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Pink group announces final tally

\$530,353 raised for
breast cancer research

By **Todd G. Dickson** and
Marvin Tessner
Las Cruces Bulletin

The final count for the 2010 NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign is \$530,353 in total cash and in-kind pledges.

According to a press release, the total is an overall increase of more than \$54,000 and a more than \$85,000 increase in cash pledges, compared to last year.

"Contributions are made in two ways so we account for cash and in-kind totals separately," said TETWP co-chairs Pat Sisbarro and Laura Conniff in the press release. "When we compared 2010 cash pledges versus 2009 and saw such a big increase we were overwhelmed, especially in our challenging economic climate."

Money raised goes to the Cowboys for Cancer Research endowment, which funds collaborative cancer research projects between New Mexico State University and the University of New Mexico Cancer Center.

"We're not exactly sure from where this year's additional cash pledges came yet, but we did see increases from area schools and NMSU campus supporters like fraternities, sororities and ROTC," said Conniff and Sisbarro in the press release. "Bottom line – when new money is combined with the support we receive from Memorial Medical Center, MountainView Regional Medical Center, NMSU and other corporate sponsors, it showcases the generosity of the Las Cruces community."

Of the campaign's total in-kind pledges of \$163,629, more than \$100,000 in media time and space contributions came from Las Cruces and El Paso TV, cable, newspaper and radio stations.

Though this year's NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink football game was held against the UNM, Saturday, Oct. 9, local schools and various groups continued fundraising throughout October.

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Gathering to give



Valerie Endrueit and Ruth Anderson take a turkey out of the oven at El Caldito Soup Kitchen in preparation for their special Thanksgiving feast. The kitchen is preparing 36 turkeys and expects to serve 350 to 400 people for Thanksgiving and more than 600 people are expected for the Christmas dinner.

Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Theresa Montoya Basaldua



Volunteer **Alyssa Zuniga** helps prepare the turkeys by adding spices before they were bagged and baked. Far right: **Jimmy Alvarez** takes inventory and organizes the baked goods that were donated to the soup kitchen.



Child Crisis Center to open in December Shelter to give temporary relief for parents in turmoil

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

A new Child Crisis Center should be opening its doors early next month, which supporters hope will help prevent the injury or deaths of children, especially infants.

La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services of Southern New Mexico has led the effort to convert the former family shelter building

on the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope campus into a place where stressed or overburdened parents can temporarily leave their children in good care.

With the help of community volunteers and businesses, the once-dark building used for storage at the Community of Hope has been transformed with new paint, flooring, bedrooms with cribs, play areas, bathrooms and bathing stalls made for children, a kitchen with working

appliances and a fully equipped laundry room. Staff is being hired with clear background checks and a host of training completed.

La Piñon just finalized the contract with the state to tap \$250,000 promised by Gov. Bill Richardson for the center's first year of operations. These funds are being supplemented with donations, such as a \$21,000 grant from local Rotary clubs.

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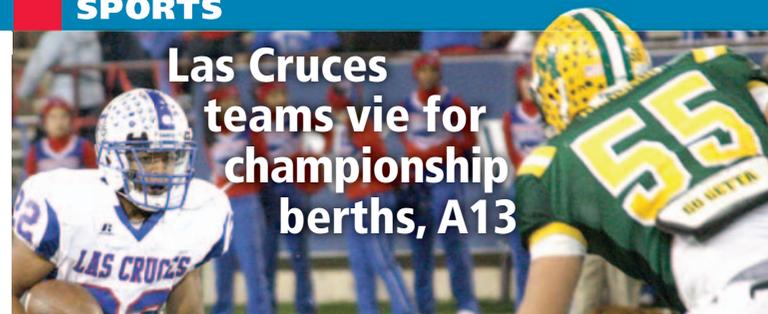


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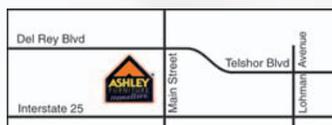
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Fashionable fundraising at High Heels for High Hopes

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Becky Horner thanks the attendees of the March of Dimes High Heels for High Hopes fundraiser, which raised more than \$71,000 on Friday, Nov. 19, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.



Mistress of Ceremonies Dolores Connor and Master of Ceremonies Steve Chavira keep the show flowing smoothly.



Studio 037 models Sabrina Kay Benefield, Amber Evaro, Katy Petermeier and Andrea Thomas embrace the old Hollywood theme with pearls and poodles.

Marilyn Monroe, portrayed by Kristin Connor, was the special guest of the evening.



Stiletto award winner Kelly Noel raised more than \$5,000 for the campaign.



Duncan Noble Spas models Chiaki Miyazaki, Kali-Miya Duncan and Yuka Yokoyama show their class on the runway.



The Fixx model Jaylene Watkins McIntosh showers the crowd with glitter while being photographed by the paparazzi.



Sebastian's Salon models Stephanie Rios and Maisa Schoenbaum thrilled guests.



Wildfire Hair Company model Lana Franzoy beams old Hollywood style as Mae West.



Wildfire Hair Company models Stephany Trego, Emily Schuette, and Shaylee Arvizu transform Franzoy from old Hollywood to new.



Salon Pura Vida model Roxanne Quintana flirts with some rebels.



Participating salons Studio 037, Duncan Noble Spas, Sebastian's Salon, Salon Pura Vida, The Fixx Salon and Wildfire Hair Company received a standing ovation for their outstanding participation in the campaign.



Opinions



From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

High Heels for Babies

March of Dimes high-fashion runway show generated more than \$70,000 for research

Last week, the Hotel Encanto ballroom was transformed into a New York-style high-fashion setting reminiscent of the era of classic movies. The event was the fourth annual High Heels for High Hopes fundraiser organized by Becky Horner and the local chapter of the March of Dimes.

Twenty local ladies graciously volunteered to help out by serving not only as models, but also as fundraisers. Each participant agreed to personally generate \$3,500. Models were each sponsored by a local salon. This year's salon participants included Studio 037 Salon, Duncan Noble Salon & Day Spa, Sebastian's, Salon Pura Vida, The Fixx Salon and Wildfire Salon.

The fast-paced show, emceed by Dolores Connor and Steve Chavira, was opened with "Marilyn Monroe," aka Kristin Connor, singing a titillating rendition of "I Want To Be Loved By You."

Then, the action began as the models each showed off their "sassy" side, confidently strutting and posing in the spotlights up and down the runway in front of their friends and family in the packed ballroom.

Highlights of the show were the announcements of the achievement of the \$70,000 goal and the winner of the 2010 Stiletto Award, given to the model who raised the most money. This year's winner was Kelley Noel, who narrowly defeated Rainbeau Trujillo. Both raised more than \$5,000.

The March of Dimes began in 1938 as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. President Franklin Roosevelt, who was diagnosed with polio, was an early spokesman for the charity. The term "March of Dimes" was first used as the name of the annual fundraising campaign. Entertainer Eddie Cantor has been given credit for coining the name "March of Dimes," which was an aberration of the title of a popular newsreel of that time, "The March of Time." In 1979, the name "March of Dimes" was adopted as the official name of the organization.

In 1955, after 17 years of research and development, March of Dimes announced that Dr. Jonas Salk had developed a safe and effective vaccination against polio. In a few short years, polio was virtually eliminated in the United States. In 1958, with polio no longer a threat to the nation, the March of Dimes organization began to refocus its efforts on a new mission – to prevent premature birth, birth defects and infant mortality.

In 1970, the first Walk America campaign was held. To date, nearly \$2 billion has been raised to fund research and to prevent premature births.

According to a March of Dimes fact sheet, every week in New Mexico:

- 81 babies are born premature
- 90 babies are born to teen mothers
- 122 babies are born to mothers who received inadequate prenatal care
- Three babies die before their first birthday

We pray that each Las Cruces can find a way to support this important campaign.

The local March of Dimes winter fundraising event, High Heels for High Hopes, is celebrating its fourth year in 2010.

Even though this year's event has been held, you can still contribute directly to this important campaign by mailing or personally delivering a check made out to "March of Dimes" to: High Heels for High Hopes c/o Las Cruces Bulletin 840 N. Telshor Blvd., Suite E., Las Cruces, NM 88011.

It's a cause worth supporting.

“ We pray that each Las Cruces can find a way to support this important campaign. ”

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Letters to the Editor

Real election winners

The real winners of the Nov. 2 midterm election were the Wall Street-corporate-banking community. While political egos were being inflated and doused on Nov. 3, Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke, who was nominated and confirmed under a Republican president and renominated and reconfirmed under a Democratic president, announced that the Federal Reserve will be printing \$600 billion and using it through quantitative-easing to buy treasury bonds.

Keep in mind that the last piece of truly bipartisan legislation was the \$787 billion TARP bill. This was followed by the \$814 billion stimulus bill that Republicans chose not to participate in.

Why all the hoopla over the election when an unelected official can use billions of dollars to support the very people we bailed out under TARP? Wall Street firms have made \$144 billion, and Goldman Sachs will pay each of its major employees \$429,000 this year. Major corporations hold between \$1.8 to \$2.3 trillion in cash. The next windfall will be if Congress and the president extend the top Bush tax cuts. The 3 percent of small businesses could be excluded from those cuts by legislation.

I believe that voters have neither the time, interest or aptitude to understand the complexities of what is occurring. They are an emotionally labile wreck and easily swayed.

Bank of America is the pebble that may become a boulder crushing the new Congress. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York along with Freddie Mac, BlackRock and others are asking the bank to repurchase the mortgage backed securities it holds. What will this Republican House do when faced with the bank's potential bankruptcy?

I want a front row seat.

Donald Heinzelman

I'll shop when taxes drop

In regards to your recent editorial "Shop Las Cruces First," people might be more inclined to shop locally if the city was more inclined to stop their insatiable spending. The new Taj Majal (Convention Center) comes to mind, among other "black holes."

At the same time, they cut what they deem unnecessary expenditures, i.e., sports complex maintenance, senior center funds, volunteer mileage – to name but a few.

The city should make note of the recent election where the voters made their voice known on the bond issue regarding education funding. Their opposition to the \$4 million transferred to athletics was evident.

The members of the City Council can also be voted out.

By the way, I rarely buy online.

Joan Dodson

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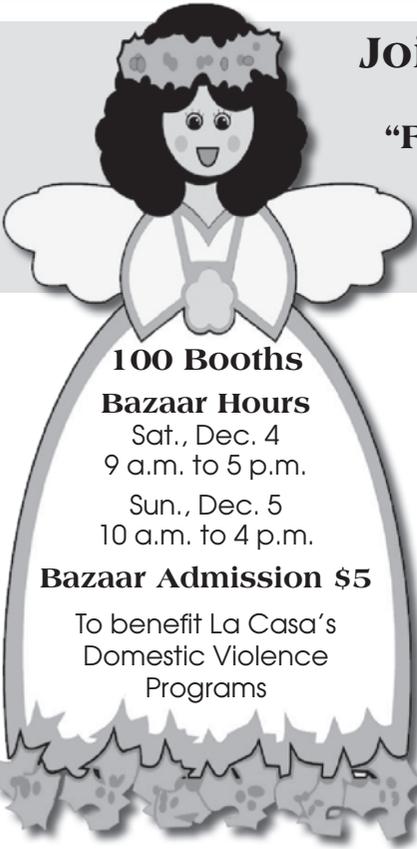
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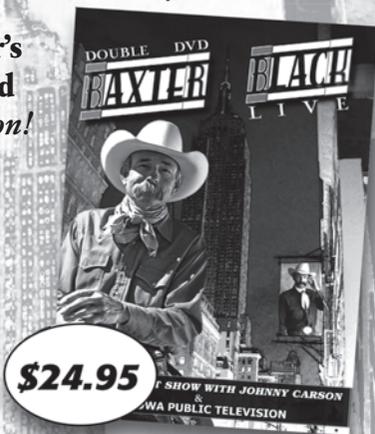
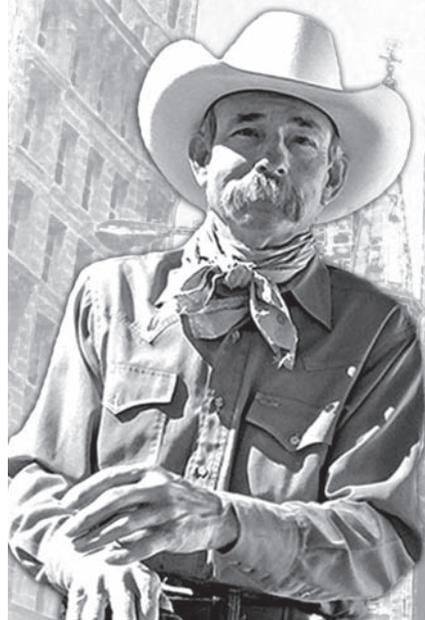


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The men in the future governor's life

New experiences await first gentleman, Lt. Gov.-elect Sanchez

Ah, the men in Martinez' life. What to do with the first gentleman and the second fiddle? It's a pesky problem.

The first gentleman, Chuck Franco, is unique in New Mexico politics. We haven't had a first gentleman before.

Franco is retired and so he doesn't have a job to go to every day. He was always at his wife's side during the campaign, helping in anyway he could. But now what does he do?

Franco has volunteered to help his wife in any way he can. His areas of expertise are in law enforcement. He worked undercover much of that time so he's good at playing other roles. He's also a hunter and fisherman, so he has been appointed to the transition committee for the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and the Environment Department.

When Kathy Carruthers, also from Las

Cruces, was first lady, she created a Governor's Mansion Foundation to purchase and oversee the furniture, equipment and decorations in the public areas of the mansion.

The arrangement has worked well, saving the state time, effort and money. The first ladies and foundation members have worked together well in identifying needs and making changes.

An unusual situation arose during the administration of Gov. Gary Johnson. First Lady Dee had worked at Gary's side in their construction business for years.

Every time she and the committee would identify a needed repair or remodel, she would do it herself while the committee was still deliberating. They say she wielded a mean hammer. Some similar flexibility may be needed in working with First Gentleman Chuck Franco.

The mansion is decorated according to the first families' tastes from the large collection at

the New Mexico Museum of Art. A suggestion has been made that the first gentleman might want to drop by the Game and Fish Department to borrow some stuffed animals.

Anyway, the word is that Franco is a nice, flexible guy who should fit in well.

The second fiddle is another problem. Lt. Gov.-elect John Sanchez hasn't mentioned publicly that he plans to stay home and run his roofing business. So the assumption is that he plans to take the option to be a full-time lieutenant governor.

Evidently, his roofing business is big enough that he can leave it. It seems he would like to stay on the periphery of politics in case he might like to run for higher office someday.

But he is not going to be a part of a Martinez/Sanchez administration. That became particularly evident when Martinez sent him out of town for the next 30 days to visit all 33 counties.

Ostensibly the purpose is to learn whether small businesses would like tax breaks, loosening of regulations and streamlined licensing procedures.

The answers in all 33 counties will be yes, yes and yes. Maybe he will come back with some good anecdotes for her speech to the Jan. 18 opening of the Legislature. He is to

Jay Miller
Inside the Capitol



submit his report by Dec. 31. There is no timetable for its implementation.

The real purpose of Sanchez's trip is to get him out of the governor-elect's hair while she is preparing to run the state. He will be busy performing his only duty, running the Senate, through March. Then, Martinez will have to think of something else for him to do.

You'll also remember the lieutenant governor will fill in for the governor while she is out of state. But if anything unexpected happens during that period, the lieutenant governor best stay out of the way.

The governor's chief of staff handles such matters in consultation with the governor. Occasionally, lieutenant governors have had to learn that lesson the hard way and suffer some embarrassment.

To be honest, we really don't need a lieutenant governor. Senators can elect one of their own to preside over their body just as the House does.

Since Arizona has had several governors leave while in office, and voters there were given the opportunity to create a lieutenant governor's post. They rejected it.

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“ ... the first gentleman might want to drop by the Game and Fish Department to borrow some stuffed animals.”

Letters to the Editor

Harbisons respond to Ellins

I'd like to set the record straight on the attempt by County Clerk Lynn Ellins to distort the facts in my original letter. Quoting from his poorly written response, he tries to depict the challenger's conduct as being in "utter disregard of the law and, in fact, intentionally acted in ways to impede voters from casting their ballots in an orderly and unmolested fashion."

This is absolutely false and in actuality it was the presiding judge, following Ellins' edict, that was in disregard of state law. Ellins' comments seem to want to make this a Republican versus Democrat issue, which it is not. It is about the democratic election process and preserving the sanctity of it.

The challenger, my wife, was refused the legal right to see and record the names of those who were given a provisional ballot. She is an experienced and well-trained challenger,

who takes her duties and responsibilities seriously.

