Sunday mornings, I suggest you check it out. If you're lucky, I'll tell you where they keep the plastic nunchucks.

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Green chamber celebrates new initiative

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you haven't marked it on next year's calendar, now may be the time. Don't forget to shop locally during the first full week of December in 2011.

The week of Dec. 5-11 was officially designated "Think Local First Week" by the City of Las Cruces during its regular City Council meeting Monday, Dec. 6, an initiative that was started by the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce.

"It's probably been about two months since we started having meetings," said Elisa Cundiff, executive director for the green chamber. "We had a huge response from a divergent group of businesses. Everything from real estate agents to builders, construction companies, local restaurants, tattoo parlors and herb shops. Just a lot of different businesses."

To launch the green chamber's Think Local First campaign, the chamber hosted a luncheon Friday, Dec. 3, at El Tiburon restaurant, featuring local business owners pitching their businesses and holiday deals.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," said Ellen Schwartz, owner of Pi-Yoga Pilates Studio & Health Boutique. "I'm hoping it will generate some business in the health shop. I try to stay as local as possible with the products I carry in the shop."

Schwartz, a New York native who opened her studio last year, not only carries local and regional herbs and other natural products, but also frequents only local establishments when possible, she said.

"I think we should all try to support our community first," she said. "I shop at local businesses so that we can all support each other."

New Mexico Ranch Raised Beef owner Kate Maynard, who attended the chamber's Think Local First Luncheon, said she's built her entire business on the local market and is excited to have an organization in town that wants to promote local business.

"They came to me with this idea about a year ago," she said. "I think it's a great venue to focus on local business and to do it from a variety of angles, not just one specific type of business."

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Gabriel Vasquez
Elisa Cundiff, executive director of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, hands Rosanne Camuñez of the Camuñez Law Firm a lunch ticket during the chamber's Think Local First Luncheon held Friday, Dec. 3, at El Tiburon Restaurant, 504 E. Amador Ave.

Is NMSU a good investment?



Stephanie St. Amand, who received two bachelor's degrees in biology and French from New Mexico State University, walks to her seat during NMSU's Fall 2009 commencement ceremony at the Pan American Center.

Fall 2010 grads will earn \$550 million more

By **Chris Erickson**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

A college education has long been touted as a way to ensure professional and economic success. The 970 New Mexico State University baccalaureate graduates expected to receive their degrees Saturday, Dec. 11, sure hope it's true.

While these new graduates face a tough job market, experts agree that a college degree is a good investment. Just by how much is a surprisingly hard question to answer, however.

One commonly hears the value of extra earnings with a college degree to be at least \$1 million over a lifetime. This comes from a 2007 study based on U.S. Census Bureau data that found college graduates earned \$1.2 million more than high school graduates. This estimate is calculated using the average compensation of a college graduate versus that of a high school graduate, and then multiplied by 40 years – the presumed length of a working life. But this calculation doesn't take into account the time value of money. Nor does it adjust for the time it takes to get through college. A student who graduates in four years earns a higher return

than someone who graduates in six years.

Mark Schneider, vice president of the American Institutes for Research and a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, has written a report that calls the return to college "a million-dollar misunderstanding."

Schneider argues that estimates don't take into account deductions from income taxes or breaks in employment. They don't factor in debt. Moreover, the income data from the Census used in making estimates is from 1999. Tuition and fees back then, on average for four-year private colleges, were \$15,518 per year. That number has since risen to \$26,273.

Schneider estimated the actual lifetime-earnings advantage for college graduates is actually \$279,893 – substantial, but not \$1 million. He included tuition payments and put earning streams into present value terms. He also used actual salary data for graduates 10 years after they completed their degrees to measure incomes.

Return on Investment (ROI) is another way to look at the value of a college degree. Here we have more specific information for NMSU.

Payscale.com calculates the ROI for 852 colleges for which it has data. NMSU is ranked 272nd by the website. An NMSU degree costs \$77,290, start to finish, assuming the student lives on campus. Over a 30-year career, an NMSU grad earns \$288,000 more

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than a high school grad, on average, in net-present value terms according to the Pay-scale.com website.

NMSU graduates about 2,300 baccalaureates each year. That means the university will create, in net-present value terms, \$660 million in higher earnings. This is the private value, but NMSU is a state university. So from \$660 million, \$110 million can be subtracted from what the state contributes to NMSU for instruction and general funding. That gives a net return of \$550 million from NMSU graduates each year.

Schneider, however, points out that while

universities may be a good buy, they are not without faults. In New Mexico, college students who dropped out after only one year cost the state \$120 million between 2003 and 2008. Those students received little benefit from their college experience. A Legislative Finance Committee report released last August specifically criticized NMSU, as well as the University of New Mexico, for failing to meet graduation rate expectations.

NMSU's Fall 2010 Commencement will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Pan American Center. NMSU will honor businessman and NMSU alumnus Bradley Gordon with an honorary degree at the beginning of the ceremony. The Pan Am Center will open one hour before the ceremony.

For more information, visit nmsu.edu.



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Steven Vanstone, owner of Picacho Peak Trees, gives a 60-second pitch about his business to other business owners during the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce Think Local First Luncheon Friday, Dec. 3.

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Maynard sells New Mexico beef in various cuts and sizes at seven co-ops from Silver City to Alamogordo. She guarantees her beef is humanely raised in good range conditions with plenty of natural feed.

"Our business is completely local," she said. "Our customers are our best advocates. The response to our product has been wonderful. We have worked really hard and have been sincere about being local. This helps us spread the word."

Maynard's frozen beef cuts are available locally at Toucan Market and Mountain View Market, she said.

By endorsing the campaign, the City of Las Cruces is showing its support for local businesses, said City Councillor Sharon Thomas.

"We're very happy to support the green chamber in this effort," she said.

Likewise, City Councillor Nathan Small said it's of critical importance the city supports the local economy.

"There are many residents who depend on local businesses for a paycheck and as a tax base for this city," he said. "I was thrilled to be one of the many council members who saw this as an important and exciting campaign and one



Local business owners and community members prepare for lunch at El Tiburon.

that deserves recognition."

Small said for every dollar spent at a local business, about 45 to 50 cents stays in the community.

"We need to keep every single dollar in this community that we can," he said.

The city is currently looking at other ways it can help promote the local economy, Thomas said. She will introduce a concept known as "economic gardening," a local approach to economic development, during the City Council's next work session at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3.

"This is something that started in Littleton, Colo., that I think we may be able to use here," she said.

In short, economic gardening is the opposite of out-of-state recruiting. Littleton's economic gardening program is intended to grow jobs through local entrepreneurial activity rather than outside recruiting by nurturing local startup businesses and promoting them locally as much as possible.

As part of the Las Cruces green chamber's Think Local First campaign, signage will be placed on several local businesses encouraging people to shop local. Eventually, the chamber wants to develop a farm-to-distributor network to sell local goods and produce and plans to hold several workshops on the benefits of shopping local.

For more information, call the green chamber at 649-7694.



City Councillor Gil Sorg addresses a group of local business owners at the luncheon.

County by county population comparison

County	Population	Change since 2000	Area in square miles	People per sq. mile	Number of housing units	Home ownership rate	Median household income
Doña Ana	206,419	18.2%	3,807	45.9	78,644	67.5%	\$36,361
Bernalillo	642,527	15.6%	1,166	477.4	280,805	63.6%	\$46,988
Los Angeles	9,848,011	3.5%	4,061	2,344.0	3,390,793	47.9%	\$55,452
New York	1,629,054	6%	22.96	10,000.0	858,156	20.1%	\$68,402

Source: U.S. Census Bureau © 2010 Gary Sandler Inc.

County residents enjoy the wide-open spaces

Other metro areas are not so lucky

Most locals are surprised to learn that Doña Ana County and Los Angeles County are roughly the same size – each measuring about 4,000 square miles in area. Locals are even more surprised to learn how lucky they are to have so much room to roam in comparison to their Southern California neighbors.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's latest estimates, Doña Ana County measures 3,807 square miles and has a population of a little more than 206,000 residents. That equates to about 46 people for each square mile of area. In comparison, Los Angeles County, with a population of almost 10 million residents, stuffs more than 2,300 people into each of its 4,061 square miles.

While that sounds like a heck of a lot of people crowded in to a relatively small space, Los Angeles County residents have a fair amount of elbow room when compared with the residents of New York County where the occupancy ratio is 10,000 residents per square mile. Closer to home, Bernalillo County's (Albuquerque area) ratio is about 477 residents per square mile.

Owner-occupants make up approximately 67.5 percent of the 78,644 housing units in Doña Ana County, according to the Census Bureau. In Albuquerque, about 63.5 percent of the population own their own home. Just under half of Los Angeles County residents



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own the home they live in, while just one-in-five New York County residents hold deeds to the properties they occupy.

New York County residents brought home the most bacon, posting a median income of a little more than \$68,000 per household. The median is where half earned more and half earned less. The median income for Los Angeles County households was \$55,452. Bernalillo County households earned approximately \$47,000 during 2009, while Doña Ana County's median household income was a little more than \$36,000.

Since the 2000 census, Doña Ana County's population increased by a little more than 18 percent. During the same period, the number of Bernalillo County residents grew by almost 16 percent. Population increases in New York and Los Angeles grew at a much slower pace, increasing by 3.5 and 6 percent, respectively.

Last year, United Van Lines' Annual Migration Study ranked New Mexico as the No. 8 state for inbound relocations. Relocations have been relatively flat for the past two years, according to the study, but are expected to rise as the economy recovers. As more people begin moving around the country and to New Mexico, it's a foregone conclusion that it will be just a matter of time until I ...

See you at closing.

Granting process provides best, unbiased outcome

Nonprofits benefit by providing detailed financial analysis

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) works to connect people who care with causes that matter. In some cases, the CFSNM awards funds to deserving organizations and individuals after a careful review process by a grant award committee.

When awarding grants, including past awards for the CFSNM Nonprofit Economic Crises Campaign and the Foundation's newest award through the Young Philanthropists, the CFSNM has a process that keeps the selection of awards both unbiased and balanced.

"It is important to have a grant committee review applications and make recommendations because of the different perspectives the reviewing committee has," said Paul Heiberger, who sat on the first grant award committee for the Young Philanthropists. "It is important to focus on the different points each person has, and it ensures a more thorough review."

Heiberger, a field organizer for the Southwest Environmental Center and membership development director for the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, said with more than one reviewer, each application will receive adequate time and consideration, which removes the chance of bias.

The Young Philanthropists, a relatively new initiative of the CFSNM, announced its first annual grant award of \$2,700 in October, available to a local nonprofit organization that provides community-based after school programs for students. The Young Philanthropists were designed to foster philanthropy in a new generation of charitable-minded people

For more info

To learn more about grant opportunities with the CFSNM, visit www.cfsnm.org.

and the Grant Committee worked to create an application that mirrored that belief.

As with each granting committee within the CFSNM, the criteria for the Young Philanthropists applications focused on whether the organization demonstrated need for funding; the proposed plan to address the needs; the proposed outcomes/measures of success; the feasibility plan for meeting future need; realistic budgeting; overall organizational strength and fiscal management capability.

"The format of the application helped a lot because we wanted to make sure people knew what was expected," Heiberger said. "Sometimes in the past when I applied for grants, I didn't have a clear picture of what the organization was looking for. With our process, we were able to give a clear picture that allowed organizations to provide a concise plan."

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,

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NMSU rallies for algae

Future of algae-based biofuels program discussed

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Shortly after the Air Force announced a \$2.3 million grant to New Mexico State University to study the use of algal biofuel in jet planes, the university held its first-ever Research Rally to discuss the project.

On Friday, Dec. 3, at Anderson Hall, about two dozen NMSU professors, researchers, students and representatives from the University of Central Florida listened as details about the new efforts were made public.

"I hope this Research Rally will help build awareness about research being done at New Mexico State University," NMSU President Barbara Couture told the audience. "It's our faculty who work hard together and who learn to work across disciplinary boundaries in their specific interests to create energy and synergy with outside partners that will continue to make New Mexico State successful in the future."

The new grant will allow NMSU researchers to study the viability of algal biofuel for replacing petroleum-based jet fuel in the military. Researchers will focus on cultivating algae, extracting its oils and developing other useful byproducts during the process. Researchers will also work with the University of Central Florida to study the effects of the algal fuel on overall jet engine operations.

"Demand for petroleum will eventually outpace the supply," said Shuguang Deng, a chemical engineering professor at NMSU and the lead researcher on the Air Force project, when the project was first announced. "The use of petroleum-based jet fuel is not sustainable and

negatively impacts the environment. That's a national security issue."

Deng said the Department of Defense uses 4.6 billion gallons of jet fuel each year, and all airplanes globally consume approximately 80 billion gallons of jet fuel annually. He believes with that level of consumption, the sustainable use of biofuels for aviation has the potential to create far-reaching military and commercial development opportunities.

"Algal biofuels look very promising, but there are a lot of technical issues," Deng said. "Algae have the highest energy content of plants. Only algae can meet the demand for a renewable energy source. I expect that in five to 10 years, we'll start seeing algal biofuels on the market."

Friday's Research Rally was held in Anderson Hall, home to the Physical Sciences Laboratory, an NMSU research program instituted in 1964. Through PSL, NMSU has formed various partnerships with industry and government organizations, mostly related to emerging technology for military operations and aerospace research and development.

NMSU's latest partnership with the Air Force will draw on expertise from companies such as Solix Biofuels and Sapphire Energy. Sapphire is currently developing a commercial-scale algal biofuel plant and production facility in Columbus, N.M., and already operates a research facility on Las Cruces' West Mesa.

Pete Lammers, the technical director for the algal biofuels program at NMSU, is the former chief technology officer for Solix Biofuels.

"(Lammers) is really the person that started algal biofuels research at NMSU," said Vimal Chaitanya, vice president of research at NMSU.

"NMSU is where we are because of Pete – he really had the pioneering effort. We were able to entice him to rejoin (NMSU) because of the strength of our researchers and because the ability he expressed to be able to work with all of them."

"Once a professor, always a professor," Lammers joked at the rally. "Coming up with alternatives (to

petroleum) has become critical. This is a global issue."

Lammers added that southern New Mexico is the ideal place for algae-based biofuel research because of the region's natural assets, which are ideal for algae cultivation. These include a large source of brackish water and plenty of sunlight.

"We find ourselves in what could be the heartland of the next generation of liquid renewable fuels at New Mexico State University," he said. "Capitalizing on that capability is critical to the economy of the state, critical to the health and growth of research at New Mexico State Uni-

versity and critical for the safety of the United States."

Other NMSU researchers involved in the Air Force project include Nir-mala Khandan and Hongmei Luo in the College of Engineering; Jian-nong Xu and Wayne Van Voorhies in the College of Arts and Sciences; Shannon Ivey and Tanner Schaub in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; and Meghan Starbuck in the College of Business.

For more information on the algal biofuels program at NMSU, call Deng at 646-4346 or email sdeng@nmsu.edu.

Building Las Cruces NMSU Bookstore

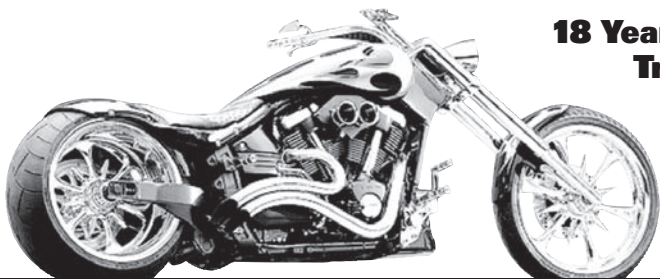


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Framing work is taking place at the construction site of the new New Mexico State University Bookstore to be operated by Barnes & Noble Booksellers at the corner of University Avenue and Jordan Street. The bookstore, a campus "gateway project," will contain spaces for several auxiliary functions and several retail commercial spaces. The new two-story, \$14 million 45,000-square-foot building will also have a café space within it. The project is the first in the "transformation" of the Jordan Street corner as a new entrance to the university, as envisioned in the 2006 NMSU Master Plan. The new bookstore will also fulfill a contractual obligation to Barnes & Noble and free up current bookstore space in the Corbett Center Student Union for student use, according to NMSU. The new bookstore is scheduled to open in the fall of 2011.

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20107176	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Name not required	Res/New	5894 Coyote Flats St.	\$157,850	\$3,661
20107162	Fred and Melanie Shepherd	Fred and Melanie Shepherd	Res/Alt	2707 Johnson St.	\$1,600	\$42
20107182	Angel M. and Zenniada P. Hermosillo	Angel M. and Zenniada P. Hermosillo	Res/Add	1110 Turkey Knob Drive	\$800	\$33
20107199	Summit Development	Westmoreland Enterprises LLC	Res/New	4718 Zachary Place	\$151,208	\$2,027
20107127	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Ornithes Inc.	Res/New	7546 Sierra de Luna Place	\$169,740	\$1,758
20107195	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	7565 Sierra de Luna Place	\$169,740	\$1,758
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20107296	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Name not required	Res/New	5859 Organ Peak Drive	\$0	\$4,123
20107284	Rasura Custom Homes	GL Green & Associates LLC	Res/New	4060 Demos Ave.	\$239,768	\$4,187
20107268	Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity	City of Las Cruces	Res/New	4802 Calle Bella Ave.	\$130,052	\$4,000
20107319	Fort Selden Builders	Kathryn Shannon	Reroof	2104 Chateau Drive	\$10,000	\$87
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20107376	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	7557 Sierra De Luna Place	\$152,274	\$1,728
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36167	Iron Cross Construction	Valerie A. Pepper	Reroof	5499 Calle de Rosas	Mirasol	\$90
36168	Classic NM Homes	Wayne Suggs	Res/New	5035 Silver King Road	Martin & Martin	\$1,595
36172	Pioneer Roofing	Raymond and Helen Trompler	Reroof	4020 Chuparosa Court	Desert Mirage Subdivision	\$220
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Let your worries wisp away

Local cigar shop offers a place to rest and relax

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Guillaume Lantoine doesn't want to hear any excuses. Whether you're an experienced cigar smoker, a rookie or looking for the perfect gift for your loved one, a premium cigar or two may be in your future.

Lantoine, originally of Dijon, France, opened Las Cruces Cigar Co. in August to much fanfare.

"The response has been amazing," he said. "Las Cruces has treated me good. This was the ideal place for me to set up a cigar shop."

Lantoine moved from France to Philadelphia several years ago, where he attended school to study marketing and business management. It was only three years into his stay in the City of Brotherly Love that his uncle offered him an entrepreneurial opportunity.

"My uncle owns the Santa Fe Cigar Co. up north, and he introduced me to the business," he said. "I have been smoking cigars for a long time, and I've always had a strong interest in them. This was the perfect chance to bring a cigar shop to Las Cruces."

Lantoine is the sole owner of the shop at 2285 E. Lohman Ave., next to Olhausen Billiards and across from Texas Roadhouse. The shop has a 33-foot-long humididor, a smoking lounge with leather recliners, a plethora of smoking accessories and a flat screen TV to enjoy sporting events and other programming.

"People use the lounge all the time," Lantoine said. "We have people that come in here all the time to lounge on our chairs and watch the game. Some other people come in before they play a round of golf, and others come just to check out the place."

Lantoine's cigar shop was originally scheduled to open in May, were it not for a minor setback.

"The building caught on fire," he laughed. "But that was OK, because it gave me a chance to renovate in here, and give the place a more modern look."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Gabriel Vasquez
Business owner Guillaume Lantoine opened Las Cruces Cigar Co. in August to much fanfare, he said.

In France, Lantoine said, smoking cigars is for the social elite, whereas in the U.S., people from all walks of life enjoy what he calls "sticks."

"They have private clubs, private facilities (in France), where the elite will go smoke," he said. "But not here, a lot more people smoke in the U.S. I think cigars are more enjoyable than (cigarettes) because you don't have to inhale and you can taste

all kinds of different flavors. It's easy to fall in love with cigars."

The sticks offered at LC Cigar Co. range from \$2 to \$25, Lantoine said.

"We don't target any one type of smoker, everyone is welcome here," he said.

Lantoine takes special care of his cigars, all of which are of the premium variety according to the manufacturers' standards, he said.

"Although you can't beat 350 days of sunshine, it can be a problem for the cigars," he said. "They must be kept at 70 percent humidity in the proper (lighting) conditions at all times. That's why I had the humididor installed, it's perfect for the cigars we have."

A typical smoke takes about one hour or more, Lantoine said, making an extended stay in the lounge a pleasurable and relaxing experience.

"That's the thing with cigars, to enjoy them, you have to relax," he said.

Among Lantoine's favorite cigar-makers are Padron, Rocky Patel and Ashton, he said.

"We offer brands that are very consistent in the way that they let their cigar age," he said. "It justifies the extra cost. You have to treat your cigar with respect because you have something like 150 people that touch your cigar before it's on the shelf. It's a lot of hard work that goes into it."

For the holiday shopping season, Lantoine is offering discounted gift cards and holiday sampler boxes. NMSU students and men and women in uniform get a 10 percent discount year-round, he said.

Aside from cigars, Lantoine also sells cigar cutters, lighters – "single-, double- and triple-flame lighters, as well as torches, you name it," he said – humididors, humidifying agents and other cigar-smoking gear.

"I have a lot of good cigar boxes that I'm happy to give away, too," he said.

LC Cigar Co. also hosts two monthly Cigar 101 classes where novice smokers can learn all about cigar selection, smoking and storing, he said.

"We encourage anyone interested in cigars to come join us," he said.

Q&A

Talking business with owner Guillaume Lantoine

What inspired you to become an entrepreneur?

My uncle owns the Santa Fe Cigar Co. in Santa Fe and he introduced me to the business.

Who are your customers?

Everyone. I have my regulars, but I see new people every day.

Where do you see your business in five years?

I think I will be doing very well. I'm here for the long run. Maybe I will be offering more cigars and have a bigger location.

What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business environment?

I think Las Cruces is still growing and a lot of businesses are opening. I'm very confident in the future of Las Cruces.

What is the most challenging aspect of running this business?

Getting people that don't know about cigars to come in the door and try it for themselves.

What is the most rewarding aspect of running this business?

There is no frustration. I come in here, work and do what I love.

Details

Company

Las Cruces Cigar Co.

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On the Agenda

Citizens Bank holiday concert

Citizens Bank of Las Cruces will host a holiday concert featuring the choir from Holy Cross Catholic Schools from 4 to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the Citizens Bank Downtown location, 505 S. Main St. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 647-4100.

Date: Friday, Dec. 10
Time: 4 to 5 p.m.
Location: Citizens Bank of Las Cruces
 505 S. Main St.
Contact: 647-4100

Shop Dine Mesilla

The Old Mesilla Association will host its Shop Dine Mesilla promotion every Thursday starting at 6 p.m. in the Mesilla Plaza. The association, comprised of Mesilla business owners, is promoting holiday shopping in Mesilla to increase revenue after a challenging economic year. Many Mesilla businesses will stay open until 8 p.m. every Thursday in December through Dec. 23. For more information, call Kathleen Foreman at 526-2620.

Date: Thursday, Dec. 16
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
Location: Mesilla Plaza
 Town of Mesilla
Contact: 526-2620

Chamber's new year's party

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

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Briefs

NewTec gets \$84 million WSMR contract

The New Mexico Technology Group, better known as NewTec LLC, was recently awarded an \$84.4 million contract to provide support services for range testing at White Sands Missile Range. The contract, which is set to expire in 2016, also has additional fees and awards, according to the U.S. Department of Defense. NewTec beat out two other bidders for the contract. NewTec, which is located at White Sands, is a subsidiary of Trax International, a contractor based in Las Vegas, Nev.

Udall offers internships

U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, D-NM, is inviting college students to apply for internships in each of his offices. To submit an application, visit <http://tomudall.senate.gov> and click on the "Internships" link. All internships are unpaid, but may count toward college credit. Students should check with their respective college or university for requirements. College students from New Mexico or college students attending New Mexico schools are given first preference, and students of all majors are encouraged to apply. The dates for internships in Udall's offices are flexible and all offices are currently accepting applications for the 2011 spring semester. For more information, email internship_program@tomudall.senate.gov.

Business preference bill to be re-introduced

During the 2010 New Mexico legislative session, Senate Bill 14 (SB 14), also called the In-State Business Procurement Preference, was introduced but failed to pass. State Sen. Tim Keller has announced he will once again introduce the bill in the 2011 Legislative Session. The new bill is aimed at giving preference to locally owned businesses for all available New Mexico contracts and increases the enforcement and qualifications to eliminate special interest influence. The bill retains the 5 percent state preference already in effect, but applies it to all types of contracts and all types of businesses, eliminating 20 pages of exemptions, Keller said. With a 5 percent discount on points or bid value, the bill will drastically simplify and strengthen the state's current local procurement preferences, Keller said. For more information, visit timkellerfornewmexico.com.

Businessman Bradley Gordon to be honored by NMSU

New Mexico State University will honor businessman and NMSU alum Bradley Gordon with an honorary degree during the fall 2010 commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Pan American Center. Tickets are not required. The Pan American Center will open an hour before the ceremony. Gordon will be honored for his generous support of the College of Business, for his leadership in the national and international business community and for his overall commitment to New Mexico State University – the place he credits for giving him a second chance. Gordon earned a degree in marketing from NMSU in 1978, graduating near the top of his business school class. Gordon said he was helped by NMSU's smaller, more intimate classes, where he got to know his instructors and where they got to know him on a personal level. To show his thanks, Gordon later established the Robin Peterson Chair in marketing at NMSU. Gordon went on to earn an MBA at the University of Southern California and later worked in venture capital. He then turned to launching several companies with other entrepreneurs. Since 1981, Gordon has been involved in the startup of 11 companies, mostly in the biotech field. He is now a retired corporate executive, serving most recently as vice president of finance and corporate planning of the Celgene Corp., a New Jersey-based biopharmaceutical company.

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Profile

Steve Fischmann: A common sense approach to politics

State senator wants to simplify state government

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

State Sen. Steve Fischmann moved to New Mexico to enjoy the wide-open spaces, meet friendly people

Details

Steve Fischmann
New Mexico State Senator

Family

- Wife Sandy Katayanagi
- Sons Sam and Zack

Education

- Bachelor's degrees in English, political science, UCLA
- Master's degree in business, UCLA

Organizations

- Chair, Science and Technology Committee
- Member, Senate Education Committee
- Quality Growth Alliance
- Southwest Energy Alliance

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and regain his sense of freedom.

After a long career in the corporate world, Fischmann decided to move out of northern California and start life anew, a goal he's met by becoming a representative for the people of District 37.

"I started by getting involved in some local issues and I had success raising awareness on those issues," he said. "From there, people started asking me, 'Why don't you run for office?' So I did. I felt I could bring some new perspectives to the Legislature."

Like all districts in New Mexico, Fischmann said District 37 – which includes the East Mesa in Las Cruces and the Elephant Butte area of Sierra County – is facing problems related to the state's economy.

"Jobs and economic development," he said, "that's No. 1 right now."

Finding a way to make up more than \$450 million to balance the state budget must not hinder the state's economic development efforts, especially in rural areas, Fischmann said.

"It must not foreclose opportunities for our economic future," he said. "That's a real challenge. It's not easy."

Realistically, Fischmann knows that to balance the budget in the upcoming 2011 Legislative Session, funding for some government programs previously "off the table" and other services, such as education, must be re-prioritized and cut.

"We saw our two gubernatorial candidates say that they weren't going

to cut education, health care or raise taxes, but something's got to give," he said. "In education, I think there's a lot of places where we are misallocating resources. There is room in education, in a lot of places, where money can be better spent."

Fischmann said specifically, the state can't justify support for much of the state's higher education funding given New Mexico's population.

"We've got too many institutions trying to support a small state," he said. "Can we just flip a switch and cut funding? No. But should we put in place a plan that allows us to transition into less spending there? Yes."

In one particular school district, Fischmann said, the state spent \$17,000 per child and still couldn't afford to send students home with a textbook.

"We've created programs with all these pots for funding that we've lost track of our core mission in education," he said. "Our kids need to have the core skills to succeed in life, so let's get our funding focused back on that. That means basic math and reading skills and not giving up on kids."

Fischmann has become so passionate about education funding that he plans to introduce several bills to try to tackle the dilemma or at least "get some conversation started about this issue," he said.

Another measure to consider in helping shore up the state's budget is finding and eliminating fraud in Medicaid, Fischmann said.



State Sen. Steve Fischmann talks with constituents of District 37.

"We often hear that fraud in Medicaid (in New Mexico) is not a problem because it's managed by four or five private contractors, but I'm skeptical," he said. "I think if we do our homework, we'll find there is a lot of fraud and abuse in Medicaid."

Another state expenditure that Fischmann wants to re-evaluate is the subsidy for the film industry, which returns 25 percent of a film company's total expenditure to attract more moviemaking in the state.