She, unlike Ellins, was well versed in the State of New Mexico Elections Code as far as the legal duties, responsibilities and obligations of a challenger. His comments that a presiding judge informed him that the Republican-appointed challenger was impeding the activities of the poll workers by crowding the sign-in table and failing to stay within a reasonable distance of the table are completely false. At no time did any of the judges, or Ellins personally, make any comments to, or have discussions with my wife about her supposedly impeding their activities or that she was too close to the table. The presiding judge only told her she was not allowed to see the sign-in book, which was a clear violation of the state election code.

Second, Ellins either has a terrible memory of the events or is trying to mislead the public as to his irresponsible actions and comments. His comments seem to indicate that my wife tried to intimidate the presiding judge and voters by threatening to challenge the right of all voters to vote. Again, this is absolutely false. After he arrived at the polling place, he informed the judges that the challengers were not allowed to see the sign-in registers. My wife informed him that they were a matter of public record and that as a duly appointed challenger she had a right to see and record the information concerning provisional and spoiled ballots. He, again, in front of the presiding judge, told her she did not.

She then cited the sections from the Secretary of State of New Mexico "Handbook for Election Challengers and Watch-

ers" that stated not only must she be allowed to see that information but refusal of access to it was a misdemeanor violation of state law. Ellins then recanted his previous statements and informed the election staff that she would be allowed to "see" the information but she "could not touch" the books.

Ellins' actions demonstrated either his incompetency and/or ignorance of the election code, or a more sinister attempt to influence the election process by providing incorrect/illegal directions to the election staff. Neither of which demonstrate a level of confidence or proficiency required of the individual charged with ensuring the election process in Doña Ana County was administered according to state law.

Jim and Annie Harbison

A smile from Bright Star

For the second year, the Bright Star Dental Halloween Candy Buy Back was a roaring success, with 687 pounds of candy turned in during our event. Ten large boxes of candy will be sent to Operation Gratitude for distribution to our troops serving overseas, along with hundreds of hand-written notes and cards.

Children brought candy in amounts of two pounds up to 20 pounds, with several hauling in 13 to 14 pounds of candy each. Some even brought their candy as a donation and would not accept money. After weighing their candy and getting their money, kids and parents sat down to write notes of appreciation to be sent, along with the candy, to our troops.

The Halloween Candy Buy Back would not have been as successful without the support of these wonderful event partners who provided donations: Patterson Dental Supply, Smart Practice, Peter Piper Pizza, Sonic and UPS Store on Lohman Avenue. With their help, the kids not only received \$1 per pound of candy they brought, but goodie bags filled with toothbrushes, coupons for meals and small toys.

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Not me, I always feel like a pilgrim at the first celebration. The pilgrims were close to being out of food when the Indians arrived. They did not deserve the gifts the Indians brought, but were grateful because otherwise they might not have survived the winter.

Many times, the gifts I have received came as a surprise. Some were not deserved. Not that I refused them, rather, I appreciated them all the more because they were gifts. People do not have to be overly humble, only appreciative of how much given to them is not quid pro quo.

In sixth grade my class was designated to give the Thanksgiving play for the school that year. It was the traditional, "Our Forefathers' First Thanksgiving." Mrs. Hodgeson assigned the parts in the play by the "you, you and you" selection method. I scrunched down in my seat as far as possible and nevertheless was the second part chosen. It was a speaking part. I shivered.

My dear teacher felt that each child should have a chance to be on center stage in an

auditorium full of parents and loved ones as a growth opportunity.

My buddies and I viewed the play differently. We thought we were going to slide through sixth grade. We knew the Christmas play was coming, but we had been typecast so often as shepherds and sheep that we thought we were safe. Our exposure to a chance of disgrace and dishonor was brief.

Not the Thanksgiving play. All of us slackers had received substantial speaking parts. Mrs. Hodgeson made it clear she considered it an honor to be given a speaking part, and, if we ever wanted to get out of sixth grade, we had better apply ourselves to learning the dialogue.

My mother was thrilled. "Our son the thespian," she wrote to my dad who was on assignment at a distant military base. I thought to myself, "I bet he is glad he does not

have to make a fool of himself at some dumb Thanksgiving play."

“ Much of what my parents had given me was not what I deserved, it was simply a gift. ”

One day during a dreary rehearsal, when the normally kind and gentle Mrs. Hodgeson was trying to decide which child to kill first, we had a "teachable moment of learning" that is the object of education but is missing most of the time.

It happened when someone playing an Indian bearing gifts ad-libbed, "Hey, why should we Indians give you pilgrims any food? You are just going to take over the entire country and get rid of us Indians. You did not do anything to deserve this food so just forget it."

Mrs. Hodgeson stopped the rehearsal and said to that child, "Do you deserve everything your parents give you or are there times when it is really a gift?"

The child looked sheepish, perhaps in

preparation for the Christmas play.

I realized it was true for me. Much of what my parents had given me was not something I deserved, it was simply a gift.

The night of the Thanksgiving play was the day before Thanksgiving. I remembered most of my part and only fell over a chair once. Near the end of the play, I was for the first time enjoying being on stage. As I looked out over the crowd I finally found where my mom was sitting. There was a pang of regret that year because my father at a distant military base was not going to be with us this holiday.

But as I looked out at my mother I noticed that sitting next to her in his military uniform was my dad who had gotten home. I waved, forgetting that my character was not supposed to wave at the audience. My dad smiled at me and waved back. The next day we had a great Thanksgiving feast while I relived my brief moment in the theater spotlight to everyone who came to our house.

I hope you have received things for which you are thankful. Not deserving gifts, rather, surprise gifts. They make for the very best Thanksgivings.

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Michael Swickard
In My Opinion

Guest column

University faces budget challenges responsibly

Academics will remain NMSU's top priority

By **Barbara Couture**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin



COUTURE

Like all state institutions, New Mexico State University faced serious reductions to its budget this fiscal year. The process of reducing spending and cutting expenses is never easy. In the case of NMSU, I am proud to say that our faculty, staff and administration worked admirably with me to reduce our budget responsibly, staying true to the key roles we play in our community.

As New Mexico's only land-grant research university, NMSU serves the entire state through its mission of excellence in academic programs and teaching, world-class research and outreach to the communities we serve

through 13 agricultural research centers and Cooperative Extension Service sites in all 33 counties. Our faculty and staff develop the academic and life skills of students, help them reach their potential and prepare them to lead successful lives as productive members of their communities.

In terms of research, communities across New Mexico benefit from NMSU's ability to bring in millions of dollars in federal grant and contract funding. Our service and outreach activities include practical solutions to everyday problems and educational programs that improve the well-being of residents across the state. It

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St. Clair Bistro gets new manager

Zan Steinberg has a passion for two things: food and people. As the new manager of St. Clair Winery and Bistro in Las Cruces, he is able to fulfill both of his passions everyday – not something many can say about their professions.

Brought on to spearhead St. Clair's latest project – moving Las Cruces' bistro to a bigger location – Zan has spent the last six months working and learning about St. Clair Winery, traveling between the bistros in Farmington and Albuquerque.

This is the ninth restaurant opening that Zan has been involved in, having spent the last three decades in the restaurant business, with a variety of great experiences and employers. He spent the 1980s in New Orleans, absorbing the Cajun culinary scene. The 1990s were spent in Denver, working in steakhouses. The past ten years were spent in Phoenix, where Zan helped to remodel a Mexican restaurant and became involved with the Kokopelli Winery in Chandler, AZ.

It was the relationship between Kokopelli Winery and St. Clair Winery that led Zan to Las Cruces. Zan's experience and enthusiasm will bring a new vibrancy to the bistro. "I hope to regain all the energy and ambience



Photo by Alex Hewitt

Zan Steinberg holds a bottle of St. Clair's award-winning wine.

that has made St. Clair so popular in the Mesilla Valley, and continue to raise the level of service," Zan says. "If you take care of your employees, they'll take care of your guests." After spending so much time in big cities, Zan says he's happy to be back in a small town, working in a niche he loves. He wants St. Clair to be a place where people feel comfortable, that captures the hearts and tastes of the community.

The bistro is definitely a favorite among Las Cruces, and more people are discovering the pleasures of French country-style bistro cuisine and award-winning New Mexico wines all the time. "Every day I meet at least a dozen people that have never been here before," Zan says. "It's great to watch

the surprise on their faces when they taste the quality of our menu."

There are welcomed changes in store for St. Clair, everything from new glassware to gourmet monthly specials. Wine dinners and wine demos for fellow food enthusiasts will be put back on the menu, Zan says, bringing new attractions to the bistro. "I don't know how to describe the food other than fantastic," he said. Zan invites past customers and new guests to come visit the bistro, and see the changes for themselves. To speak with Zan or to make a reservation, call him at (575) 524-0390.

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is important to note that with our statewide budget of \$682 million from all sources, NMSU is one of the largest employers in Las Cruces and, as such, plays a vital role in supporting the local economy both here and in communities across the state.

In reducing NMSU's budget, we have maintained a balance between meeting the state requirement to trim budgets and our responsibility to provide excellent programs for our students, support our employees and serve our community. Rather than across-the-board budget reductions, we created an inclusive budget process by asking our university leaders to prioritize affected functions and services before making recommendations for budget cuts. Our university budget committee reviewed all recommendations, which were then posted for public comment before I approved final reductions. Our goal was to approach the budget reductions strategically and adhere to the following principles that were established at the beginning of the process:

- Protect strategic priorities in instruction, research and outreach
- Preserve core programs and functions
- Maintain academic quality

Where are we today? With the hard work of many individuals on campus, we have successfully managed these cuts and reduced our state budget (instruction and general) by \$16 million. I am happy to report that no layoffs were necessary in this process, although some vacant faculty and staff positions were eliminated.

Every department on campus has been impacted by the cuts. The largest share of the budget reduction was allocated to administrative departments (reduced 7.9 percent) in order to minimize the impact on the academic side (reduced 5.1 percent). As part of our overall reduction process, the athletics program was reduced by 10 percent in its state appropriation.

In talking to community members, as well as faculty, staff and students, I have heard your concerns regarding the athletics program budget as it affects our instruction and general budget. NMSU fares well when compared to our peers in the funding we allocate for instruction. For fiscal year 2011, 59 percent of unrestricted and restricted funds for the Las Cruces campus are budgeted to instruction while the average portion for our peers is 53 percent. In short, we devote more funds to instruction than other universities identified as our peers.

“ Innovative, thoughtful and relevant strategies are critical as we face ongoing fiscal issues. ”

BARBARA COUTURE, NMSU president

Considering all universities with Division I athletics programs, 103 out of more than 120 use budget transfers like we do to support their athletics programs. On a national level, universities transfer an average of \$10.2 million to athletics programs. NMSU, in fiscal year 2011, transferred \$4.1 million, well below the average. The fact is that the vast majority of athletics programs like ours require some support from instruction and general budgets. If we look at that budget transfer in light of our overall university budget, our total athletics budget as reported to the state is \$16 million, just 2 percent of our total university budget (all sources, all campuses) of \$682 million. The \$4.1 million transfer is less than 1 percent of that total. Yet the athletics

program supports 425 student athletes whose graduation rates are 20 percent better than our overall student population,

who represent greater diversity than the general student population, and who through their performance on courts and fields provide a solid connection to NMSU for our alumni and friends. That connection also played a significant role in our success in raising \$256 million for NMSU's first capital campaign, exceeding our goal by more than \$30 million.

I will keep my pledge to always make academic programs a top priority at NMSU. Our goal is to allocate less from our general fund for athletics. At the same time, we must balance the value of having a right-priced mid-sized Division I athletics program in proportion with its true expense to the university.

Innovative, thoughtful and relevant strategies are critical as we face ongoing fiscal issues. I have a great deal of admiration for our deans and department heads who looked hard at their budgets and developed solid plans to address the financial situation without sacrificing services to our students. Despite recent budget challenges, we remain steadfast in our commitment to serving our students and all citizens of New Mexico.

Barbara Couture is President of New Mexico State University.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



The head catch wreck

As many of you regular readers might guess, people tell me their stories. Stories about wrecks: horse wrecks, cow wrecks, sheep wrecks, dog wrecks, financial wrecks, Tyrannosaurus wrecks, any kind of wreck you can think of. 'Cause all these wrecks couldn't happen to one guy.

I met JW in Tennessee. He's a regular reader of my column and thought his story would fit.

It seems he was helping a neighbor with his small pasture operation. His neighbor was a successful contractor, a good welder and builder, but a bit of a novice in the wonderful world of cows. When he put his cattle workin' facilities together at his place, it was a work of art!

The corral was built with drill stem set in concrete, clips, cable and an eye for function. His long single-loading alley was lined with treated 2-by-6s bolted to the upright pipe stem and had a sliding gate at each end.

He called the county agent to get proper dimensions for alleys and gates. His persnickityness and attention to detail could be compared to a watchmaker or a farmer rebuilding antique tractors.

JW and Dag, we'll call them, got the bunch of 600-pound heifers gathered into the corral. They tied their horses and set a 50-gallon drum beside the chute to act as a table for their instruments and medicants.

JW took a close look at the chute. It wasn't a squeeze chute, it was a scissor-type head-catch, which Dag had tied to two big round steel posts set in cement. "Pretty stout," JW was thinkin', till he noticed the head-catch was secured to the post by four pieces of 12/2 Romex that Dag had obvi-

ously scavenged from one of his construction jobs.

That would be like tying the Titanic to the dock with a tarp rubber and two pieces of baler twine!

JW questioned Dag about the Romex, and Dag swore it would be OK. He had earlier used it to tie his side mirror to the truck when it broke off. Worked fine, he said.

The first two critters came through fine.

"See," said Dag, "It works fine."

In came No. 3. She hit the gate, locked it, pulled back once, then lunged forward like a fullback going over the right tackle!

The Romex shredded and the head-gate popped free! It was so heavy it pulled her down and flipped her into a full cartwheel! The cartwheel was followed by a double sideways flop, drop, drag and slide that left the calf in the bar ditch alongside the state highway.

JW watched several cars go by, each one staring and then punching in the number of every animal rights group in North America.

JW and Dag managed to get the beast upright, where she crawled up on the road, dragging the head catch with her, as well as her two assailants! Dag finally managed to reach the release latch. The

catch fell off and the heifer stumbled down the middle of the road on her way to Kentucky.

As they were dragging the head-catch off the road JW said, "That was great! I only wish Baxter was here!"

Baxter Black may be contacted through his website at www.baxterblack.com.

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Brittany Shreves Almeraz told her adoption story Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Elks Lodge for a National Adoption Day celebration put on by the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD).

Debran Almeraz tells how her youth in a foster home led her and her husband Emanuel to take in Brittany as a foster teen before adopting her. Listening on stage with her is Shari Cosentino, CYFD regional placement supervisor.



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EBID farmers hope for a better winter

Last year's snow proved disappointing

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

A poor snow pack runoff last spring and the 2010 irrigation season has left the Elephant Butte Reservoir with 381,120 acre-feet of water, or 20 percent of capacity, the Bureau of Reclamation El Paso field office reported.

That has Elephant Butte Irrigation District officials wondering what the winter snowfall and spring runoff next spring will bring them for irrigation.

During the 2010 irrigation season, EBID farmers used 282,082 acre-feet, less than the 305,475 acre-feet of water that the ditch riders had diverted into canals the previous year, hydrologist James Nevarez recently reported to the board of directors.

The district had started the 2010 season with a conservative allocation, 18 inches, and ended up with 2 acre-feet. With a good runoff, the normal irrigation quota is 3 acre-feet.

The measurement of an acre-foot would cover an acre of land with water 1 foot deep and contains 325,900 gallons.

This past spring, snow pack runoff, as measured at San Marcial, was 322,000 acre-feet, 56 percent of average, the bureau reported.

The outlook for this coming winter is being formed by what is known in meteorology as the La Niña Southern Oscillation, which is not promising. The weather pattern pushing

storms to the northwest, according to the National Weather Service.

"As a result, October and November have been very dry in the Southwest and New Mexico," National Weather Service meteorologist Ed Polaska said.

The local rainfall average in October was .42 of an inch, less than the normal average, according to the weather service.

Snow has been reported in Wolf Creek in southern Colorado and Chama, N.M., at the head of the Rio Grande Basin. But the weather service is not yet predicting snow accumulation.

The weather service makes predictions based on reports from remote, radio-connected Snow Telemetry (SNOTEL) units that measure snow and moisture content.

"We won't start reporting until the first of January when we'll have more SNOTEL data and can start pulling figures," Polaska said. "But chances are that they'll be lower than normal."

La Niña has made for a dry winter, so far. The normal rainfall for November is .53 of-an-inch, New Mexico climatologist David Dubois said, but rain in southern New Mexico during November has been extremely light.

With the shortage of rain, range conditions vary widely with 37 percent still in good condition, 57 percent in fair condition and 5 percent in poor condition, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Pink

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Since being taken from the rodeo arena to the football stadium in 2007, the NMSU cancer-fighting campaign has become the largest Tough Enough to Wear Pink event.

C4CR's role in the fight

Long before the pink campaign, Cowboys for Cancer Research (C4CR) has been holding events – including a roping competition and a dinner – to raise money for cancer research in New Mexico. C4CR has worked with the UNM Cancer Center to conduct ground-breaking new research conducted by NMSU and UNM.

The C4CR fundraising, which also including in-kind services, has reached \$223,000, and contributions continue to come in, said program coordinator Geraldine Calhoun. C4CR committee expects to release its total in January, she said.

"Considering the state of the economy, the total for the C4CR event is proof of the generosity of the Las Cruces and surrounding communities," Calhoun said. "In 2010, C4CR has been receiving contributions from all over the United States and Canada."

Contributions are sent to the Alma Co-horn Endowment at the University of New Mexico Cancer Research Center. Interest from the endowment is used for research and what research gets funded is decided on by C4CR.

C4CR funding has paid for research by NMSU biology professor Jeffrey Arterburn and UNM Cancer Center lead researcher Eric Prossnitz. They discovered an estrogen

protein receptor called GPR30, which has been found in breast cancer tissue, especially in some of the more aggressive cancer cells. The discovery holds promise for treatment if GPR30's role in cancer development can be inhibited. The presence of GPR30 also may be used for early detection.

Besides breast cancer, GPR30 has been found in neural, placental, heart, ovarian, prostate, hepatic, vascular epithelial and lymphoid tissue. A GPR30 relation has been detected in ovarian cancer cells. Also, activation of GPR30 has shown promise in inhibiting prostate cancer progression.

"In cancer, estrogen accelerates tumor growth in many cases, and the use of drugs to inhibit this new receptor and thereby block estrogen's activity could mean an important advance in treatment," the UNM Cancer Center reported. "In addition, Dr. Arterburn is creating new radioactive compounds that can be used to find new ways to image tumors without the need for surgery, leading to improved diagnosis and the evaluation of chemotherapy and radiation therapy"

C4CR's 2011 team roping contests will be held Oct. 8 and 9 at the Sproul Arena and the dinner dance will be held on Oct. 7 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum., 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

For more info

Visit www.pinkaggie.com for more information on the NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign.

Crisis

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Food and other supplies are on shelves, thanks to support from community organizations, such as the Elks Lodge that held a food drive.

All the permits are in place. The final fire marshal's inspection will follow the installation of a fire system panel in the coming week.

With state officials telling La Piñon to begin drawing down on the funding soon, it may be possible for the center to open its doors as early as Dec. 1, said Donna Richmond, La Piñon executive director.

"We're like pinching ourselves," Richmond said.

It was a little more than a year ago La Piñon held an event to get others in the community to share its vision, but it has only been since April that the city agreed to let La Piñon use the building for the new Child Crisis Center.

Since then, the center has seen a flurry of activity and focus fundraising by community charities to make the vision a reality, while each month seemed to bring new, sad stories of deaths from child abuse.

The hope of the Child Crisis Center is that some of these tragedies could have been avoided if the parents could have had such a resource.

The center can house up to 12 children from newborns to the age of 5 who are not yet attending school because La Piñon is not ready yet to provide transportation.

The center will only house children. They will be watched over by staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They may stay at the center up to 30 days. Depending on the child's crisis, parents will be able to have supervised visits during the child's stay at the center.

What the center defines as a crisis will be flexible. It could be as severe as getting the child out of a home situation where there is some kind of immediate hazard, or as moderate as a young parent feeling overwhelmed by his or her new responsibility. The children can return to their original home so long as case-workers determine it is a safe, healthy environment. The center will help link the children's parents to local services.

Should there be something about the child's situation that warrants a forensic interview, the center will have a "safe house" room for forensic interviews of children.

The center will be staffed with nine employees, all of whom have passed state and national criminal background checks. They have been trained in CPR, first aid, child-care and facility management. They've been trained on how to spot and respond to signs of child abuse and neglect.

The center will have supplies to feed, dress and, if needed, provide basic medical care for the children.

"If 12 children show up the first day we're open, we'll be ready," Richmond said.

From installing plumbing and donating washing machines to offering health care services and making quilted wall art to soften the bedrooms, the community has really stepped up to make the center a reality, she said.

"People wanted to do something to help children," Richmond said. "By helping the center, they are also contributing to our cause of awareness and prevention."

The "making-it-happen" energy extended to agencies, such as the Children Youth and Families Department, to help La Piñon get all the training and licensing needs met in an expedited way, she said.

Bernadine Dallago, manager of La Piñon's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Unit, said the center will accept the services of volunteers, so long as they clear a thorough criminal background check and complete the required training.

"They can play as large or small a role as they want," Dallago said.

For more info

To learn more about the Child Crisis Center, call La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services of Southern New Mexico at **526-3437**.

Also, La Piñon recently started a "warm line" for parents to call similar to its KidsTalk service. The ParentTalk number is **636-3133**.

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The gift of warmth at the Concert for the Homeless

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Pam Bridges, Jerry Meadows and Priscilla Martinez of the local Christian band Connected helped organize and entertain the gathering with their gospel music at the Concert for the Homeless, Saturday, Nov. 20, at Pioneer Park, 500 W. Las Cruces Ave.



Cruz Botello, Jeremiah Gomez, Priscilla Gomez, Elizabeth Jena Gomez, Michael Gomez and Elizabeth Gomez of Jeremiah Angel Gomez Ministries helped out at the event.



Those in need of a little extra warmth for the winter sort through a large pile of donated items, including coats, blankets and sleeping bags.



The 180 youth group from The Church of Triumphant volunteered at the event. Behind the table are Manuel Medina, Florencio Vigil, 180 Youth Pastor Adrian Nuncio, Joseph Garcia Milks, Priscilla Gomez and Robbe Horton.

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Boy Scouts race at the Annual Cubmobile Derby

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Caden Minnick, a member of Wolf Pack 101, is ready for action at Boy Scout Pack 179's annual Cubmobile Derby held Saturday, Nov. 20, on Mall Drive.

The Den 5 Toilet Seat Car is loaded in the gate.



Cade Kouba, Webelos Pack 178, drives a Surfing Penguin.



Matthew Kyle, of Wolf Pack 101, has a lead on Joseph Park, a Bear from Pack 178.



Brandon Moore, from Webelos Pack 179, guides Dragon down the course.

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NMSU downed by Miners

UTEP's long-range shooting tops Aggie rebounding

In the final game of a four-game road trip, the New Mexico State men's basketball team fell at UTEP, 73-56, in the first meeting of the battle of I-10 this season. Junior forward Troy Gillenwater led the Aggies with 18 points and a career-high 14 rebounds.

Junior guard Hernst Laroche was also in double figures with 11 points. Senior guard Gordo Castillo added eight points on 2-for-4 shooting from the 3-point line, while freshman guard Christian Kabongo supplied seven points.

New Mexico State out-rebounded the Miners 48-27 but UTEP shot 50 percent

from the 3-point line (12-of-24). The Aggies trailed UTEP 40-31 at halftime. Gillenwater posted his first double-double of the season with 11 points and 11 rebounds in the first half, while Laroche added seven points. NMSU dominated the boards with a 26-10 advantage.

In the second half, the Aggies cut the UTEP lead to single digits, 50-43, with a Castillo 3-pointer and a Laroche layup at the 13:46 mark.

The Aggies return to the Pan American Center to host UTEP at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Aggies host Hawai'i

Seventeen seniors play final football game

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State University Aggies will close out the 2010-11 football season at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at Aggie Memorial Stadium against the University of Hawai'i Warriors.

It will be the final game for 17 seniors, including tight end Kyle Nelson, wide receiver Marcus Allen and All-WAC defensive back Davon House.

"You would like to have a great final game for your seniors. They want to go out on a good note," said NMSU coach DeWayne Walker. "One thing I like about this team is they fought all the way through, so I expect them to fight again."

The Aggies will be facing one of the Western Athletic Conference's best football teams. Going in to Saturday's game, the Warriors were

6-1 in the WAC and 8-3 overall.

"They're a good football team," Walker said. "Their offense gets a lot of attention, but their defense is why they've been so productive. Their front four are just studs and they have some good linebackers. Their front seven really sets the tone for that defense."

Hawai'i quarterback Bryant Moniz is No. 1 nationally in passing (357.6 yards per game) and total offense (362.7).

"The quarterback is a musician," Walker said, "the guy just makes plays, you watch tape and you don't see a lot of balls on the ground, which means he's completing a lot of throws."

Walker said the Warrior's running back, Alex Green, is also a player to watch.

"I know he's had some games where he's been shut out, but he's also had some games where he's running up and down the field too," Walker said.

For the Aggies, freshman quarterback Andrew Manley will get the start against his home state school.

"Manley's kind of pumped about playing Hawai'i," Walker said, "I'm probably going to have to calm him down. He's been waiting for this game, but I don't know if he anticipated that he would be the starter, but he is."

"He gets a chance to play against his hometown school and I'm sure he'd like to get a chance to rip their heads off," Walker said.

Walker said that Manley's performance has been "hot and cold," but the freshman has a lot of ability.

"Once he figures it out, once (Offensive Coordinator) Mike Dunbar can really mold him, he's probably going to be one of the top quarterbacks in this conference."

"Freshmen will be freshmen, and sometimes you throw them out there and kind of close your eyes, but I think he has a bright future."

The game will be televised on ESPN Regional with Trey Bender and Jay Taylor. Video will be streamed on espn3.com. Fans can listen to all the action with the "Voice of the Aggies" Jack Nixon and color analyst Jason Scott beginning at noon on KGRT-FM 103.9. Fans can also catch the action in Spanish with Martin Cortez and Bob Sherman on Vista-FM 98.7.



Wide receiver Marcus Allen is one of 17 seniors making their last appearance in an Aggie uniform against Hawai'i.



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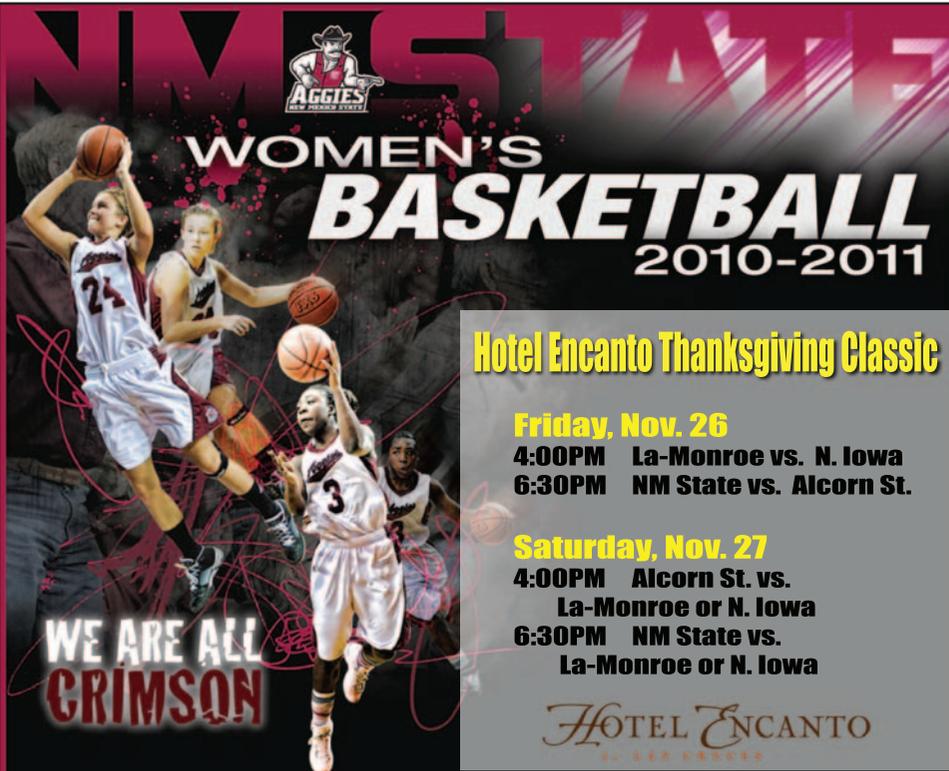


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Aggies overcome Western 90-59

Hotel Encanto Tournament begins Friday, Nov. 26

The Aggie women's basketball team will continue its six-game home stand at the Pan American Center with a game against Alcorn State at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, as part of the Aggie Hotel Encanto Thanksgiving Classic. In that tournament, Northern Iowa meets Louisiana-Monroe at 4 p.m.

The New Mexico State women's basketball team posted its first home win of the season with a 90-59 defeat of Western New Mexico at the Pan American Center on Monday night, after losing to the University of Houston, 82-62, in the Aggies' home opener Saturday, Nov. 20.

Against Western, the Aggies got a scare in the second half when leading scorer and senior guard Madison Spence went down early in the second half in what looked like a potential concussion. She did not return, finishing the night with three points in just 13 minutes of play.

Two reserve Aggie guards stepped up to fill the void, scoring

in double digits. Junior Kaitlyn Soto led all scorers with 15 points while freshman guard Andrea Chenier added 14. Starting senior guard Jasmine Lowe netted 13 points, while sophomore backcourt mate Camila Rosen put up 12.

"I thought we had much better energy tonight than we did on Saturday (against Houston)," coach Darin Spence said. "I think we rebounded the ball better and got some minutes from our bench. So everybody got a chance to grow tonight and that will help us down the road."

With the win, NMSU improved to 3-2 on the season while WNMU opened the season at 0-1.

Las Cruces native Shatwa Morris led WNMU with 14 points while Jaleesa Russell led the Mustangs on the boards with seven.



Aggie point guard Madison Spence scored 14 points against Houston on Saturday, Nov. 20, but was forced to leave the game against Western New Mexico with a concussion on Monday night.



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Niki Rhynes
Jasmine Lowe drives in the Aggies' 82-62 loss to Houston Saturday, Nov. 20, in the Pan American Center.

Aggies fall to USU

Volleyball season ends with loss

The New Mexico State volleyball team fell in five sets (23-25, 25-20, 21-25, 25-22, 14-16) to Utah State in the semifinal of the 2010 Western Athletic Conference Tournament as senior Kayleigh Giddens marked a career-high 29 kills Tuesday, Nov. 23, in Las Vegas, Nev.

The Aggies fell behind two sets to one and tied it up at 2-2 after taking set four 25-22. The Aggies took the momentum into set five staying with Utah State and eventually taking a 13-10 lead, but NM State errors proved to be the difference.

Giddens tallied her 12th double-double of the year as she added 22 digs, while senior Whitney Woods marked 19 kills and freshman Rocio Gutierrez tallied 14. Junior setter Jennah DeVries scored her ninth double-double of the season with a season-high 64 assists and 13 digs.

"It was a great match in many ways and Utah State is a great, veteran team that deserved the win," head coach Mike Jordan said. "We competed well and we had the match in grasp at 13-10 but errors hurt us. It's tough to see those mistakes, but it was good to see that they were aggressive ones."

The Aggies marked a season-high 77 kills as a team and 76 digs which was the second most of the year. Junior libero Kelsi Phillips marked 18 digs and six assists, while finishing the year with 3.66 digs per set to lead the Aggies. Woods ended the night with six total blocks to end her career with 319 total blocks, which puts her at No. 10 all-time for NMSU.

The Aggies finish the season with an 18-13 overall record and five All-WAC selections. NMSU had a winning streak of seven from Oct. 7-23, but ended with three consecutive losses and two of them from Utah State.

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Aggie Insider



Going for four straight

Aggies have owned the competition in the Hotel Encanto tournament

The tradition of New Mexico State's women's basketball for the Thanksgiving season continues this weekend during the Aggie Hotel Encanto Classic in the Pan American Center. Head coach Darin Spence has committed each year to bring in one major opponent for this event.

Last year, it was Michigan and this year Spence will take up his role as giant killer if Northern Iowa and the Aggies meet in the Saturday, Nov. 27, title game. They will be the favorites but early season tournaments can produce surprise upsets – it has happened in this tournament before.

In the first round Friday, Nov. 26, UNI meets Louisiana-Monroe and Alcorn State takes on NM State. Northern Iowa was the Missouri Valley Conference entrant into the NCAA Tournament last year winning 17 games and upsetting Creighton in the conference championship. They return three starters and come into the tournament with a 3-1 record. Northern Iowa has beaten Colorado State and Southeast Missouri State in Cape Girardeau. SEMO is coached by former Spence assistant John Ishee. Louisiana Monroe is 2-1, beating in-state rivals Northwestern State and New Orleans. So far, Alcorn State has had to play all three games away from home losing at Marquette, Michigan and at UTEP on Monday night.