"I'm not suggesting we kill it altogether, but we do need limits on it," he said. "I think we need to look really carefully at our tax code where we have tons of things we call tax expenditures for various interests that are justified on very thin arguments. It's hard to argue that they're more than just favors."

Fischmann said other approaches to balancing the state budget include the revision and possible elimination of corporate Tax Increment Development Districts (TIDDs), raising out-of-state corporate taxes and including new car sales in the state's general sales tax structure.

"I don't see what giving a developer tax money has to do with economic development," he said. "We should introduce legislation that says taxpayer money should not be used to support private economic projects through TIDDs."

Fischmann was originally born in Los Angeles but has spent most of his life in the San Francisco bay area. He's a retired corporate businessman with bachelor's degrees in political science and English and a master's degree in business from UCLA.

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Technology rules at the 2010 HTC Digital Media Summit

Photos by Gabriel Vasquez



NMSU students gather at the CMI Auditorium to watch the Student and Faculty Showcase at the conclusion of HTC's Digital Media Summit.

Lamaia Vaughn, an instructor for the Doña Ana Community College Creative Media Technology program, talks about the local resources available for recording, editing and sound mixing during a workshop session at the 2010 High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico (HTC) Digital Media Summit Friday, Dec. 3, at the Creative Media Institute (CMI) at New Mexico State University.



Digital media and film industry advocate Eric Renz-Whitmore talks to NMSU students and other HTC summit attendees about ways they can better market southern New Mexico as an ideal place for digital media industry work.

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On the Agenda

Terra Madre Day social

The La Semilla Food Center, Traditional Native American Farmer's Association and Slow Foods USA will host a social networking event focused on

discussing local food from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in Breland Hall Room 189 on the New Mexico State University campus. A salsa tasting will also be held during the event. Terra Madre Day is an international day

of celebration and education revolving around local foods. Presenter Wenona Nutima will also show photos of her food travels in Italy. For more information, visit www.slowfoodusa.org.

Date: Friday, Dec. 10
Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: New Mexico State University Breland Hall Room 189
Contact: slowfoodusa.org

Organ Mountain rescue squad dinner

The Organ Mountains Technical Rescue Squad is

hosting a fundraiser at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. Tickets are \$25 and include a choice of entrée and a dessert. For more information, visit omtrs.net.

Date: Sunday, Dec. 12
Time: 5 p.m.
Location: De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery 500 S. Telshor Blvd.
Contact: omtrs.net

Economic gardening

Abby Train, a student in the Doctor of Economic Development program at New Mexico State University, will give a presentation on "Economic Gardening" at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, during the regularly scheduled City Council work session inside the Council Chambers, 700 N. Main St. Economic gardening is a concept that began in Littleton, Colo., that seeks to improve the local economy by fostering the growth of local entrepreneurs. For more information, call 541-2000.

Date: Monday, Dec. 13
Time: 1 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers 700 N. Main St.
Contact: 541-2000

HTC meeting

The last meeting of the year for the High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico (HTC) will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. The HTC board will reflect on the year's activities and accomplishments and solicit feedback from its membership to discuss current plans and activities for 2011. The meeting will also address board nominations for the positions of president, public information officer and two board positions for members at large. The mission of HTC is to make southern New Mexico a technology leader and a national center for technical excellence. The meeting is open to HTC members and the general public. For more information, call HTC Board President Richard Majestic at 521-0018.

Date: Friday, Dec. 17
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Sunset Grill 1274 Golf Club Road
Contact: 521-0018

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION FOR SALE OF LAND BY SEALED BID

Sale No. 5951, Doña Ana County, New Mexico

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

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

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

1. The Land is offered "AS IS"; the Commissioner does not make any representations or provide any warranties regarding title to the Land or its condition or fitness for any purpose. The Land is offered for a cash sale (i.e., full payment in cash due at closing) as a single tract only; bids for less than the entire tract will not be considered. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject all bids. The Land will be subject to all valid leases, easements, and other encumbrances shown in State Land Office records and the records of the Doña Ana County Clerk, and any relevant state or federal records. Bidders are responsible to conduct their own due diligence examination of the Land and its title. To inspect the land, obtain a Right of Entry from Anna Villa (505) 827-5789.

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

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

be due in cash at closing.

4. All bidders must obtain and thoroughly read the bid information packet. In order to qualify as a bidder, bidders must attend the pre-bid meeting at 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico in Room 105 December 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. and submit sealed bid on or before December 17, 2010. Bids must be accompanied by the Transaction and Performance Deposits in the amounts set forth below. Deposits must be in the forms specified in the Bid Information Packet. Failure to include the required Deposits will result in disqualification. The successful bidder will be required to pay all other costs associated with the transaction. Except for the non-refundable \$30 Sale Application Fee, the Performance and Transaction Deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded. See Bid Information Packet for additional information and requirements regarding the required Deposits.

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

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2. Bid Amount \$1,485,000.00

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

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

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

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

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

Patrick H. Lyons

Commissioner of Public Lands

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201001120

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

JOANN MENDOZA; JESUS MENDOZA; COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORPORATION; THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOANN MENDOZA, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 15, 2010 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 12 in Block 16 of Dale Bellamah Manor, Section 2, Plat 5, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, recorded in the office of the County Clerk on February 18, 1959 in Book 8 at page 39 of the Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 2317 Bellamah Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 25, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a 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 \$43,553.19 plus interest from August 13, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 10% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price 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.

Dated: 2010.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200901443

GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

STEPHEN M. SCOTT; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEPHEN M. SCOTT, IF ANY, Defendants.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 15, 2010 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 4 in Block numbered 9 of The Ridge at Northrise Phase V, Replat No. 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said The Ridge at Northrise Phase V, Replat No. 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 25, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Folio 200.

The address of the real property is 3065 Moonlight Ridge Arc, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 28, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$482,016.11 plus interest from November 3, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.25 % per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful 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
Special Master
c/o CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC
999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013
(303) 285-2222
09-0649

Pub # 10211
Dates 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-1729

NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN THOMAS MEETZE; and TERESA MEETZE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 22, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the 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 2945 Doña Ana Road, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate in the NW1/4 of Section 1, T23S, R1E, NMPM of the USRS Surveys being part of the Las Cruces Realty Company's Ware-Shropshire Tract (Plat filed June 26, 1910 in Plat Record 4, Page 2, Records of Doña Ana County, New Mexico) as USRS Tract 7-17B1D, lying north of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at an iron rod found on the west side of Doña Ana Road, (Doña Ana County Road D-062 formerly New Mexico State Road 28) for the southeast corner of Lot 20 of the Las Cruces Realty Company's Ware-Shropshire Tract and for the southeast corner of the tract herein described;

Thence from the point of beginning leaving the aforesaid road S71 deg. 08'W., 190.00 feet to an iron rod set for the southwest corner of the tract herein described;

Thence N18 deg. 52'W., 90.00 feet to the northwest corner of the tract herein described;

Thence N71 deg. 08'E., 190.00 feet to an iron rod set on the west side of Doña Ana Road for the northeast corner of the tract herein described;

Thence along the road S18 deg. 52'E 90.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.3926 acres of land more or less.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a 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 \$166,548.48 and the same bears interest at 7.000% per annum from November 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,660.92. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Pub # 10212
Dates 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-649

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

VINH Q. TRAN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 22, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the

undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4089 Calle de Luna, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

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

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 15, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$137,476.75 and the same bears interest at 7.875% per annum from September 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,351.70. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and 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 # 10224
Dates 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 12, 2010, Robert C. Woody, 671 Tumbleweed, Chaparral, NM 88081 filed application with the STATE ENGINEER under water right file HU-338, for Permit to Appropriate Underground Waters in the Hueco Basin, Doña Ana County, from proposed well HU-338-POD1 to be drilled in the NW1/4SW1/4NW1/4 Section

9, Township 26 South, Range 5 East, NMPM and more specifically described at a point where Latitude: 32d 3m 45.39s and Longitude: -106d 26m 39.72s meet. Applicant proposes a diversion of up to 41.7 acre-feet per annum for the irrigation of up to 10 acres in the NW1/4SW1/4NW1/4, of said Section 9 all on property owned by the applicant. The ten acres will be cleared and planted with pasture grass. Proposed use will be for irrigation a pasture, trees and watering animals.

The general location of the property and proposed well is at the physical location of 1080 Finley Street, Chaparral, NM.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA, 1978.

Pub # 10225
Dates 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 2010

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

No. CV-2010-2468
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT OF FRANK M. JONES SIGNED AUGUST 30, 2006, RESTATING THE TRUST AGREEMENT OF OCTOBER 28, 2001, AND AS AMENDED

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: LAURA ROHL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta will hear the Petition for Order Determining Beneficiary Share of Laura Bohl and Approving Deposit of Beneficiary Share of Laura Bohl to Court Registry in the above matter in the Third Judicial District Court County courthouse located at 201 West Picacho Avenue, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, 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 per-

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sons 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)

Pub # 10229
Dates 11/26, 12/3 12/10, 12/17, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201002659

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES
OF DEBBIE PETTES,
DECEASED; OCCUPANTS,
WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE
UNKNOWN, IF ANY; THE
UNKNOWN SURVIVING
SPOUSE OF DEBBIE
PETTES, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Debbie Pettes, Deceased and The Unknown Surviving Spouse of Debbie Pettes, if any.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 2913 Ancho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 39 OF LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION, PHASE III, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2005 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 21 AT PAGES 340-343, PLAT RECORDS.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI

By: Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
Keya Koul
LeNatria Holly Jurist
Kendrick W. Dane
Kevin W. Pyle
Susan Carter
Steven J. Lucero
Castle, Meinhold & StawiarSKI, LLC
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013;
(505) 848-9500

WITNESS the Honorable
MANUEL I. ARRIETA,
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of

the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 16 day of November, 2010.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By: Deputy
10-2963 FC01

Pub # 10231
Dates 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201002805

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

v.

JIMMY S. ORTIZ; MARIA
M. ORTIZ; UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA BY AND
THROUGH THE INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Jimmy S. Ortiz and Maria M. Ortiz.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 2823 San Miguel Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 214, LEGENDS WEST NORTH, PHASE I, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 27, 2006, IN BOOK 22 PAGE(S) 83-91, OF PLAT RECORDS.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI

By: Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
Keya Koul
LeNatria Holly Jurist
Kendrick W. Dane
Kevin W. Pyle
Susan Carter
Steven J. Lucero
Castle, Meinhold & StawiarSKI, LLC
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013;
(505) 848-9500

WITNESS the Honorable
MANUEL I. ARRIETA,
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of
the Third Judicial District of
New Mexico Judicial District
Court, Doña Ana County,
New Mexico, this 15th day of
November, 2010.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By: Deputy
10-2805 FC01

Pub # 10232
Dates 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 2010

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

Case No.
D-307-CV-201002699

BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING, LP FKA
COUNTRYWIDE HOME
LOANS SERVICING LP,
Plaintiff,

v.

DAVID R. GORDON;
MICHELLE M. GORDON;
DESERT SAGE BUILDING
AND DEVELOPMENT,
INC. A NEW MEXICO
CORPORATION; PIONEER
BANK; UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA BY AND
THROUGH THE INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE;
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE
NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF
ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Desert Sage Building and Development, Inc. A New Mexico Corporation.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1120 Pueblo Gardens Court, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT NUMBERED 11 OF PUEBLO GARDENS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID PUEBLO GARDENS, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2005 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 319-320.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI

By: Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
Keya Koul
LeNatria Holly Jurist
Kendrick W. Dane
Kevin W. Pyle
Susan Carter
Steven J. Lucero
Castle, Meinhold & StawiarSKI, LLC
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013;
(505) 848-9500

WITNESS the Honorable
JERALD A. VALENTINE,
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of
the Third Judicial District of
New Mexico Judicial District
Court, Doña Ana County,
New Mexico, this 9th day of
November, 2010.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By: Deputy

10-1209 FC01

Pub # 10233
Dates 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 2010

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

No. PB-10-114 (Arrieta)

IN THE MATTER OF TEE
ESTATE OF PEGGY LYNN
SUNDAHL, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION
ON PETITION FOR
ADJUDICATION OF
INTESTACY AND
APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE

THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO:

To: DONALD MERLE
SUNDAHL; PAULINE
SUNDAHL; RONNI
HOMOMICHL; JOHN
SUNDAHL; DONNA
HOWARD; LYNDA
MORROW; GARY SUNDAHL;
TERRY LEE SUNDAHL and
CAROL ANN PALESE;

And

To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS
OF PEGGY LYNN SUNDAHL,
AND ALL UNKNOWN
PERSONS WHO HAVE OR
CLAIM ANY INTEREST
IN THE ESTATE OF
PEGGY LYNN SUNDAHL,
DECEASED, OR IN THE
MATTER BEING LITIGATED
IN THE HEREINAFTER
MENTIONED HEARING.

Pub # 10235
Dates 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 10-0202

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF JOSE H.
SANCHEZ, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN THAT MAGDALENA I.
SANCHEZ has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: November 30, 2010

JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
575-524-0833
/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub # 10234
Dates 12/3, 12/10, 2010

NOTICE is hereby given that on August 23, 2010, Ronald and Nancy Watson, 1697 Highway 192, La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-1381 POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-1381 POD2, also know as well LRS08-0004 as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-008-0003 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey, located within the SW1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 15, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and drilling new well to a depth of 300 feet with 6-inch casing to be located at X = 1,492,077

Y = 413,495 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one household purpose. The new well site is located northwest of La Mesa, NM and may be found at approximately 1,485 feet south-southeast of the intersection of County Road B-010 and Gavilan Avenue. Old well LRG-1381 POD2 will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 10235
Dates 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 10-0202

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF JOSE H.
SANCHEZ, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN THAT MAGDALENA I.
SANCHEZ has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: November 23, 2010.
MAGDALENA I. SANCHEZ
1345 Sexton
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH
New Mexico Bar #14980
Gluth Law, LLC
2455 East Missouri, Suite A
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
Telephone: (575) 556-8449
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Pub # 10236
Dates 12/3, 12/10, 2010

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

Judge: Valentine
No. CV-2010-2515

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex
rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES,
on behalf of the LAS CRUCES
POLICE DEPARTMENT,
Petitioner,

vs.

TIMOTHY BLACK, AND
1994 FORD MUSTANG, RED;
VIN: 1FALP4044RF124730;
New Mexico License Plate No.
LGW 422, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF
ACTION

To: Timothy Black, the above
named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1994 Ford Mustang, Red; VIN: 1FALP4044RF124730; New Mexico License Plate No. LGW 422.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/
Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Interim City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 17th day of November, 2010.

JAMES H. DEMPSEY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

BY: /s/ Josie A. Gomez
DEPUTY

Pub # 10237
Dates 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 2010

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of in satisfaction of lien in accordance with the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act.

To be held at:

HOLIDAY STORAGE
2190 HOLIDAY AVENUE
LAS CRUCES, NM 88005
575-525-9056

ON FRIDAY, 12/17/2010,
BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM
THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF
STORAGE UNITS C71, D19,
J19, K16, L33, & P15

Tenant addresses are "last known".

UNIT C71
Jose F Carrillo
800 East Loan
La Mesa, NM 88446
Unit Consists of: Sleeping bags & Boxes

UNIT D19
Shirley A Herrera
1108 Del Rey #5
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit Consists of: TV, Headboard, Mattresses, Stove, Table, Chairs & Misc. Household Items

UNIT J19
Angel R Kuilan
449 Dartmouth St Apt C
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Unit Consists of: Arm Chair, Boxes & Misc. Household Items

UNIT K16
Carrie A Burns
2200 Holiday Ave #257
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Unit Consists of: Desk, Dresser, Lamps & Misc. boxes

UNIT P15
Crystal M Serna
7 Creosote Ct
Las Cruces, NM 88012
Unit Consists of: Dining Table, Boxes & Misc. Items

Inventory was taken from outside the units only; units may consist of more misc. items than listed.

CONTENTS WILL BE SOLD TO HIGHEST BIDDER TO COVER UNPAID CHARGES FOR RENT AND ASSOCIATED FEES.

CASH SALES ONLY

Please bring your own locks to secure any purchased units.

Pub # 10240
Dates 12/3, 12/10, 2010

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 keep-

ing 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.

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

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Dates 12/10, 12/17, 12/24,
12/31, 2010

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

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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 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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09-3545 FC01

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12/31, 2010

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 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
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(505) 848-9500

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Pub # 10243
Dates 12/10, 12/17, 12/24,
12/31, 2010

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, DONA 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 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
Special Master
c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC
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Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
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(505) 848-9500

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12/31, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB-2010-75
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF: EUGENE
RITCHIE EMERSON,
DECEASED.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two 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 at 210 El Pitallo Rd., San Miguel, New Mexico 88058 or filed with the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED this 29 day of
November, 2010.

KEITHLY & ENGLISH, L.L.C.
/s/ JOHN E. KEITHLY
Attorney for Personal
Representative
Post Office Drawer 1329
Anthony, NM 88021
(575) 882-4500
(575) 882-5000 [FAX]

CAROLYN ADAMS

Personal Representative
210 El Pitallo Rd.
San Miguel, NM 88058

Pub # 10245
Dates 12/10, 12/17, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB-2010-0115
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF: RALPH C.
BOHNE, JR., DECEASED.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the

undersigned co-personal representative at 7225 29th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98115 or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED this 1st day of
December, 2010.

/s/ JOHN M. BOHNE
Co-Personal Representative
7225 29th Ave. NE
Seattle, WA 98115

JOHN E. KEITHLY
Attorney for Personal
Representative
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB-2010-0106
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF: MARY LOOU
MEDINA, DECEASED.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 2955 Hwy. 28, Anthony, NM 88021 or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED this 23 day of

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Las Cruces, New Mexico

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The Las Cruces Bulletin is looking for postcards for our "Postcards from the Past" weekly feature. If you have any old postcards that feature Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico, bring them to our office at 840 N. Telshor, Suite E Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm, or call Rachel at 524-8061. We will scan your postcard and return it to you immediately. We will record your name and recognize you for your contribution when the postcard appears in our paper.

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November, 2010.

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Pub # 10247
Dates 12/10, 12/17, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-3119
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION OF CONSUELO
C. MORENO FOR CHANGE
OF NAME OF MINOR
CHILD GABRIEL MORENO
MORENO**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF NAME CHANGE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

NOTICE is hereby given the Petitioner is requesting a name change for the minor child, Gabriel Moreno Moreno to Mario Moreno Rivas. Unless an appearance and objection is filed, a name change will be entered as requested in the Petition on the 4th of January, 2010, at 11:30 a.m., before Judge James T. Martin, Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Clerk of District Court

By: /s/ M.E. Apodaca
Deputy Clerk

Pub # 10248
Dates 12/10, 12/17, 2010

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 DOEA (true name
unknown), her spouse; and
JOHN DOE and JANE DOE,
(true names unknown), ten-
ants, 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 situated 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 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 # 10249
Dates 12/10, 12/17, 12/24,
12/31, 2010

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinance at a Regular City Council Meeting Held on December 6, 2010:

1. Council Bill No. 11-017; Ordinance No. 2597: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 38 of the Las Cruces Municipal Code, 1997 (Zoning) to Create Section 38-49.3 ADO — Alameda Depot Overlay. (ZCA-10-02)

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk.

Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 8th day of December, 2010.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub # 10250
Dates 12/10, 2010



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold

Bids at 4:00 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management of the following:

Bid Invitation:
I0097614-F Farming
Equipment for Bernalillo
County CES

Bid Opening Date:
01/06/2011

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at <https://scquest-ionwave.net/nmsu> to obtain a copy of this bid electronically and be registered for future bids for this commodity.

Pub # 10252
Dates 12/10, 2010



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will receive Proposals until 2 p.m. local time in the NMSU Central Purchasing and Risk Management Administration Office room 101 in the Academic Research Center located at 1620 Standley Drive between Research Drive & Locust Street, in the Arrowhead Research Park on the main campus of NMSU for the following:

Proposal Invitation:
I0096639-P NMSU Women's
Soccer Stadium Project

Proposal Due Date:
01/20/2011

A pre-proposal conference will be held in the OFS Large Conference Room at 1530 Wells Street, Las Cruces, NM, on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at 3:00 PM local time.

Proposal Documents, will be available on Friday, December 10, 2010 from Studio D Architects located at 509 S. Main St., Las Cruces, NM. Phone 575-521-3757.

Pub # 10253
Dates 12/10, 2010

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinances at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on January 3, 2011:

1. Council Bill No. 11-018; Ordinance No. 2598: An Ordinance Amending Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 27-12-6-17, Parking Restrictions for Recreational Vehicles, to Establish a Linear Limit Beyond Which Recreational Vehicles May Not be Parked at the Side of a Residence, to Reduce the Number of Days a Person May Reside in a Recreational Vehicle Parked at a Residence, to Reduce the Number of Days a Recreational Vehicle May be Parked on a Street or Alley; and to Clarify the Authority of Codes Enforcement to Enforce This Ordinance and Section 27-12-6-18, Occupation of Recreational Vehicle; and to Make Both Ordinances Consistent With Las Cruces Development Code, Section 38-57, Mobile Home Parks/ Recreational Vehicle Parks.

2. Council Bill No: 11-019; Ordinance No. 2599: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From UR (Urban Ranch From the 1981 Zoning Code) to REM (Single-Family Residential Estate Mobile) for Two (2) Distinct Properties Located South of Shannon Road and West of Beyer Road. The Subject Properties Consist of Two Lots for a Total 3.00 ± Acres: Lot One Encompasses 2.00 ± Acres and Lot Two Encompasses 1.00 ± Acres. The Proposed Zone Change will Bring the Subject Properties Into Compliance With the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. Submitted by Anne Shannon and Bea Wade, Property Owners (Z2816)

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk.

Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 8th day of December, 2010.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub # 10254
Dates 12/10, 2010

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 mar-
ried, 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 situated 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 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 # 10255
Dates 12/10, 12/17, 12/24,
12/31, 2010

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.

together with the hereditaments 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
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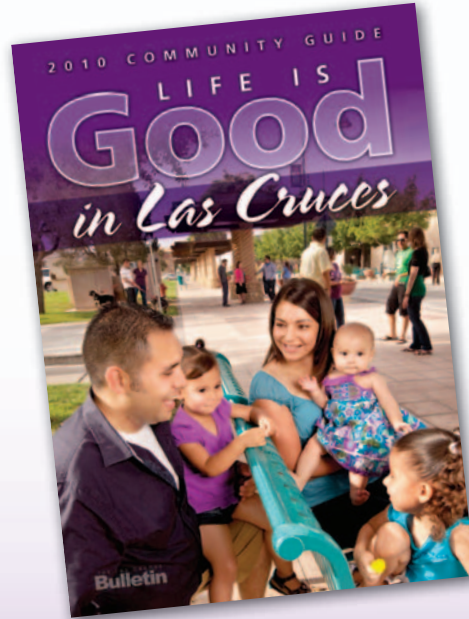
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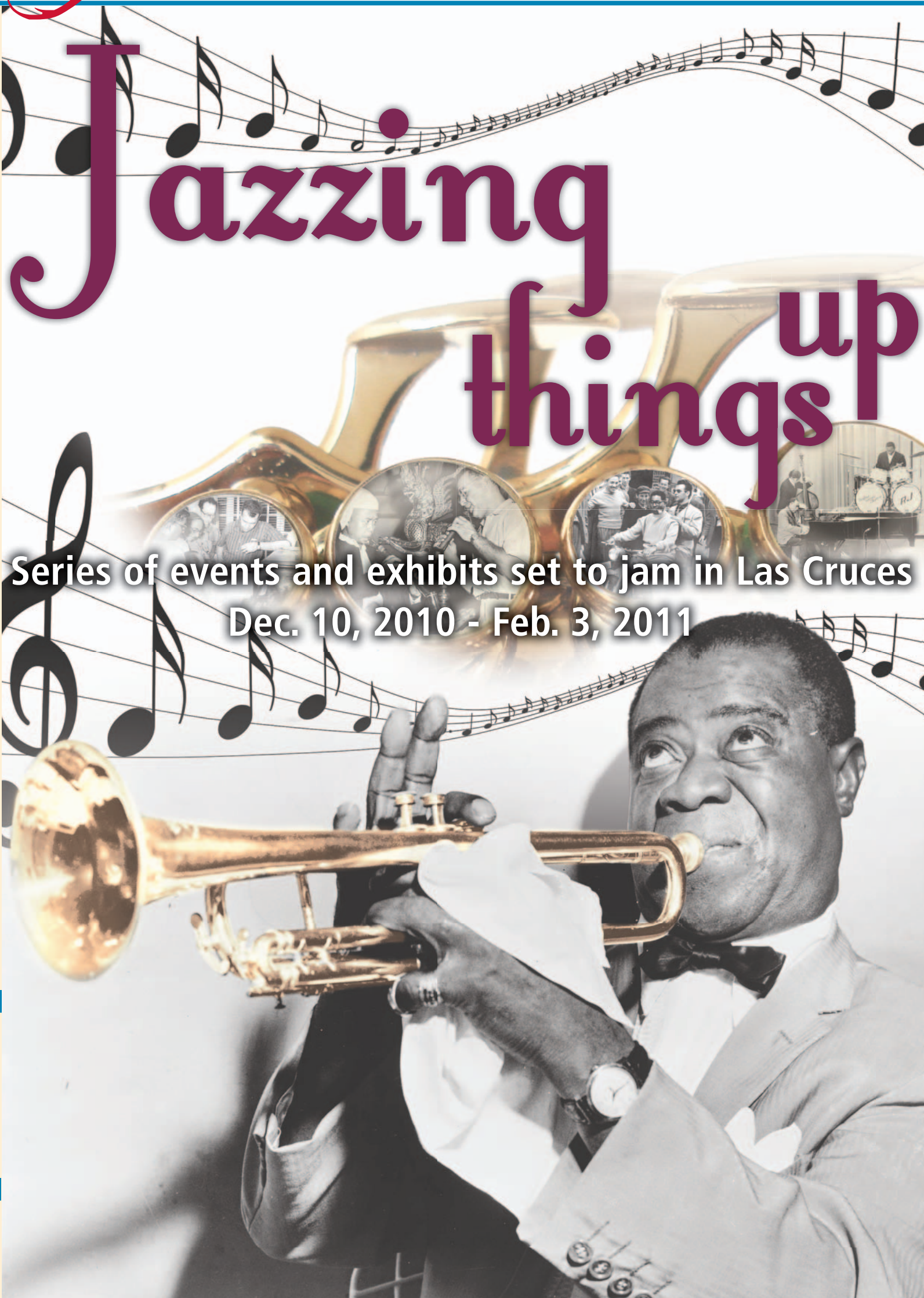
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**Dancing with
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Chamber Ballet's annual
"The Nutcracker"



Series of events and exhibits set to jam in Las Cruces
Dec. 10, 2010 - Feb. 3, 2011

When jazz conquered the world

Huge effort brings musical events to Las Cruces

By David Edwards
Las Cruces Bulletin

Jim Shearer wants you ... for the army. The army of jazz fans that is. The New Mexico State University music professor teaches tuba, euphonium, music history and music appreciation to graduate, undergraduate and honors students; presents concerts, master classes and lectures as a Yamaha Performing Artist; is a recording artist (check out The Memphis Hang released on Summit Records); is the author of two music appreciation textbooks "Classical Basics" and "Jazz Basics;" and tirelessly works to swell the ranks of the jazz hordes.

After checking out a website sponsored by the Meridian International Center in Washington, D.C., in cooperation with the Rutgers University's Institute for Jazz Studies entitled

"Jam Session: America's Jazz Ambassadors Embrace the World," it struck Shearer that the exhibit needed to come to Las Cruces. He hit upon the idea of teaming up with the Doña Ana Arts Council, NMSU and the Branigan Cultural Center to make it an "epic time for jazz in Las Cruces."

Jam Session in Las Cruces is a two-month long series of events that focus on the art and culture of jazz. It will take place in various city locations between Dec. 10, 2010, and Feb. 3, 2011. The project features multi-media exhibits, concerts, films, public gallery talks and educational outreach to students of all ages.

The centerpiece of the project is an exhibit on loan from the Meridian Center, consisting mainly of photographs and other important historical documents. The exhibit tells the story of American cultural diplomacy as the

U.S. Department of State sent jazz musicians – including Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie and Dave Brubeck, among many others – around the world beginning in the mid-1950s.

There has never really been anything locally like this team effort related to a particular musical form and the educational opportunities are tremendous.

"Allen Theatres should get a special nod," Shearer said. "They stepped up and paid for the screening of the films."