Lately, the Aggies have been getting great play inside from junior forward Tabytha Wampler. She led the team to victory with 20 points at North Dakota and played a major role in the overtime victory at UTEP. Wampler



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

and sophomore guard Camila Rosen combined to outscore the Miners in the extra period and the team won by five.

Senior guard Madison Spence has taken to her return to point guard averaging four assists per game, and senior guard Jasmine Lowe has fit in with more assists and her consistent point production. Junior forward Erica Sanchez is back after a redshirt year with an injury, she hit the 3-pointer with 10 seconds to go in El Paso that sent things into overtime.

The Aggies have won the tournament three years in a row and have consistently put on a series of quality games. The offense has a better symmetry with senior guard Danisha Corbett joining Spence and Lowe on the perimeter and Wampler emerging as a consistent force inside. There still are trips to Michigan and Arizona, a rematch with UTEP at home and the series with the Lobos, so gaining some seasoning in this two-game home series makes sense.

The Aggies made their first trip to postseason in nearly two decades last year, now with a lineup that fits Spence's favorite offensive scheme they are poised to make a move up the WAC standings. This tournament should provide a good yardstick for the progress made through the first three weeks of the season.

Going the extra mile

Swimmers stay in training mode for Thanksgiving Day

During the holidays, I am always reminded of how much our athletes on the swimming and diving team are sacrificing for their team and individual goals.

While most students are at home getting ready to stuff their faces with turkey and relax, our athletes are taking advantage of the break to do a little extra to make them better. They are training all week, and through the weekend, a total of 13 workouts during the break. They're beat up and tired, but somehow still seem to leave the deck with a smile on their face and a great sense of accomplishment.

We are competing against Northern Arizona next weekend in Flagstaff, Ariz., at 7,200 feet. This is a great challenge for us, with a nine-hour bus ride and a meet in a short 25-meter course, nothing is easy.

For success they will have to block out the altitude and the extra 10 percent they have to race.

NAU is an affiliate WAC member in swimming and diving and is a team with depth and some new freshmen who are making a strong impact on their program. We will have to swim real tough to pull off our second win in program history against NAU in Flagstaff.

They will be studying during the drive as finals start when we get back. Our team is going for a sixth-straight fall semester with a team GPA more than 3.4, something they do not take lightly. We've been top 10 in the nation for our team GPA seven out of the past 10 semesters. This is out of

Rick Pratt
Head Coach
Swimming and Diving



around 200 programs in the nation.

After the last day of finals, we leave that night for the UNLV Invite. This is a three-day meet with prelims in the morning then finals at night. There are six teams in attendance and we will have some great competition. The average swimmer on the team will race around 10 times during the weekend including individual events and relays.

It is a great opportunity for them to race with a championship format similar to the one in San Antonio for our WAC meet. This is something that we have not had on the schedule in three years and it will be a great advantage having it back.

Following the meet we're staying in Las Vegas for six days for a heavy training camp consisting of doubles everyday (morning and afternoon workouts). This will be some of the heaviest training of the year and a tough time following a long meet.

All of this is before they even get to return home for a short Christmas break. They are returning early to campus on Dec. 29, and back to the grind.

I am very thankful to work with our amazing group of ladies. They go the extra mile every day under great pressure and expectations. They do this to perform for one moment at the end of February, to bring a WAC Title home to NM State.

This is the best team we've had at NM State and our goals are obvious, however, wherever they end up, I will be proud of the sacrifices they have made. As always, it is a great time to be an Aggie!

This Week

In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Nov. 26
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Saturday, Nov. 27
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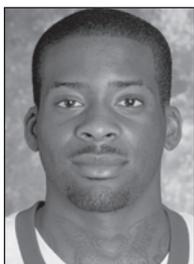
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Tuesday, Nov. 30
Men's Basketball
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Wednesday, Dec. 1
Women's Basketball
New Mexico
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Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Christian Kabongo
Freshman
Men's Basketball

Freshman guard Christian Kabongo scored a career-high 17 points against Western New Mexico Nov. 15 in the home opener. He also had 14 points in her first career

start against USC Nov. 21, along with career-high marks for rebounds (7) and assists (4).



Carly Smith
Junior
Swimming and Diving

Junior diver Carly Smith finished in eighth place on the platform on the third and final day of the Arizona Diving Invitational Nov. 21. She recorded 203.55 points on the 5-meter platform.



Madison Spence
Senior
Women's Basketball

Senior guard Madison Spence scored in double figures in the first four games this season. She notched a career-high six steals in the win at UTEP.

Spence also posted season highs with six rebounds and seven assists against the Miners and led the team with 18 points.



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Onthegreen

A few rounds of Thanksgiving So many good people to thank and so little time

In this time of giving thanks, it just seems fitting for me to send a shout out to the many folks whose friendship, good works and presence simply make things better for us all.

Thank you Zach Wilson, Justin Darling and the terrific staff at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, including the course marshals, cart girls, greens keeping crew and bar and restaurant staff.

When Sonoma Ranch opened in 1999, no one knew what it would be like having a new Scottsdale-like course in our area. But it turned out to be an incredible residential development, continuing to grow daily. The golf course has become a destination for golfers from great distances, which is a boon to our community.

Thank you Don and Louis Biad for bringing back the Picacho Hills Country Club golf course from the brink of disaster, at no small expense. It was a big risk of a lot of money putting in a brand new, elaborate, state-of-the-art sprinkler system, but it has certainly paid dividends in terms of the appearance and playability of the golf course. Thanks also to Gary and Jane Noble, head professionals at PHCC, to the young men who staff the pro shop, cart barn and practice range, as well as to Gil Martinez, the greens superintendent, and his hard-working staff.

Thank you Dan Koesters, and thanks to your assistants, Jason White and Brian Lyle, for making the New Mexico State University Golf Course, one of the truly first-class college golf venues in the country, and one that is accessible and affordable to everyone who enjoys golf in our area. As the UNM South course in Albuquerque struggles to thrive, your on-course marshaling, customer service, pro-shop merchandising and golf course maintenance crew have made our Aggie course one to brag about.

Thank you Paul Brilliant, Jackie Booth and Scott Lieberworth for your hard work and perseverance as coaches of the women's and men's Aggie golf teams. Aggie golf has a long and storied tradition, starting with coach Herb Wimberly in the 1960's, and includes star players on tour such as Rich Beem, Tom Byrum, Bart Bryant and Alena Sharp. Perpetually underfunded, golf is usually termed a "minor" sport by the athletic department, but Aggie golf is truly a major sport insofar as being competitive with other big schools.

Thank you Matt Williams for taking on yet another big job as executive director of the Sun Country PGA Section. That means you run both the amateur and the professional associations for our section, which includes all of New Mexico for the United States Golf Association and New Mexico with part of West Texas for the PGA.

As a former college golfer at Kansas State, and currently a highly ranked mid-am player, you certainly understand the need for well-run and well-attended tournaments; and you always make sure the course setup and tournament execution are top-drawer.

Thanks also to Dan Vukelich and his crew who publish the Sun Country Golfer magazine, which is now an official arm of our USGA group in Albuquerque. And I would be remiss if I didn't give a big "thank you" to John Speary who announced his retirement for the end of this year, after 17 years of

dedicated service as executive director of Sun Country PGA. It has been my privilege to know John over the years and be invited to conduct clinics and presentations for the PGA club professionals around New Mexico.

Thank you Pat Gavin, longtime director, and Josh Salmon, the new assistant director, of the Professional Golf Management (PGM) program at New Mexico State. As one of a couple of dozen such programs sanctioned by the PGA at different colleges and universities around the country, ours is considered by many to be the premier PGM program, partly because of the diversity and quality of the golfing students it attracts, and partly because of the quality of the opportunities for golf and tournament competition, and mostly because of the academic curriculum in the College of Business, with Garrey Caruthers as dean.

Here in Las Cruces, we're blessed to be able to play golf with these future young men and women professionals, and to have them working and gaining experience as interns at our local golf courses.

Thank you David McCollum, publisher of the Las Cruces Bulletin, for continuing to print the best of local news and great special sections, in a weekly format that is unbiased and the best of its kind anywhere. Thanks also for your tireless public service on boards and

committees, and for your support of so many civic and social causes and events. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your golf writer for almost five years now.

I feel compelled to send a big thank you to the wonderful people at Sierra Del Rio golf resort in Elephant Butte. It wasn't that many years ago when the old Oasis went belly-up and then tragically was left to get overgrown and go to seed. I applaud you, Jack Witt, as you and your investors took the risk and brought a redesigned golf course back to life, while breathing new energy into the community and economy.

Your golf staff, including Guy Wimberly, Victor Torres, Henry Stetina and Kelly Velarde – all true golf pros – get a big thanks for the terrific job in making anyone who visits and

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Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor



plays Sierra Del Rio feel like family.

And, thanks Tommy Tharp and Dr. Leroy Baca for putting on the Turkey Shoot tournament that supports the local high school golf program. Without generous folks like you, the quality of life and golf in Sierra County certainly wouldn't be as good.

One of the golfers in Las Cruces who I am thankful to know is Phil Woods, owner of Fairway Golf on Solano Drive near Main Street. Affectionately known as "Fairway Phil," Woods sells and repairs golf clubs, from starter sets and used clubs to the latest Taylor Made equipment, all of which you can try out in his generous indoor hitting net. Phil's an accomplished golfer and does fine work.

Thank you Kevin McGrath, owner of It's Burger Time restaurants, and generous founder of the Burger Time golf tournament, which generates big bucks for the sports and activities programs at all Las Cruces high schools. The annual summer golf outing is always a classy affair and always a bunch of fun, even if the golf is sometimes not easy to watch.

As most of you know, longtime PGA professional Herb Wimberly is my good friend and partner in Performance Golf Schools. As Herb and I move well along in our second decade together teaching and coaching golf, the journey has been an absolute joy and a blessing. Standing tall as the consummate classy golf personality here in our town, Herb has taught literally thousands of folks how to play golf and how to play better. That includes me. Every time we do a golf school together, I learn something. Thanks, Herb.

My biggest thank you goes out to you. Yes, you, you, you and you. My readers. With this very newspaper issue, I passed 240 columns (without repeat), including several "specials" for the Bulletin. This is a labor of love for me, not a paid job. I get my most satisfying moments when a reader comes up to me and starts chatting about something I wrote. Sometimes, of course, I delve into issues that are controversial; you may not always agree with me, and that's fine. I'm just happy you have something to stimulate your thinking as a local golfer.

Happy Thanksgiving.

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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Brandon Rosales

Brandon Rosales is a 16-year-old junior at Oñate High School. He plays on the Knight's boys' basketball team. On Saturday, Nov. 20, he scored 20 points against Andress, and is averaging 13 points per game. Rosales made 40 percent of his shots from the three-point line and 100 percent at the free-throw line. With his outside touch, opposing teams need to know where he is on the floor. Rosales leads by example and puts in long hours of individual work. He is a dedicated student, with a 3.25 GPA. Rosales' interests outside of sports and school include hanging out with friends and playing video games.

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Trojans

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The Storm tied the game on a 4-yard Gautsche run. It was appropriate that Gautsche scored – his punt a few minutes earlier had pinned the Trojans inside their 5, and when they punted four plays later, the Storm had it on the MHS 34.

Adam Grau found an opening for a 30-yard gain on first down, and Gautsche found the end zone on the next play. James Beasley added the point-after.

Mayfield took the lead on an impressive 12-play, 80-yard drive, with 40 yards of it on the ground and 40 yards of it through the air. Brock Baca's second of three PATs in the game made it 14-7, with less than a minute to go until intermission.

A Gautsche fumble three plays into the second half led to the Trojans' final touchdown of the game, which came on an 11-yard run by Ricky Milks.

The Storm's final touchdown of 2010 came on their last possession of the third quarter, aided by a 20-yard pass play from Gautsche to Chris Petro on fourth down, with Petro finally being tackled on the Mayfield 14.

Thomas Knox scored on the next play, and Beasley's kick sailed wide right.

The Storm had the ball two more times after that but never again crossed midfield and the Trojans ran out the clock deep inside Storm territory.

"You just look at the teams we've played all year long, the teams they played, with similar results," Potter said. "So we told them it's going to come down to just a couple of key plays and that's what happened. They had one key drive ... and we stalled out a few times and didn't get any points out of it."

For a team that was 5-5 in its debut season and 9-2 in its second year, the Storm have nothing to hang their heads over, Potter said.

"I'm proud of these guys. No one likes to lose their last game," he said. "That stings and it's gonna sting, but I'm awfully proud of what they did."

"We fought hard tonight; we just didn't come out on top."



James Higgins sacks Eldorado quarterback Marcus Jaramillo for a loss in the first quarter of the Bulldawgs' playoff win Saturday, Nov. 20.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney

Playoffs

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Daniels, a 6-1, 195-pound running back who will suit up for Texas Tech next fall, has put up amazing numbers this season. He rushed for 322 yards in the first game against Clovis, 244 in the second game against them, and rushed for 210 yards and four touchdowns against Mayfield in the October matchup at the Field of Dreams. In the loss to Manzano, he rushed for seven touchdowns.

Bradley said Daniels is among the best players he has ever seen in New Mexico, comparing him to Hobbs' Timmy Smith in 1982 and Roswell's Micky Reeves in 1988. Bradley said in Clovis' second game

against La Cueva, Clovis was able to keep Daniels from breaking longer runs.

"You have to make them drive the ball down the field and make them earn it," Bradley said. "Instead of 70-yard runs, Clovis held him to 8- and 12-yard runs. We need to cut those down to 2- and 3-yard runs if we can. We did that in the state championship game last year, but he had 45 carries. Either way, it's tough."

"We'll have to play a lot better defense, and we're capable of playing a lot better defense. We're playing much better than we were seven weeks ago when we played them."

Mayfield, 8-4, is coming off a 21-13 win over third-seeded Cleveland, a second-year school in Rio Rancho. The game featured the return of injured Trojan

running back Brandon Betancourt, but MHS continued to get big plays from his replacement junior Ricky Milks and junior quarterback Axten Franzoy, who tossed a touchdown pass to Avron Garcia.

Bradley said he selected the 5 p.m. kickoff time to help shorten the day for his players who are on Thanksgiving break.

"It's not a normal kickoff time because it's not a normal week," Bradley said.

Since the players don't have school on Friday, Bradley said he didn't want them waiting 12 hours to play. With a 5 p.m. start, he said the players would be reporting to the stadium by 3:30 p.m. He said he may have them come to the school to watch film during the morning.



ATHLETE of the WEEK



Rocio Gutierrez Freshman, Volleyball

Freshman outside hitter Rocio Gutierrez was named to the 2010 WAC All-Freshmen team. In 53 conference sets, she posted 1.77 kills per set in WAC play. Boasting a .211 hitting percentage, Gutierrez recorded 104.5 points against WAC opponents.



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Second-grade teacher helps the kids be kids

Dickerson honored with \$25,000 award

Fifteen years ago, James Dickerson was hanging drywall in southwestern Oklahoma, wondering when the next tornado cell might form.

Today – and for the past four years – he is a second-grade teacher at Cesar Chavez Elementary School, earning national recognition for his dedication to education.

“Now I’m one of those people who loves going to work every day,” Dickerson said. “It wasn’t like that when I was doing painting and drywall.”

On a typical sunny Las Cruces day, the 6-foot-3 Dickerson can be found towering over the first- and second-graders on the Cesar Chavez playground, engaging them in a game of ball.

“I’ve always liked kids,” he says. “I love their energy. It’s contagious.”

The energy flows both ways.

In the classroom, the bearded Dickerson said his favorite moments are “when you see the kid when the light comes on.”

Evidently, this is quite frequently.

According to the Milken Family Foundation, Dickerson’s second-graders have achieved the highest scores on statewide assessment tests, ranking first in math and reading Measures of Academic Progress scores. At the start of one school year, only half of Dickerson’s students were proficient at grade level.

That was just one element of Dickerson’s teaching that prompted the Milken Foundation to present him earlier this month with one of its National Educator Awards, given annually to just 55 teachers across the United States.

The award also comes with a \$25,000 check, which Dickerson is scheduled to receive at the foundation’s national conference this spring in California.

“I’m still kind of in a daze about it all,” Dickerson says.

And if you ask Dickerson what he plans to do with the money, you too might think he’s in a daze.

Will he use it as a down payment on a house? Nah.

Maybe to pay off some bills? Nope.

How about a new car? Well, his 1992 Chevy pickup runs just fine.

No, when you talk to him about the money, he starts talking about how he could use it to help kids.

“With more technology in school, kids begin to see a lot of growth,” Dickerson says.

And in October, Dickerson was one of 1,200 teachers nationwide to receive more than \$1,000 in classroom supplies as part of Office-Max’s Adopt-A-Classroom program.

I think I know why his students identify so



Richard Coltharp
*That's the Way
of the World*

well with Dickerson.

He has a lot of kid-like qualities himself.

If you see him before or after school, he’ll typically be wearing a baseball cap and toting a backpack.

I first encountered Dickerson last year,

walking my daughter Avalon to class, or picking her up. Though he doesn’t teach my daughter, we discovered through casual conversation we had a shared affinity for baseball.

He admired my 1980s-era Texas Rangers hat, especially when I showed him the visor, which bears the autograph of Hall of Famer Ferguson Jenkins.

And I am quite fond of his cap with the logo of the Houston Colt

.45s, which was the name of the Houston Astros from 1962-64, before they moved into the Astrodome.

(Sorry, Mr. Dickerson, I’m not willing to trade.)

After his high school days in Altus, Okla., Dickerson took a few community college classes before going to work with paint and drywall.

Parents of Dickerson’s students should be thankful he found watching paint dry as boring as, well, watching paint dry.

After eight years, “I felt a great need to go back to school,” he says.

He headed to Shawnee, Okla., to attend Oklahoma Baptist University. When he graduated, his wife Jamie, a fellow teacher, had just gotten caught in the web of Oklahoma’s teacher cutbacks.

Armed with teaching degrees, they cast their nets across the Southwest, and found a home in the Mesilla Valley.

“When we came to Las Cruces, we just loved the people,” he says. “They welcomed us with open arms.”

Which is what Dickerson does in the classroom, teaching inclusion classes attended by both general education and special education students.

He previously taught special education at Sierra Middle School, and finds an affinity with those students.

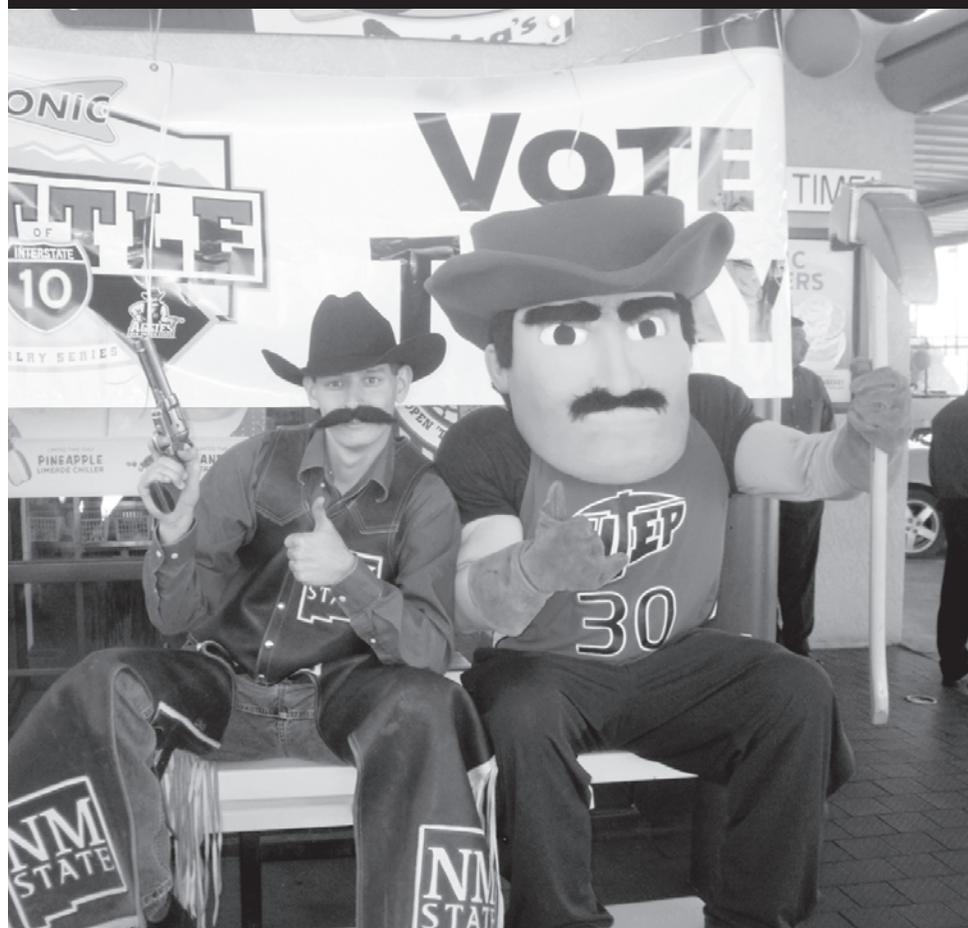
“I really wanted to help people with special abilities,” he says.

Richard Coltharp is general manager of the Las Cruces Bulletin. His email is richard@lascrucesbulletin.com.



DICKERSON

Pete and re-Pete?



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jorge Lopez

Pistol Pete visited rival Paydirt Pete Monday, Nov. 22, to promote the Battle of I-10 at Sonic Drive-In on Mesa Street in El Paso. New Mexico State and University of Texas at El Paso fans are encouraged to visit any area Sonic, and input the 12-digit code on the bottom of their receipt onto either school’s athletic website to cast a vote for their team. The Aggies currently lead the Battle of I-10 voting 60.5 percent to 39.5 percent. Fans can meet NMSU and UTEP mascots at the Sonic at 3471 Foothills Road at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29.

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MVTC sells holiday treats

Cookies, pies, cakes and more available

The Las Cruces Public Schools Mesilla Valley Training Center Holiday Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 17, in the lobby of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., in Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249.

Items for sale will include student-made metalwork, woodwork, toys, furniture and gift items.

Shoppers can also call MVTC and order holiday baked goods, including cookies (\$3 per dozen), decorated cookies (\$4 per dozen), breads (\$4.25 each), muffins (\$4.25 per

dozen), cupcakes (\$3.75 per dozen), brownies and bars (\$4.25 per dozen), cinnamon rolls (\$5.75 per dozen), chocolate revel bars (\$6 per dozen), pecan pies (\$7 each), fruit pies (\$6 each) and decorated cakes (\$20 to serve 24, \$27 to serve 48 and \$42 to serve 96).

The MVTC Outpost Store is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is located at MVTC, 400 W. Bell Ave. Check in at the MVTC front desk, or call MVTC for an appointment.

For more information, call MVTC at 527-6059.

Coming Up

Closings for Thanksgiving

Most City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

However, emergency services, such as fire and police, will be unaffected.

Branigan Memorial Library and all museums will be closed as well as recreation centers, including the Las

Cruces Regional Aquatic Center and Frenger Pool.

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will be closed Thanksgiving Day and resume its normal hours of noon to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26.

RoadRUNNER Transit administrative offices are closed and there is no regular bus service or Dial-A-Ride on Thanksgiving Day. However, there will be bus service from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, and Dial-A-Ride will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be no regular trash pick up on Thanksgiving Day. Trash and grapple services originally scheduled for Thursday will be picked up on Friday.

Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., will serve a special meal for seniors at noon Thanksgiving Day.

All Las Cruces Public Schools and the LCPS administration building will be closed through Friday, Nov. 26. Classes resume Monday, Nov. 29.

The new Arrowhead Park Early College High School will be closed through Friday, Nov. 26.

El Caldito Thanksgiving

El Caldito Soup Kitchen on the Community of Hope Campus at 999 W. Amador Ave. will serve its traditional Thanksgiving Dinner from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day.

There is no charge and all are invited.

For more information or to volunteer, call 525-3831.

Kissing ball workshop

Fill your home with the aroma of fresh herbs and create a spot for romance with a fresh kissing ball. Joan Keif of New Mexican Lavender will conduct a workshop on creating an herbal kissing ball for the home. This creation features mixed herbs and mistletoe decorated with ribbon. Keif brings rosemary, sage and santolina from her herb gardens and mistletoe for participants to create their

own kissing ball. She takes participants through the process step by step so each person has a fresh decoration to take home.

The workshop begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla.

Cost is \$20. Reservations are required by Dec. 7.

For more information or to make reservations, call 524-1886 or email gardens@zianet.com.

Bosque friends meet Dec. 6

The Friends of the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, 5000 Calle del Norte, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the park. All members and those who are interested in supporting the park are invited to attend. The park fee will be waived for those attending the meeting. For more information, call 523-8009.

Pet adoption events set

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, in observance of Thanksgiving, but the staff will conduct off-site pet adoption events Friday and Saturday, Nov. 26-27. Available for adoption will be dogs, puppies, cats and kittens.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, adoptions will be facilitated at Pet's Barn, 1600 S. Valley Drive. During the Black Friday event, all black dogs and cats are half off normal adoption rates.

Adoptions will also take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at the Farmers & Crafts Market on the Downtown Mall.

Regular adoption fees are \$75 for dogs or puppies and \$50 for cats or kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay/neuter and microchip. During the Black Friday event, all black dogs and cats can be adopted for \$37.50 and \$25, respectively.

At the Friday and Saturday Pet's Barn events, microchipping for pets that already have homes will be available to the public for \$20, and city pet licenses will be available to neutered pets for \$5 each. Licenses for unaltered pets are \$25 each. Proof of spay or neuter is required before a \$5 license will be issued. Pet owners also must bring current proof of rabies vaccination for each animal to be licensed.

For more information, call the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 382-0018 or visit the website at www.ascmv.com. People who are hearing-impaired may call 541-2182.

Lynn Middle School run set

The Lynn Middle School Cougar Run/Walk 5k will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, on the Triviz Multipurpose Trail beginning at Kohl's parking lot. Participants will receive a free pass to Tom Young's Fitness Center and a wristband. Prizes will be awarded to first place in each category.

Entry fee is \$20 in advance, \$60 for a team of four or \$30 per person on site. Proceeds will be used to restore lawns

at Lynn Middle School. Entry forms may be picked up and dropped off at the school.

For more information, call 527-9445.

Oral history group meets

The Mesilla Valley Oral History Group will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Days Inn & Suites, 901 Avenida de Mesilla.

Rink Somerday, Asombro Institute program director, will give a presentation on the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park on the northeast edge of Las Cruces.

Cost is \$14 and includes dinner. Reservations are required. Call 524-0589 or 522-0548 before Monday, Nov. 29.

After-school program opens

The City of Las Cruces will accept registration applications for its after-school program during the spring 2011 session.

Applications will be accepted from Monday, Nov. 29, through Friday, Dec. 10, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Only parents or legal guardians will be allowed to enter one application for up to five children. Registration for the program is by lottery only.

The spring session will be held from Jan. 5 through May 24, 2011, at Hermosa Heights Elementary, 1655 E. Amador Ave.; Conlee Elementary, 1701 Boston Drive; Alameda Elementary, 1325 N. Alameda Blvd.; Highland Elementary,

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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS NOTICE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY TREASURER



David Gutierrez
County Treasurer
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Las Cruces, NM 88007
(575)-647-7433 or
1-877-827-7200 Ext. 7433

In accordance with state statute 7-38-46D, notice is hereby given that the 2010 property tax bills have been mailed. Taxes will become delinquent after December 10, 2010. To avoid penalty and interest charges please pay the first half installment amount before December 10, 2010.

For your convenience a self addressed return envelope is included with your tax notice to facilitate payment. Also you may pay in person at the Treasurer's office at the above address.

You may pay in person at any Wells Fargo Bank branch in Doña Ana County from November 10th to December 10th with check or money order only. Money orders are provided by Wells Fargo Bank to Wells Fargo customers free of charge.

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

ATTENTION MOBILE HOME OWNERS

If you own a mobile home and did not receive a tax bill, please contact the Treasurer's office. Mobile homes are taxed separately from your land. The first half is due by December 10, 2010.

IMPORTANT

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

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For further information call 649-1231.

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CrimeStoppers Armed robbery

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the identification and arrest of a man who robbed a pizza delivery driver at gunpoint Saturday, Nov. 20.

At around 10:45 p.m. that evening, a Las Cruces Police officer responded to the 1200 block of La Fonda Drive where a Papa John's Pizza delivery man was held up at gunpoint.

Detectives learned that the victim was delivering a pizza to a residence in that area when he was approached by a Hispanic man who displayed a shotgun and demanded money. After taking cash from the delivery man, the suspect left heading south on La Fonda on a red bicycle.

The suspect is described



as being Hispanic with brown hair and brown eyes, around 6-foot-1-inches tall with a fair complexion. The suspect was said to be wearing a black hoodie, black gloves and a black bandana covering his face.

Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect involved is 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 reveal their name to collect a reward.

Coming Up

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4201 Emerald St.; Monte Vista Elementary, 4675 Peachtree Hills Road; and Fairacres Elementary, 4501 W. Picacho Ave.
The program is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Cost is \$273 for the 91-day session. Payment will be accepted at Meerscheidt Recreation Center from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays from Dec. 13-17, Dec. 20-22, and Dec. 27-30.

Parents must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate at the time of payment.

Acceptable payment methods are cash, cashier's check, money order, traveler's checks and major credit cards (no debit cards). No phone registrations will be accepted.

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

Science Café

"Nano Science Research and Education in New Mexico" is the topic for Science Café 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History at Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

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

Annual Water Conference

Water experts from New Mexico will address the 55th annual New Mexico Water Conference Dec. 1 - 3 at New Mexico State University's Corbett Center.

Luncheon speaker Bill Hume, formerly with the Richardson administration, will discuss the future of New Mexico's water agencies.

Judge Jerald Valentine will talk about the future of water adjudications in the state. Valentine has been the presiding judge in the lower Rio Grande adjudication since it began in

1995. Greg Ridgley, deputy chief counsel for the Office of the State Engineer, will also address the same topic.

Various uses of water will be discussed by Neal Brown of the Marina Del Sur at Elephant Butte Lake, Beth Bardwell of the Audubon Society, and Steve Harris with Rio Grande Restoration.

A tour of the Brackish Groundwater National Desalination Research Facility in Alamogordo will take place on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 1.

The conference is open to the public. Register online at wri.nmsu.edu/conf/conf10/conf.html or by calling 646-4337.

Spaceport operations meetings

New Mexico Spaceport Authority will hold pre-proposal briefings at Las Cruces City Hall throughout the day Wednesday Dec. 1, for potential contractors interested in bidding on three operational Requests for Proposals (RFPs) issued for work at Spaceport America.

Following the pre-proposal meetings, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will host an Industry Day event at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

The Industry Day is organized by the chamber's Commercial Space Committee to help bring more commercial space opportunities to the Las Cruces area. The Industry Day event will put local companies in contact with potential RFP bidders so they can explore partnerships.

Companies responding to the RFPs will need to provide services ranging from building maintenance and janitorial services, to environmental permitting, to email and soft-

ware support. Local firms that could provide subcontractor services as a part of any of the RFPs can register for a booth at the Industry Day. Companies that attend pre-bid meetings will be encouraged to attend the Industry Day.

To register for the Industry Day event, email the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce at relo@lascruces.org or call 524-1968. Register soon because space is limited. Registration is free, but you must be registered to participate.

For more information on the Industry Day Event contact the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

For more information about the three RFPs go to the Spaceport America website at www.SpaceportAmerica.com.

MV Market lists events for December

Mesilla Valley Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, has announced its schedule of events for December. All events listed are in the Co-op Community Room at the market.

- 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2 – Flower Essences for Stress with Genevieve Mitchell. Cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members.
- 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 – Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) with Adrienne Wilson. Free.
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 – Acupressure "First Aid" for the Holiday Season with Marie Mathewson, PhD, LMT.

Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members.

- 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 – Cooking Root Vegetables with Tara, Mo and Ellie. Free.

For more information, call 523-0436.

Parks and recreation areas to close

The following Las Cruces Parks and Recreation facilities will close at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3: Armando "Mondy" Castañeda Service Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.; The Life Center (Therapeutics), 2225 E. Griggs Ave.; Henry Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road; East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Road; and Club Fusion Teen Center, 101 E. Union Ave.

Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 400 W. Bell Ave., will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. For more information, call 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2661.

Museum hosts seasonal events

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

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

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

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

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

Park announces month's events

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

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

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

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

On Saturday, Dec. 18, visitors can participate in a beginning birder class or learn about frogs. The birder class

starts at 8:15 a.m. in the classroom. Bring binoculars, water, closed-toed shoes, and sunscreen. At 10 a.m., naturalist Richard Quick and will speak in the classroom about frog species in the Mesilla Valley.