The DAAC's Rio Grande Theatre is featuring jazz art and memorabilia with a Southwestern flavor. The El Paso Electric Gallery will be the temporary home for historical artifacts detailing the rich jazz history of Las Cruces and El Paso, while the DAAC Bistro Gallery will be devoted to the jazz photography of noted Albuquerque artist Jim Gale.

The NMSU Cultural Series is offering the



"White Christmas" will be screened at the Rio Grande Theatre Tuesday, Dec. 21.

final gala concert when it presents the Junior Mance Quintet Thursday, Feb. 3. The Branigan Cultural Center is hosting the main exhibit as well as gallery talks. The NMSU Foundation, NMSU Center for the Arts, NMSU Music Department, KRWG and NMSU Black Programs are also partners.

The next two months are a good time to be a jazz lover in Las Cruces – and if you aren't a fan, now's a great time to get drafted.

Schedule

**DEC. 10, 2010 –
FEB. 3, 2011**

**Exhibit: "JAM SESSION:
America's Jazz
Ambassadors Embrace the
World"**

**9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Saturday
Branigan Cultural Center**

All events and concerts are free
except where indicated.

December

**FRIDAY, DEC. 10
5 to 7 p.m.**

**Opening of
"Jam Session" exhibit
Branigan Cultural Center**

SATURDAY, DEC. 11

**11 a.m.
Gallery talk on
Louis Armstrong,
hosted by Jim Shearer
Branigan Cultural Center**

SUNDAY, DEC. 12

**7:30 p.m.
Opening concert – Byron
Stripling with the NMSU
Jazz Band (under the
direction of Pancho
Romero) In partnership with
the NMSU Foundation/Center
For the Arts and the NMSU
Music Department
Rio Grande Theatre**

TUESDAY, DEC. 14

**5:30 p.m.
Concert –
New Horizons Band
Rio Grande Theatre**

7 p.m.

**Film – "High Society"
Rio Grande Theatre**

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

**7 p.m.
Concert – El Paso Brass
In partnership with KRWG
(There is a ticket charge
for this concert)
Rio Grande Theatre**

SATURDAY, DEC. 18

**11 a.m.
Gallery talk –
Musicians of the
Newport Jazz Festival
Series, hosted by Bob Burns
Branigan Cultural Center**

TUESDAY, DEC. 21

**5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Films – "Holiday Inn" and
"White Christmas"
Rio Grande Theatre
(Reservations are suggested
for this event – call the Doña
Ana Arts Council 523-6403)**

TUESDAY, DEC. 28

**5:30 p.m.
Concert –
Creole Jazz Band
Rio Grande Theatre
7 p.m.
Film – "Satchmo"
Rio Grande Theatre**

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,
NMSU scholar, Eastern
European History; Jim
Shearer, Professor of Music,
NMSU; Ambassador Delano
Lewis, Director of NMSU
International Relations
Institute; 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"
Rio Grande Theatre**

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26

**7:30 p.m.
Concert – Willis Delony
In partnership with
The Center for the
Arts/NMSU Foundation
Branigan Cultural Center**

SATURDAY, JAN. 29

**11 a.m.
Gallery talk –
Dave Brubeck,
hosted by Jim Shearer
Branigan Cultural Center**

February

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2

**7 p.m.
A Celebration of Jazz
for Black History Month
featuring pianist Billy
Townes, with special guests
Ricky Malachi, drums; Mike
Hamilton, sax; and Erik
Unsworth, bass In partnership
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Branigan Cultural Center**

THURSDAY, FEB. 3

**8 p.m.
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Cultural Series
Rio Grande Theatre**

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Featured Artists: NMWS-SC

Striving for painter's perfection

Southern NM watercolorists showcase talent in a vibrant, historic display

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter (NMWS-SC) began nine years ago with a group of local watercolorists that recognized a need to respond to the growing population of Las Cruces artists.

Since then, the society has grown to more than 100 members, producing three notable gallery showings a year.

"There were 40 southern chapter founding members and many are still active in the organization," said Carolyn Bunch, president of the NMWS-SC. "We currently have a membership of 105. We have two shows a year and also participate in the For the Love of Art exhibitions in February."

The New Mexico Watercolor Society, was founded with a purpose "to elevate the stature of watercolor as an art medium and the education of the public."

"The New Mexico Watercolor Society became an independent entity in 1975 after beginning six years before as a chapter of the Southwestern Watercolor Society of Texas," Bunch said. "Meetings were held in



New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter member Jan Addy discusses art during a recent meeting.



"Don't Mention It" by Laurel Weathersbee is on display at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Albuquerque. The southern chapter of the New Mexico Watercolor Society was proposed and established in 2001 due to efforts of several area watercolor artists."

While watercolorists of all skill levels are encouraged to join the society, the group strives for excellence.

"We have worked hard the past five to six years to make sure our standards match the standards of the core group in Albuquerque," said Laurel Weathersbee, exhibitions chair of the NMWS-SC. "We have worked hard to present professional and interesting work to the Las Cruces community."

Comprised of watercolorists south of Socorro County, the southern chapter is proud to display 49 original pieces of artwork in its fall exhibit "Vintage Views of Rural Women" at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, beginning Thursday, Dec. 16.

Their fall exhibit includes original artwork by the members representing the life of women in rural New Mexico at the turn of the 19th century. Vastly different living situations than today, the paintings provide a glimpse into the daily life, tools, possessions, pastimes and surroundings of women.

"We are excited about the upcoming show at the Farm & Ranch," Bunch said. "The theme is 'Rural Women in New Mexico, 1880-1920.' This was a challenging theme and really called forth a lot of creative thinking from the members. I was impressed by the quick preview I had of the work. There is an amazing variety in

approach, and the quality is high. There were 49 pieces chosen by the jury, and I am happy to have two pieces included."

All of the pieces in the exhibit were selected by New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum staff and illustrate different artists' interpretation of the theme.

"All pieces are for sale, and a portion is donated to the friends of the Farm & Ranch," Weathersbee said.

An artists' reception with refreshments will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the museum. The event is free and open to the public.

In addition to the fall exhibit, the southern chapter holds an annual spring exhibit usually during April or May. The 2010 spring exhibition was held in the Shannon Room of the Branigan Cultural Center in Downtown Las Cruces. With an overwhelming number of entries, only about half of the submitted pieces could be chosen by the judges to hang due to space considerations. Six winners were awarded

Details

"Vintage Views of Rural Women," fall exhibit

by New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter

When

Regular viewing hours
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Saturday,
Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday
Artist reception
6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16

Where

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road

Cost

Regular viewing, \$2-\$5
Artist reception, free

Contact

522-4100

in the judging and a seventh was voted viewers' choice by those attending the reception.

Award winners included best of show, "Tlaque Plaque Fountain" by Barbara Kejr; first place, "Taos Gorge" by Lois Smith; second place, "Jesus Arches, Paraguay" by Phil Yost; third place, "Ice Planet" by Biegee Brandhorst; honorable mention, "Another Red Balloon" by Marie Siegrist and "The Days of Vine and Roses" by Janey Walch; and viewers' choice, "Large Red Grapes" by Penny Thompson Simpson.

The NMWS-SC also participates in For the Love of Art Month in February and a watercolor show put on in Deming by the Deming Arts Council, and hosts workshops in Las Cruces.

For more information about upcoming and past shows, as well as workshop information on the southern chapter's website, visit nmwatercoloristsociety.org/southernchapter.

The fall exhibit can be viewed during the museum's regular hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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2 to 5 p.m. Holiday Artisan's Fair, Catholic Charities Store, 2205 S. Main St., Suite B. Free. Call 523-7577

6 to 9 p.m. Live music by Mark Tibbs, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

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8 p.m. "Cockeyed," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. A romantic comedy directed by Ceil Herman. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 523-1223.

SAT. 12/11

8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fourth annual Breakfast with Santa Celebration, Sonoma Springs Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave. Santa will visit with each child. Pancakes, sausage and juice will be served, as well as crafts for children, storytime, caroling, a gift for each child and the elf train. Free. Call 526-4907.

9 a.m. to noon, Holiday Artisan's Fair, Catholic Charities Store, 2205 S. Main St. Suite B. Free. Call 523-7577

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Dorothy Ormes will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Sonya Weiner will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. Free. Call 526-8377.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Camino del Arte, Mesquite Street Historic District, along Mesquite Street. Mesquite Street Studios, 922 N. Mesquite St., will feature sculptor Brian Fallstead as he demonstrates the art of aluminum casting. Free.

11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

Noon, Artist talk with Nancy Frost Begin, Main Street Gallery, 311 N. Main St. Begin will talk about her out-of-the-box creative process. Free. Call 647-0508.

1:30 p.m. Living Christmas Tree, Las Cruces First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St. Tickets are available at the church office; Johnson's True Value Hardware, 1002 W. Picacho Ave; and Picture Frame Outlet, 382 S. Walnut St. Cost \$5. Call 524-3691.

2 p.m. "Amazing Magical Musical Adventure," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. A musical based on the holiday classic, "Why The Bells Rang," by Raymond Macdonald Alden. Cost \$5. Call 523-1223.

3 p.m. "Instant Classics" by the New Horizons Symphony Orchestra, Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. The concert program is made up of a variety of tunes and holiday songs that fit the theme. Free. Call 522-5571.

3 to 7 p.m. Second Anniversary Fiesta, Mesilla Valley State Park, 5000 Calle del Norte. Celebrate Mesilla Valley State Park's anniversary with a bird tour, snacks and refreshments. Luminarias will light the park plaza at 4:30 p.m. Free with a valid park pass.

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5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class, My Place Jewell 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Winterfest, Mesquite Street Historic District, along Mesquite Street. Ride a horse-drawn wagon, tour the historic area, sample the galleries and restaurants, enjoy chocolate delights and see the luminaries. Free.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music by Ash Soular, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. Celebrate Amaro's one-year anniversary with \$1 glasses of wine all day. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center, Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, singles and guests are welcome to dance to the music of Mark Coker. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

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8 p.m. "Cockeyed," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. A romantic comedy directed by Ceil Herman. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 523-1223.

SUN. 12/12

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. Call 650-7414.

1 to 5 p.m. Christmas Open House, former St. Francis de Sales Church, 105 N. Jose Serna, Rodey, N.M. More than 75 nativity sets from around the world and a large winter scene with more than 55 buildings plus many smaller pieces will be on display. Free. Call 267-4249.

3 to 7 p.m. Open Mic, Blue Moon Bar, 13060 N. Highway 185. Free. Call 647-9524.

3 p.m., "Believe" holiday concert by the Mesilla Valley Chorale, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Directed by Nancy Richey, the theme of "Believe" is based on the popular song from "The Polar Express." Cost \$10. Call 647-2560.

3 p.m. Celestial Sounds Holiday Concert, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Under the direction of Jeannine Vigurust, the group will feature Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" and other holiday music. The concert will be followed by refreshments. Free. Call 524-0930.

7 p.m. "Concierto Festivo Navideña" by Mesilla Valley Musical Arts, Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3025 Terrace Drive. Cost \$8-\$10. Call 523-7714.

7 p.m. Jam Session opening concert, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Internationally acclaimed jazz trumpet player and vocalist Byron Stripling will join Pancho Romero and the New Mexico State University Jazz Ensemble for the opening concert of the Jam Session in Las Cruces. Free. Call 541-2155.

MON. 12/13

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.

7 p.m., "Keeping it Riehl" comedy troupe, Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Alan Riehl, Bob Singer, Melanie Nielsen and Shaun Hadfield will perform stand-ups, skits and improv. Cost. \$9-\$10. Call 312-8760.

7 p.m. NMSU vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff men's basketball game, Pan Am Center on the NMSU campus. Cost \$8-\$31. Call 646-1420.



The Linda Lundeen Gallery will host a reception for artist Rebecca Courtney Friday, Dec. 17.

TUE. 12/14

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.

5 p.m. Jazz Film Series: "High Society," 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 New Horizons Band and Trails West and the screening will be "High Society," starring Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Louis Armstrong. Free. Call 523-6404.

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. 12/15

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit meeting, Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative ideas and good conversation are shared. To participate, bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625, email meadows@zianet.com or visit lascrucesstitches.multiply.com.

7 p.m. "A Child's Christmas in Wales," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Annual Reading of Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas in Wales," featuring Peter Herman as Dylan Thomas and theatre donors and volunteers. Cost \$7. Call 523-1223.

7 p.m. El Paso Brass, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Cost \$7.50-\$20. Call 646-2222.

THU. 12/16

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class, My Place Jewell

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6 to 9 p.m. Live music by East Mesa, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

6 p.m. Cooking root vegetables class, Co-op Community Room, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Free. Call 523-0436.

6:30 p.m. La Cella Bella cello quartet, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla. Listen to pop rock, classics and holiday tunes as you enjoy a delicious meal. No cover. Call 524-0390.

7 p.m. "The Nutcracker" ballet, Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. Tickets are available at the Pan Am ticket office. Cost \$18-\$20. Call 527-1893 or 646-1420.

7 p.m. NMSU vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State men's basketball game, Pan Am Center on the NMSU campus. Lou Henson Classic. Cost \$8-\$31. Call 646-1420.

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Dance ballroom, swing and Latin style to the music of the High Society Orchestra. Beginners, singles and couples are welcome. Must be 21 years or older. Dress code. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 526-6504.

FRI. 12/17

4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Rebecca Courtney artist reception, Linda Lundeen Gallery, 618 S. Alameda Blvd. A reception with posole and sangria will be held to honor Courtney as the November and December artist of the month. Free. Call 526-3326.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music by Soulshine, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

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.

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SAT. 12/18

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10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Border Bazaar, Cultural Center, 2231 Calle de Parian in Mesilla. Art of all types and hundreds of vintage 45, 78 and long-playing records will be featured. Original vintage records in both English and Spanish will be for sale. Free. Call 523-3988.

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Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

JOYCE T. MACRORIE STUDIO GALLERY hosts "Small Pieces - Small Prices," an exhibit of Linda Gendall, Joyce Macrorie, Or-Dima and Scott Weaver, through Friday, Dec. 17. The gallery is at 639 S. San Pedro St. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, by appointment only. Call 571-8349.

OPENING

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM will host the Southern Chapter of the New Mexico Watercolor Society's fall exhibit, "Vintage Views of Rural Women," Thursday, Dec. 16. The museum is at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-4100.

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA will participate in the monthly art tour, Camino del Arte, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Las Cruces Arts Association members will present the exhibit "Old and New Paths" with two artist receptions from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Rosario Jeremias' solo exhibit titled "By Rosario" will feature her works in clay, oils and acrylics. Norma Chairez will present her works in oil. The gallery is at 326 S. Mesquite St. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, or by appointment. Call 524-0003.

LINDA LUNDEEN GALLERY celebrates Rebecca Courtney as November and

December artist of the month. Working primarily in acrylic, Courtney's artwork focuses on the movement of objects and colors to tell a story through serenity and warmth. A reception will be held from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, with posole and sangria being served. The show will continue through the end of the month. The gallery is at 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by appointment. Call 526-3326.

ONGOING

QUILLIN STUDIO AND GALLERY presents new works by three artists, including magnetic-mini paintings and collages, "fingerless" gloves, copper jewelry and more, through December. The gallery is at 317 N. Main St. behind COAS Books. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 312-1064.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "Encaustic Painting: Reviving an Ancient Art," an exhibition by Carol Lopez through Thursday, Dec. 30. Lopez's retablos, small religious icons, are painted with beeswax on weathered wood and are examples of encaustic art. The center is at 501 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2154.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART will present "Looking Ahead: Portraits from the Mott-Warsh Collection," an exhibition of 30 contemporary portraits of people of African descent through Jan. 22, 2011. The gallery is at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933.

SB'S LATE-NIGHT LUNCHBOX will open "Visually Speaking," a photo society group show through Friday, Dec. 31. The gallery is at 120 S. Water St. Hours are 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE GALLERIES will feature jazz art and memorabilia in conjunction with the "Jam Session in Las Cruces" exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center. The El Paso Electric Gallery will host historical artifacts detailing the rich jazz history of Las Cruces and El Paso. The Doña Ana Arts Council Bistro Gallery will feature jazz photography by Albuquerque artist Jim Gale. The galleries are at 211 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 523-6403.

BLACK BOX THEATRE will present "Kicking Nature up a Notch," an exhibit by Karen Currier and the Mesilla Valley Musical Arts Chamber, through Jan. 31, 2011. Currier is a Las Cruces artist specializing in uniquely handcrafted gourds and creative walking stocks. The theatre is at 430 N. Main St. Viewings are one hour before performances or by appointment. Call 523-1223.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY will host a juried fine arts craft show through Friday, Dec. 31. The juror for the exhibit, Suzanne Kane, is an award-winning ceramicist, NMSU instructor and Archie Bray Fellow. The gallery is at 2000 Solano Drive. Hours are

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281.

UNSETTLED GALLERY hosts Cassandra Lockwood's "Pushing Through," through Friday, Dec. 31. An artist reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Unsettled Gallery is at 905 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday or by appointment. Call 635-2285.

THE CUTTER GALLERY will have a special Holiday Gallery Show from 1 to 4 p.m. through December, featuring ceramic artists Susi and Richard Bergquist. The gallery is at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-0658.

MVS STUDIOS will host "Oh Nature!" an exploration of themes from the world of nature through a 1-square-foot window, through December. The gallery is at 535 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Call 524-3636.

THE MAIN STREET GALLERY hosts "Cirque d' Fantastique," featuring works by Nancy Frost Begin through December. A world of fantasy and caution. An artist talk will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. The gallery is at 311 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 647-0508.

BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO presents "Winter Gifts of Art," an exhibition of abstract to traditional pieces presented by the City of Artists Promotional Association. The gallery is at 2825 N. Main St.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call 526-6126.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY features Judy Bess and Phil Yost through December. Bess is an acrylic artist who specializes in capturing the vivaciousness and beauty of the desert Southwest. 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.

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 through September 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.

LE RENDEZ-VOUS CAFÉ hosts "Autumn in the Desert" through December. Artists include Jan Addy, Margaret Bernstein, June Decker, Alice Dressler, Penny Dunclee, Barbara Howe, Marjorie Moeser and Jean Smith. The café is at 2701 W. Picacho Ave. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 527-0098.

THE WILLIAM CONROY HONORS CENTER at New Mexico State University is providing access to Cuba and an important piece of Cuban history in the form of a photography exhibit titled "El Cubano se Ofrece: An Exploration of Cuban Identity." The show

features the work of internationally recognized Cuban photographer Iván Cañas until the end of the semester. The gallery is at 2745 S. Espina St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 646-2005.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY presents "Modern Design/Folk Art" through Dec. 17. Drawing on folk art and modern furniture collections. This exhibition examines the interplay of folk art and modernism in America. The gallery is at 1390 E. University Ave. on the NMSU campus. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 646-2545.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER is showcasing six artists working in various media in the gallery's 2010 Fall Exhibition. Artists featured are Sara Lee D'Alessandro, Jonathan Morse, Michael and Misato Mortara, Mark Pomilio and Karen Von Felton through Saturday, Dec. 18. The gallery is at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. Call 523-8713.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER exhibits more than 100 pieces of original artwork from Las Cruces and Gadsden public schools. The gallery is at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday through Friday. Call 525-5801.

THE STUDIO features the work of Robert Carlson, Tracy Jamison and Susan Loverin. The Studio is at 665 E. University Ave. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays by appointment. Call 523-1809.



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*Dr. Sarah Hagelin,
Assistant Professor of English, NMSU*

Romantic comedy on film
from the 1930s to the present
in social and cultural context.

Date & Time.....Tuesday and Thursday
December 14, 16
Coffee.....10:00-10:30 a.m.
Program.....10:30-Noon
Location.....Good Samaritan Auditorium
3011 Buena Vida Circle
Fee.....\$4 per day - members
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They 'Believe' in music



The Mesilla Valley Chorale, directed by Nancy Richey, will present its holiday concert "Believe" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The theme is based on the popular song from "The Polar Express." Other music includes "Shepherd's Pipe Carol" by Rutter, "Velvet Shoes" by Wagner, upbeat spirituals and carol sing-a-longs, plus rich harmonies from the jazz ensemble "Close Encounters." Tickets are \$10 open seating, and all proceeds go to the Rio Grande Theatre. For information, call 647-2560.

A pilgrim remembers

Devotee has been feeling 'the pull' for 50 years

By **Marvin Tessneer**

Las Cruces Bulletin

David Fierro has been paying homage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in the annual pilgrimage, which will be conducted Saturday, Dec. 11, on A Mountain, for 50 years, and the spirit has never left him.

He felt the spirit while he was serving with the Air Force in England, 1970-74, and while working as a civilian with the Army in Italy.

"At the time of our Lady of Guadalupe fiesta,

I could feel the pull, I felt like I was climbing A Mountain in the pilgrimage," Fierro said. "I don't feel that I have to go on the pilgrimage. I feel that I want to do it because of my family, my friends and the community."

Fierro is a member of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Corporation, like his father Pablo. When the pilgrims climb A Mountain at 7 a.m., he will lead the reading of the Rosary.

"The pilgrimage is not like a picnic, not a hike," Fierro said. "We want the community to respect and honor our tradition."



Bob Singer, Indrani Rauth, Ken Eastlack, Stephen Caroe and Robin Dorfman in "Greetings" at the Las Cruces Community Theatre

Holiday 'Greetings'

LCCT presents Christmas with a difference

Review by **David Edwards**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Community Theatre has put together something a little different for the holidays. During a season normally dominated by Scrooges and Grinches, LCCT offers a sentimental, if slightly off-kilter, comedy that puts an unusual spin on the "I'll be home for Christmas" theme.

"Greetings" by Tom Dudzick tells the story of New Yorker Andy Gorski (Bob Singer), who is bringing his Jewish, yet atheist, fiancée Randi Stein (Indrani Rauth) home to Pittsburgh to meet his very Catholic family on Christmas Eve.

Andy's dad Phil (Ken Eastlack, who also directs) is a retired fellow who spends a good deal of time drinking beer in the basement, complaining about shoddy workmanship by the guy who built their house ("He must have been drunk ...") and criticizing the neighbors for their lack of belief ("Only four houses with lights in the windows. Are they atheists or what? They've lost the meaning of Christmas that's all I know.").

Phil's wife Emily (Robin Dorfman) patiently puts up with Phil's irascibility with a ditzzy sweetness. Younger son Mickey (Stephen Caroe) is developmentally disabled and fairly limited in what he says and what

gets his attention — he is eagerly anticipating an upcoming wrestling match. Mickey has been acting a bit strangely lately, even for Mickey. According to Emily, he recently said, "Greetings." It's a word not normally in his vocabulary.

When Andy and Randi arrive, it doesn't take long for the tension over religious belief or non-belief to boil over. We discover that Andy's faith has faded and find out the reason for Randi's atheism. Mickey becomes an instrument for something miraculous that will have a profound effect on the family and how they view the season and each other.

The cast works well together under Eastlack's direction (ably assisted by Karen Caroe) and the show offers a pleasant alternative to the standard fare usually offered this time of year. The message is positive and upbeat without being too cliché or maudlin. In fact, I would venture to say the story itself is very unlike anything you might be used to.

Eastlack mentions in his director's notes that while searching for something different in the way of holiday plays, he came upon "Greetings" and felt it was "close enough." It's more than close, it hits the mark.

"Greetings" continues at the Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Downtown Mall, at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 19.

Thank you to the artists, associations and sponsors who participated in the Jardin de los Ninos Winter Art Show & Raffle 2010.

Jo-an Smith
Tom Gerend
Bonnie Mandoe
Linda Gendall
Vincent Hallet
Rebecca Courtney
Genevieve Davis
Frank Parrish
Carlitta Harvey
Kathy Morrow
Lee Beatty
Pat Bonneau White
Lonnie Todoroki
Judy Licht
Greta Burger
Kay Kelly
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Lois V. Smith
Lynn M. Kelly
Cheryl Price
Jim la Salandra
Jeanne De Arment
Caryl Kotulak
Annetta J. Hoover



Scott Weaver
Jim Turrentine
Kathleen Squires
Jeanne Rundell
Nancy Begin
Denise K. Stark
Susan Vescovo
Rosemary
McLoughlin
Jenny Gilbertson
Steven Kavanaugh
Jessica Cunningham
Burt Rawlings
Olivia Medina
Joyce Deaso
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Josefina's Old Gate
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Beasley Mitchell & Co.
Sleep Lab of Las Cruces
Mahres & Mahres Insurance
Life in Balance Pilates
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Studio D Architects
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Los Artesanos Galeria
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Playbill

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Keeping it Riehl Comedy Troupe
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Tickets \$9-\$10
Monday, Dec. 13

A Child's Christmas in Wales
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523-1223
Tickets \$7
Wednesday, Dec. 15

The Nutcracker
Atkinson Recital Hall
On the NMSU campus
646-1420
Tickets \$18-\$20
Thursday, Dec. 16

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Coming Soon

It's a Wonderful Life
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Bulletin Restaurant Guide

Put yourself in the soup

Vietnamese cuisine finally makes a local splash at Pho Saigon

By David Edwards
Las Cruces Bulletin

It is thrilling to suddenly have different choices for our palates on the restaurant palette. We now have a full-fledged Vietnamese restaurant on the landscape “de cuisine.”

Pho Saigon opened about two weeks ago, and after eating there a few times and looking at the extensive menu, I can tell that there are many more delicious visits to come.

Owners Eric and Kelly Nguyen also own Tip Top Nails near the soon-to-be-opened (we hope) Pro’s Ranch Market, just off El Paseo Road at the former home of Community Action Agency.

But the Nguyens have operated restaurants in California and Chicago, and they were always keeping a lookout for a place to start another Vietnamese eatery. Traveling back and forth led them through New Mexico.

“I had intended to go to Albuquerque,” Eric Nguyen said. “But we bypassed it and ended up in Las Cruces. We noticed there was no Vietnamese food here and we liked it so we stayed.”

They opened the nail salon about a year ago while waiting for a place to start their restaurant. Their customers kept asking about it, so the Nguyens knew there was plenty of interest.

By chance, the current location opened up in the same business plaza and work began converting and remodeling it. The result is a bright clean place that even my mom appreciated.

And there is more to come, with plans to open a separate express/take-out counter as soon as Pro’s Ranch Market is up and running. The express will feature smoothies as well as take-out and the inclusion of bánh mì, a Vietnamese sandwich with bread made on the premises. Beer and wine also will soon be available.

“Vietnamese food is a very healthy alternative,” Eric Nguyen said. “It uses less fat and oil. Plus our ingredients are fresh every day, and we are always looking for new dishes to try.”

So far, with the participation of the usual lunch friends and family, I have only been able to make the slightest dent in the vast array of menu items. The egg rolls, made with the traditional wrapper, were very light and crisp with pork, shrimp and mushroom inside. The sauce is a “secret” recipe, but has a sweet and slightly hot flavor. Make sure to use the



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Edwards
Eric Nguyen and sister-in-law Chi Tran bring a new type cuisine to Las Cruces at Pho Saigon.

cucumber garnish, also dipped in the sauce, to accompany each bite of egg roll.

The spring rolls are made with an almost transparent rice paper – so thin you can see the shrimp inside. There is also pork, along with lettuce and lovely thin rice noodles. It comes with a peanut sauce that makes them to die for. Don’t forget to dip the cukes here either.

Vietnamese cuisine has a wide variety of different soups – all served in large bowls. The pho with rice noodles and beef broth comes with ingredients including rare steak, flank, tendon, brisket point and a beef (meat) ball. Chicken and a seafood combination is also an option.

The rice noodle soup comes with a bowl of hot water that you add to the bowl of ingredients. Shrimp, chicken, crab meat, fish ball (yup, just a ball of fish), wontons, barbecued pork or beef are your ingredient choices.

There is a vermicelli (very thin rice noodles) plate that comes with previously mentioned meats, but you can also get pork or shrimp paste, pork ball or an egg roll.

Rice dishes include a stir-fried entrée with a generous portion of white rice. The meat selection includes pan fried cubed beef, egg, barbecued pork, charbroiled beef, chicken and shrimp, pork sausage, vegetables and tofu. Mom tried the spicy Mongolian chicken and girlfriend (it was our anniversary!) had the spicy pineapple chicken and shrimp.

If you prefer the typical yellow noodles, there are soups with those also. There are numerous house specials and some family dinner items. It’s very intimidating when you see all your options, but I just say plunge in.

So far I have hit the noodle soup special with steak, flank, tendon (it’s tasty, really), brisket point and beef ball. Most of the soups come traditionally with cilantro (basil), lime, bean sprouts and peppers (jalapeños). Lunch buddy Jack and I have gorged on the rice noodle satay with chicken, shrimp and barbecue pork. Jack has tried some of the yellow noodle soups and Jack’s son Steven (my main man, good for you!) ventured into the stir-fried seafood combo. Sis had to do take-out stir-fried beef and vegetables. I also anniversary-lunched on the vermicelli with barbecued pork.