All events are free with a valid Park Pass. Daily entrance fee is \$5 per vehicle. Annual Day passes are available for \$40.

The Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park is open Sept. 1 to March 31 for winter hours, which are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. The park is located at 5000 Calle Del Norte, west of Mesilla.

For more information, call 523-4398.

Santa at Albertson's

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

Children can see Santa and have their pictures taken free.

Book fair

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

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

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



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PROPOSED REVISION OF THE DUST CONTROL ORDINANCE

The City of Las Cruces is accepting comments on the proposed rewrite of the Standards for Erosion Control (Dust) Ordinance (Chapter 32, Article V, Las Cruces Municipal Code). Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Community Development Department, City Hall, 700 N. Main St. or online at www.las-cruces.org/cd. Written comments can be provided to Robert Kyle, Building Official at P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004 or via email at rkyle@las-cruces.org.

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

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

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4	28,665	2,389	552	4	40,793	3,400	785
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6	38,389	3,200	739	6	54,631	4,553	1,051
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Furniture gift continues

Bowmans seek to give back to community

Ashley Furniture HomeStore is asking people to submit letters about local families suffering some kind of economic hardship in which having some furniture could ease their burdens this holiday season.

Called "All I Want for Christmas," store owners Wanda and Bob Bowman said the furniture giveaway – now in its fifth year – is their way to give back to the local community because the people have helped make their store a success.

Wanda Bowman said the letters will be evaluated by a panel of local, experienced leaders to ensure the people selected for furniture

gifts are indeed in need.

In the past, the giveaway has ranged from refurbishing a home to something as simple as providing a dinner table for the family to share supper. It is eligible to people living in Doña Ana, Grant, Luna and Otero counties.

The letters are due by Dec. 20. They can be mailed – frequently they are hand-delivered – to: Wanda Bowman Ashley Furniture, 3299 Del Rey Blvd., Plaza Del Rey, Las Cruces, NM 88012, or by email to christmaswithashley@hotmail.com.

For more information, call the store at 523-3933.

Turkeys for tots



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Members of Girl Scout Troop 303 donated 20 turkeys to Tresco Tots Thursday, Nov. 18, for food baskets to needy children. Girls Scouts delivering the turkeys were Thalia Loyola, 9; Ashlyn Ray, 6; and Mazy Ray, 8; with help from David Loyola, 7. Accepting the turkeys was Sylvia Washington, Tresco Tots director of children's services. Teresa Loyola, troop leader, said money to buy the turkeys came from Girl Scout cookie sales and the Albertsons at 2551 E. Lohman Ave. was willing to sell the troop turkeys at sale prices.

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Extension names Allen 4-H agent

Tularosa native to work with youth and livestock

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

John Allen has taken over the duties of Doña Ana County's livestock and 4-H agent, the New Mexico State University Extension Service announced.

His duties include farm management, grazing management, animal health, livestock production, wildlife management and agriculture bio-security.

Allen formerly served for three years as the 4-H agent in Reserve, N.M., in Catron County. He also is serving as an advisor with the New Mexico State University 4-H Ambassador and Diplomat team.

Allen was born and raised in Tularosa, where he was an active member of the Otero County 4-H program and the Tularosa FFA Chapter.

In 2006, he received his bachelor's degree in agriculture and extension education, and in 2010 he earned his

master's degree.

"He won't need any training, and we look forward to all the great things he can do in this county," said County

Extension Interim Director Karim Martinez. "He hit the ground running, and now he's getting acquainted with all the livestock and 4-H people in the county."

Allen's work as 4-H agent is focused on youth development. "I also prepare youths and their livestock for fairs," Allen said in a press release announcing his appointment. "I offer guidance to large and small-scale producers ranging from nutrition, waste management and bio-security. I also answer questions from producers in dairy, beef, swine, lamb and goat industries."

According to Martinez, 4-H programs range from animal resources, youth development, home economics, rural economic development and plant science.



ALLEN

Migrant families get gift baskets

LCPS makes Thanksgiving brighter for 15 families

Members of the LCPS Bilingual/Multicultural/Migrant Education Program staff put together Thanksgiving baskets for 15 needy migrant families served by the program.

Director Emma Armendariz, department secretary Rosa Domínguez, program facilitator Rosalinda Carreón-Altamirano, migrant recruiter Art Padilla, family facilitator Elmo Padilla and coordinator Fernando

Palomares put the baskets together Friday, Nov. 19, and gave them to families who were able to pick them up or delivered them to those who were not.

Each basket contained a pre-cooked ham, pinto beans, rice, oranges, cooking oil, canned goods and tortillas. Frozen items weren't included because many of the families don't have gas or electric stoves and rely on propane for cooking and heat.

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Taking out fences at Broad Canyon Ranch

Photos by Todd Dickson



Grant Keever, 17, helps remove the last strand of barbed wire from a fence line Saturday, Nov. 20, for a habitat restoration project at Broad Canyon Ranch, which is part of the New Mexico State Parks system.

Volunteers gather below around a banner to mark the morning's work of removing barbed wire fence from the interior of Broad Canyon Ranch to allow deer and other animals to cross more freely to the nearby Rio Grande. The event was sponsored by Audubon New Mexico, Toyota and TogetherGreen.org. Volunteers came from Future Farmers of America chapters of Las Cruces and Mayfield high schools, as well as members of the American Fisheries Society of New Mexico State University.



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Toxic tiaras



The amount of lead in the Classic Princess Tiara could pose a threat to children if put in mouth or ingested.

Cross these toys off your Christmas list

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Toxic tiaras, lead-infused toys and backpacks full of phthalates are just a few of the toys to avoid when shopping this Christmas season and a central cause of concern for the New Mexico Public Interest Research Group (NMPIRG).

According to "Trouble in Toyland," the 25th annual Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) survey of toy safety, there are more than 83,000 industrial chemicals on the U.S. market that we know little about. Chemicals such as lead, phthalate, arsenic, barium, cadmium, mercury, selenium and antimony are just a few of the harmful elements found in children's toys. And, in small quantities, many of these chemicals remain legal.

"Not all harmful toys are illegal," said Elizabeth Benton, a representative of NMPIRG.

The loose regulations on these elements, require parents to stay in the know about potentially harmful toys and remain knowledgeable about future products.

Toys to avoid

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act allows 90 parts per million (ppm) lead in toy materials. With an allowable 87 ppm, the Classic Princess Tiara is a borderline

violator. And according to the NMPIRG, scientists have yet to label a "safe" amount of lead in toys putting the tiara on the bad Santa list.

Another lead violator is the Monkey in Banana by Play Pets. With 97 ppm lead in the surface of the banana, the toys exceed the allowed amount.

A Dora the Explorer backpack by Global Design Concepts contains an astonishing 150,000 ppm (15 percent) Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate. Although this specific phthalate has not been regulated, similar chemicals are controlled to 0.1 percent.

Toys with other toxic chemicals include: Bright Stars Travel Book sold at Toys R Us, plastic handcuffs sold at Toys R Us and Wild Ranger Gun by Polyfect.

Benton encourages parents to pay attention to small parts children under 3 could choke on by testing toys with an empty toilet paper roll. Although slightly bigger than the NMPIRG's choke test cylinder, the roll offers similar features.

If the toy easily fits through the roll, then children under 3 should not play with it, she said.

This list is a sample of potentially dangerous toys on the market, so when doing your holiday shopping, check the labels. For questions or more information, visit healthychildren.org.

A timely homecoming



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jimmy Currier

Specialists Richard Monsees, Donald Cully, Michael Berry and Hector Cedeno are four of the 26 soldiers from the 573rd Clearance Company that volunteered to go directly from Iraq to Afghanistan rather than come home in July. The soldiers returned home Nov. 12 and a ceremony was held in their honor on Nov. 19 at White Sands Missile Range.

Soldiers make return to White Sands

By **Jimmy Currier**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In July, hugs, handshakes, high-fives, kisses and a welcome home party at White Sands Missile Range greeted 131 soldiers from the 573rd Clearance Company returning from Iraq.

While that party on July 29 was a festive one, the company wasn't complete. Twenty-six of their fellow soldiers were still fighting in Afghanistan. On Friday, Nov. 12, those soldiers returned home. The missile range held an official welcome home party for them in Bell Gymnasium Friday, Nov. 19.

"We are very, very proud of all of you, especially our new soldiers that returned last Friday," said Brig. Gen. John Regan, WSMR commanding general. "It is wonderful welcoming them back and not only are we proud of you, but your nation's very proud of you. Welcome Home! Well Done!"

Army Spc. Hector Cedeno is one of the 26 soldiers who's glad to be home.

"I stayed at home and had a home-cooked meal," the Bronx, N.Y., native said. "I actually watched television, a little American television. That's one of the first things I did."

Cedeno was also home in time to celebrate his daughter Omari's third birthday. And for the first time in three years, the Cedeno family will be complete, as Hector will not be fighting overseas.

"It's awesome and feels good. I'm glad to have him home safe," Daniele Cedeno, Hector's wife, said. "We're going to celebrate at home and make a big turkey with candied yams and gandules."

Gandules is a Puerto Rican rice dish with pigeon peas and the Cedenos are ready to share the tasty meal together.

Cedeno, who is a Yankees fan, said he was able to catch a few baseball games overseas, but not many.

"With the time difference and our mission changing, I didn't have much time," he said.

His mission was to clear routes so others could travel safely. Basically, he looked for IEDs.

"We try to find them before they find us," Cedeno said.

Lt. Patrick Daly, of Atlanta, is also glad to be home.

"It's a big relief to be home and everyone has been very supportive," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting back

into the routine of things. We have a leave schedule coming up in 30 days and after that we'll start our training cycle."

Capt. Chris Wenner, commander of the 573rd Clearance Company, said the soldiers filled critical shortages within the battalion in Afghanistan.

"Since that time, I have heard not a single negative remark regarding the Outlaws (nickname for the company)," he said. "What these soldiers did in three months is simply incredible."

Three of the soldiers operated in a construction cell helping to improve the quality of life at the main base camp.

Two of the soldiers went to work in the Regional Command North TOC as representatives of 2nd Engineers to the German Leadership in northern Afghanistan.

Two soldiers worked for the Personal Security Detachment for the Battalion Commander and Sergeant Major.

Others worked in the undermanned S4 shop or served as an LNO at Bagram Air Base helping to get soldiers to and from destinations in theater to include those going home on leave.

Wenner was impressed with the Outlaws creating a platoon to execute the training of the Afghan National Army Engineers in the basics of route clearance.

"There was no precedent, no one to give this platoon, fresh with experience in Iraq, but not always experience applicable to Afghanistan, tips or pointers," Wenner said. "Those soldiers had to create their own path. On their own just seems to be the Outlaw way."

The Afghan National Engineer Company that had the privilege of having the Outlaws train them, made a 180-degree turn around and made vast improvements in their combat effectiveness, Wenner said.

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What is a kokopelli, anyway?

Gabriel Vasquez
Business Editor



Although I was raised in a Mexican-American household in the Southwest, I was never privy to the secrets of the elusive Kokopelli.

You know, the humpbacked flute player with a mohawk who seems to always be having a good time.

I've encountered this iconic Southwest figure printed on everything from throw pillows to restaurant menus.

So what's the deal with this guy?

History tells us that the Kokopelli deity has been worshipped as many as 1,300 years ago, most notably by the Pueblo people in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado. The Kokopelli is supposed to be a fertility god, who also presides over agriculture. He's also kind of a trickster, the experts say, and represents the spirit of music.

The point is, recreating and using the Kokopelli figure is probably objective numero uno when it comes to folks who move to the Southwest from other parts of the country.

Truth be told, if you've moved to Las Cruces recently and you're dying to show your friends and family the splendor and beauty that is New Mexico, there are plenty of local gift options available that are more true to the regional culture.

Take for example, the handcrafted pottery and garden décor at Casa Bonita, 1900 Avenida de Mesilla. They sell statues, tables, benches, birdbaths, patio décor and garden accessories, many of which are designed and created in the region.

Looking for something that screams New Mexico? The folks at Nambé, 2109 Calle de Parian, offer some of the most breathtaking alloy, copper, crystal and woodware creations – everything from dinnerware to flatware. Since the 1970s, Nambé pottery has been given by our governors and congressmen as a symbol of New Mexico's heritage.

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A new venue for vendors

Uptown Crafts & Growers Market sets up at Mesilla Valley Mall

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

A new outdoor market for local vendors offering only locally made products has arrived at Mesilla Valley Mall.

Called the Uptown Crafts & Growers Market, the new venue is open from noon to 4 p.m. every Sunday in the northeast parking lot of the mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

"We're starting out small but hoping to get bigger very soon," said market co-manager Sylvia Hendrickson. "Our biggest selling point here is the visibility for shoppers and the upcoming Christmas season."

Hendrickson, along with co-manager Debbie Bond, created the Uptown market after many vendors at the Downtown Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market expressed a desire to have a Sunday venue to sell their goods, Hendrickson said.

"There were a lot of vendors who really just wanted a Sunday venue, and others who wanted (the products) to be all strictly local and handcrafted," she said. "So that's where the idea came from."

Despite heavy wind gusts Sunday, Nov. 21, about a dozen vendors gave the new location a try, selling everything from kettle corn to acrylics.

"I think this is going to be a great place to be as we get closer to Christmas," said Debbie Luke, owner of Kowgirl Kettle Korn. "It's in the afternoon, it's very casual, the location is great and I think traffic will really explode."

Luke has been selling kettle corn at the Downtown Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market for about a year, she said.

"I've been doing very well all year on Wednesdays and Saturdays at the (Downtown) market," she said. "It's the raspberry kettle corn



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Gabriel Vasquez

Bill Acosta of Los Artistas Locos, a vendor at the new Uptown Crafts & Growers Market at Mesilla Valley Mall, talks with shoppers Sunday, Nov. 21, at the northeast parking lot of the mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

that draws people. I'm hoping to have the same success here."

Vincent Strader, an emerging artist in the Mesilla Valley who paints on-site regularly at the Downtown farmers market, said he was invited to join the new group of vendors at Mesilla Valley Mall and is optimistic about the future of the new venue.

"The Downtown market has been a very

good venue for me, and being here today is part of my effort to get my name out there," he said. "I moved here recently from California, and although I have been specializing in painting fast cars and automobiles for car collectors and designers, I'm trying some new, portrait and abstract art here in Las Cruces."

Because the new Uptown market will sell

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Digital media on tap at HTC summit



Steve Chavira of Success ... Incorporated! talks with other attendees at the third annual Digital Media Summit, organized by the High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico in December 2009.

Nonprofit peeks into the hallways of CMI

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

University programs training students in the gaming, animation and digital entertainment industries will be the focus of the fourth annual Digital Media Summit organized by a local nonprofit and the Creative Media Institute (CMI) from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3.

The High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico (HTC), an organization that advocates for the growth of technology in the region, is partnering with CMI, a department in the College of Arts & Sciences at New Mexico State University, to showcase the department's state-of-the-art facilities and student and faculty projects.

"This a continuation of the discussions we've had concerning the digital media industry for several years," said Julie Seton, a founding board member of HTC. "We haven't heard very much from CMI in the past couple of years, and this is a perfect opportunity to showcase the (department's) new bells and

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only locally and regionally crafted and grown goods, vendor participation is by invitation only, Hendrickson said.

"That's a big part of what we're doing," she said. "We only want to have local goods, crafts and produce, so people know what they're getting."

Hendrickson, owner of Sylvia's Gourds, has been selling her hand-painted creations for several years at the Downtown Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market.

Another Downtown market vendor, Bill Acosta of Los Artistas Locos, said he's excited about the new Sunday market and specifically, its potential for growth.

"I sell (Downtown), I used to sell in Canutillo (Texas) and I'm thinking with the major growth potential for this, this can really benefit the vendors and the entire community here," he said.

Acosta sells crafts fashioned from "Devil's claws," the seed pods of a local desert plant that he cures into crafts depicting animals, such as eagles and other birds.

"No one else does that around here, and if they're looking for something unique and local, that's what I've got," he said.

Acosta also sells birdhouses-turned-altars, rosaries, bracelets, jewelry and papier-mâché figurines.

Details

Uptown Crafts & Growers Market

When

Every Sunday
Noon to 4 p.m.

Where

Mesilla Valley Mall, northeast parking lot, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

Local goods offered

Crafts, jewelry, arts, souvenirs,
honey, jams, food and produce

Contact

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Hendrickson said she expects several more vendors to participate in next Sunday's Uptown market, and plans to expand the vendors' area to a larger space.

"We've got a pretty big part of this parking lot leased from the Mall," said Hendrickson, pointing to the area in front of Barnes & Noble Booksellers. "We'll have these two rows filled by the time Christmas comes."