I can’t say enough about how tasty everything was. Eric Nguyen proudly told me that Vietnamese soup is ranked among the best in the world. I can’t really speak to that, but I can’t think of any better in Las Cruces and my tongue is tingling with the prospect of trying some more.

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PBS	2	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	World	Wash.	McL'ghlin	Need to Know (N)	Frontline (In Stereo)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS	3	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	The Mentalist	CSI: NY	Blue Bloods	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Supernanny (N)	Primetime: What	20/20 (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Blitz	Kimmel				
FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	The Good Guys	The Good Guys	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb			
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Minute to Win It	Dateline NBC (In Stereo)		News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW	14	14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	Smallville "Icarus"	Supernatural (N)	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access			
WGN	15	15	Chris	Chris	Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb	
ESPN	26	26	SportsCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball	Los Angeles Lakers at Chicago Bulls.	NBA Basketball	Miami Heat at Golden State Warriors.		SportsCenter						
ESPN2	27	27	NFL Live	Football	College Football: NCAA Division I, Quarterfinal					College Soccer						
USA	31	31	Bridging the Divide		**** "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981)			(:35) *** "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" (1984)					Bridging			
TNT	32	32	Bones		*** "The Matrix" (1999) Keanu Reeves.			*** "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) Keanu Reeves.					"Matrix Revol."			
TBS	33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	** "Fred Claus" (2007) (PA) Vince Vaughn.			** "Fred Claus" (2007) (PA) Vince Vaughn.					"Along Came Polly"			
COM	35	35	Daily	Colbert	Presents	Presents	Dave	Presents	Presents	Comedy	Steve Byrne	Benson	Presents	"Jay and Bob"		
LIFE	39	39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	Reba		
FOOD	40	40	Good	Unwrap	Chopped		Diners, Drive	Food	Best	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners, Drive	Food	Best		
HGTV	41	41	Hunters	House	Battle	Battle	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Holiday Home	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters		
A&E	43	43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds				
HIST	44	44	Modern Marvels	The Real Story	The Real Story	Modern Marvels (N)	American Pickers			Gangland		The Real Story	Modern Marvels			
TLC	45	45	Cake Boss:Next	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Homemade			What Not to Wear	Homemade	What Not to Wear				
DISC	47	47	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers (N)	Gold Rush: Alaska	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers	Gold Rush: Alaska				
ANPL	50	50	I Shouldn't Be Alive	The Haunted	The Haunted (N)	Fatal Attractions	The Haunted	Fatal Attractions	The Haunted	Fatal Attractions	The Haunted					
FAM	51	51	Bourne	Santa Claus, Town	*** "The Santa Clause" (1994)			** "The Santa Clause 2" (2002)		My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	90 Days!		
DISN	52	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas and Ferb	Wizards	Kings	Fish	Shake it	Phineas	Phineas	
NICK	54	54	iCarly	iCarly	Big Time Rush	HALO Awards	Lopez	G. Martin	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez	
AMC	57	57	(4:00) *** "The Abyss" (1989) Ed Harris.				The Walking Dead	** "They Live" (1988) Roddy Piper.					The Walking Dead			
SYFY	59	59	Bourne	Scare	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)		Sanctuary (N)	Warehouse 13					Eureka			
CNN	62	62	John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)					Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper			
CNBC	63	63	The Kudlow Report	The Apprentice	Marijuana USA		American Greed	Mad Money				The Apprentice	Marijuana USA			
MSNBC	64	64	Hardball Matthews	Countdown		Rachel Maddow	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw				Lockup	Lockup			

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	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30				
PBS	2	22	PBS NewsHour	Bob Build	Dinosaur	Thomas	Mr Rogers	W'dwright	Best of Joy	Fine Art	Sews	organic	Liv'g			
CBS	3	3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo)			Doodlebop	Doodlebop	Sabrina	Sabrina	College Basketball				
ABC	7	7	Sports	Reporter	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America		Good Morning El Paso	Emper	Replacemn	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven			
FOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Icons	Paid Prog.	House	Paid Prog.	Marketpl	Marketpl	Marketpl			
NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.	Faith Ave	Today Holiday tipping. (N)	(In Stereo)		Turbo	Sheldon	Magic Bus	Babar (El)	Willa's	Pearlie			
CW	14	14	(2:00) Storm Track Weather 24/7		Cubix	Cubix	Sonic X	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Sonic X	Dragon	Dragon			
WGN	15	15	Paid Prog.	Marie Talk	Humana	Nu Wave	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger				
ESPN	26	26	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter (Live)			College Football				
ESPN2	27	27	Expedition	Expedition	Year in Review		Bassmasters		English Premier League Soccer			SportsCtr	Basketball			
USA	31	31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cooking	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU				
TNT	32	32	Law & Order "Cut"		Law & Order "Denial"		Rizzoli & Isles		Southland		The Closer		"Cradle 2 the Grave"			
TBS	33	33	Harvey	Harvey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	(:05) * "Joe Dirt" (2001)		David Spade		(:05) *** "Meet the Parents" (2000)					
COM	35	35	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Presents	Interruption	(6:48) ** "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back"		(8:48) * "Superstar" (1999) Molly Shannon.							
LIFE	39	39	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	No Diets!	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair		"Recipe for a Perfect Christmas" (2005)				
FOOD	40	40	Dear Food Network		Dear Food Network		Money	Mexican	30-Minute	Ingred. Fix	Home	Paula	Cooking	Chef		
HGTV	41	41	Income	Kitchen	Bathstastic!	Sweat Equ.	Holmes on Homes		Disaster	Disaster	Crashers	Income	Designed	To Sell		
A&E	43	43	Celebrity Ghost Stories		Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House		*** "Scarface" (1983)			
HIST	44	44	Heavy Metal		Jefferson A celebration of	Thomas Jefferson.		America the Story of Us	"Rebels"			America-Story				
TLC	45	45	Paid Prog.	Kill-Germs	Ninja	Paid Prog.	Home Made Simple (N)		Property Ladder		Property Ladder		Property Ladder			
DISC	47	47	Paid Prog.	Twist	Patient Ed		Storm Chasers		Swamp Loggers		Dirty Jobs		Wreck	Wreck		
ANPL	50	50	Dog Show: AKC National Championship		Animals	Animals	It's Me or the Dog		Pit Boss		Pit Boss		Pit Boss			
FAM	51	51	"I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" (2001)		** "Snow" (2004) Tom Cavanagh.		** "Snow" (2004) Tom Cavanagh.		** "Snow 2 Brain Freeze" (2008) Tom Cavanagh.							
DISN	52	52	Charlie	Einsteins	Einsteins	Jungle	Jungle	Movers	Manny	Agent Oso	Mickey	Mickey	Phineas	Phineas		
NICK	54	54	Jimmy	Parents	Fanboy	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Neutron	OddParent	Barnyard	T.U.F.F.	iCarly	Jackson		
AMC	57	57	KettleBell	Kill-Germs	Shark Vac	Paid Prog.	Stooges	*** "North to Alaska" (1960, Western)	John Wayne.		(:15) "The Undeafated"					
SYFY	59	59	Paid Prog.	Gupta	Kill-Germs	Million \$	** "Abominable" (2006)	Matt McCoy.		"Arctic Predator" (2010) Dean Cain.						
CNN	62	62	Saturday	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning		Bottom	Newsroom				Newsroom				
CNBC	63	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	90 Days!	Paid Prog.	Faces	Kill-Germs	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Sexy Body	Twist		
MSNBC	64	64	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	Music Man			

SATURDAY AFTERNOON													DECEMBER 11, 2010			
	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30				
PBS	2	22	Hometime	MotorWeek	NMSU	This Old House Hr	Garden	Garden	Endless	Avec Eric	Rachel	Lawrence Welk Show				
CBS	3	3	College Basketball	Football	College Football Army vs. Navy. From Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.							Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
ABC	7	7	Hannah	Suite Life	All-American		ESPN Sports Saturday	Sports anthology. (N)				Paid Prog.	Lights			
FOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	Eco Co.	Meaningful	Traveler	** "Major League: Back to the Minors" (1998)		*	"Soldier" (1998, Science Fiction)	Kurt Russell.					
NBC	9	9	Pets.TV	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Swimming		PGA Tour Golf Shark Shootout, Second Round.		Makeover	Paid Prog.				
CW	14	14	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Into Wild	Wild Amer	Edgemont	Edgemont	Adventures	Adventures	WHAD	Edgemont	Funniest Moments			
WGN	15	15	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		The Unit			
ESPN	26	26	College Football: NCAA Division I, Quarterfinal		College Basketball: SEC/Big East Invitational		(:15) College Basketball	Indiana at Kentucky.								
ESPN2	27	27	College Basketball		College Basketball Wisconsin at Marquette. (Live)		College Basketball	Washington at Texas A&M.				Basketball				
USA	31	31	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		**** "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981) Harrison Ford.		"Indiana Jones & the Temple"							
TNT	32	32	"Cradle 2 the Grave"		*** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.		*** "300" (2007, Action)		Gerard Butler.		*	"10,000 B.C." (2008)				
TBS	33	33	Meet	(:25) ** "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller.	Jim		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King			
COM	35	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	(12:48) * "My Baby's Daddy" (2004)		(2:50) *** "Napoleon Dynamite" (2004)							
LIFE	39	39	"How to Marry a Billionaire: A Christmas Tale"		** "Secret Santa" (2003) Jennie Garth.		** "A Very Married Christmas" (2004)									
FOOD	40	40	Barefoot in London (N)		Guy's Disney Holiday	Chopped		Cupcake Wars		Iron Chef America		Challenge				
HGTV	41	41	Unsellable	Get It Sold	Curb/Block	Dime	Colour	Bang, Buck	Sarah's Holiday Party		Celebrity Holiday	Designed	To Sell			
A&E	43	43	(10:00) *** "Scarface" (1983) Al Pacino.				Storage		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48			
HIST	44	44	America-Story		America the Story of Us	The Civil War rages.		America the Story of Us	"Metropolis"		America-Story		America-Story			
TLC	45	45	Fabulous Cakes		Fabulous Cakes		Fabulous Cakes		Cake Boss		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss			
DISC	47	47	American Gangs		FBI's 10 Most Wanted	FBI's 10 Most Wanted		Track Me if You Can		Get Out Alive		Hudson Plane Crash				
ANPL	50	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			
FAM	51	51	** "Unaccompanied Minors" (2006)		** "Jack Frost" (1998) Michael Keaton.		*** "The Santa Clause" (1994) Tim Allen.									
DISN	52	52	Phineas	Fish Hooks	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Shake it	Shake it	Hannah	Sonny	Sonny		
NICK	54	54	Victorious	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Penguins	Fanboy	Fanboy	SpongeBob	SpongeBob		
AMC	57	57	(10:15) *** "The Undeafated"		(:45) *** "The Horse Soldiers" (1959) John Wayne.		(:15) ** "Last of the Dogmen" (1995)									
SYFY	59	59	"Ice Spiders" (2007) Patrick Muldoon.		"Impact" (2008, Action) Natasha Henstridge, David James Elliott, Benjamin Sadler.											
CNN	62	62	Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Situation Room			
CNBC	63	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meals!	Paid Prog.	Faces	Faces	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		
MSNBC	64	64	The Last Voyage		Family Ties		Escape From The Past		Conviction: Orchard		Bitter Pill		Beltway Sniper			

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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	News	Heartland	Gener	News	Monarch of the Glen	Wait...	Red	Austin City Limits	Legends & Lyrics	Sun Stud	Boots			
CBS	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Frosty	Frosty	"Christmas"	48 Hours Mystery	News	Extra (N)	Judge J.			
ABC	7	(4:30) Celebration of Lights				"Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe"			ABC 7	(:35) Cheaters	Ent				
FOX	8	House "Games"	The Unit			Cops (N)	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted	News	Seinfeld	Fringe "Entrada"	Wide	Office		
NBC	9	Raymond	News	News (N)	George	**** "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) James Stewart.			News (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live (N)					
CW	14	** "Larger Than Life" (1996, Comedy)				*** "The Natural" (1984) Robert Redford, Robert Duvall.			Chris	Payne	South Pk	South Pk			
WGN	15	Bones		NBA Basketball: Timberwolves at Bulls			News	Mother	Mother	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb		
ESPN	26	(:15) SportsCenter		Trophy Presentation	30 for 30 (N)				SportsCenter	Trophy Presentation		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	27	College Basketball		College Basketball				Rodeo				NBA	30 for 30		
USA	31	"Indiana Jones"	(:08) *** "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989)						*** "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989)						
TNT	32	(4:00) "10,000 B.C."	** "The Forbidden Kingdom" (2008)			** "The Forbidden Kingdom" (2008)			*** "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.						
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	** "Fred Claus" (2007) (PA) Vince Vaughn.				** "The House Bunny" (2008)		Glory Daze			Joe Dirt		
COM	35	(4:54) ** "Scary Movie 4" (2006)				(6:58) ** "Balls of Fury" (2007)			Gabriel Iglesias: Fat	Ralphie May		"Scary Movie 4"			
LIFE	39	"A Boyfriend for Christmas" (2004)				"James Patterson's Sundays at Tiffany's"			Fairy Jobmoth.	Wife Swap		Mother	Mother		
FOOD	40	B. Flay	Food	Challenge		Iron Chef America	Unwrapped		Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America		Unwrapped			
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	Design Inc. Holiday		Dear	Block		Hunters	Hunters		Block	House	House	
A&E	43	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48			The First 48		(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48			
HIST	44	America-Story		America the Story of Us "Millennium"		The President's Book of Secrets			(:01) America the Story of Us						
TLC	45	Palin's Alaska		Palin's Alaska		Palin's Alaska			Palin's Alaska	Palin's Alaska		Palin's Alaska			
DISC	47	Bermuda Triangle		Finding Amelia (N) (In Stereo)		Get Out Alive (N)			Finding Amelia (In Stereo)			Get Out Alive			
ANPL	50	Dogs 101		Pets 101 (In Stereo)		Pets 101 (N)			Pit Bulls-Parole	Pets 101 (In Stereo)	Pets 101 (In Stereo)	Pit Bulls-Parole			
FAM	51	** "The Santa Clause 2" (2002)		"Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause"					** "Jack Frost" (1998) Michael Keaton.			Funny Home Videos			
DISN	52	Sonny	Sonny	Hannah	Hannah	Good	Good	Good	Good	** "The Game Plan" (2007) Premiere.		Good	Sonny		
NICK	54	Big Time	iCarly	"Merry Christmas, Drake & Josh" (2008)		Lopez	Lopez		Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny		
AMC	57	"Last-Dogmen"		*** "White Christmas" (1954) Bing Crosby.		(:45) *** "White Christmas" (1954) Bing Crosby.							Holiday		
SYFY	59	"Polar Storm" (2009)	Jack Coleman.	"Ice Quake" (2010) Brendan Fehr.		"Yeti" (2008, Horror)	Peter DeLuise.		"Ice Quake" (2010)						
CNN	62	Newsroom		Taliban (N)		Larry King Live			Taliban		Larry King Live		Newsroom		
CNBC	63	American Greed		American Greed		Suze Orman Show			American Greed		Suze Orman Show		Debt Part	Debt Part	
MSNBC	64	Beltway Sniper		Lockup "Riverbend"		Lockup: Raw			Lockup		Lockup		Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	



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PBS	22	Sun Studio	Their Boots	McLaughlin	Contrary	World Bus.	Santa Fe	Need to Know (N)	Wash.	Inside	Religion	McLaughlin	
CBS	3	Home.	Free \$	Paid Prog.	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)	The Nation		Nieman	Profit-Town	The NFL Today		
ABC	7	Business	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	Good Morning El Paso	This Week-Amanpour	Hannah	Suite Life				
FOX	8	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Paid Prog.	Bndg Brkr	Abndnt L	Paid Prog.	Fox News Sunday	Jones	Cowboys	Fox NFL Sunday		
NBC	9	Bellator	Mtthws	Today (N)		Foods	Church	Foods	Instant	Meet the Press (N)	Figure Skating		
CW	14	(2:30) Storm	Track Weather 24/7			Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
WGN	15	Winston	Facts	Key-David	Beyond	Feed	Word	Funniest Home Videos	** "Frequency" (2000) Dennis Quaid.				
ESPN	26	Heisman	NFL	SportsCenter		Outside	Reporters	SportsCenter	Sunday NFL Countdown (Live)				
ESPN2	27	Whitetail	Territories	Realtree	Driven	SportsCenter (N)		Trophy Presentation	SportsCtr	Fantasy Football Now (Live)			
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Creflo Doll	Cook	J. Osteen	Psych		Burn Notice	Bridging the Divide	Burn Notice			
TNT	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Strike"	Law & Order "Sweetie"		Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Doped"	"League-Gentle."					
TBS	33	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	** "Surviving Christmas" (2004) Ben Affleck.		*** "Father of the Bride" (1991)		"Father-Part II"					
COM	35	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Presents	Presents	Dan Cummins: Crazy/F		(7:48) * "Superstar" (1999) Molly Shannon.	*	"My Baby's Daddy"			
LIFE	39	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hour of Power		J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Chris	"All She Wants for Christmas" (2006)				
FOOD	40	Paula's Cookie Swap		Chef	Giada	Kitchen	Day Off	Contessa	Boy Grill	Big Bite	Sandra Lee	Aarti Party	Dinners
HGTV	41	Income	Kitchen	Bathstastic!	Sweat Equ.	Holmes on Homes		Disaster	House	Yard	Income	House	Hunters
A&E	43	Biography: Depp		Biography		Private Sessions		The Sopranos	The Sopranos			Storage	Storage
HIST	44	Ax Men "Ax to Grind"		Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men "Boiling Point"		Ax Men		Ax Men	Tempers flare.
TLC	45	Dr. Frederick K.C. Price		Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Say Yes	Yes-Dress	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
DISC	47	Baby Read	Jentezen	J. Osteen	In Touch	MythBusters		Auction	Auction	MythBusters		Auction	Auction
ANPL	50	Me or Dog	Me or Dog	Animals	Animals	Me or Dog	Me or Dog	It's Me or the Dog	Wild Kingdom		Wild Kingdom		
FAM	51	Frosty's	Christmas	"Once Upon a Christmas" (2001) John Dye.		"Twice Upon a Christmas" (2001) Kathy Ireland.						"Santa Clause 3"	
DISN	52	Charlie	Einsteins	Einsteins	Jungle	Chugging	Movers	Special Agent Oso	Mickey	Mickey	Phineas	Phineas	
NICK	54	Grown Up	Parents	Hero	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	T.U.F.F.	T.U.F.F.	Penguins	Planet	The Troop	iCarly
AMC	57	Stooges	Stooges	** "Do Not Disturb" (1965, Comedy) Doris Day, Rod Taylor.		** "Overboard" (1987) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell.							
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bed	*** "Sunshine" (2007) Cillian Murphy.		*** "Children of Men" (2006) Clive Owen.					
CNN	62	Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Sunday Morning		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS	Reliable Sources	State of the Union			
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cooking	90 Days!	Zumba	Sexy Abs	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	TRIALaser	Faces
MSNBC	64	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		Unlocking the Past	

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		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	22	News	New Mexico In Focus	Moneytrk	Wider	Second	Healthy	Greener	Desert	Travel	Antiques Roadshow		
CBS	3	NFL Football Cincinnati Bengals at Pittsburgh Steelers. (Live)						NFL Football Denver Broncos at Arizona Cardinals. (Live)					
ABC	7	New Math	Paid Prog.	AAA	Instant	Paid Prog.	AAA	** "Larger Than Life" (1996) Bill Murray.			Entertainment Tonight		
FOX	8	NFL Football New York Giants at Minnesota Vikings. (In Stereo Live)						Postgame	Million Dollar Challenge	Extreme			Thanksgiving Parade
NBC	9	Figure Skating		Snowboarding		PGA Tour Golf Shark Shootout, Final Round. (In Stereo Live)					AAA	NBC News	
CW	14	Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Moments		Storms	Storm	Kickin' It (N)		Latino TV	LatiNation	Smash Cut	Smash Cut
WGN	15	* "Highlander: Endgame" (2000) Adrian Paul.		** "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" (1979) William Shatner.				Scrubs		Scrubs		Just Shoot	Chris
ESPN	26	PBA Bowling		Boxing		Billiards		Billiards		Billiards		Billiards	
ESPN2	27	Timber	Timber	College Soccer: NCAA Cup, First Semifinal		College Soccer NCAA Cup, Final: Teams TBA.						2010 Poker	
USA	31	*** "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989) Harrison Ford.		(1:48) *** "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" (1983) Harrison Ford.								Raiders	
TNT	32	"League of Extra. Gentlemen"	(:20) *** "The Patriot" (2000, War) Mel Gibson.			(:15) *** "Pearl Harbor" (2001) Ben Affleck.							
TBS	33	"Father-Part II"		** "Dumb & Dumber" (1994) Jim Carrey.		*** "Fun With Dick and Jane" (1977)		"The House Bunny"					
COM	35	* "My Baby's Daddy"	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	(1:48) *** "Napoleon Dynamite" (2004)		(3:52) "Balls of Fury"			
LIFE	39	"Christmas on Chestnut Street" (2006)		"Holiday Baggage" (2008) Barry Bostwick.		** "Comfort and Joy" (2003) Nancy McKeon.							
FOOD	40	Cooking	Big Daddy	Best Thing	Best Thing	Diners	Diners	Ace of Cakes		Cupcake Wars		Guy's Disney Holiday	
HGTV	41	First Place	First Place	Estate	Selling	Bang, Buck	Get It Sold	House	Hunters	For Rent	Unsellable	To Sell	To Sell
A&E	43	Storage	Storage	Hoffs	Hoffs	Family Jewels		Family Jewels		Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels
HIST	44	Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men	
TLC	45	Cake Boss: Next Baker		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER	
DISC	47	Oddities	Oddities	MythBusters		Punkin Chunkin 2010 (In Stereo)		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters	
ANPL	50	Almighty Amphibians		Rocky Mountain Gators		Blue Planet		Blue Planet		Blue Planet		Blue Planet	
FAM	51	"Santa Clause 3"		"Santa Baby" (2006) Jenny McCarthy.		"Santa Baby 2: Christmas Maybe" (2009)		"Holiday in Handcuffs"					
DISN	52	Phineas	Fish Hooks	** "The Game Plan" (2007) Madison Pettis		Good Luck	Shake it	Hannah	Hannah	Fish Hooks	Fish Hooks	Fish Hooks	Fish Hooks
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	Parents	Fanboy	Fanboy	Fanboy	Penguins	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Jackson	Big Time
AMC	57	*** "Ever After: A Cinderella Story" (1998, Romance)		*** "Dave" (1993) Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver.		** "Nanny McPhee"							
SYFY	59	*** "The Rocketeer" (1991) Bill Campbell, Jennifer Connelly.		* "Dragon Wars" (2007, Action) Jason Behr.		** "Eragon" (2006)							
CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Newsroom		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	90 Days!
MSNBC	64	Buried Secrets		Meet the Press		Deadly Dreams		Chasing the Devil				Caught on Camera	

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PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	World	Mormon	Paris the Luminous Years (N) (CC)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley						
CBS	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Survivor: Nicaragua	Criminal Minds (N)	The Defenders	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Better	Family	Family	Cougar	Cougar	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Human Target (N)	Hell's Kitchen (CC)	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb		
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	The Sing-Off (N) (In Stereo) (CC)	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW	14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	The Vampire Diaries	The Vampire Diaries	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access			
WGN	15	Dharma	Dharma	Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb	
ESPN	26	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at New York Knicks.					NBA Basketball: Trail Blazers at Mavericks					SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)		
ESPN2	27	Quarterback	NFL Live	Pre-Bowl	30 for 30				SportsCtr	NFL Live			NBA	Basket	
USA	31	*** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. (CC)			Psych (N) (CC)	Psych (N) (CC)	Burn Notice (CC)	Psych (CC)	Psych (CC)						
TNT	32	Bones (CC)	Bones (CC)	Bones (CC)	Bones (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	Leverage (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)							
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Conan (N)	Lopez Tonight (N)	Conan			
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Ugly	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	*** "Kate & Leopold" (2001) (CC)	Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will			
FOOD	40	Iron Chef America	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Chopped	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Chopped			
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	Property	Property	Celebrity Holiday	House	Hunters	Property	Property	Celebrity Holiday	House	Hunters		
A&E	43	The First 48 (CC)	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Dog	Dog	Dog		
HIST	44	Cities/Underworld	American Pickers	Third Reich "The Fall" (N) (CC)	Nostradamus Effect	American Pickers	(:01) Third Reich								
TLC	45	Palin's Alaska	Skin Killing Me	Untold Stories of ER	Bloody Tears	Untold Stories of ER	Bloody Tears	Skin Killing Me							
DISC	47	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (N)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)				
ANPL	50	The Tiger Next Door	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	Pixar Short Films	Landing	*** "Finding Nemo" (2003, Comedy) (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)	My Wife	My Wife	Paid	Paid						
DISN	52	Good	Good	Good	Good	Suite Life	Suite Life	Kings	Suite Life	*** "Happy Feet" (2006, Adventure)	Deck	Deck			
NICK	54	iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	G. Martin	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Sum of Fears"	*** "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman.	*** "The Terminator" (1984) Linda Hamilton (CC)											
SYFY	59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters Inter.	Highlander (CC)				
CNN	62	John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)										
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	Marijuana USA	Franchising	Franchising	Mad Money	Franchising	Franchising							
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	Countdown	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	Countdown	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word							

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CBS	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Dad Says	CSI: Crime Scene	The Mentalist (CC)	News	Letterman	Late			
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Charlie Brown	Grey's Anatomy	Private Practice	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Bones (CC)	Bones (CC)	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb		
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Commun	30 Rock	Office	Office	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late		
CW	14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	The Vampire Diaries	The Vampire Diaries	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access			
WGN	15	Dharma	Dharma	WWE Superstars	The Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars	Entou	Curb			
ESPN	26	High School Basketball			Score.	High School Basketball	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	NFL Live	Baseball	SportsCenter (CC)					
ESPN2	27	Women's College Volleyball			SportsCtr	Women's College Volleyball	SportsNation (CC)	Live	NFL's Greatest						
USA	31	Burn Notice (CC)	Burn Notice (CC)	Burn Notice (N)	Burn Notice (CC)	White Collar (CC)	Burn Notice (CC)	Burn Notice (CC)	Burn Notice (CC)	Burn Notice (CC)	Burn Notice (CC)				
TNT	32	Bones (CC)	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Boston Celtics.					NBA Basketball: Spurs at Nuggets					Inside the NBA		
TBS	33	Seinfeld	** "Fred Claus" (2007) (PA) Vince Vaughn. (CC)	Funnyest Comm.	Conan (N)	Lopez Tonight (N)	Conan								
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	*** "Wedding Crashers" (2005) Owen Wilson.	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	South Pk	Futurama	Daily				
LIFE	39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	"A Diva's Christmas Carol" (2000) (CC)	Fairy Jobmoth.	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will				
FOOD	40	Challenge	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Chopped	Diners	Diners	Diners	Chopped				
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A&E	43	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (N)	Peace	Peace	Peace	Peace	Peace	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48				
HIST	44	UFO Hunters (CC)	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens (N)	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Ax Men "Alaska"	(:01) Ancient Aliens	(:01) Ancient Aliens							
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DISC	47	Oddities	Oddities	Brew Masters (N)	American Chopper	Auction	Oddities	Brew Masters (CC)	American Chopper	Auction	Oddities				
ANPL	50	Hippo Hell (CC)	The Blue Planet	Blue Planet	Blue Planet	The Blue Planet	Blue Planet	Blue Planet							
FAM	51	(4:00) *** "Finding Nemo"	*** "The Incredibles" (2004) Holly Hunter (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)	My Wife	My Wife	Paid	Paid							
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Deck	Deck	Kings	Deck	"High School Musical 3"	Fish	Deck	Deck			
NICK	54	iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	G. Martin	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"You've Got Mail"	*** "White Christmas" (1954) Bing Crosby. (CC)	(:45) *** "White Christmas" (1954) Bing Crosby. (CC)	Ever										
SYFY	59	* "Ultraviolet" (2006)	Milla Jovovich.	*** "Total Recall" (1990) Rachel Ticotin (CC)	"Highlander: The Source" (2007) (CC)	Twilight									
CNN	62	John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)										
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

	7		5	3				
6		4	7	3		8		1
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3	2		4		9	6		
		9	5					
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		3		8			7	

CHALLENGER

	2			3				
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EXPERT

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BEGINNER

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CHALLENGER

1	7	2	4	8	6	5	9	3
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EXPERT

7	9	4	1	8	6	5	3	2
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BrainGames



Word Salsa

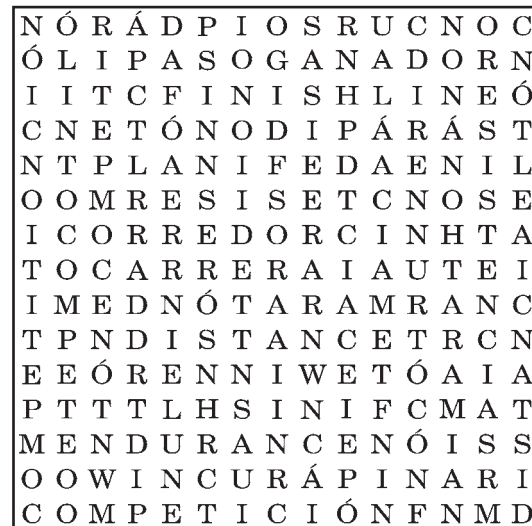
Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

MARATHON

ENGLISH	SPANISH
COMPETITION	COMPETICIÓN
CONTEST	CONCURSO
DISTANCE	DISTANCIA
ENDURANCE	RESISTENCIA
FAST	RÁPIDO
FINISH LINE	LÍNEA DE FINAL
MARATHON	MARATÓN
PACE	PASO
RACE	CARRERA
RUNNER	CORREDOR
TO COMPETE	COMPETIR
WINNER	GANADOR

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Crossword Puzzles

Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- ACROSS**
- State further
 - Outer edge
 - Inside info
 - Simon or Diamond
 - Pavarotti's voice
 - Tango team
 - Milanese eight
 - Branched horn
 - I doubt it!
 - Writer Jones
 - Fans' information sources
 - Skimming along
 - Worthy of respect
 - Large vase
 - Negative conjunction
 - Clytemnestra's mother
 - Connecting rooms
 - Skin opening
 - Passel
 - Wild goat
 - Dwight's opponent
 - In the same place: Lat.
 - First-class
 - Contributed
 - Closes in
 - Swine
 - South of France
 - Fire-sale phrase
 - Tryon novel, "___ Other"
 - Lilly or Whitney
 - Veteran seafarer
 - Asian holiday
 - Witnessed
 - Transgressions
 - Split
 - Chicago stopover
 - Cinnabar and galena
 - Cedar Breaks state
 - Cogito ___ sum
 - Stirred up
 - Beer ingredient
 - Gomer of Mayberry
 - Poor grades
 - Gordon Sumner
 - Otherwise
 - Slip up
 - Omega in America
 - Accelerated photographic process
 - The ones that got away
 - Astronomy showplace
 - Clear frost
 - Consume
 - Beginner
 - Corrosive substance

- Cereal grass
 - Prepares to lay eggs
 - Nothing in Nogales
 - Some French?
 - Racket
 - Performance
- DOWN**
- Tom or Benedict
 - Counted calories
 - Composer Shostakovich
 - Mortise partner
 - Theme song
 - Punt propeller
 - Daffy bird?
 - Tortilla treat
 - "I Know How He Feels" singer
 - Triple
 - Gum lump
 - Exclamations of surprise
 - Scott novel, "___ Roy"
 - Lack of honor
 - Tears to pieces
 - Swamp denizens
 - Lazy girl?
 - Roughly finished
 - One-sided
 - First
 - Sap of energy
 - Choppers
 - North Carolina
 - "The Battleship Potemkin" director
 - Tosses in one's two cents
 - Houston or Rayburn
 - Dawdling lingerer
 - Facing extinction
 - Goofballs
 - Unspecified amount
 - That woman
 - Pay off a note
 - Taylor or Adoree
 - Perimeters
 - Adult males
 - Berkshire college
 - Bathed
 - Get up
 - Ancient Britons
 - Takes to court
 - Young or Penn
 - Noisy insect
 - Like igneous rock
 - Scholarly stickler
 - Part of rpm
 - Set (down)

A MOVIE

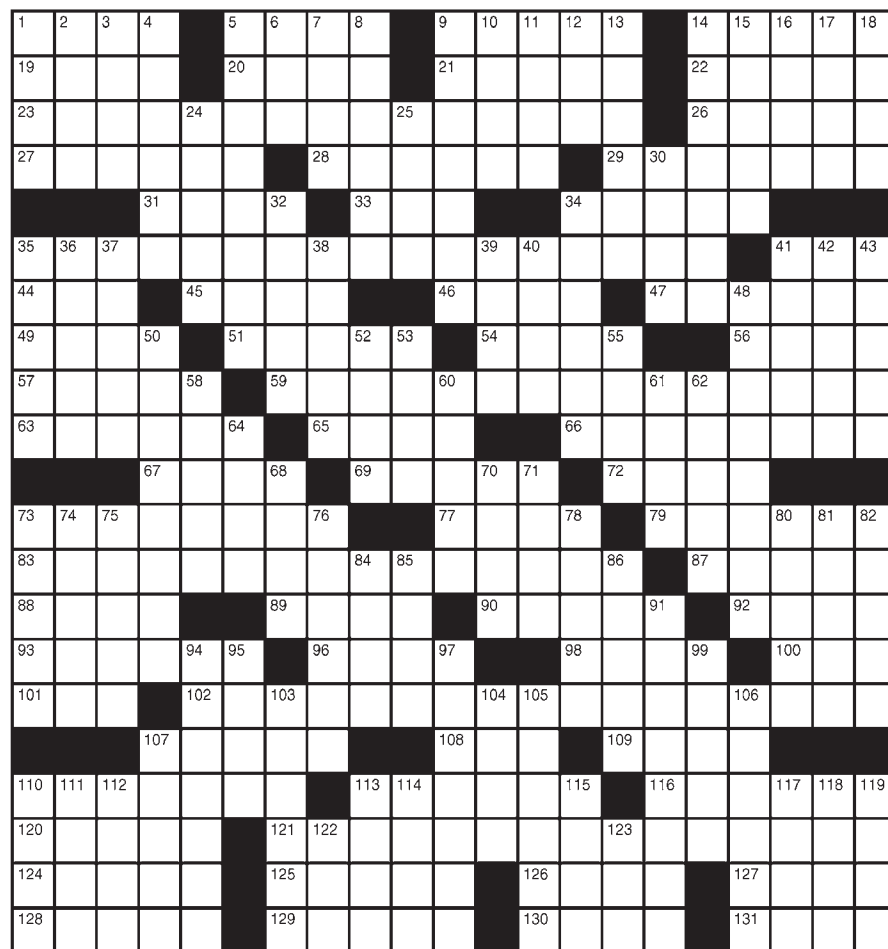
ACROSS

- "The Adventures of Augie March" author Bellow
- Ex-pitcher Hershiser
- Branchlet
- Of a prophecy
- Exxon, formerly
- Fleshy fruit
- Give rise to
- Tiny organism
- A French swashbuckler?
- Arabian country
- "The Caine Mutiny" author Wouk
- Threw rocks at
- Willful destroyers
- Tied
- Play part
- City in Provence
- A Redford cloak-and-dagger film?
- Trojans of coll. sports
- Palm of a paw
- Filmmaker Reifenhahl
- At the proper time
- ___-Herzegovina
- Diana of "The Avengers"
- Painter of ballerinas
- Large playing marbles
- Copier
- Brooks or Brundage
- A Woodward drama?
- Protagonists
- Threesome
- Football gains
- Glasgow toppers
- Of yore
- French black
- Salmon direction?
- Yankee 3rd baseman
- Well-matched
- A Donald Duck film?
- Thanks, Pierre
- Drink habitually
- Catch
- Actress Verdugo
- Singer Celine
- Strand
- Libation station potatoes
- Ethereal
- Sue ___ Langdon
- Stephen of "Michael Collins"
- A June Allyson film?
- Actress Irene
- Lyric writing
- Bausch's partner in medi-

- cal products
- Having layers
- Not in any manner
- Stable sounds
- Having chits
- A Stallone film?
- Empirical philosopher
- Last name in Communism
- 13 popes
- Otherwise
- Synthetic resin
- Comic actor Arnold
- "___ of Eden"
- Perfect match

DOWN

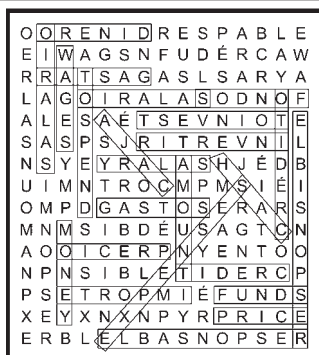
- Actor Green
- Big name in tennis
- Exploitive fellow
- Towered
- Watchful and alert
- Computer abbr.
- Some big birds
- Rice vampire
- Odorous
- Hors d'oeuvres spread
- Regretted
- Expert finish?
- Actor Depardieu
- Buckaroo
- Build up
- French head
- Construction member
- Saturn and Mercury, e.g.
- Part of USNA
- Former NYC mayor Ed
- Shapeless form
- Music for nine
- Nevertheless
- Ms. Winfrey
- Unsophisticated
- Lawn care tool
- Brawl
- Adorable
- Norwegian king
- Dismantle mortise joints
- Kitchen strainer
- Is concerned
- Hunted in Africa, so to speak
- Small caves



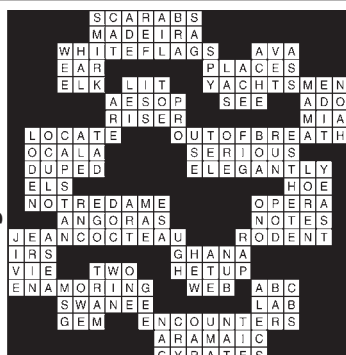
- Space starter?
- Dirty
- Look over
- Suffer with hope
- Of a junction
- God of love
- Loathing
- Hook's underling
- Anatomical pouches
- Perry's creator
- Seasonal song
- Say
- Call up
- Old photo color
- Run
- Apprehension
- Ordeal
- Prefix for savings
- Greasy spoon
- Indonesian island
- Maturing agent
- Shaq or Tatum
- Firebug
- Lolled
- Sicilian resort
- Decelerating
- Ancient Mandarin leader's home
- Signs up (var.)
- Mine entrance
- Snuggle
- Footnote reference
- Of poor quality
- "Damn Yankees" gal
- Mil. truant
- Singer Jagger
- "99 Luftballons" singer
- Ken or Lena
- Zeno of ___
- Colorado tributary
- "Why ___ Thou forsaken me?"
- Scottish dagger
- Seine
- Dawn goddess

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

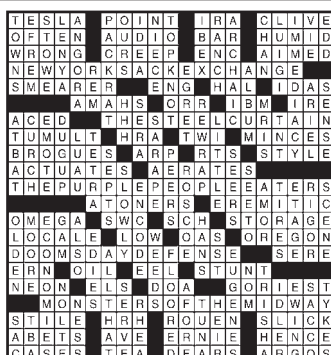
Word Salsa



Diagramless



NFL Elevens



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 R Q F J P S C R Q Z C .

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

Nowadays, people take comedians more seriously and view politicians as just a very sad joke.

AtTheMovies

Like floating downstream 'Jack Goes Boating' is a leisurely journey

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

I'd go boating with Jack, even if he is a bit of a schlub. I guess I probably am, too.

Jack, played by Philip Seymour Hoffman, who also directs (his first attempt) this quiet and small film, is a New York limo driver. He lives in a room in a relative's house, and really doesn't have much of a life beyond his work. But he does want to change that, something he starts to do when he applies for a better job with the New York City transit system.

He spends time with his best friend and co-worker Clyde and Clyde's wife Lucy, but beyond that, Jack's only real interest, and a mild one at that, is reggae music, which he notes is happy and upbeat, as he might be if he opens up a bit. He even sports rather silly looking short blond dreadlocks to accompany that interest.

Connie is a new co-worker of Lucy's at the funeral home. Connie and Jack meet, but sparks don't exactly fly. These two people are so quiet and shy that it is hard to define just what they see in each other, other than the fact that they are quiet and shy.

Connie has a bit of baggage, but Jack is immensely patient, and is inspired enough to learn some new things in order to be

able to court Connie in a better and more active way. With Clyde as his teacher, he starts taking swimming lessons since he and Connie have made a date for the next summer (the film opens in the dead of winter), to go, well, boating. After she is brutally attacked on the subway, Jack learns from the lonely Connie as she lies in her hospital bed that no one has ever cooked for her ... except her mom.

So, that is when the complications start. Jack, eager to please and learn, finds out from Clyde that an acquaintance, dubbed "The Big Cannoli," is a chef and will gladly give the clueless Jack lessons on how to cook. What Clyde doesn't immediately share is how he knows this guy and why he has this, ummm, unique nickname.

The story moves slowly, sometimes too slowly, as the camera occasionally lingers too long in certain scenes, almost like the end of



Have a boating date next summer? Better take swimming lessons now. Philip Seymour Hoffman portrays Jack (and makes his directorial debut) in "Jack Goes Boating" now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

a long chapter of a novel. Hoffman does have an adept eye for detail, but at times, covers that up with the slightly overbearing "indie" music soundtrack. At times, it feels like he is not confident enough to let the characters and story carry the film, which it really does do, if one is a bit patient.

At the halfway point of the movie, things change dramatically for both couples – Clyde and Lucy, and Jack and Connie. The new couple is slowly gaining confidence, building trust and being patient and kind, while Clyde and Lucy are starting to reveal past hurts and transgressions. It is a bittersweet turnaround, which culminates in a scene where Jack

finally cooks for Connie at Clyde and Lucy's apartment.

"Jack Goes Boating" is leisurely paced and well acted. Hoffman, a fine actor in his own right, has selected a fine supporting cast, and the story, based on a stage play of the same name, holds one's interest without going to extremes.

In the end, you may want to go boating with Jack as well, especially if he speeds things up a bit.

If you'd like to take me sailing (round trip, please), drop me a note at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com. Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. These reviews reflect his opinion of the movie, not that of anyone else connected with the film society.

FILM REVIEW
Find Jack boating at the Fountain Theatre for one week starting Friday, Dec. 10. Showings are 7:30 each night and there is a matinee on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2:30. Not rated, but an R would fit its 90 minute run time.

GRADE
A-



Connie (Amy Ryan) is the object of Jack's affection.

Some seasonal screwiness 'Christmas in the Clouds' a local fave

The CineMatinee film for Saturday, Dec. 11, is "Christmas in the Clouds" (2001, 95 minutes, rated PG).

Reminiscent of screwball comedies from the 1930s and '40s, "Christmas in the Clouds" charms viewers with its tale of romance, mistaken identities – and bingo. Set primarily on a ski resort owned by a Native American tribe, this amusing film features appealing co-stars, quirky supporting characters and a heartwarming story. Just like a screwball pitch, the movie goes in unexpected directions.

Sky Mountain manager Ray Clouds on Fire (Timothy Vahle) wants to obtain a high rating in an important travel guide. His chance comes when the guide's representative is scheduled for an incognito visit right before Christmas. Ray works hard to get the hotel and his unique staff ready, but the wrong person ends up receiving the VIP treatment.

It's no wonder guest Tina Little Hawk (Mariana Tosca) feels surprised at being given such a gorgeous suite and so much attention from Ray. However, Tina also makes an identity mistake. She thinks Ray is her pen pal, the man she's come to meet – but

that person happens to be Joe Clouds on Fire (Sam Vlahos), Ray's irascible father.

After their feelings for each other grow into romance, Ray and Tina are forced to face the truth about what's happening – and they react like children finding coal in their stockings. As in most screwball comedies, a battle of the sexes takes place. Vahle and Tosca play these roles perfectly. Their on-screen chemistry sizzles and they look wonderful together. Vahle combines a Jimmy Stewart-like vulnerability with Cary Grant-like comic timing, while the lovely Tosca oozes old-time movie star glamour.

What would a screwball comedy be without great character actors? The film makes grand use of film veterans E. Emmet Walsh as a grumpy travel guide rep and Graham Greene, playing a temperamental vegetarian chef. They almost steal the show. Even if you've seen it before, it's hard to not want to see it again. (reeltalk.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.

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AtTheMovies

Silly semi-samurai

This warrior's way too cliché to hit a high level

Review by **David Edwards**
Las Cruces Bulletin

I am no stranger to the sword. I count some films of the samurai genre among my favorites. From the bold cheesiness of "Shogun Assassin" to the elegant, beautifully shot aerial ballet of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and the over-the-top Tarantin-osity of "Kill Bill," I get a kick out of them (speaking of which, throw in some ninjas and kung-fu and you really got me).

I don't know why, but they just entertain the heck out of me. Maybe it's the action mixed with spiritual philosophy ("It is not your arm that is bad, it is your heart that fails you"). Or it could be the ultra-violence with all that crazy spurting blood. Then again, there's something to be said for hot chicks in geisha gowns fighting each other with bladed parasols. Like I said – entertaining.

So I had some vague hope for "The Warrior's Way." It had some elements that appealed to me. I suppose what appealed to me most was the "fish out of water" idea of taking this Asian "master swordsman" and plunking him down in some Old West badlands environment. Seemed like it had potential.

Even though I hadn't heard of him, star Jang Dong-Gun is a matinee idol in his

native Korea and is beginning to become known internationally. He has the athleticism and charisma to pull off the role of the lead character of Yang.

Kate Bosworth (Lois Lane in "Superman Returns") plays Lynne, Yang's friend/student/love interest, a young woman who has been through a brutal loss and you know she'll get her chance for revenge. She draws from the Renée Zellweger school of "aw shucks, country hick" acting and gets to utter lines such as, "You're slower than molasses in January." Uh-oh. Things are starting to deteriorate.

I seem to remember Geoffrey Rush as being a good actor – Academy Award winner, right? But boy does he slum his way through this in a hopelessly cliché (read that "lazy") performance as the town drunk with a secret past. Terrible.

Yang is, according to some oddly used screen titles early in the film, "The World's Greatest Swordsman – Anywhere" or something like that. His clan has done battle with another for hundreds of years and he finally has a chance to kill his last remaining enemy. She happens to be an infant and Yang shows how noble he really is by sparing her and

taking her with him. This, of course, puts him at the top of his own clan's hit list.

He decides to journey to a faraway land across the ocean to seek out an old friend, which lands him



Think things look grim for Yang (Jang Dong-Gun) as he faces gun-toting bad guys? Think again. "The Warrior's Way" is now playing at Allen Theatres.

in the almost impossibly crumbling town of Lode. The friend, who ran a laundry of all things, is no more but Lynne, who used to work in the laundry, teaches Yang the ropes and he starts training her in the "way of the sword" – or knives actually. It seems if he unsheathes his sword, the clan members following him intent on his destruction will be able to hear it.

Lode is an odd conglomeration of crumbling buildings and a stranded circus complete with under-construction Ferris wheel, a black midget, clowns, jugglers and a bearded lady. Yang starts to help bring the town back to life when the evil Colonel (Danny Huston) and his gang of ruffians show up. The Colonel is the source of Lynne's tragic past, so she tries to exact her revenge, so Yang has to use his sword, so the (seemingly hundreds) of assassins discover where he is, so they come after him and so why am I telling you this if all of it wasn't completely predictable.

Director/writer Sngmoo Lee has no other credits outside his native Korea that I could discover and he has chosen to use computer-generated backdrops for everything. It gives the film a pretty unrealistic feeling (which I

guess it could be argued is appropriate for fantasy films such as this). It just looks a bit studio back lot to me, but at least it is consistent.

I have to say I was fairly restless until the final confrontation. With carny folk and town folk stepping up to defend themselves, a baby in peril, tons of flying assassins, lots of sword-play, exploding dynamite and ruffians with Gatling guns it felt kind of like Fellini meets "The Magnificent Seven" (or "The Seven Samurai"). It was an odd mixture and yet somehow kind of fun. The ending veered into schmaltz-land, and was almost, but not quite, forgivable.

"The Warrior's Way" has some style, albeit strange at times. It is full of clichés – when the bad guys stampede all over Yang's flower garden, we get it. You didn't have to do it twice. And there are obligatory flashbacks to Yang's hardships during his training ("I have made you the strongest of all my warriors."). So you may find yourself laughing or wincing at some of the unintentional humor. And by the way, this movie could have used a bit more humor of the intentional kind.

There are plenty of worse samurai movies out there, but also plenty of better ones. I got about a half kick out of this one.

THE WARRIOR'S WAY
Starring: Jang Dong-Gun
Director: Sngmoo Lee
Running time: 100 minutes
Rating: R

Film Review
 Plenty of ninjas popping up from under water and ice. Lots of fighting through water droplets and, for some reason, floating flower petals.
Grade C

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Picking the Flicks

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Megamind 
Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Megamind is the most brilliant super-villain the world has ever known ... and the least successful.
Starring: Will Ferrell, Tina Fey
Directors: Tom McGrath, Cameron Hood





Due Date 
Rating: R
Plot Overview: A high-strung father-to-be is forced to hitch a ride with a college slacker on a road trip in order to make it to his child's birth on time.
Starring: Robert Downey Jr.
Director: Todd Phillips




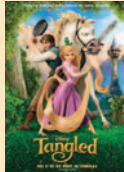
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One 
Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: In this seventh installment, Harry faces new troubles; – he must collect all of the Horcruxes that the evil Lord Voldemort has left behind.
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe **Director:** David Yates





Burlesque 
Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Ali is a small-town girl with a big voice who escapes hardship and an uncertain future to follow her dreams to L.A.
Starring: Cher, Christina Aguilera
Director: Steve Antin





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





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





The Next Three Days 
Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: A married couple's life is turned upside down when the wife is accused of a murder.
Starring: Russell Crowe
Director: Paul Haggis





Faster 
Rating: R
Plot Overview: After 10 years in prison, Driver has a single focus – to avenge the murder of his brother during the botched bank robbery that led to his imprisonment.
Starring: Dwayne Johnson
Director: George Tillman, Jr.





The Warrior's Way 
Rating: R
Plot Overview: The world's greatest swordsman abandons his warrior clan to start a new life in the American badlands.
Starring: Jang Dong-Gun
Director: Sngmoo Lee





Unstoppable 
Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: A runaway train carrying toxic chemicals pits an engineer and his conductor in a race against time.
Starring: Denzel Washington
Director: Tony Scott




Morning Glory 
Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: When hard-working TV producer Becky Fuller is fired from a local news program, her career begins to look as bleak as her hapless love life.
Starring: Rachel McAdams, Harrison Ford
Director: Roger Michell





Skyline 
Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: An otherworldly force is swallowing the entire human population off the face of the earth and survivors must fight for their lives as the world unravels around them.
Starring: Donald Faison
Directors: Colin and Greg Strause



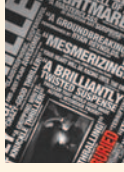
The Tourist
Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: An American tourist's playful dalliance with a stranger leads to a web of intrigue, romance and danger.
Starring: Angelina Jolie, Johnny Depp
Director: Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck
OPENING DEC. 10




Love & Other Drugs 
Rating: R
Plot Overview: A salesman competes in the cutthroat world of pharmaceuticals to hawk a male performance enhancement drug.
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Anne Hathaway
Director: Edward Zwick



Buried
Rating: R
Plot Overview: Paul Conroy wakes up 6 feet underground with no idea of who put him there or why.
Starring: Ryan Reynolds
Director: Rodrigo Cortés
OPENING DEC. 10



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
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- The A-Team**
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Action
Starring: Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper
Director: Joe Carnahan
- Despicable Me**
Rating: PG
Genre: Comedy, Family
Starring: Steve Carell
Directors: Chris Renaud, Pierre Coffin
- The Other Guys**
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Comedy, Action
Starring: Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg
Director: Adam McKay
- Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole**
Rating: PG
Genre: Fantasy
Starring: Hugo Weaving, Sam Neill
Director: Zack Snyder
- The Town**
Rating: R
Genre: Action, Crime
Starring: Ben Affleck, Jeremy Renner
Director: Ben Affleck

Top Grossing Dec. 3-5

- 1 **Tangled** (Week No. 2) \$21,500,000
- 2 **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One** \$16,735,000 (Week No. 3)
- 3 **Burlesque** (Week No. 2) \$6,100,000
- 4 **Unstoppable** (Week No. 4) \$6,100,000
- 5 **Love & Other Drugs** (Week No. 2) \$5,700,000
- 6 **Megamind** (Week No. 5) \$5,030,000
- 7 **Due Date** (Week No. 5) \$4,215,000
- 8 **Faster** (Week No. 2) \$3,829,000
- 9 **The Warrior's Way** (Week No. 1) \$3,051,000
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Multiple benefits of multivitamins

Natisha Hales
Adventures in Dieting



There must be at least three types of illnesses running around the Mesilla Valley, and I've caught them all – the stomach flu, a cold/sinus infection and pink eye. I don't think I've worked an entire work-week since mid-November.

I'm not a doctor, but I'm almost positive that catching these illnesses is from having a weakened immune system because of all the other health issues I have. Anemia is the No. 1 culprit, as explained to me by a real doctor. But this malady can be remedied – quite easily, I might add – by taking a multivitamin.

We all need certain nutrients in our bodies in order for them to function the way they should. I'm pretty sure these nutrients are not offered in the meals we get at fast food restaurants or whatever we happen to eat throughout the day, unless we are already minding our p's and q's when it comes to health.

For those of us who are sure that we don't get all the vitamins and nutrients needed – and even those of us who aren't sure – a multivitamin can help us take care of that and prevent any deficiencies and illnesses associated with deficiency.

Multivitamins come in all different shapes and sizes – from Flintstone character-shaped gummies to horse pills – and are made for men and women of all ages. Some are even geared toward certain health issues.

Make sure the vitamin you take is right for you – you'll be able to figure that out with the help of your doctor.

Taking a multivitamin will not only help combat illnesses by boosting your immune system, but you'll find that it also boosts your energy level. But don't think of it as a cure-all for whatever ails you. If you're sick or have been feeling out of sorts for a period of time, get checked out first. Don't just head to the nutrition store. You might have a health issue that may need a little more than One-A-Day to fix.

I researched a little bit on the basics for you, and there are certain vitamins and minerals that are needed for each group.

Men's multivitamins contain the mineral selenium and vitamin E to help prevent prostate problems.

While men's multivitamins seem pretty straightforward, women's needs are much more complex.

Women's multivitamins contain an iron supplement because of the amount of the mineral lost during menstruation. For women who have gone through menopause, their multivitamins should have extra vitamin D. Those who plan on having children should make sure their diets have folic acid. And the list goes on.

Kiddos usually already eat foods that are fortified with vitamins and minerals, so they might not need a multivitamin if they're eating a well-balanced diet. And also be advised: since children's vitamins

See **Multivitamins** on page D4

'Tis the season to be stressed

Make it better by following these tips

By **Jimmy Currier**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Along with tidings of joy, the Christmas season also brings stockings full of stress. While stress is a fact of life, it doesn't have to be a lifestyle.

The holiday season should be one of celebration, joy, happiness and relaxation with good friends and family. However, shopping for that perfect toy, spending an exuberant amount of money, preparing a delicious Christmas meal, entertaining friends and families, on top of an already overloaded schedule is certain to be problematic. So, to avoid being a stressed Scrooge, here are several tips you can follow to make the Christmas season more enjoyable.

To manage physical stress, practice yoga.

"It's a wonderful way to relax," said Ellen Schwartz, owner of Pi-Yoga Pilates Studio and Health Boutique in Las Cruces. "Yoga helps center yourself, so we are in the present time when doing it. Instead of thinking about all the things you have to accomplish that day and that week, yoga helps you relax and be in the present moment."

Reiki is another method to reduce stress.

Patti McClure, a Reiki practitioner, will hold a free Reiki share event from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at Pi-Yoga Studios, 207 Avenida de Mesilla.

"Reiki means universal energy, and this is hands-on energy healing," McClure said. "Outside of getting a massage, it is one of the most relaxing things a person does."

Unlike a massage, with Reiki there is no need to undress.

"Everybody I give a Reiki session to ends up falling asleep," McClure said. "It's a good way to de-stress."

Another way to manage physical stress is to get enough sleep.

To manage mental stress, volunteer at a soup kitchen.

"It's fun," said Gabe Chavez, president of the El Caldito Soup Kitchen board. "It's not something you're stressed about. You always find something you can do. The people who work there are very friendly. We talk to each other and kid around. We laugh and it's very nice to volunteer there."

El Caldito prepares and serves meals for free to anyone who wants one. With more than 72,000 free meals served annually, volunteers are paramount for El Caldito to fulfill its mission.

"The volunteers are the heart of our organization," Chavez said. "Without volunteers we wouldn't operate."

Fortunately, the soup kitchen is rarely lacking volunteers.

"Around the holidays, we have several hundred

people calling to volunteer," he said.

El Caldito makes two big pots of soup every day and other dishes like spaghetti and fried chicken.

"Every crew chief has a different idea of what they need to make," Chavez said.

Another way to manage mental stress is to watch your favorite television shows or movies. "Scrooged," "Gremlins," "A Christmas Story" and "Bad Santa" are some movies to lift your spirits and lighten your mood.