For more information, or for vendors who are interested in becoming part of the new Uptown market, call Hendrickson at 650-7414.



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Emerging artist Vincent Strader paints an abstract on site Sunday, Nov. 21, at the new Uptown Crafts & Growers Market outside of Mesilla Valley Mall. Strader said he hopes to gain more exposure in the local arts scene by participating in the new endeavor.

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three-crosses bracelet for your loved ones back home or go caddy-corner to Wright Jewelers, 1300 El Paseo Road, and check out some additional, great local jewelry.

At LuLu's and Matteo, located inside La Posta de Mesilla, 2410 Calle de San Albino, you can find some of the most unique handcrafted gifts in the region.

If you're the artsy type or know someone who is, a tour of the Downtown galleries is in order. Places such as M. Phillips Fine Art Gallery, Blue Gate Fine Art Gallery and the Big Picture Digital Image Lab offer spectacular artwork from local artists. And don't forget about Mesilla, home to a burgeoning retail community.

Whatever your taste may be, be sure to check out the Bulletin's Gift Guide included in this issue of the Las Cruces Bulletin, and be on the lookout for the Bulletin's last-minute gift guide in mid-December for some great local ideas.

Oh, and did you know that the world's largest Kokopelli is located in Camp Verde, Ariz., next to a Starbucks of all places?

HTC

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whistles. We wanted the summit to take place where digital media is being created."

The summit will take place at various CMI facilities, all of which are located inside a wing of Milton Hall, directly west of the Corbett Center Student Union on the NMSU campus. HTC members as well the public are invited to attend, Seton said.

"We encourage anyone to attend, especially those with an interest in digital media," Seton said.

Aside from the showcase of facilities and student and faculty projects, various work sessions will focus on topics such as taking stock of current digital media resources, identifying new industry opportunities and setting goals for digital media development in southern New Mexico.

"We'll be talking about gaming and simulation, animation, production management, marketing and visibility and recording and editing," she said. "Part of the intent behind this is that we can tell our (Legislature), 'Hello, we're still down here and we're doing really good work.'"

A digital media strategic plan developed years earlier under Gov. Bill Richardson's administration was heavily focused on central and northern New Mexico, Seton said. The media summit is a way to leverage local resources so that HTC and other local organizations can do a more effective job lobbying the state.

"These discussions will lead to 'what's next?' conversations," Seton said. "We'll gain a sense of where we are and what we want to do as a community of digital media specialists."

"We also want to address how we can better connect with these industries locally. Here you have all these students graduating from CMI and looking for work. Where do they go?"

CMI at NMSU offers students two degree programs.

The Digital Film Making major includes curriculum such as film crew training, sound design, screen writing, short film

production, directing and editing.

The Animation and Visual Effects major focuses on drawing, animation, sculpture, sound design, 3-D modeling, production and sound effects management.

Department head Phil Lewis, who was recently hired to lead CMI, said he's looking to grow the program to add a master's degree.

"Academically, I would love to see a master's degree program put into place," Lewis said. "I would also like to expand our media with research, experiments and give students in the program opportunities for international exchanges to learn new filmmaking styles and film in unfamiliar places."

In the meantime, Lewis hopes to create more opportunities for students to gain hands-on experiences through local projects.

"My goal is to bring more films to southern New Mexico. This way, students can gain more experience working and preparing for their future," he said.

There is no cost to attend the summit. A reception for media summit attendees will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. Those attending the Rio Grande SIGGRAPH Chapter semi-annual membership meeting Saturday, Dec. 4, are also welcome to attend the reception.

Those interested in attending should RSVP by calling Seton at 642-3946 or HTC board President Richard Majestic at 521-0018 or rmajestic@msn.com.



Philip Lewis is the new department head of the Creative Media Institute in the College of Arts and Sciences at New Mexico State University.

Building Las Cruces



Pic Quik

Pic Quik Stores Inc. is rehabbing an old gas station on East Amador Avenue to convert it into a new Pic Quik gas station and convenience store. The old kiosk at the location has already been demolished, but a permitting snag is holding up further construction. The new Pic Quik store will feature a car wash and drive-thru window. A liquor license has been purchased from Shorty's Convenience Stores to sell liquor at the new location.

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End of the year plans should include charitable giving

As economy falters, demand for services increases

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

With the end of the year fast approaching, many are preparing for the holidays and the new year with new plans and new budgets, but it is also a great time to focus on end-of-the-year giving.

According to the organization Charity Navigator, retailers took in \$10.66 billion in sales on Black Friday in 2009, but donations to the nation's 400 largest charities dropped 11 percent in 2009. The decline was nearly four times as great as the next biggest annual decrease of 2.8 percent in 2001, also due to an economic recession. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 43.6 million people lived in poverty in 2009, up from 39.8 million in 2008, and a recent survey of charitable organizations in 10 countries around the world revealed that demand for services is rising faster than donations.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) is an organization ready and willing to make a difference in charitable giving, and the end of the year is the best time to do it.

"The end of the year is a good time to plan charitable contributions to coincide with the end of the tax year, while giving nonprofit organizations a better outlook on the upcoming year," said Luan Wagner Burn, executive director of the CFSNM. "We believe the beauty of a foundation is that you need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people throughout the area."

Currently, the CFSNM manages 34 nonprofit endowments and 40 private endowments. Endowments are permanent funds that are created through a legal agreement, and then professionally managed by the CFSNM. Once an endowment is created, the principal remains the same and continues to produce earnings that can then be used to support its intended purpose. In addition to the portion

of the funds used for the program, a portion of earnings is returned to the principal of the endowment and a portion is earmarked for management of the endowment. The CFSNM also manages five scholarships, three donor-advised funds and 15 temporary funds, allowing donors several opportunities to find a cause that fits their charitable desires. Through the CFSNM, donors can contribute with cash, publicly-traded stock, closely-held stock, property, will and bequest assets, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, life insurance policies and IRA/retirement plans.

Through the establishment of temporary and permanent funds, organizations can accept charitable contributions to further their mission without going through all the requirements of becoming a nonprofit. Establishment of funds can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to the heart. Through planned giving programs, donors can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of southern New Mexico for generations to come.

"The CFSNM can advise on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size," Wagner Burn said.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the Southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the CFSNM offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of the foundation is that donors need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people in our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds, donors can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to their heart. Through our planned giving programs, donors can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of southern New Mexico for generations to come. The CFSNM can advise donors on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information, visit www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794.



Proposed reform of ERB retirement plan outrageous

Reform's need unclear; hurts county's largest



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

In what may be the most poorly thought out recommendation I've ever seen, the New Mexico Education Retirement Board (ERB) has proposed a drastic overhaul of the retirement benefits available to our state's educators. The ERB proposal would dramatically affect the compensation received by some of Doña Ana County's largest employers – the Las Cruces, Gadsden and Hatch school districts and New Mexico State University.

The ERB administers the education retirement plan that covers 63,000 staff members, teachers and faculty at New Mexico's schools and universities. The board's mandate includes ensuring the financial soundness of the retirement program. It is in this context that the ERB developed its proposal. And that action is needed is a fact, but the radical proposals made by the ERB would in effect cut compensation for current employees retroactively. This is just wrong.

The ERB draft proposal would change when a person can retire from the rule of 75 (which allows someone to retire when their age plus years of service add to 75) to only being able to retire at 67, or 35 years of service. Employees with 22 years of service would be safe harbored. Employees who have been planning on retirement for years would suddenly find these plans upended by ERB's proposed action.

Take a person who started in the ERB system at age 33 years who is 51 years, 11 months old at the time the new plan goes into effect. That person would go from being able to retire in one month to having to wait 15 years. Meanwhile, this person may have opted to continue employment in New Mexico precisely in anticipation of early retirement.

The previous example was hypothetical, but the next example is from real life. A person, 51, who switched careers had to decide among competing offers. NMSU paid less

but she could retire at age 63. She decided on employment at NMSU. Our state gained an outstanding educator at a low cost. Had the proposed changes been in effect, this person would have gone elsewhere.

Another real life example: a successful business person with tremendous experience as a corporate trainer decided on a second career as a high school teacher in the Gadsden school district – one of the poorest in the state. The salary was about one-third what he could make in the private sector, but the chance to help others is important to him. A modest pension after 10 years is also attractive. Sure he is giving up salary today, but having a guaranteed pension should he live to be 100 would be nice. Perhaps this person would have still chosen public education as a second career. He sacrificed salary so as to be able to serve; now they kick sand in his face by cutting his pension benefit.

We do need to fund education retirement, but the way of doing this is not to cut benefits to people who have counted on those benefits for years. Rather, the way to fund educational retirement would be for the state to chip in more payments. Benefits for new hires might be scaled back, but not for current employees. The state needs to live up to its obligations. Defaulting on pensions is the same as defaulting on debt.

Those of you who are potential beneficiaries of educational retirement can sign an online petition at <http://www.thepetition-site.com/1/stop-the-nmerb-rule-changes-on-unm-retirement>.

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Leadership class gives back

As part of its community service project, the 2010 Leadership Las Cruces class donated canned goods and gently used clothing to Casa de Peregrinos Emergency Food Bank and Candlelighters Friday, Nov. 19, outside of Ramada Palms de Las Cruces. The class, a nine-month program organized by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, also participated in a graduation ceremony later that day. The chamber is now accepting applications for the 2011 Leadership Las Cruces Class. For more information or to apply, call 524-1968.

Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce photo



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Third quarter foreclosures, repos hit all-time highs

Doña Ana County fares batter than state's other metros

Gary Sandler's
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A record-high 930,137 properties either received default notices, were scheduled to be sold at auction for the first time or were repossessed by banks in the third quarter of this year, according to the latest quarterly U.S. Foreclosure Market Report from Realty Trac (realtytrac.com).

Approximately 269,647 of the properties received default notices, while 372,445 homes were scheduled for auction. Lenders repossessed an additional 288,345 homes, town-homes and condominiums.

Foreclosure rates. Nevada continued its nearly four-year reign as the nation's foreclosure leader with one in every 29 housing units receiving a foreclosure notice during the third quarter of this year.

Arizona, which has held its second place ranking for the past five quarters, reported that one in every 55 homes received a foreclosure filing during the period.

Florida, with one filing in every 56 homes, posted the third highest number of foreclosure notices. Illinois and Michigan ranked fourth and fifth, with one of every 98 and 110 housing units, respectively, receiving foreclosure notices. New Mexico ranked No. 31 on the list with one filing for every 716 housing units.

Foreclosure activity. Just five states accounted for over half of all U.S. foreclosure activity during the third-quarter of this year. Activities include Notices of Default, Notices of Sale and real estate repurchased by banks. California was responsible for approximately 21 percent of the total activity, with a little more than 191,000 properties in some stage of the foreclosure process. A total of 151,026 properties were in play in second-place Florida, while third-place Arizona reported a little more than 49,000 foreclosure-affected properties. Almost 48,000 Illinois properties were in process during the quarter, placing that state in fourth place. Michigan rounded out the top five states with 46,100 properties in some stage of the foreclosure process.

New Mexico. A total of 1,218 New Mexico properties received foreclosure notices during the month of October. Bernalillo County (the Albuquerque area) reported the highest number of filings with 662 properties receiving notices (one in every 422 properties). Sandoval County's (Rio Rancho area) 221 filings placed it in the No. 2 spot (one in every 226) and Santa Fe County secured the No. 3 spot with 95 filings reported (one in every 677). Doña Ana County's ratio is one foreclosure for every 951 households.

Nationally, 24 percent of the homes sold in the third quarter of this year were either short sales or sales of bank-owned properties. A short sale is when the lender accepts a payoff that is less than the amount owed. In Las Cruces, about 19 percent of the 260 sales closed in the third quarter fell into that category.

See you at closing.

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Foreclosure filings		Foreclosure rates	
October 2010		October 2010	
County	# Filings	City	Ratio
Bernalillo	662	Alamogordo	1: 6,150
Sandoval	221	Albuquerque	1: 422
Santa Fe	95	Carlsbad	1: 14,658
Doña Ana	81	Deming	1: 2,367
Valencia	59	Hobbs	1: 13,888
Chavez	39	Las Cruces	1: 951
Lincoln	10	Portales	1: 3,662
Cibola	6	Reserve	1: 2,650
Curry	6	Rio Rancho	1: 226
Grant	6	Roswell	1: 24,735
Taos	6	Ruidoso	1: 1,667
Luna	5	Silver City	1: 2,383
Otero	5	T or C	1: 8,826
Rio Arriba	4	State	Ratio
Los Alamos	3	Arizona	1: 422
Roosevelt	2	California	1: 70
San Miguel	2	Colorado	1: 374
Catron	1	Florida	1: 56
Eddy	1	Illinois	1: 98
Lea	1	Michigan	1: 110
San Juan	1	New Mexico	1: 716
Sierra	1	Nevada	1: 29
Torrance	1	Texas	1: 738
N.M. Total	1,218	U.S. Total	1: 389
Source: RealtyTrac.com		Source: RealtyTrac.com	

People on the Move

Century Bank names new staff

Century Bank, a Santa Fe-based community bank that opened Oct. 4 in Las Cruces, has announced the addition of new staff members at its 141 S. Roadrunner Parkway location. Laura Holguin has joined Century Bank as branch manager and assistant vice president. Holguin was born and raised in Las Cruces and attended New Mexico State University. She has more than 11 years of experience in management and banking. Shelly Jett McEntire is the new mortgage loan originator at Century Bank. She attended NMSU and is a graduate of the Western States School of Banking at the University of New Mexico. She has more than 23 years of experience in banking and mortgages. Also joining the Century Bank team is Ana Mangino, the new business development manager. Mangino, of El Paso, is a graduate of the University of Texas-El Paso. She has more than 25 years of experience in banking. For more information, call 521-2400.

Farmers appoints regional VP



SHRIVER

Jerry Carnahan, executive vice president of field operations for Farmers Insurance, has announced the appointment of Rick Shriver, currently vice president of commercial marketing, to the position of senior vice president of field operations for the Southwest Zone. The zone includes the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. A native of South Dakota, Shriver has a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of South Dakota. He holds the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation and Accredited Advisor in Insurance (AAI) certification. He resides in Stevenson Ranch, Calif. For more information, call 213-400-4459.

NMSU students named Rhodes Scholarship finalists



LAYER

For the first time ever, two students from New Mexico State University have been named finalists for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarships in the same year. Kellie Jurado, a senior in biology interested in cancer research, and Eric Layer, a senior in economics interested in politics and public policy, applied for the scholarship along with more than 1,500 students across the country and have made it to the final round. Layer won a Truman Scholarship this spring, which is given to college juniors who show leadership potential in government or public

sector service, while Jurado won a Goldwater Scholarship in 2009, which is given to students pursuing the sciences. The last time a student from NMSU won the Rhodes was in 1933, though there have been more recent finalists: Marzyeh Ghassemi in 2007 and Mohammad Ghassemi in 2009. Both went on to win other prominent awards.

Terrazas, Zemek recognized by Board of Education



Conlee Elementary School Principal Jennifer Terrazas and Central Elementary School third-grade teacher Eunice Zemek received the Excellence in Education Award from the New Mexico Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (NMACSD).

Conlee Elementary School Principal Jennifer Terrazas and Central Elementary School third-grade teacher Eunice Zemek were recognized by the Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education at its Nov. 16 meeting for having received the Excellence in Education Award given by the New Mexico Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (NMACSD). Terrazas and Zemek received the award at the association's annual conference, held Nov. 4-5 in Albuquerque, said Columbia Elementary Principal Judith Tanner, executive director and past president of NMACSD. For more information, call 527-1561, email jtanner@lcpk12.nm.us or visit nmacsd.org.

Bilingual facilitator receives NEA-NM award



CARREON-ALTAMIRANO

Las Cruces Public Schools Bilingual/Multicultural/Migrant Education Department facilitator Rosalinda Carreon-Altamirano received the National Education Association (NEA)-New Mexico Human and Civil Rights Award Oct. 23 in Albuquerque. She chose to donate the \$250 prize to the New Mexico Association of Bilingual Educators. The award recognizes a member of NEA-NM "who has promoted a positive self-image of ethnic minority students, developed programs and/or opportunities to meet the needs of all students reaching their full potential, promoted parental involvement within the school and the community at large and/or enhanced intergroup relations and understanding among ethnic groups." Carreon-Altamirano accepted the award at NEA-NM's Annual Delegate Council meeting. For more information, contact Carreon-Altamirano at 527-5874 or email raltamir@lcpk12.nm.us.