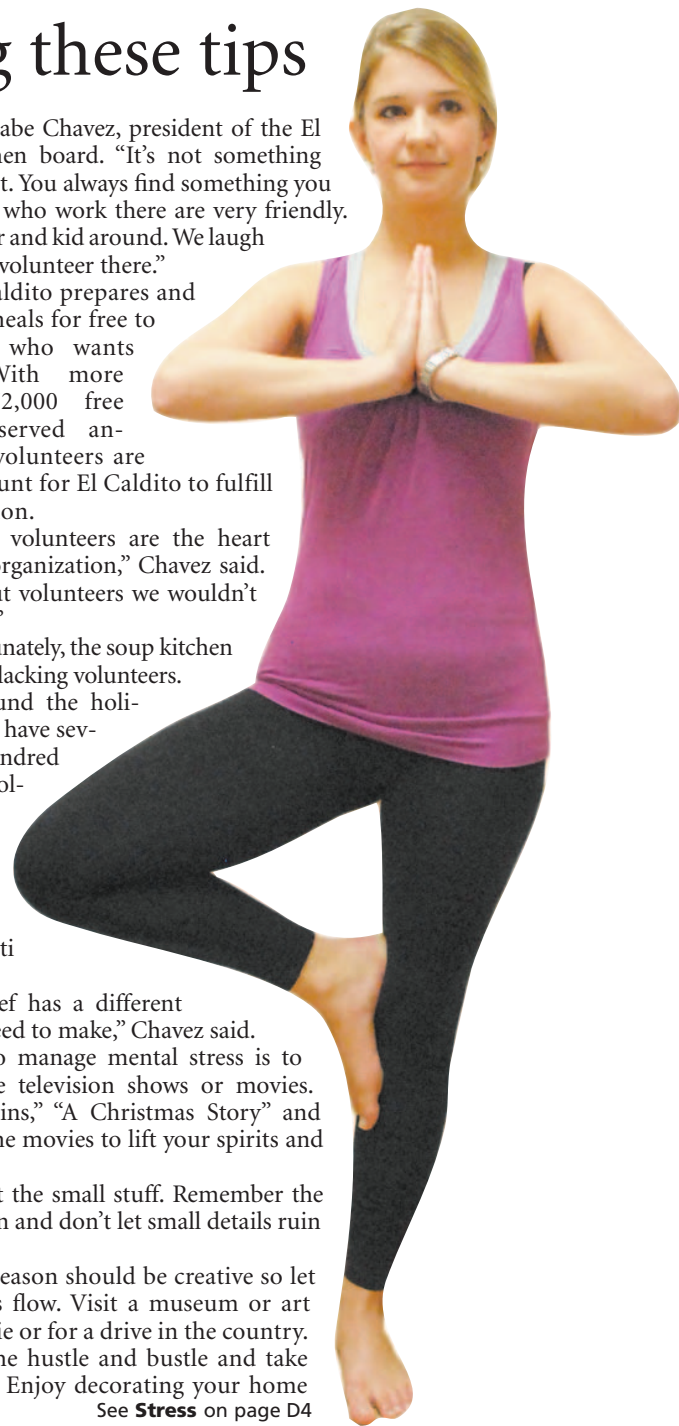
Also, don't sweat the small stuff. Remember the reason for the season and don't let small details ruin your holiday.

The Christmas season should be creative so let your creative juices flow. Visit a museum or art gallery, go to a movie or for a drive in the country. Break away from the hustle and bustle and take a creative vacation. Enjoy decorating your home

See **Stress** on page D4

“... yoga helps you relax and be in the present moment.”

ELLEN SCHWARTZ,
owner of Pi-Yoga Pilates Studio



Preparing kids for the future

Attorney reaches out to help immigrant children

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's a challenge, but it's one that Las Cruces native Kristin Connor is eager to take on.

Since September, the attorney has been working with undocumented immigrant children in the community to help them achieve Special Immigrant Juvenile Status so they can legally enjoy the benefits of living in the United States.

"Basically, (Special Immigrant Juvenile Status) allows a child who has been abandoned, neglected or abused by one or both of the parents to apply for lawful permanent residency," Connor said. "Of course, there are a lot more complications to it than that, but a basic situation would involve a child whose parents for whatever reason never took care of the child

and aren't in touch, and they stay with the grandparents in Las Cruces for instance. Even though the child was born in Juárez or (any other location outside of the U.S.), he's been living in the U.S. with his grandparents who really should be his guardians so they can ask for medical care, make decisions about school and everything for the child."

Connor is able to provide these complex services through an Equal Justice Works Fellowship grant awarded for two years to lawyers who have recently graduated from law school. In order to receive the fellowship, they must submit a new project proposal that offers a new type of service.

After graduating from the New York University School of Law in 2008, Connor gained experience working with immigration law at

See **Kids** on page D4

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Of mice and pecans

By **Gabe Gose** and **Bob Nosbisch**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

If you're scratching your head over what to get Aunt Flossie or Uncle Oglethorpe for Christmas, why not give them the gift of health in the form of pecans?

A daily handful of pecans may protect the nervous system. In a study published in Current Topics in Nutraceutical Research, scientists at the Center for Cellular Neurobiology at the University of Massachusetts Lowell found that adding pecans to your diet may slow down the progression of age-related motor neuron degeneration. This may include diseases such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Three groups of mice were tested in a UMass study. Two groups ate diets with pecans ground into their food (one of these groups had considerably more ground pecans in its diet than the other group) and the third (control) group did not have pecans in its diet. The motor neuron functions of the mice were tested, both before and after they ate one of the three diets.

The researchers found that the mice that ate the diet with the most pecans fared the best on the motor neuron tests, the mice whose diets contained fewer pecans showed a delayed decline in motor functions compared to the mice receiving no pecans, and both groups that ate pecans scored much higher than the mice whose diets did not include pecans.

Blood samples from the mice were then analyzed. The scientists found that the diets enriched with pecans reduced lipid oxidation by 7.4 percent. The researchers also found that mice that ate the pecan diet had higher blood levels of vitamin E, an antioxidant vitamin that helps to neutralize potentially damaging free radicals in our body. The researchers concluded that this

information provides some evidence that pecan consumption can help the health of humans, too.

In another study, the Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry found that pecans have a higher antioxidant capacity than any other nut, meaning they may lower the risk of cancer, coronary heart disease, and Alzheimer's and other neurological diseases.

In this study, researchers measured the antioxidant capacity of 100 commonly consumed healthy foods and snacks, including different types of nuts. They found that pecans have more antioxidant capacity than almonds, cashews, hazelnuts, peanuts, pistachios and walnuts. Other studies have shown that phytochemicals, like those found in pecans, act like natural antioxidants and may help protect against some cancers and coronary heart disease.

Pecans are among the most nutrient-rich nuts you can eat, containing more than 19 vitamins and minerals, from vitamins A and E to folic acid, phosphorus and potassium. One ounce of pecans provides 10 percent of the recommended daily value for fiber. Pecans give you protein and few carbohydrates, help fight cholesterol levels (a 2001 study in the Journal of Nutrition found that eating a handful of pecans daily can help lower cholesterol levels nearly as effectively as some prescription medications) and, because they are sodium-free, are wonderful choices if you cannot have salt in your diet.

So if you still don't know what to get for some people for Christmas, don't discount the gift of pecans as a nutty idea. Think of it as a healthy idea.

Gabe Gose is a Master of Public Health student in the NMSU College of Health and Social Services. This article is part of a series written by students in Dr. Cynthia Kratzke's "Techniques of Health Communication" class. Bob Nosbisch is the educational outreach coordinator for the NMSU College of Health and Social Services.

The gift of good health



Tony Rios, second from left, a kidney transplant candidate, accepts proceeds from Bob Ogas, Ralph Gonzalez and Jack Pumphrey that were raised at the Las Cruces RodRunners Car Club's annual Christmas party and fundraising dinner held Dec. 4 at Cattle Baron restaurant. Rios is battling type 1 diabetes and is on the national donors list for a kidney transplant. A former manager at Applebee's in El Paso, Rios thought he had his diabetes under control with daily injections of insulin until an unfortunate run-in with a brown recluse spider in 2006. What was thought to have been an uncomfortable insect bite turned into a debilitating ordeal causing end-stage renal failure, coupled with his immune system being unable to fight off the growing infection and ultimately leading to kidney failure. Due to the anticipated expenses of his next trip to the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz., Rios is seeking donations to cover day-to-day expenses while waiting for a transplant and returning to a normal, functioning life. For more information, contact Rios at 649-7814 or phattrios@gmail.com.

Bioidentical hormones subject of talk

Local speaker offers nutritional, weight loss information

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Laura Smart will discuss bioidentical hormones, omega-3 plus and natural weight loss options during a free presentation from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Mesilla Valley Hospice Rotary Conference Room, 299 Montana Ave.

Smart, who has researched the benefits of bioidentical hormones and how to stay healthy for years, will talk about the importance of hormone balance in men and women.

"These hormones are manufactured from cholesterol and have a specific molecular structure, so when I say bioidentical, I am talking about the same hormone that is identical in our bodies," Smart said. "The doctors that prescribe hormones are

not the same (kind) as in our body."

She said she will talk about bioidentical hormone replacement therapy versus prescribed hormone replacement therapy, and how research conducted by Dr. John Lee, author of "Hormone Balance Made Simple," has recognized progesterone as a "miracle hormone."

"There are 86 disease-related things that are caused by not having a hormone balance," Smart said. "I will have handouts on that, as well as charts. The entire presentation relates to men and women from 18 to 80 years old."

She will discuss how it's possible to have hormonal imbalance and what one can do to find out whether they do have it, as well as where to obtain bioidentical hormones.

Smart also will speak about the benefits of the omega-3 plus supplement.

"Everyone needs omega-3 plus," Smart said. "Every cardiologist should be recommending each person have a supplement."

In addition to discussing subjects Las Cruces may not know about, Smart will discuss a subject that people can't seem to get enough information on – weight loss.

"I'll talk about safe weight loss options," she said. "For instance, every day, before you put anything else in your body, start the day with drinking a glass of water with lemon. I'll go into a lot of other details, such as exercise. Anybody can walk – and that's free. Water is free. If anybody is buying pop, whether at the drive-thru, the grocery store, wherever, they should take that same money and put it in a jar and see how much they have saved every time they opt out from drinking pop."

Smart is an independent health and wellness consultant who has presented on this topic to several audiences, including members of MountainView Regional Medical Center's Senior Circle.

Details

Bioidentical hormones presentation

When

10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 11

Where

Mesilla Valley Hospice Rotary Conference Room
299 Montana Ave.

Cost

Free

Safe, natural weight loss tips – such as starting the day with a glass of water with lemon – will be discussed during a free presentation Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Mesilla Valley Hospice Rotary Room.



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Adult Children of Alcoholics and Other Dysfunctional Families support group meets at 2 p.m. Sundays at 903 Piñon Ave. This is a 12-step program for men and women who grew up in alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes. They meet in a mutually respectful, safe environment and acknowledge their common experiences.

For more information, visit www.adultchildren.org.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room. For more information, call 523-6240.

T'AI CHI CHIH CLASSES

Learn how to activate the Chi (vital force) with T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement, a moving discipline comprised of 19 movements and one pose. Each Tuesday, accredited instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado holds free classes for beginners from 9 to 10 a.m. and for more experienced practitioners from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. in the fourth-floor Women's Resource Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4351 E. Lohman Ave. No registration is required. For more information, call 526-3016.

WALKING GROUP

The City of Las Cruces encourages the public to join the Rise and Shine Walking Group at 6 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The group meets at the Meerscheidt Recreation Center,

1600 E. Hadley Ave. The cost is \$1.50 per person, per day, and a 30-day punch pass is \$36. For more information, call the Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2661.

YOUNG FATHERS PROJECT

The New Mexico Young Fathers fatherhood project meets from 5:30 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday at 1190 Foster Road. For more information, call 532-1536.

CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, an activity support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 4 to 6 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St.

The group matches those in need of support with caring volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment. For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. each Monday at Unity Church of 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.

T'AI CHI CHIH, YOGA CLASSES

Clear Mind Zen Temple, 642 S. Alameda Blvd., will offer T'ai Chi Chih classes from 4 to 5 p.m. each Wednesday with certified instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado.

Certified yoga instructor Susie Citrin will offer yoga classes from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. each Thursday at the temple.

A small donation is asked for each class.

For more information, call Harvey Hilbert at 680-6680.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church on the corner of St. James and South Main streets. For more information, call 647-5684.

YOGA CLASSES BY KAREN NICHOLS

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and upper teens at 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardin de los Niños. Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience. For more information, contact Karen at karen_f_n@yahoo.com or leave a message at 882-4943.

GAY COMMUNITY CENTER GROUPS

The Las Cruces Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Questioning/Queer (GLBTQ) Center, 1210 N. Main St. and is open from noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The center offers gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender

members of the community counseling, support groups and networking activities. For more information, call the center at 635-4902 or email info@newmexicoblgtcenters.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.

BIO-IDENTICAL HORMONES PRESENTATION

A free health presentation about bio-identical hormones, omega 3-Plus, a healthy lifestyle and safe weight-loss procedures, "Optimal Health through Natural Options," will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 11, at Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana Ave., in the Rotary Room. Presenters are Laura Smart and a guest speaker to be announced. Guests must be at least 18 years old to attend and are asked to use the Foster Road entrance.

For more information, call Laura Smart at 425-233-9082 or 636-2325.

CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively known as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as 1 million Americans have IBD and both illnesses are similar. They are marked by an abnormal response by the body's immune system and include chronic inflammation of the intestines. There are no cures and management of the diseases includes medications, diet and surgery.

The Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group meets from 3 to 5 p.m. the second Sunday of each month in the Community Education Room of Mountainview Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (www.cdfa.org).

For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, call Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Las Cruces, a group for breastfeeding mothers and mothers-to-be interested in breastfeeding, has two monthly meetings. The daytime meeting is at 10 a.m. the first Friday of each month at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Downtown Mall. The meetings are currently held at the home of leader Renee Beltran.

Contact Renee at 635-6683 or reneebebltran1@comcast.net for directions or any other inquiries specific to this meeting.

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. Holiday sign language is this month's topic.

The group is for people with hearing loss and for those who help people with hearing loss. Everyone is welcome. The January topic will be telecommunication options.

For more information, call 525-1037.

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Stress

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and see it as a fun event that involves your family and friends.

After you're done, marvel at your masterpiece with a glass of eggnog or a cocktail.

Because Christmas is a religious holiday, take this time to reflect on your relationship with God. Meditate and pray. Read the Bible and

practice compassion, forgiveness and peace.

Don't worry about things beyond your control. Yes, Ralphie is going to shoot his eye out with his Red Ryder Carbine-Action Two-Hundred-Shot Range Model Air Rifle, the turkey might get eaten by the neighbor's hounds, the front door window may get busted and there could be a trip to the emergency room, but just take it all in stride and remember that those moments will make for great stories for future Christmases.

For more info

For more information on yoga, visit piyoga.webs.com or call 526-0977

For more information on Reiki, visit pmlascruces.com or call 639-0188.

For more information on El Caldito, visit elcaldito.com or call 644-8737.

Multivitamins

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look and taste like candy, they may want to eat them all the time. Take heed of the "keep out of reach of children" label. Overdosing can be just as detrimental or worse than deficiency.

If you're over 60 years old, it is highly suggested to take a multivitamin, since older individuals lose the ability to absorb certain vitamins and nutrients, especially vitamins B12 and K. Too much iron can also be bad for seniors, so most multivitamins don't include any.

Vegetarians and vegans lose vitamins and minerals they would receive from eating a meat and dairy-rich diet, especially iron, magnesium, selenium, calcium, vitamin D, zinc and B12. But there are vegetarian-specific vitamins out there.

Call to readers

I've received a response from professionals and enthusiasts to assist a support group I'm creating to meet weight-loss goals, but I haven't heard too much from people who want to participate. What are you waiting for? Better health and smaller dress sizes are right around the corner!

Email me at natisha@lascrucesbulletin.com or call 524-8061 if you're interested in joining my weight loss support group.

Kids

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an organization in New York as well as clerking for a federal judge in El Paso. Seeking to continue a career in immigration law, she began to look into the services being offered in west Texas and southern New Mexico.

"When I was talking with nonprofit legal services organizations in El Paso, I recognized that there wasn't anyone serving undocumented kids," she said.

Working with Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services Inc. (DMRS), a ministry of the Catholic Diocese of El Paso that provides a full-service immigration legal aid clinic serving low-income immigrants and refugees living in the Southwest, Connor has opened up shop and is starting a service of which many living in the region are unaware.

"I work with kids who are living in the community and going to school, but they don't have any papers for living here," she said. "(This process) helps the child work legally, go to college and even apply for citizenship if they want."

The process is not always an easy one. First, each child must appear in family court to obtain an order that says the child is under 21, not married, cannot live with their

parents and it's not in the best interest of the child to return to his or her home country. Although federal law requires the child must be under 21, most states require that the children file an application before they turn 18.

In some cases, there may be hesitation to go forward with the process because of immigration status, "but often, the grandparents are citizens or residents working here (in the U.S.) and trying to take care of this child they know no one is taking care of well enough," Connor said. "That's why the status exists, to help out those kids."

Finding "those kids" is a challenge in itself, as Connor has found while she is actively seeking clients. She said she has posted information through other legal services as well as domestic violence services and schools that are in contact with children who may need these services.

Though the services are based in El Paso because she works with the Catholic Diocese of El Paso, Connor said she also serves southern New Mexico and has visited with local organizations such as La Casa, New Mexico Legal Aid, Jardin de los Niños and the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces. So far, she has eight active cases.

"I'm definitely pleased with where (the program) is now," she said. "There is a lot more outreach to be done, and right now I'm

just focused on learning the ropes."

Once she reaches out to the community and has a steady workload, the next step is ensuring that the program can be sustained even when the two-year funding is gone. Many of the children Connor is working with are unable to afford the legal services being provided, and she said her goal is to reach out to local attorneys who will provide the services pro bono.

"Usually they're clients who can't pay, and their cases end up becoming rather complicated," she said. "Right now the people I've talked to have gone to Santa Fe lawyers, and they are excited to know there's something a little closer for special immigrant status cases."

Helping these children obtain Special Immigration Juvenile Status has been rewarding for Connor.

"They're just very sweet kids, and the situations they've come out of are sad and sometimes horrible, but (by the time I meet them) they've already found the environment where everything is working for them," she said. "For a lot of them, this is the only home they have known, and when they get to be 14 or 15, they're starting to think about the future and they're scared about what their prospects are. These kids are able to make a life for themselves and become full-fledged members of the community."

Clarification

Ken Smith, who appeared in a file photograph in the Nov. 19 issue of the Las Cruces Bulletin, hanging items on a Christmas tree, is no longer affiliated with Home Instead Senior Care, the sponsor of the Be a Santa to a Senior program.

Enjoying creativity at the BIG Art Show

Photos by Jimmy Currier



Dolores Ann Garcia describes her artwork to Rose Arispe Butler at the Brain Injury Group Art Show Friday, Dec. 3. This piece is a mixed-media portrait using oil pastels and chalk pastels. The inspiration is Sharbat Gula, better known as the Afghan girl, who was on the cover of National Geographic Magazine in 1985.



Charles Svina displays his statement art that reflects the nation's mood after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.



"Iguana" is an art piece by Rose Arispe Butler. BIG will host the art show again Friday, Dec. 10, at the Las Cruces Housing Authority. The group also meets every Friday morning at the Housing Authority from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is a support group for brain injury survivors and their friends and family. For more information on the art show or group meetings, call Dolores Ann Garcia at 805-1301.

New Mexico's health ranks No. 33

Overall U.S. health improved since 2009

Bulletin Staff Report

Welcome improvements in many areas of America's health status are offset by continuing declines in others, according to the 2010 America's Health Rankings, a report released by the American Public Health Association and Partnership for Prevention.

This year, New Mexico ranked 33rd, while Vermont pulled in the No. 1 title of healthiest state.

America's Health Rankings has tracked the health of the nation for the past 21 years, providing a comprehensive perspective on how the nation – and each state – measures up. New Mexico ranked 33rd because it demonstrated strengths in the following areas:

- Low prevalence of binge drinking: ranked eighth-least prevalent at 12 percent
- High per capita public health funding: ranked fifth highest with \$130 per person
- Low levels of air pollution: ranked third-least polluted state. The levels of air pollution are measured at 6.1 micrograms of fine particulate per cubic meter.
- New Mexico also has a low rate of cancer deaths at 170.1 deaths per 100,000 population and low rate of deaths from cardiovascular disease at 237.8 deaths per 100,000 population.

Of course, there's still room for improvement. New Mexico's high school graduation rate is 59.1 percent, and in the past five years, the prevalence of obesity increased from 21.5 percent to 25.5 percent.

New Mexico also earned a lower ranking than most other Western states. The state was ranked only higher than Nevada, which is No. 47.

The nation's overall health improved 1 percentage point last year, but reductions in

smoking, preventable hospitalizations and infectious disease were offset by continued increases in obesity, children in poverty and lack of health insurance. The report also shows a 19 percent increase since the 2005 edition in the percentage of adults who had been diagnosed with diabetes. In response to these trends, United Health Foundation is establishing a program to address local health challenges.

The United Health Foundation believes these health challenges can best be addressed through public-private partnerships at the state and local level. The United Health Foundation is partnering with the National Business Coalition on Health (NBCH) to convene business, public health, community leaders and elected and public officials in selected communities across the U.S. to initiate data-driven health promotion and disease prevention planning. Grants will be awarded to help communities create an action plan for policy and program interventions that draw upon individual accountability, community resources and private sector expertise.

United Health Foundation will also collaborate with Partnership for Prevention to identify and disseminate scientific-based public policies that can be useful for states to consider as they address their particular population health challenges.

The website, americashealthrankings.org, has been enhanced to better serve as a research tool and rich database for use by individuals, political leaders, health professionals and policy analysts.

While last year's 1 percent improvement in health is better than the previous decade, it falls short of the gains seen in the 1990s. From 2000-2009, health improved just 0.5 percent per year, but in the 1990s, overall health improved 1.5 percent per year, suggesting that

the nation is capable of achieving better health more rapidly than it currently is. Given the sharp escalation in health costs, the economic consequences of larger burdens of preventable chronic illness should sound an alarm for urgent action by states and local communities.

"The rate of gain, while positive, is wholly inadequate for us as a nation. We know with certainty that many people will suffer consequences

of preventable disease unless we strengthen individual healthiness, community by community across America," said Dr. Reed Tuckson, United Health Foundation board member and executive vice president and chief of medical affairs, United Health Group. "States can use America's Health Rankings to identify their states' and other states' strengths and use those examples to address areas that need attention in their own state. The key is action. We must continue to work toward impacting change in unhealthy behaviors and other factors that negatively impact a state."

Lions Club donates glasses



The Las Cruces de Noche Lions Club recently collected 3,780 pairs of previously used prescription glasses for individuals in developing countries who cannot afford them. The glasses were donated by individuals in Doña Ana County to the collection boxes located throughout the city. Lion Franklin McKay delivered them to the Lubbock Regional Eye Center for repair, recycling and distribution. Pictured are Lions Sharon White, Sherry Tishner and Franklin McKay, who along with other Lions Club members, assisted with the collection.

Las Cruces' most wanted raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association

Photos by Aubre Salas

Amer Jandali and Nicole Parra-Perez were among community members who were "arrested" by the Las Cruces Fire Department and taken to De La Vega's to raise money for muscular dystrophy awareness Dec. 1. The pair hosted a fundraising dance at Beverly Hills Hall and together raised \$1,171, adding to the approximate \$40,000 raised by all who were "jailed."



Jennifer Tucker, the top fundraiser who raised \$3,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, poses with local director Kathlene Born.

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Making gift bags for Be a Santa to a Senior

Photos by Natisha Hales



Desiree Kriner, 10, decorates her bag.

With the help of librarian Esther Peña, Hermosa Heights Elementary School fifth-graders did their part to help Home Instead Senior Care's Be a Santa to a Senior program by decorating gift bags Wednesday, Dec. 8. With community support, the program provides Christmas presents to seniors in the area who might otherwise not receive any gifts this year.



Fifth-graders Brynn Charity, 10, Valerie Muñoz, 11, and Luis Navarro, 11, decorate a gift bag with a snowman. Brynn says she is dedicating her gift bag to her great-grandmother, who recently passed away.

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Thursday, Dec. 16 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Golden Corral 601 S. Telshor Blvd Las Cruces, NM 88011	Saturday, Dec. 18 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Golden Corral 601 S. Telshor Blvd Las Cruces, NM 88011	

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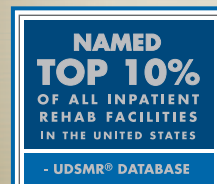
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ThePetReview

Fire can be a pet's worst enemy

Take extra care during the holiday season

Bulletin Staff Report

With mild weather abounding in the Mesilla Valley, and Christmas just weeks away, pet owners must remember that outdoor grills, fireplaces and electrical appliances pose a risk to pets that shouldn't be overlooked. So don't spoil the happiness of the season and take into account these pieces of advice for your pet and fire safety.

"Animals have an instinctive fear of fire and smoke; they will tend to stay away," said Dr. Mark Stickney, director of general surgery services at the Small Animal Clinical Sciences at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM).

"Problems come literally when curiosity kills the cat. This time of the year, people set up space heaters and an animal doesn't know and knocks it over, and the fire can start that way. Another thing is when the holiday lights are going up and animals chew the electrical cord and they can electrocute themselves."

Specifically now, near Christmas time, "when you receive a new puppy or kitten and they don't know any better. They start playing with the lights and they can get themselves electrocuted or they can possibly start an electrical fire," Stickney said.

Other household pets that are infamous for chewing include rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets and any pocket pets that have easy

access to items underneath furniture and close to the floor.

"Reptiles are not as fast movers, so they are not going to knock over a space heater. The problem in this case is that they can burn themselves," Stickney said. "It's not so much a risk to the house, but it's a risk for them."

It is especially important to be more careful this time of the year because of the activities in the house with the incoming guests and all of the extra decorations in the house. Make sure you are always around and that you never leave pets unattended with electrical appliances. If you are not home, unplug them.

Secondly, make sure you know where your pets are all the time. If you have a new puppy or the children have been playing with the guinea pig, make sure that they haven't lost interest in the pet and that it is accounted for especially when there are guests in the house.

A helpful tip is to go to your local fire department and ask for a sticker that you can put on an outside window that will tell the fire department how many pets are in your house.

"The sticker is a great way in case there's an accident and your house is on fire for the firemen to know that there are animals in the house that need rescuing as well," Stickney said.

“Problems come literally when curiosity kills the cat.”

DR. MARK STICKNEY,
Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine
general surgery services director



Guinea pigs are infamous for chewing. Unfortunately, their chewing can be on an electrical wire and can lead to electrocution.

"The biggest thing to bear in mind if you have an outdoor pit, if you are setting up the grill or deep-frying your turkey over Thanksgiving is you want to make sure there are no pets around where the deep-fryer is. If animals are not used to being around pits they can eventually run into them and burn themselves and potentially knock it over and start a fire in your yard.

"When it comes to fire safety, think of your pet as a 2- or 3-year-old child who doesn't know any better and who's going to make the worst of any possible situation. Keep that in mind and that will keep you out of trouble."

Upcoming events

Critter Christmas Celebration

A Critter Christmas Celebration benefiting the Spay and Neuter Action Program, the Doña Ana County Humane Society and For the Sake of Animals will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Amador Hotel, 180 W. Amador Ave. For more information, call 522-1232.

'Animal Talk with Dr. Beth'

"Animal Talk with Dr. Beth" is a new show promoting 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.

This is a viewer participation show, during which 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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For more information refer to page A2

Worship Services

Church News

LIVING NATIVITY
 Calvary Baptist Church, 1800 S. Locust St., will celebrate the Christmas season with a living nativity during the annual Christmas Music and Dessert event at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and Saturday, Dec. 11. The event will include bell and vocal choirs, performance of "Journey to Bethlehem" and the sale of a large nativity scene to benefit the Christmas Missions Offering. Tickets are free and can be picked up at the church or by calling 522-7900.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FIESTA
 The Village of Tortugas and the members of the Tortugas Pueblo will hold the annual December fiesta honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 10-12. This year is the 100th anniversary of the fiesta held in the village. For more information, call 526-8171.

HOLIDAY ARTISANS FAIR
 The Catholic Charities Store, 2205 S. Main St., Suite B, will hold the Holiday Artisans Fair from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 11. The fair will include artisans and farmers from southern New Mexico. For more information, call 523-7577.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS
 Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 4675 Bataan Memorial West, will hold Christmas for Kids from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, for children ages 3 to fifth grade. The event will include Bible lessons, arts and crafts, games, music and snacks as well as a provided lunch. Attendance confirmation is needed by calling 636-4988.

CHRISTMAS COUNTY SPELLING BEE
 The Salt and Light children's choir of First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, will hold its annual pageant "The Christmas County Spelling Bee" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. For more information, call 526-5559.

LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE CONCERT
 First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St., will hold its 15th annual Living Christmas Tree Concert Dec. 11-14. The unique festive event blends timeless Christmas tradition with tools of technology. Tickets are \$5, and can be purchased at the church; True Value Hardware, 1002 W. Picacho Ave.; and Picture Frame Factory Outlet, 382 S. Walnut St. Free child care for children under 3 years old will be available. For more information, call 524-3691 or visit www.fbclascruces.com.

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Religious freedom honored at the Menorah Lighting Ceremony

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Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Mesilla Mayor Nora Barraza participate in the lighting of the 9-foot menorah to Chabad of Las Cruces on the Mesilla Plaza Sunday, Dec. 5.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima lights the menorah.



Members of the Las Cruces and Mesilla community joined together for the lighting ceremony, one of more than 10,000 held around the world to symbolize religious freedom.



Cantor Zalman Traxler dances along with the participating crowd.

Church News

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

East Mesa Baptist Church, on the corner of Moongate Road and Bataan Memorial West, will hold two Christmas programs. The first is a children's program at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, and the second is a Christmas cantata by the adult choir at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. For more information, call 382-0386.

NAVIDAD BLANCA

The United Methodist Women's unit of El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St., will hold its annual bilingual Navidad Blanca program at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13. All women in the community are welcome to attend. For more information, call 571-5467.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The former St. Francis de Sales Church, 105 N. Jose Serna, in Rodey, N.M., will hold its fourth annual Christmas Open House from 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 12 and 19. The event includes more than 75 nativity sets from around the world and a large winter scene with more than 55 buildings, plus more smaller pieces will be on display. For more information, call 267-4249.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN ADVENT

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 4675 Bataan Memorial West, will hold an advent service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, before its Christmas Eve service at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, and Christmas service at

10:15 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 25. For more information, call 382-0220.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Hope for the Holidays, a nondenominational service of quiet contemplation, will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at Morning Star United Methodist Church, 2491 Morning Star Drive. If you're not feeling so "holly jolly" heading into the holidays, come and receive God's gift of calm amidst the hustle and bustle of this busy season. For more information, call 373-1703.

ECKANKAR EVENT

Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free discussion from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 18, at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The topic will be "Discover a Soul Empowered Life." For more information, call 524-2580 or visit www.eckankar-nm.org.

BILINGUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St., will hold a bilingual Christmas program under the direction of Marian Smith at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. For more information, call 571-5467.

MUSIC AND VISIONS

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, will reflect on the visitation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, and will include the Chancel Choir joined by brass choir, percus-

sion and soloists set to music by J. Willcocks in "Magnificat." For more information, call 526-5559.

ARMAND AND ANGELINA

Wellspring Church, 140 Taylor Road, presents international recording artists Armand and Angelina at its 11 a.m. service Sunday, Dec. 19, with the theme of "We are all one - Namaste." The couple will also perform at 2 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20. For more information, call 647-2560.

FIRST ASSEMBLY CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Las Cruces First Assembly, 5605 Bataan Memorial West, invites the public to its Christmas services beginning Sunday, Dec. 19. Two services, at 9 and 10:45 a.m., will feature communion and an uplifting Christmas message. A candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24. A nursery and children's ministry will be available. For more information, call 524-0654 or visit www.lascrucesfirstevents.org.

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St., will hold a traditional Christmas program at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22. The public is invited. For more information, call 571-5467.

SILENT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

East Mesa Baptist Church, on the corner of Moongate Road and Bataan Memorial

West, will hold a silent worship service on Christmas Eve beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24. The service will include selected scriptures and meditative music, and the Lord's supper will be served after. For more information, call 382-0386.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, will hold two worship services on Christmas Eve Friday, Dec. 24. The 4:30 p.m. service, for children of all ages, will include music and lessons. The 7:30 p.m. service will be led by the Chancel Choir, and include music, scripture, sermon and candlelight. For more information, call 526-5559.

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 Unite Methodist Church, 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 Unite Methodist Church, 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 welcomed 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.



SeniorActivities

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

AEROBICS CLASS

Aerobics class with Luis Ortega is at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. The suggested donation is 50 cents.

AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatics class (senior exercise class) with Nora Bailey is offered on a first-come, first-served basis from 11:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. The suggested donation is 50 cents.

BLOOD PRESSURE AND GLUCOSE CLINICS

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are held:

- 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.
- Suggested donation is 25 cents.

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. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

CORE-FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

Core-floor exercise classes with Lucille Garcia are held from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Thursday at Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. The suggested donation is 50 cents.

T'AI CHI CLASSES

T'ai Chi classes with instructor Jason Shoberg are held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The suggested donation is 50 cents.

CHESS

Chess games are played from 8:30 a.m. to noon Fridays at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. All are welcome. Participants are asked to bring chess sets, boards and clocks, if available.

CHINA PAINTERS

China painters class is from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg is played from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

JEWELRY MAKING

Jewelry-making classes are from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, and Jewelry Lab is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

BINGO MANIA

Bingo Mania is from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. No money is involved. Donations of old and/or new knickknacks for prizes are welcome. Call 541-2305 or 541-2304 for more information.

PINOCHLE

Pinochle players meet from noon to 5 p.m. Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

HORSESHOE PITCHING

Horseshoe-pitching practice is held from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday behind Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. For more information, call Burt Trujillo at 522-4849.

LADIES' POOL TOURNAMENT

A free ladies' pool tournament open to ladies 50 years of age and older is held at 8:30 a.m. the first Monday of each month at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

MEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

A free men's 8-ball tournament open to men 50 years of age and older is held at 9:15 a.m. the last Wednesday of each month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up is from 8 to 9 a.m. For more information, call Dan Carrillo at 528-3111.

CANASTA

Canasta is played from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. All are welcome.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS

Watercolor painting class is held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

STAINED-GLASS CLASSES

Beginning and advance stained-glass class meets at 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and intermediate stained-glass class meets

at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

WOODCARVING CLASS

Woodcarving class meets from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

HANDS 'N' FEET CARD GAME

Hands 'n' Feet card game is from noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The club is currently booking the following trips:

- **Fort Davis, Texas, and McDonald Observatory:** Jan. 17-19, 2011, Cost is \$270 double, \$315 single.
- **Sunland Park and War Eagle Museum:** Day trip Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, day trip. Cost is \$25.
- **Mount Rushmore and Black Hills of South Dakota:** May 14-22, 2011. \$760 double, \$1,019 single. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

DAY TRIPS WITH DOLORES

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.

- Wednesday, Dec. 15, Sunland Park Mall. Check in 9 a.m., depart 9:30 a.m. from Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Approximate return 5 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. 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 Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., at 9 a.m. and return by approximately 11 a.m.

- Tuesday, Dec. 21, and Thursday, Dec. 23: East Mesa Recreation Center, .2 mile loop.

- Tuesday, Dec. 28, and Thursday, Dec. 30: La Llorona Trail.

For more information, call 528-3000 from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m.

MYSTERY TOURS

A mystery tour will depart Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., at 9:30 a.m. the last Friday of the month. All trips will be within the surrounding area and will return by 11:30 a.m.

Trips may be for sightseeing, visiting a museum or touring new buildings. Trips are limited to the first 14 participants. Some trips have fees.

Sign up begins the first Monday of each month at the center or by calling 528-3000.

MUNSON HIKES

Munson hikes are for hikers of all ability levels age 50 and over who are members of Senior Programs.

Hikers need hiking shoes or boots and a backpack, and are required to carry their own food and water. Other recommended items are extra boot laces, sunscreen, hat, rain poncho and a camera.

Hikes generally last from three to six hours and depart Munson Center at approximately 8 a.m. Return time is not guaranteed.

Cost is \$2 per person for local hikes and \$6 for out-of-county hikes. New hikers must begin with an easy hike.

- Wednesday, Dec. 15: Picacho Peak, rated difficult-plus. Round trip is .4 miles, 1,500-foot elevation gain. For experienced hikers only. Hike departs Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., at 8:30 a.m., no guaranteed return time. Pack a lunch and at least three liters of water. To sign up, call 528-3000. For more information, call Shaunna at 528-3037.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Area drivers ages 50 and older can take the AARP Driver Safety Program. Classes are scheduled from:

- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Village at Northrise, 2880 Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building.
- Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The cost is \$12 per person

for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers, paid at the door. Participants must bring a valid driver's license and a pen or pencil. For more information, visit www.aarp.com.

HEALTH BENEFITS INFORMATION

Information and assistance on benefits for seniors are available from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday and Thursday at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. For more information, call Senior Programs at 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center meet at 7 p.m. Saturdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 523-1871.

THE THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first, third and fifth Thursday of each month at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2350 N. Main St. Cost for lunch is \$9, including tax and gratuity. Cost for bridge is 60 cents. All are welcome.

For more information, call 523-6106 or 373-9309.

SANTA FOR SENIORS

Home Instead Senior Care is teaming up with nonprofit agencies and area retailers to sponsor Be a Santa to a Senior, a program that collects, wraps and delivers gifts

to lonely and needy seniors in Las Cruces.

The program runs through Saturday, Dec. 18. Trees have up in area stores and businesses.

A community gift wrapping party will be Tuesday, Dec. 21, and the public is invited to help. On Wednesday, Dec. 22, gifts will be delivered to seniors in the community.

For more information, call 522-7133 or visit www.beasantatoaseniore.com.

AARP TAX PREPARATION TRAINING

Free tax preparation training will be offered by AARP for volunteers beginning Monday, Jan. 3, 2011. Training will last for one week. All volunteers will be required to pass a written test in order to qualify as tax preparers. Volunteers are also needed to be greeters and translators. Classes will be start at 8:30 a.m. and last until 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 525-0299.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MEAL

Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., and Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road, will have a Christmas Holiday Meal for seniors with servings at 10:45 a.m. and noon Thursday, Dec. 16. East Side Center, 310 N. Mesquite St., and Mesilla Park Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., will have serving times at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$2.50.

Reservations are required. To make a reservation, inform the hostess at your center or call 528-3012 no later than Friday, Dec. 10.

Frequently called numbers

Munson Senior Center	
975 S. Mesquite St.	528-3000
Benavidez Community Center	
1045 McClure Road.....	541-5185
Eastside Community Center	
310 N. Tornillo St.....	541-2304 or 541-2305
Mesilla Park Community Center	
304 W. Bell Ave.	541-2455
In-Home Services	
304 W. Bell Ave.	541-2451
Resource Center	
975 S. Mesquite St.	528-3307
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	
975 S. Mesquite St.	528-3000
Senior Nutrition Program	
Reservations and cancellations	528-3012
From outside the city	800-397-3544
Senior Olympics	
Mesilla Park Center.....	541-5171
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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

100 years ago

1910

• More than 1,500 packages of mistletoe had been shipped out of the Mesilla Valley, making for a banner year. Shipments were going out every day on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. Most packages were destined for Canada, Cuba, Hawaii and other distant places.

• A Bureau of Reclamation report praised Elephant Butte and the Salt River Project in Arizona as the "best projects of the service." The report noted that Elephant Butte realized great savings because cement could be brought in by rail instead of by wagon, as was the case for the Salt River Project.

• Central Elementary School was saved from arson when a ball of twine saturated with oil failed to start a fire in the school's coal supply, located in the basement. The coal had oil thrown on it. A similar attempt had been made on the adjacent Presbyterian church. Board of Education member Henry Stoes said it would be wise for parents to know the whereabouts of their children at night and urged the passing of a curfew ordinance and the ringing of a curfew bell.

75 years ago

1935

• Anselmo Bernal and much of the Cardon family were thrown in jail when Bernal

directed a "weird rite" to rid Jesusita Cardon of an "attack by the devil." The act was at the behest of her brother Andres Cardon. However, inside the jail, the ritual continued with the naked bodies of women forming a cross on the cell floor. After being released, Andres Cardon died. Dr. B.B. McGee said it was from exhaustion and starvation, but other physicians said he may have been given some type of powerful drug.

• Undertaker Thomas Graham, 67, who had conducted business in Las Cruces since 1912, died at his home at 106 N. Church St. For many years he was the only undertaker in Las Cruces.

• The state game warden announced that Elephant Butte Lake would be stocked with pike perch.

• Safeway was selling white or yellow onions for 1 cent per pound, "good" beef steaks for 12.5 cents a pound and loafs of bread for 8 cents.

50 years ago

1960

• The defending state champion Las Cruces Bulldogs routed El Paso Bowie 79-36 after opening the season with a defeat of the Hobbs Eagles. Lou Henson's team had no trouble with the Bowie Bears, scoring at will. The Bulldogs had 69 rebounds to the Bears' 23.

• The Sun Bowl game pitting the New Mexico State Aggies against the Aggies of Utah State

Marvin Tessneer
Out of the Past



on Dec. 31 would be the last college game for 10 NMSU seniors: Purvis Atkins, Charley Johnson, Bob Gaiters, Ricky Alba, E.A. Sims, Bob Kelly, Jim Worrick, Clem Mancini, Jerry Gambetese and Sal Gonzales.

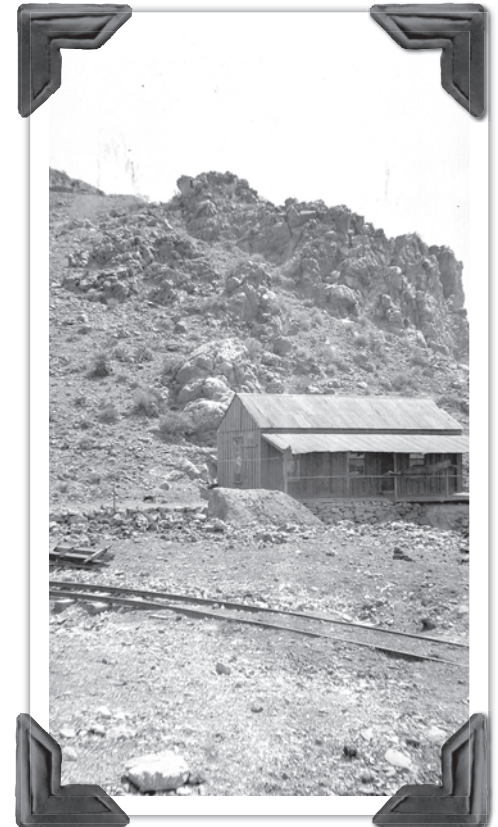
25 years ago

1985

• The upgrading of U.S. Highway 70 east of Las Cruces was on the "fast track program," according to New Mexico District Highway Engineer Lou Medrano. City councillors asked the state Legislature to support funds for a bypass study. Although a bypass had been under discussion since 1969, "city and county legislators could not agree on the issue" until the mid '80s.

• As many as 20 residences could be torn down if a proposed street from Solano Drive to Picacho Avenue becomes a reality. Eight different plans for the street, which would begin at Spruce Avenue and Solano, were unveiled at a city work session. Mayor David Steinborn expressed concern about the effects of the proposal and noted it would cross Mesquite Street, a portion of which is listed in the state and national historic records. Councillor Herculano Ferralez said the question of a through street that would tie Spruce with Picacho had been discussed for more than two decades.

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



New Mexico State University Library, Archives and Special Collections

Some believed the Stephenson-Bennett mine was the old Padre LaRue gold mine of legend, because there were signs of prior digging and an adobe smelter at the site. The mine was originally called the Santo Domingo and was reportedly founded in 1847 or 1849 by three locals who lost control of the mine to their supplier Hugh Stephenson, an El Paso merchant. Stephenson has been called "an unpleasant character" because everyone who was associated with him ended up suing him. Photo by Louis B. Bentley reproduced courtesy of the New Mexico State Library Rio Grande Historical Collection.

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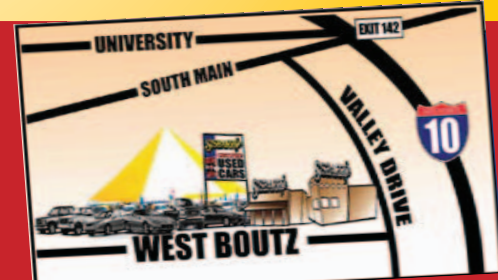
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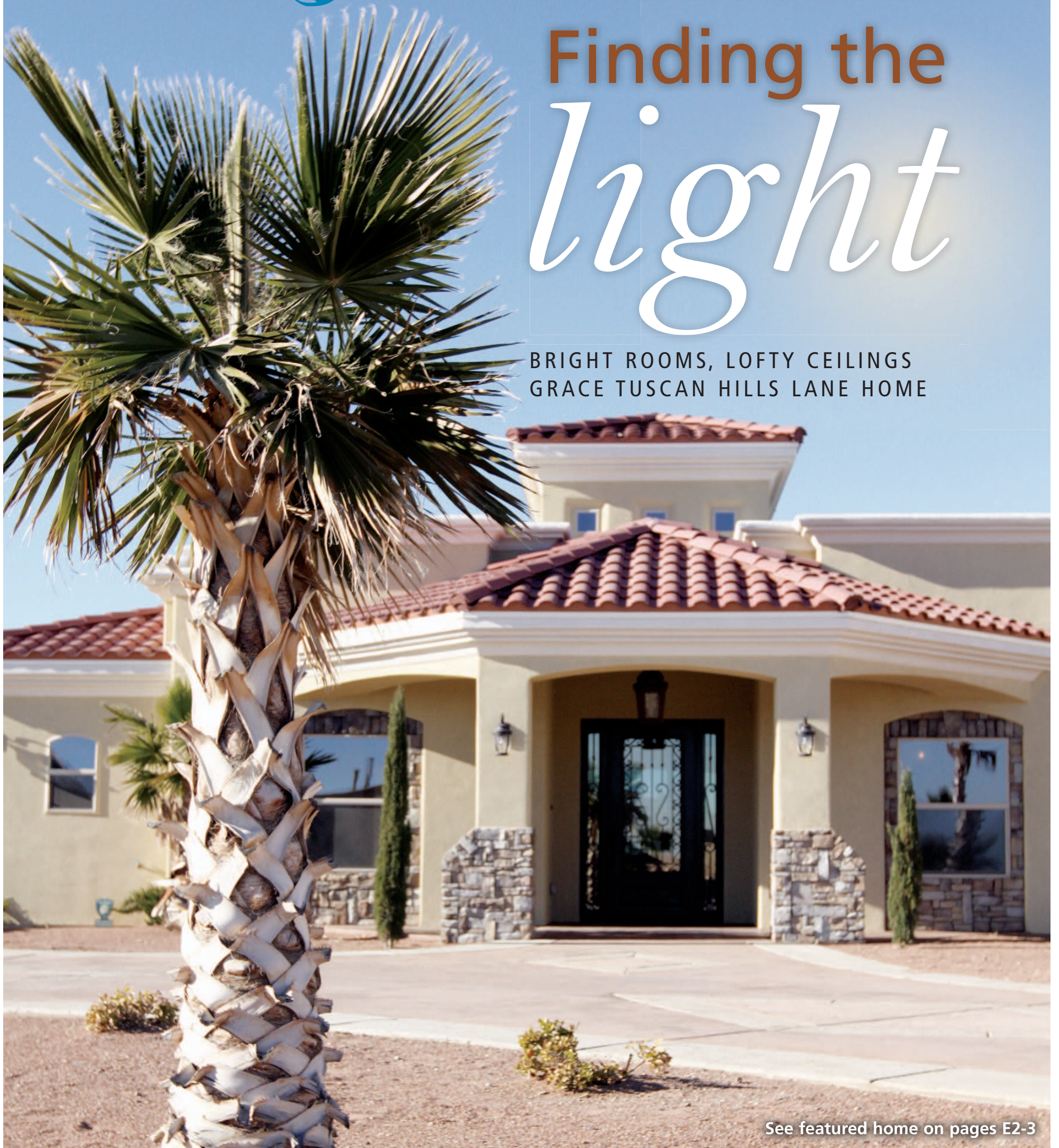


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Featured home: 2315 Tuscan Hills Lane

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The home at 2315 Tuscan Hills Lane was featured in the 2007 Spring Showcase of Homes.



A checkerboard pattern covers the ceiling of the living room.



Speckled granite countertops, cherry wood cabinets and Venetian plaster can be found throughout the residence.



The home has three covered patios, including this one with a fireplace.

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A showcase of Tuscan elegance

Home features repeat design elements, high-tech electronics

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Gabriel Sandoval of G. Sandoval Construction went to build his entry for the 2007 Spring Showcase of Homes, his vision of the elegant home began at the lot.

Sitting on 1.23 acres in the gated Sonoma Ranch Estates, the endless possibilities in both design and function is what drew the builder to 2315 Tuscan Hills Lane.

"There aren't too many areas in Sonoma Ranch that are gated and on a cul-de-sac," he said. "What we liked was that it was one of the largest lots in the neighborhood and area."

"This is a high-quality neighborhood," said Realtor Chris Harrison of EXIT Realty Horizons, who represents the listing. "It's the only gated community in Sonoma Ranch that isn't a 55 and up community. Plus, these are estate lots, so they're larger."

After selecting the lot, Sandoval created a Tuscan-inspired, 3,395-square-foot home.

The home's elegance begins at the pitted and salted driveway. Not a typical driveway, Harrison said this horseshoe-shaped creation has a speckled texture and features a diamond pattern and three colors.

Palm trees and Italian cypress trees near the entrance take the eye up to the clay-tiled accents on the pitched and flat roof.

"It's similar (to other homes I've built) in that we do a lot of tile and flat combination roofs," Sandoval said.

Inside the three-bedroom home, the foyer is showered in light, thanks to several small windows near the top of the 16-foot ceiling. Ceramic tile in shades of honey tans and terracotta reds are set at an angle and offset the circular mosaic.

"A lot of the time, people do what we call straight runs and it doesn't look as good as when the tile is placed at an angle," Harrison said.

Hand-textured walls, Venetian plaster accents and architectural details, including nichos, can be found throughout the home, which features a split-bedroom floor plan.



A theater room in the home is a great place to relax with family and friends.

Two of the bedrooms are down one wing. The rooms share a Jack and Jill bathroom and feature their own walk-in closets.

Beside the entrance is a flex room, which Harrison said can be used for anything from an at-home office to a formal dining area.

"What makes this home so great is the flexibility of the space," he said. "For some people, a formal dining room is a waste of space, so instead they can use this room for something else."

Nichos surround the bay window as faux-wood tile covers the floor of this room, tucked away behind an arch.

"What's great is you have the look of wood without all of the wear issues," Harrison said.

The center of the home is the living room, which showcases a unique checkerboard pattern on the ceiling, a theme carried out through the home. The space also features a fireplace surrounded by tile on a wall covered in Venetian plaster.

The living space transitions into the kitchen and informal dining area. Tan granite with dark spots of varying sizes lines the countertops and backsplash as decorative cherry wood

cabinets fill the room. The skylight repeats the checkered pattern.

In addition to its elegance, the kitchen was built for function and includes two sinks as well as ample workspace.

Sandoval placed a theater room outside the kitchen for convenience. The room, hidden away behind double doors, is fully equipped with a 70-inch screen, a projection system and built-in surround sound, Harrison said.

Technology played an important role in the home. In addition to the theater room, Harrison said each room has its own volume control for the home's stereo system, which allows music to blast in the backyard, but muted in the bedrooms.

Also, the home features a programmable lighting system. With one push of a button in the master suite, Harrison said all of the lights in the home can be turned off or dimmed. The system, which is housed in the three-car garage, can create any lighting mood desired.

Beyond the theater room is another flexible living room area that transitions into the master suite. Venetian plaster crown molding lines the ceiling of the large room, which includes a two-

Details

Featured home

2315 Tuscan Hills Lane

Square footage

3,395

Acres

1.23

Bedrooms

Three

Bathrooms

Two and a half

Fireplaces

Three

Price

\$599,500

Special Features

Theater room with projection system, 70-inch screen and built-in surround sound; home stereo system, programmable lighting system; Venetian plaster; and located in a gated community

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way fireplace and access to one of three patios.

In the master bathroom, the same granite and cherry cabinets found in the kitchen are used to accent the two sinks and vanity. A four-tiered skylight shines light on the walk-in tile shower, complete with two showerheads, and the jetted bathtub resting beside the two-way fireplace.

While Sandoval filled the home with style and details, he left the backyard a blank canvas for the homeowners to transform.

"It's a huge backyard just waiting for some buyer to tell us what they want to do with it," Harrison said.

With enough space for an RV or more storage, Sandoval said the home is great for those who need room to grow.

"I'd say the home is more built for a family," he said. "With that backyard, they can do a lot of activities."

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Sewing needles weave around problems

New ways to use these craft staples around the house

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

During this season of giving, a great way to show your loved ones that you care is with a homemade gift.

Along with a jar of your favorite recipe or a personalized tree ornament, a great do-it-yourself gift is a sewn, knitted or crocheted item, such as a sweater, blanket or scarf.

The most common sewing utensils are the sharp needle, which is a general sewing needle that has a point and eye; knitting needle, which is a stick with a tapered end and comes in a variety of sizes; and crochet hook, which somewhat resembles a knitting needle, but has a hook on the end.

Even if you're not an avid seamstress, these fabric tools can come in handy during the holidays and year-round in a number of ways.

1. String together popcorn: A classic Christmas tree decoration is a string of popcorn garland that cascades around the tree, from top to bottom. Easy and inexpensive, make your own with a few bags of popcorn, string and a needle. After threading your needle with your desired length of string, carefully insert the tip into the kernel and push it to the end. When your string is full, tie it off and drape it over your tree.

2. Make your own bows: 'Tis the season to give gifts. Make your presents extra special this year by creating your own ribbon bows. Using



a length of wide ribbon, loop it back and forth while scrunching it under your thumb. Wrap a smaller piece of ribbon around the pile of loops and secure it with a quick stitch from a threaded needle. The stitch will prevent the loops from coming undone.

3. Create a cranberry wreath: Add a new twist to a traditional wreath by creating one from cranberries instead of evergreens. Start by selecting cranberries that are firm and similar in color. The number of cranberries you'll need depends on the size of your wreath. Stick needles through the back of the cranberries and attach them to a Styrofoam ring. Do this until the entire thing is covered. Next, use a needle to sew on a loop for hanging and add decorative ribbon around the wreath for extra flair.

4. Pin up holiday cards: A fun holiday project is to create a fabric tree to display your holiday

cards. After cutting out the pattern, filling it with fluff and sewing it shut, attach the cards with needles. The pointy sticks will allow the personal decorations to stay on longer than tape.

5. Separate your eyelashes: Ladies, no matter if you're heading to a festive holiday party or a night on the town, a finishing touch required to make any outfit dazzle is mascara. With a wide variety of mascaras out there – from lengthening to volumizing – it can be tricky not to go overboard with the lashing-defining goop. If you happen to put too much on and your eyelashes look like spider legs, get help separating them with a needle. Just run the needle through the clumps being especially careful not to nick or stab yourself.

6. Part your hair: Whether you like your hair parted straight down the middle, crooked to the side or in a zigzag pattern, you can create whatever hair design you like with a knitting needle. Just run the needle along the scalp in the pattern you want. To get an extra crisp part, use the large needle when your hair is wet, and blow dry it into place.

7. Create an up-do: Another hair trick is to use short knitting needles or crochet hooks to twist your hair into a bun. Pull the hair tight away from your face and hold it with one hand,

like you're going to make a ponytail. Twist the hair counterclockwise and form it into a bun. Next, push in the sticks along the scalp so they catch the tail. Any hair sticking out can be tucked under the sticks, pinned back or left loose for a messy, undone look.

8. Clean your drain: A skinny crochet hook is a great tool to use to unplug a drain or catch fallen items. Push the stick through and maneuver it until the hook latches onto the foreign object. Pull out the tool, bringing your stuck item with it. This trick also works in other tight spots your fingers can't reach.

9. Get help with a zipper: Has a stuck zipper ruined your favorite sweater or pair of pants? Get help moving it with a crochet hook. Place the hook into the zipper pull, making sure to push any caught fabric out of the way. The crochet stick will give you that extra leverage needed to get the zipper going without hurting your fingers.

10. Decorate a vase: Knitting needles come in a variety of materials – from bamboo to metal – and numerous colors. Place the sticks into a vase for a unique touch to an otherwise ordinary flower arrangement. It's an easy way to decorate your home for the holidays or any season.

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Learning to deck the halls at the Cowboy Holiday Class

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Luke Tumblin, 9, hammers away at the leather-working station during the Cowboy Holiday Class held at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Saturday, Dec. 4.



Lindsay Lust, 5, pours pink glitter on her stocking during the class.



During the three-hour class, families came together to learn how to create different cowboy-themed holiday decorations including stockings and stained-glass cookies, which can also be used as Christmas tree ornaments.



Chris Campbell concentrates on his Southwest-inspired stocking design.



Michael Tumblin enjoys a cookie and hot cider while decorating his stocking made from reused denim.



Museum education assistant Meghan Berver uses a steady hand to draw her snowflake pattern.

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'Local boy' finds real estate success

Realtor Steve Barrett builds career on customer service

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Sometimes you just luck into things. Realtor Steven Barrett has always enjoyed helping people, and while that has taken him to several different careers, it finally led him to his passion in June 2005. "I want to make a positive impact on people," he said. Barrett graduated from Las Cruces High School after his father's career in the Navy brought the family to the City of the Crosses when he was in eighth grade. After graduation, he attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he earned a general engineering degree. He served in the Army for 20 years before retiring in 1996. He and his wife Jo, another native of Las Cruces, decided to move back to the southern New Mexico town. Barrett took on several jobs, including working for a building supply

company and conducting advertising and layout design from his home, before becoming an insurance agent. One of his insurance clients owned a 150-acre chile farm and mentioned that he was interested in selling the property. With some encouragement from his business partner, Barrett, who briefly considered entering real estate in the 1980s, decided to help sell the property. Unfortunately, the deal didn't pan out like he had hoped. "It didn't work, but I liked it," he said. "It was a thrill and a rush." "Real estate is a blast, I love it. I've done a lot of things in my life, but nothing is as much fun as real estate. I have a passion for it." For some time, Barrett said he worked in both real estate and insurance – two fields focused on customer service. "At one point, real estate overtook insurance," he said. "To better serve my customers, I had to make a choice."

Eager to please

Since fully devoting himself to real estate, Barrett said he discovered his knowledge of the area in which he grew up came in handy. "I'm a local boy," he said. "People know me and trust me and that makes a difference. I know the culture, I know the history of the area – that's important to being an efficient agent." When he first entered the field, Barrett said he had no problem finding clients, and in 2006 he helped with \$9.2 million worth of home sales. Since then, with the hit to the housing market, he said things have tapered off, but he still conducts between 30 and 35 transactions a year. Comfortable with the number of clients he works with, he said he puts a large emphasis on customer service, which includes things as simple as returning phone calls and driving people to as many homes as it takes. "I like being with people," he said. "I'd much rather be showing homes than doing paperwork." "A good real estate agent, they have to be available. When I get a call, I can turn on a dime to meet with them." With the Internet being the first place the majority of people begin their search for a new home, Barrett said it is important for him to be as well versed as possible on the local market. "You actually have to go out and walk the paths and drive house to house," he said. "I tell my customers, 'Let's keep looking' if they're not sure about a house and have the time." Although well-informed, many clients need help navigating the sometimes overwhelming world of home buying or selling. "I like to guide people through the process," he said. "Whether they're buying or selling,

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Among the homes Realtor Steve Barrett represents is 4485 Los Arboles Drive.



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The home at 3031 Mesilla Verde Terrace, represented by Barrett, features an open kitchen.

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they need someone they can trust and who will offer them good advice.”

Barrett said it can be hard, however, for agents not to interject their opinions and make the decision for the client.

“You have to give them your professional opinion and guidance,” he said. “I try to make it as clear as possible what their options are and what the pros and cons are. There have been so many times I’ve thought, ‘This is the house for them,’ and I’ve been wrong. You have to let them observe and evaluate the home.

“Also, buyers and sellers need to know what lies ahead. They don’t want surprises. I try to map out our course early in the process and establish a timeline for each step.”

This type of hard work and dedication is part of the satisfaction of being a Realtor.

“Just knowing that after closing you did everything possible to help the client with the purchase or sale of a home is rewarding,” he said. “And you hope that it results in them telling their neighbor or friend about you.”

‘A servant’s heart’

Although the housing market has seen declines in the past couple of years, Barrett is positive about the future.

“I think it’s a tough market, but people are still buying or selling,” he said. “People are still moving to Las Cruces.”

As the market begins to see improvements, Barrett said he is excited to continue to help people and spend time with his family.

“Nothing gives me more satisfaction and means more to me than family,” said Barrett, who has three grown children – Daniel, Josh and Sarah. “(I owe my success) to the support and encouragement of my family. The kids and Jo have always been right there with me, every step of the way.”

As for his clients, he said he is still eager to share in their experience and help them along their journey.

“A good real estate agent has to have a servant’s heart,” he said. “It has to be important to them to find the best home, not just a good home.”

You light up my life

Looking at your daily lighting needs

Maureen Villmer
Practical Design



Lighting is one of the most important things for your home. Proper lighting enables you to perform tasks easily, makes you feel comfortable and safe and allows you to enjoy your home to its fullest potential. Each room is unique and has specific and general and accent lighting needs.

A recent client came to me about their lighting. It was a new home, but the builder did not relate to scale. All the rooms were huge and the lighting was very small and out of scale. As an example, the dining room table sat 12. It was 109 inches long. One small chandelier was above it. I really could not have put a large enough chandelier above it to truly light the whole surface, but two chandeliers about 32 inches in diameter fit perfectly. They filled the space and looked in scale to the table. What a lovely addition to this room.

The size of the fixture needs to fit the size of the space. Don’t forget if you are viewing a fixture from above (a second story viewing area) that you need to consider how it will look. Many fixtures have a diffuser on them and it covers the bare bulbs so you can’t see them. Your dining room is a place where the chandelier can be a focal point of the room. It can set the tone of your dining room. A chandelier should be at least 6 to 9 inches smaller than the narrowest side of your table and the bottom of the chandelier should be approximately 30 to 36 inches above the table.

Stairways and halls must have good general lighting for safety as well as beauty. Halls need lights every 8 to 10 feet. Don’t cut this short by trying to conserve – you will be sorry. Mount the lights so you don’t look into the bulb if you are walking downstairs. Place sconces above eye level so you

don’t see the bulb. Be sure to have a switch at both ends of the hall for ease of turning the lights on and off.

To enhance the ambience of your room, accent artwork or just provide general illumination for your rooms. Different types of lighting will achieve different things. Use recessed lighting to light a general area. Be careful not to overdo. I have walked into some homes where not one decorative light has been used – no chandeliers, no pendants, no sconces.

Recessed cans are concealed in the ceiling and are an excellent choice for lighting. Add additional lights such as a semi-flush mount fixtures for areas where ceilings are low and you need to have a more decorative light. Different trim kits come available for the recessed can. You can have an eyeball to direct light to a specific item, such as art, or a wall washer to wash the wall with light.

Track lighting can make a room come alive by accenting a wall of art. Track lighting can be interesting and hang down on a rail for a very high ceiling. This brings the light down to where it is needed instead of up at the high ceiling. Look at De la Vega’s restaurant as an example. The lighting almost disappears, but it gives light where it is needed.

Next time we meet, we will go into kitchen, bath and exterior lighting. Beautiful lights really can “light up your life” in more ways than one.

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Santa's helpful gadgets

Kitchen stocking stuffers are an easy way to please at-home chefs

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

After Black Friday, you might have all the large gifts you intended to buy this holiday season, but what about those little stocking stuffers? Here are some small present ideas for the chef in your life, no matter their experience level.

1 Mini measuring cup

Measuring small quantities of liquid can be difficult. Small measuring spoons run the risk of spilling and large measuring cups are a chore to clean. The solution – the mini measuring cup.

This stocking-size gadget is simply a mini version of its larger counterpart and measures from 1/2 tablespoon, or 1/4 ounce, to 4 tablespoons, or 2 ounces. When selecting a mini cup, be sure to pick one that is easy to read. Many feature an angled design that can be conveniently read from above.

Simple to use and easy to read, washing the mini measuring cup is also a breeze since it is dishwasher safe.

The cup can be bought for around \$4 from stores such as Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

2 Silicone scraper

A handy gift for baking enthusiasts is the silicone scraper.

Shaped like an oversized guitar pick, this flexible tool conforms to the sides of bowls, pans and cutting boards, allowing you to thoroughly scrape the sides. It's ideal for everything from runny cake batter to sticky bread dough.

Easy to hold, the soft silicone is heat resistant up to 400 degrees. It is also non-stick and dishwasher safe.

In addition to scraping bowls and other cookware, this tool can be used to clean your windshield during those frosty mornings or winter snow storms (hey, it could happen).

Depending on its size, the silicone scraper costs between \$4 and \$7, and can be purchased at kitchen supply shops.

3 Muffin pan cleaning brush

While just about everyone loves the taste of homemade muffins, no one likes the dirty task of cleaning the pan. In addition to scrubbing baked-on food, it can be a chore to polish the specially designed, hard-to-reach muffin cups – which is why you and your loved ones will fall for the muffin pan cleaning brush.

This non-abrasive, non-woven padded scrubber is perfect for any type of muffin pan – bare, coated or painted. A round spongy substance attached to an easy-grip handle, the brush fits perfectly into cups measuring between 2 1/2 and 4 inches in diameter.

Easy to use, simply douse your pan with warm water and soap, insert the brush into a cup and twist, spin or rock back and forth until it is clean.

The specially designed muffin pan cleaning brush can be bought for about \$6.

4 Floating tea infuser

These cold Las Cruces mornings is the perfect time to enjoy a piping hot cup of tea. If you or a loved one is a tea purist – meaning you only drink the loose leaf variety – than get a floating tea infuser.

Sure, there are numerous types of tea infusers out there, but why get a boring old ball

when you can grace a loved one with something a little for fun – such as a yellow duck perched on top a mesh infuser.

Although cute, this ducky does serve a purpose. After the infuser has been placed into the water and the leaves have been saturated, the plastic duck will float to the top so the gadget is sitting upright in the water.

When using, be sure to fill the infuser only halfway with bulk, coarse tea leaves.

The floating tea infuser costs about \$10 and can be found at kitchen supply stores and specialty shops.

5 Flipper measuring spoon

Know an at-home chef who suffers from tiny-kitchen syndrome? For those who are lacking storage space, it's a good idea to get them gadgets that conduct multiple tasks, such as the flipper measuring spoon.

Created from stainless steel and silicone, this device is actually four measurers in one. A great space saver, this double-ended gadget measures 1/2 tablespoon and 1/2 teaspoon and then, with a simple push, measures 1 tablespoon and 1 teaspoon.

This hand-washable item costs around \$5 and can be purchased online at centralchef.com.

6 Plunger cookie cutter

If Aunt Sally loves to bake special shaped cookies, forget the traditional cookie cutters and give her something a little different.

Similar to a regular cookie cutter, the plunger variety allows you to easily remove the cut dough without having to pry it out with your fingers or knife. Also, since the plunger pushes the dough out, it can leave a decorative imprint on your baked good.

The plunger cookie cutter comes in a variety of designs, including leaves, flowers and stars. It is available in either plastic or metal and is hand washable.

This unique cutter, which can also be used on other soft foods, costs anywhere from \$4 to \$15 – depending what it's made from and the quantity. Look for them at your favorite baking supply store.

7 Coffee filter separator

A great tool for the coffee junky in your life, the coffee filter separator allows you to grab a single filter every time.

When more than one filter is used, the coffee will taste weaker. Also, it will take longer for the water to be filtered, which can cause your coffee maker to overflow.

Resembling a pair of plastic tweezers with rubber tips, the separator assures that you grab just one filter every time you make a pot of joe, saving your machine from extra work and saving you money. Just grip the tool with your thumb and forefinger, place the tips on the center of your pile of filters and squeeze.

Costing about \$3 and found at kitchen supply shops, the gadget is easy to clean with soap and water.

8 Stuck bath plug

OK, this one isn't necessarily a kitchen gadget, but who can pass up a bathtub stopper that resembles the backend of a fish?

More decorative than a simple plug, this stopper has a universal size that should fit all bathtub drains, plus it is made from durable rubber so it won't fall apart in the hot water.

To use, just stick it into the opening and run the bath water. When you're done, grab the fishy by the tail and pull.

This playful tool can be found for about \$10 at a variety of places, including www.amazon.com.



Featured kitchen gadgets: Stocking stuffers

Duct leakage: Efficiency enemy No. 1

Most utility dollars are spent heating and cooling your home

All of the heated and cooled air in your home moves through the ductwork. Where is your duct distribution system located? In the attic. Where are summer and winter temperature conditions worse than in the attic? Nowhere!

A study conducted earlier this year on behalf of El Paso Electric examined duct leakage in a set of non-Energy Star rated new homes in the Las Cruces area. On average, the duct systems in this sample set of homes lost 20 to 30 percent of the heated and cooled air flow to the exterior.

My personal experience testing ductwork while conducting energy audits reveals that this issue is far worse in existing homes. Many older duct systems deliver less than half of the conditioned air back to the living space of the home.

Leaky ductwork not only costs dollars and reduces comfort, but it can also lead to health and safety issues. Distribution duct leakage at the attic can lead to negative pressure inside a home and extreme cases may lead to back-drafting of gas-fired appliances – elevating your family's risk of exposure to carbon monoxide and other harmful combustion gases.

Your attic can be a dirty place with all kinds of contaminants – fiberglass insulation, dust, bugs and rodent and bird feces. Leaks at the ducts allow these particles to move into your home. Most of the dust you wipe up every week was transported inside through your ductwork.

Las Cruces area homebuilders are adopting strategies to mitigate duct leakage problems. Testing of duct systems during construction reveals problems while the ductwork is exposed and can still be sealed by hand.

Energy Star and the new 2009 Residential Energy Code recognize the value of testing during construction and include duct leakage testing as a key measure to improve efficiency. Another successful strategy brings ductwork into the conditioned envelope of the home. Air is circulated within the space below the ceiling and not at the harsh ambient temperatures found in unconditioned attics. Ductless systems like radiant floors and baseboard heaters or room-by-room mini split heat pumps don't require ductwork at all. If you are buying or building a new home, be sure to find out where the ductwork is located and

whether the ductwork was tested and sealed.

Leaky ductwork can be sealed in existing homes. A duct leakage test conducted by a certified Home Energy Rater or qualified Heating and Air Conditioning Contractor is a good place to start. If your duct system leakage is found to be significant, a good HVAC contractor or Energy Rater can determine where the leaks are likely occurring and provide solutions to seal the leaks.

The No. 1 place for duct leakage in most homes (new or existing) is at the return air compartment. Generally this is a wood frame assembly located below the furnace and air handler in a hallway or the garage. When you remove the filter (hopefully you are using an air filter) and shine a flashlight into this compartment you see some interesting things.

Likely, you will see 2-by-4 studs with fiberglass insulation installed between them as the barrier at the inside of the return compartment. You will also notice that the insulation is very dirty at the surface – just like a filter when it is ready to be changed. That fiberglass insulation extends up in to the wall cavity behind and beside the furnace and air



Miles Dyson
Living Green

handler fan. Every time the fan comes on to heat or cool the air inside the home it is also pulling air through the insulation from the walls and the connected spaces from the attic above. This leaky duct space creates a double whammy, loss of conditioned air to outside (or the reverse) and a source of pollutants that get continually circulated into the home.

Solving this problem is simple for most handy homeowners. The interior of the return compartment can be lined with sheetrock, plywood, hard board duct or rigid insulation and the remaining gaps and openings can be sealed with HVAC duct mastic. A good handyman or heating and cooling technician can do this if you are like me – and not so handy!

Don't ignore your ductwork. If you do, it can cost you dollars, comfort and even your health.

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Easy, happy and safe holiday decorating

EPE tips for proper use of lights, inside and out

El Paso Electric urges you to give yourself and your loved ones the gift of electrical safety this holiday season. Here are a few electrical safety tips and precautions:

Indoor and outdoor

Before you begin decorating, read and follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning installation and maintenance of all electrical decorations.



Whether used inside or out, be sure to thoroughly inspect strings of lights for any damage, which can lead to electrical hazards.

Use only the lights and other electrical decorations that have been certified by a recognized independent testing laboratory such as UL, ETL or CSA.

Carefully inspect each decoration before plugging into an outlet. Cracked sockets, frayed, loose or bare wires and loose connections may cause a serious electric shock or start a fire. Replace damaged items with new decorations.

Always unplug a light string or electrical decoration before replacing light bulbs or fuses. Don't overload extension cords – it could cause the cord to overheat and start a fire. Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per extension cord.

Don't allow children or pets to play with light strings, candle lights or other electrical decorations. Even small light decorations can produce a deadly electric shock if they are misused.

Turn off all electrical light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

Outdoor decorating

Use only lights and other electrical decorations certified for outdoor use. Plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).

When hanging lights around your roofline or in trees, be sure to survey the area for overhead power lines and maintain at least a 10-foot distance.

Don't mount or support light strings in any way that might damage the cord's wire insulation. Never nail or staple light strings or extension cords down.

Keep all outdoor extension cords and light strings clear of snow and standing water and well protected from weather. Keep all electrical connections off the ground and hang sockets downward to prevent water from seeping into them.

Do not run electrical cords through door or window openings where they can be damaged.

Indoor decorating

If you buy an artificial tree, check for a "flame resistant" label. Unplug the lights when changing bulbs or when adjusting them on the tree. Don't let bulbs touch any flammable material.

Never try to bypass a fuse built into a string of lights.

If you need to use extension cords, use only UL-approved cords that are rated to carry the electrical loads connected to them. Uncoil extension cords completely before using. Place extension cords away from heat sources and bulbs.

Never place cords under rugs and doors or through windows where they might be pinched or become worn. Keep cords out of water and away from metal objects.

Be aware that cut Christmas trees, or real, cause the most fires during the holiday season. Make sure the base of the tree is maintained properly with the proper chemicals and water.



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Holiday shopping that helps others

ReStore creates seasonal room to support local habitat building projects

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The holidays usually are a difficult time to budget your money, so if you're looking for seasonal decorations that won't break the bank, the Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 2301 S. Main St., has you covered.

When James Allison took over as manager of the store earlier this year, he said he discovered boxes upon boxes of seasonal items

that covered just about every holiday, from Thanksgiving and Easter to St. Patrick's Day and the Fourth of July.

"We had so much stuff, we didn't know what to do with all of it," he said.

After sorting the different items into categories, the ReStore team decided to transform a space formerly used for furniture into a seasonal room for the upcoming holidays.

"We have a seasonal room now, so whatever holiday it is, we'll have the room filled with stuff for it," Allison said. "A lot of shoppers come in just for holiday items, but usually when they're here, they'll pick up extra items."

Consisting of a combination of used and new items, Allison said most of their seasonal



Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore volunteer Donna Vargas stocks the shelves of the seasonal room with Christmas treasures Friday, Dec. 3.

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Thanks to donations from the community, the ReStore, located off South Main Street, has an abundance of wrapping paper and several artificial trees.

merchandise has been donated by local businesses, including Walmart and Albertsons, after the holiday has ended.

Currently displaying everything needed for a festive Christmas, customers can purchase anything from wrapping paper, cards and ribbon to ornaments, crafts and keepsakes. Allison said they even had 20 artificial trees for sale as of earlier this week.

"Anything you can think of, we have it here," he said. "The community has been really good to us."

Items that are currently available from other retailers are marked half off, plus the ReStore will take an additional percentage off that price.

"In our seasonal room, you can purchase new holiday items at a fraction of the cost of department stores," said Marie Schwartz, MVHFH development officer.

"Anyone on any budget can have a wonderful, affordable Christmas with quality goods," Allison said.

Since starting it this Halloween, Allison said the community has embraced the new seasonal room.

"The response has been wonderful," he said. "It has been a good way to get people

into the ReStore."

With four homes currently on the ground and two more foundations to be poured next week, Allison said MVHFH has received several motivated volunteers who have helped make the building process go quicker.

To help that process and allow MVHFH to reach its goal of constructing nine homes this building season, he added that the nonprofit needs monetary help, and shopping at the ReStore is one way the community can do that.

"The neat thing about it is you are also helping build more homes with your purchase," Schwartz said. "This is the season of giving and by purchasing from our seasonal room, and throughout the store, you are giving us funds to build more homes while getting a treasure for the holiday. This is a win-win situation."

"I want to thank all our volunteers – everyone that helps in the store and on the building side – from the bottom of my heart," Allison said. "Without them, all the money in the world wouldn't allow us to do what we're trying to do."

When the Christmas season is over, Allison said leftover items will be packed away and the room will be filled with all things Valentine's Day related.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales New Homes	4	1	8

Closed Sales Existing Homes	17	13	26
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Pending Home Sales (All)	161	170	170
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	171	135	68

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$222,265	\$161,950	\$156,970

Median Price Existing	\$250,532	\$165,000	\$147,300
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,104	1,118	1,226

Real Estate Agents	426	418	518
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"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 11/29/10 - 12/5/10
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Throw a tamale-making party

Creating this sweet or savory dish is a fun event for the holidays

"Perhaps the closest thing we have to this communal culinary rite (tamale-making) is making cookies at Christmastime." – Cookbook author Rick Bayless, "Mexico One Plate at a Time" (2000)

Tamale making. It's an art. It requires serious planning and organization. It's time consuming. It's messy. Expect gooey dough everywhere – under fingernails, palms of hands and sometimes tops of noses. But hosting a tamalada (a tamale-making party) makes the "ordeal" downright fun.

"It's not just about making tamales. It's a way of coming together, sharing and rejoicing," said Roberto Piña, the former program coordinator for the Mexican-American Cultural Center in San Antonio, Texas, in a 1987 New York Times article. "It's a process that begins with making the tamales, but ends up being a sharing of what's gone on over the past year."

Compare the rite to making holiday cookies, fruitcakes or trimming trees with family and friends. So bring on the eggnog (or margaritas), turn up the music and enjoy the occasion. Eating tamales is only half of the fun!

For ideas on how to organize a tamalada (plus easy recipes), refer to "Tamales 101: A Beginner's Guide to Making Traditional Tamales" (Tapp, Alice Guadalupe, Ten Speed Press, 2002) or visit tinyurl.com/cahpl or tinyurl.com/28vbdqg for instructions, recipes and videos.

The savory and sweet tamale recipes shared in this week's column are simple to prepare and serve smaller gatherings.

Easy Chile-Cheese Tamales

1/2 (8-ounce) package corn husks

Tamale Dough:

1 pound (about 2 cups) fresh masa for tamales or use Maseca masa for tamales, follow instructions on the bag

1/2 stick unsalted butter cut into 1/2-inch pieces (soften slightly)

1/4 cup good-quality, fresh lard, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

Filling:

6 ounces Monterey Jack or mild cheddar cheese cut into 3-inch long sticks

6 jalapeño chiles (or other fresh favorite), roasted, seeded and sliced

Simmer the husks in enough water to cover them for about 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and place a plate on top of the husks to



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Host a tamalada to usher in the holiday season. Tamale making takes time but it can be a fun occasion with family and friends.

keep them submerged. Soak 1 hour. Before using, drain and shake off excess water. Sort them and select the largest ones for the tamales and use the smaller ones for lining the steamer and for making ties.

Combine all the ingredients for the tamale dough in a food processor and pulse several times to lightly incorporate ingredients then run for about 1 minute, or until the mixture is light and all the ingredients are well incorporated.

Use about 3 tablespoons of dough for each tamale. Spread the dough onto the husk then top with 1 stick of cheese and a chile of choice. Fold the long sides so that they meet in the middle over the dough, then fold the tamale in half lengthwise to encase the filling. Bring the two long sides together, fold up the two ends and tie with ribbon.

After assembled, place in a steamer lined with corn husks. Place in a prepared steamer and steam for 1 to 1 1/2 hours. The only way

to know if the tamale is done is to open one and check it. The tamale is cooked when the dough pulls away from the corn husk.

Makes a dozen.

Sweet Tamales with Red Chile Powder and Cinnamon Fudge

1/2 cup shortening
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 cups instant masa harina
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup water
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup citron or candied lemon peel, chopped
1/2 cup raisins, chopped
1/2 cup almonds, chopped
10 corn husks, soaked according to package directions

In a mixing bowl, beat shortening and sugar until smooth and creamy; set aside. In a medium mixing bowl, combine instant masa, salt

and water. Stir until blended, then add to the shortening mixture and beat together until a small piece will float on the surface of a cupful of water. Then beat in baking powder and set aside.

Finely combine citron, raisins and almonds; set aside. Spread out corn husks and divide masa dough evenly among them, placing dough in center of the husks. Divide fruit/nut mixture in a similar fashion. Fold the husks and tie around the center with string to hold the ends in place.

Stand the resulting pockets on end on a steaming rack or in a bamboo steamer over water. Bring water to boil, cover and steam for 1 hour, or until the dough pulls away from the husk when tested.

Serve warm or cold with Cinnamon Fudge Sauce, if desired. Makes 10 servings.

Sweet Maui Pineapple-Habanero Tamales

40 to 50 dried corn husks
3/4 cup firmly packed crushed piloncillo
1/4 cup vegetable shortening, at room temperature
1/4 cup butter or margarine, at room temperature
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups masa harina
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon habanero powder
Pinch salt
3/4 to 1 cup warm water
1/3 cup flaked coconut
1/3 cup raisins
2 cups diced fresh pineapple
Boiling water

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2 cups Mexican cream or sour cream

Soak and clean cornhusks according to package directions. Combine piloncillo, shortening and butter in large mixer bowl and beat until light and fluffy, about 5 to 10 minutes. Beat in vanilla. Mix masa harina, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in medium bowl. Beat masa harina mixture into butter mixture, 1/4 cup at a time. Beat until thoroughly blended. Gradually beat in warm water, using just as much needed to form dough that just holds together. Stir in coconut and raisins.

For each tamale, spread rounded tablespoon dough in center of a corn husk to form 3-inch square; top with 4 to 6 pineapple pieces. Fold tamales, place in steamer basket and steam according to directions in previous sweet tamale recipe. Make 30 tamales in all.

Red Chile Powder and Cinnamon Fudge Sauce

1 cup bottled fudge topping
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon hot red chile powder

Combine fudge topping, vanilla, cinnamon and chile powder in the top of a double boiler over simmering water. Cook long enough for flavors to blend, do not let it come to a boil. Serve hot over Sweet Tamales. (Recipe adapted from recipegoldmine.com)

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Wrapped in corn husks, tamales come in both sweet and savory varieties.

Formosan termites always a problem

70 years after arriving in the United States, they still cause issues

Formosan termites, by far the most destructive breed of termites, are one of the Southwest's worst pest problems. In fact, a 2008 article in American Entomologist suggests the termites played a large role in the destruction of the city of New Orleans' floodwall system that exacerbated problems stemming from Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Formosan termites came to the United States in the 1940s from Formosa in Southern China – also known as Taiwan. They're believed to have infested packing materials, crates and pallets that shipped supplies and troops home after World War II. Besides in New Mexico, the termites are also found in Arizona and California, in addition to nine Southern states and Hawaii.

According to the United States Agriculture Department's Agricultural Research Service, Formosan termites cause more than \$1 billion damage each year. That's more than one-third

of annual termite damage in the U.S., which exceeds the destruction caused by storms, fires and floods combined. And homeowners insurance does not cover the cost of treatment.

Formosan termites are often misidentified as dry wood termites, which are eradicated by different methods than their virulent Asian cousins. A home can be mistreated for dry wood termites and the Formosans go right on eating. They are similar in appearance to the naked eye and can only be identified under a microscope.

Formosan termites have a tremendous appetite for destruction. A colony can consume up to a pound of wood a day in a severe infestation or 30 pounds a month. Even homes that aren't wood are threatened. Door and window sills, beams, thin lead and copper sheathings, plaster and plastics are all on the menu.

Besides being aggressive, Formosan termites are destructive



Barry Murray
The Bug Guy

due to their numbers. A typical eastern subterranean termite colony houses up to 300,000 termites, while a Formosan colony contains up to about 8 million. They also swarm later into the year – through August – extending the potential for damage.

Formosan termites enter homes through expansion joints in concrete slabs or utility conduits. They can be drawn to lumber or firewood piles or wooden trellises that lean against the house.

- A termite prevention program should include:
- A professional inspection done at least once a year because the potential damage is too great to rely on do-it-yourself methods.
 - An ongoing preventive system including the newest sodium borate-based materials, which can be painted, sprayed or spread onto the wood, or injected into hollow spaces inside the walls of the home.
 - Having your pest control professional establish an "early warning system" that detects termites in the soil before they reach the home itself. The newest systems establish bait stations around the perimeter of the home, to detect the approach of termites while they are still several feet away.
 - Anytime termites are found within 5 feet of a structure, begin more aggressive control treatments.

As national spokesperson for Truly Nolen of America, Barry "The Bug Guy" Murray has more than 20 years of experience in the pest control industry. For more information, to ask the expert a question or to see the brand-new "Insect Inquirer" blog, visit www.trulynolen.com.

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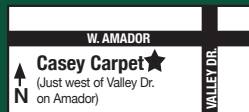
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