Foothills Medical Center welcomes new doctor

Foothills Medical Center welcomes to its staff of physicians Dr. Summer Abdel-Megeed, American Board Certified in internal medicine. Abdel-Megeed specializes in diabetes, preventative care, all types of osteoporosis, arthritis and infusion treatments. Foothills Medical Center is located at 3530 Foothills Road behind Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. For more information, call 532-6054.

LCHS students take silver at FFA convention



Las Cruces High School FFA members Cody Howard, Emily Russell, Savannah Salopek and Sierra Salopek helped LCHS place 18th out of 40 teams at the 83rd National FFA Convention held Oct. 20-23 in Indianapolis.

The Las Cruces High School FFA team received a silver rating, placing 18th out of 40 at the 83rd National FFA Convention, held Oct. 20-23 in Indianapolis, said LCHS Assistant Principal Bobby Campos. Team member Emily Russell received a gold rating, as she placed 17th overall among 148 participants. Russell, Cody Howard, Savannah Salopek and Sierra Salopek represented New Mexico at the convention in the Environmental and Natural Resources career development event. Team competitions at the convention included global issues, press releases, interview, water quality, soil analysis, wildlife management plan, GPS and wildlife identification. The wildlife team qualified for the national convention by winning the state wildlife career development event in April 2010. For more information, contact Campos at 527-9400 or email bcampos@lcpk12.nm.us.

County Extension Office welcomes new agent



ALLEN

New Mexico State University's Doña Ana County Extension Office has a new livestock/4-H Agent, John Allen. His responsibilities include working with the community in the areas of farm management, grazing management, animal health information, livestock production, wildlife management and agriculture biosecurity. The livestock/4-H agent is a dual responsibility role. The other half of Allen's job involves 4-H youth development. The Cooperative Extension Service addresses community needs through education and provides the community with practical, research-based knowledge in order to improve their quality of life. It includes programs ranging from animal resources, 4-H and youth development, home economics, rural economic development and plant sciences.

Suzanne Michaels named to NMRC board



MICHAELS

Suzanne Michaels, who manages public outreach and education for the South Central Solid Waste Facility (SCSWA), has been elected to the New Mexico Recycling Coalition Board and will serve as the chair of the Media Committee to help establish a stronger presence for

the 19-year-old organization. In June 2010, the NMRC was awarded a \$2.8 million grant from the Department of Energy after laying the groundwork for rural recycling in Raton, N.M., Thoreau, N.M., and Truth or Consequences. That money will be used to further develop the hub and spoke recycling concept across the state of New Mexico. For more information, visit www.recyclenewmexico.com.

High expectations for new NMSU deans



Four new associate deans will take on administrative duties in the College of Arts and Sciences. Pictured are new Associate Deans Ken Van Winkle and Lisa Bond-Maupin; Associate Dean Bob Czerniak, who will be on sabbatical this spring; Dean Christa Slaton; new Associate Deans Beth Pollack and Jeffrey Brown; and Associate Dean Peter Gregware, who also will be on sabbatical this spring.

New Mexico State University College of Arts and Sciences Dean Christa Slaton hit the ground running in July as she began her tenure leading New Mexico State University's largest college, according to NMSU. She had to move quickly to fill four associate dean positions. Associate Provost Walter Zakahi accepted a dean's position at another university and Associate Dean Greg Fant accepted a position as NMSU's associate provost, creating two vacancies. In addition, Associate Deans Peter Gregware and Bob Czerniak had been approved for sabbaticals to accept Fulbright Awards for the 2011 spring semester, creating two more temporary vacancies.

NMSU History Professor Jeffrey Brown, who is currently serving as interim department head in art, will serve as the acting associate dean for research. Brown had previously served as both an interim dean and an associate dean in the college.

Beth Pollack, an NMSU language and linguistics professor, will serve as the acting associate dean for academic affairs. Pollack has 10 years of experience as department head and extensive experience with the responsibilities she will handle within the college. Brown and Pollack, who will officially begin their interim roles in January, are currently participating in all associate dean and department head meetings to prepare for their duties.

Lisa Bond-Maupin, sociology department head and director of women's studies, began her appointment as the college's interim associate dean for planning and budgeting Oct. 15. Bond-Maupin's responsibilities include advising, distance education, faculty development, strategic planning and budgeting, as well as assisting college committees. Bond-Maupin will remain in the position through July 2011.

Ken Van Winkle, music department head and director of bands at NMSU, also assumed his new position as associate dean of development and external affairs Oct. 15. He will assist Bond-Maupin with strategic planning and work with Dean Slaton to expand alumni programs and create a comprehensive development plan.

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Molina Healthcare names community champion



FAHRENKRUG

Molina Healthcare of New Mexico recently recognized six community heroes at its second annual Community Champions Awards, including Naomi Fahrenkrug from Las Cruces. Fahrenkrug has built her career around bettering the lives of at-risk youths for 14 years, focusing especially on substance abuse and prevention.

As the community health coordinator for the New Mexico Office of Border Health, Fahrenkrug has served as technical lead for youth resiliency issues, including substance abuse, teen pregnancy, teen suicide and school violence. She has written 14 successful grants totaling \$4 million to help provide support for thousands of youth in 10 counties. Furthermore, she helped establish the Juvenile Assessment and Reporting Center that now serves as a portal for screening high-risk youths when they're detained by law enforcement. At the center, these kids and their families receive counseling and other resources to deal with behavioral and educational problems. For more than a decade, Fahrenkrug has also opened up her home to raise 13 multicultural special needs foster chil-

dren. Each winner was nominated by a community-based organization and also received a \$1,000 grant to give to a deserving nonprofit organization as part of his/her award.

MMC November shining star



MARTINEZ-CHAVEZ

Mary Martinez-Chavez has been recognized as Memorial Medical Center's Shining Star for November. Martinez-Chavez has worked in the Radiation Oncology field for 17 years. Throughout her nine years in MMC's Ikard Radiation Oncology department, she has worked as a radiation therapist and dosimetrist

(calculating radiation doses). In 2007, Martinez-Chavez earned the position of team leader in the Ikard Radiation Oncology department where she oversees the entire staff while also continuing to provide patient care. Peers and supervisors nominate the Shining Star of the Month.

NMSU student elected national FFA officer

New Mexico State University student Shannon Norris joined the ranks of the few New Mexicans to become a National FFA officer

when she was elected National FFA Western Region Vice President at the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October. Norris' main duty will be to represent and serve the membership of the National FFA organization. She will serve as a communicator and spokesperson for FFA, agriculture and education and also will help build relationships with national partners in industry, education and government. Norris, a native of Cliff, N.M., is a junior double-majoring in agricultural extension education and animal science in the NMSU College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

LC Academy teacher gets Peace Makers award

Educator Paula Hines has been awarded the Peace Makers Among Us Award by Pacem in Terris, a nonprofit organization that strives to facilitate activities that promote peace and justice throughout the world. Hines was honored for her work at Newark Center for Creative Learning in Delaware. Hines, who now is a faculty member at Las Cruces Academy, is continuing her award-winning work by organizing holiday food drives, helping to thank troops at White Sands Missile Range, teaching students the conflict resolution technique known as "Eye-to-Eye" and is currently helping her students raise money to send mosquito nets to children in Africa. For more information, visit www.lascrucesacademy.org.

Wells Fargo names business relationship manager

Wells Fargo announced that Karl Krieger has been named business relationship manager for business banking for Wells Fargo Regional Banking in New Mexico. The appointment was announced by Bruce Beebe, regional business banking manager for Wells Fargo Regional Banking in New Mexico. Krieger began his career with Wells Fargo in 2005 as a personal banker in El Paso. He was promoted to personal banker 2 in 2006, promoted to business specialist in 2008 and transferred to Las Cruces as business specialist in 2009. His office is in Las Cruces at 425 S. Telshor Blvd. He will serve the Alamogordo area as well.

College of Health and Social Services names associate dean

Donna Wagner has been named associate dean for academic affairs at New Mexico State University's College of Health and Social Sciences, effective Jan. 1, 2011. In addition to administrative duties, a portion of her time will be spent conducting research and teaching. Wagner is currently a tenured professor of gerontology and health science and the founding director of Towson University's Gerontology Program, where she oversees an undergraduate and a master's degree program in applied gerontology.

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Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20106961	Wooten Construction	Las Cruces Door LLC	Comm/Alt	1773 Buildtek Court	\$50,000	\$290
20106950	Iron Cross Construction	David A. Hamilton	Reroof	4905 Garnet Place	\$4,764	\$56
20106968	Progreen Superior Coating & Roofing Inc.	Richard L. and Cheryl A. Harris	Reroof	577 Canyon Point Road	\$9,481	\$84
20106949	DJ Walker Construction LLC	Frank Arellano	Reroof	2165 Turrentine Drive	\$7,105	\$70
20106962	Chief Cornerstone Builders LLC	Adrian P Warren ET UX	Reroof	1757 Pomona Drive	\$9,800	\$85
20106976	Sweetwater Homes LLC	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3605 Sierra Bonita Ave.	\$180,236	\$3,836
20106974	Sweetwater Homes LLC	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3601 Sierra Bonita Ave.	\$216,316	\$3,897
20106995	Gulfstream Roofing & Construction	Gailen H. and Joan Jody Hooper	Reroof	2641 Cody Circle	\$15,897	\$121
20107007	Desert View Homes	Desert View Homes LLC	Res/New	3632 Sierra Bonita Ave.	\$162,524	\$3,805
20107003	GS Roofing	Margarita C. French	Reroof	2317 Calle de Sueños	\$5,898	\$63
20107009	Summit Development	P I Holdings #1 Inc.	Res/New	4268 Lyra Court	\$207,952	\$4,133
20107004	Mesilla Valley Construction	Robert M. and Ruth E. Jakscy	Reroof	2212 Calais Ave.	\$11,076	\$93
20107019	Progreen Superior Coating & Roofing Inc.	Marie G. Hurley Trustee	Reroof	1400 Gardner Ave.	\$8,000	\$75
20107018	Iron Cross Construction	Guillermo Nava	Reroof	2049 Southern Star Loop	\$9,314	\$83
20107017	Iron Cross Construction	Louie H. and Lorraine F. Martinez	Reroof	827 Rouault Ave.	\$5,200	\$58
20107006	The Q Residential & General Contractor	Michael L. and John W. Winzenread	Reroof	630 Frank Maes Ave.	\$10,158	\$88
20106969	GS Roofing	John St. Millie Trust	Reroof	1610 Palo Verde Ave.	\$5,500	\$60
20106964	Veloz Homes Inc.	Camino Real Builders Inc.	Res/New	3534 Sierra Prado Court	\$178,104	\$3,832
20107028	Clayton Donnelly Roofing	Eleanor A. Aldrich	Reroof	4970 Garent St.	\$8,312	\$77
20107039	Debco Construction Inc.	William A. Wood Living Trust	Reroof	2375 Rosedale Drive	\$10,000	\$87
20107005	JC Roofing Inc.	Gregory C. Silsby	Reroof	1215 Monte Vista Ave.	\$5,900	\$63
20107027	Zenitram Constructors	Gunnar C. Jr. and Beverly Ann Carlson	Reroof	865 Cedardale Drive	\$12,000	\$98
20107025	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties Inc.	Earl R. Greene	Reroof	1540 Altura Ave.	\$13,666	\$108
20107055	Kona Investments LLC	Douglas M. and Christine C. Crawford	Swimming pool	3009 Little Creek Court	\$20,000	\$146
20107042	Onecimo and Eliza Ortega	Onecimo and Eliza Ortega	Reroof	1205 S. Walnut St.	\$1,500	\$41
20107094	Ken Berry Construction	Citizens Bank of Las Cruces	Res/New	2507 Pagosa Hills Ave.	\$198,112	\$4,116
20107064	A & A Roofing Inc.	James M. and Rebecca J. Wilson	Reroof	3946 Crystal Place	\$4,490	\$54
20107065	Pinetop Construction	Ron and Sylvia Harvey	Reroof	429 Lupton Place	\$7,500	\$72
20107061	A & A Roofing Inc.	Joseph and Frances Dominick	Reroof	2536 Cheyenne Drive	\$8,680	\$79
20107046	Merritt Construction Co.	Amigos North Main LLC	New/Comm	2925 N. Main St.	\$248,300	\$909

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Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
36142	Naomi Cortez	Naomi Cortez	Res/New	108 Sundance Court	Santa Teresa Unit 6A	\$356
36144	Maria Morales	Maria Morales	Reroof	142 Blossom Place	N/A	\$56
36149	Lilia Jimenez	Lilia Jimenez	Res/Add	118 Emerson Ave.	Mesquite Town Site	\$140
36250	Jarrett W. Smith	Wayne Witzell	Res/Add	5255 Singer Road	Saddle Creek Estates	\$790

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On the Agenda

Sonic Battle of I-10 Rivalry Series event

Sonic America's Drive-In will host a Battle of I-10 Rivalry Series Mascot Happy Hour at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at the Sonic restaurant located at 3471 Foothills Road. The national restaurant chain is holding a yearlong marketing promotion that features several sports bouts from New Mexico State University and the University of Texas-El Paso. UTEP's Paydirt Pete and NMSU's Pistol Pete will be in attendance. For more information, email dvolz@zianet.com or call 524-8998, ext. 126.

Date: Monday, Nov. 29
Time: 4 p.m.
Location: Sonic Drive-In
 3471 Foothills Road
Contact: 524-8998, ext. 126

Financial literacy seminar

Small business owners are invited to learn about how to prepare a successful business plan along with other expert tips and hints on financial management during a seminar from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at FirstLight Federal Credit Union, 3791 E. Lohman Ave. Fred Owensby, director of Doña Ana Community College's Small Business Development Center, will present "Preparing a Successful Business Plan." The seminar is free, but seating is limited. RSVP by calling Karen White at 915-231-3129.

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 30
Time: 6 to 7 p.m.
Location: FirstLight Federal Credit Union
 3791 E. Lohman Ave.
Contact: 915-231-3129

Spaceport event

The New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA) has scheduled a pre-proposal meeting for businesses seeking to bid on Spaceport America's latest requests for proposals, including general, protective and technical services beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at City Hall, 700 N. Main St. From 5:30 to

8:30 p.m., the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will host a Spaceport America Industry Day at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Area businesses wishing to bid on specific packages should visit www.spaceportamerica.com for more information and attend the pre-proposal meeting Dec. 1 at City Hall. The NMSA will hold a similar event in Truth or Consequences Thursday, Dec. 2. For more information, visit spaceportamerica.com.

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 1
Time: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Las Cruces Convention Center
 680 E. University Ave.
Contact: www.spaceportamerica.com

HTC Digital Media summit

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

Date: Friday, Dec. 3
Time: Noon
Location: Creative Media Institute
 Milton Hall, NMSU Campus
Contact: 521-0018

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Briefs

Richardson announces renewable energy bonds

Gov. Bill Richardson and the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority Board of Directors announced Nov. 19 that it has issued its first \$50 million worth of bonds to upgrade New Mexico's transmission system and foster clean energy growth. The upgrade will bring 100 megawatts of clean renewable wind energy across the Public Service Company of New Mexico's lines from the High Lonesome Mesa Wind Farm located in Torrance County to the Arizona state line. The project is a collaborative effort with High Lonesome Mesa LLC, a subsidiary of Edison Mission Energy. New Mexico is estimated to have 104 million megawatt hours per year (MWh/yr) of solar energy potential and 56 million MWh/yr of wind, ranking second and 12th in the U.S., respectively. RETA is one of only eight transmission authorities in the country and is only the second to issue bonds. The debt will not be paid by New Mexico citizens, instead, it will be paid for by the sale of power to Arizona.

NMDA offers assistance to aquaculture industry

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) will administer financial assistance to eligible aquaculture producers in New Mexico. New Mexico was allocated money by the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency to help the state's commercial and tribal fish farmers purchase the feed needed to grow these animals and sustain the industry, said Tim Darden, assistant director for NMDA Feed, Seed and Fertilizer. The deadline to apply for the grant

money is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. The applications must be in NMDA's Las Cruces office by that time. To download an application, visit www.nmda.nmsu.edu or call 646-3107.

Dust control ordinance draft released

The City of Las Cruces Community Development Department has released a revised Wind Erosion Control (Dust Control) Ordinance proposal. A copy can be downloaded at <http://www.las-cruces.org/cd>. A public input meeting on the draft has been scheduled from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, at City Council Chambers. Residents can also email or submit written comments to rkyle@las-cruces.org.

Western banking school under new management

The Western States School of Banking (WSSB) will be managed and operated by the Independent Community Bankers Association of New Mexico (ICBA/NM) under terms of an agreement that will become effective Jan. 1, 2011. The joint announcement was made by Richard Bradfute, chairman of the WSSB board of directors, and Greg Marrs, chairman of the ICBA/NM board of directors. The Western States School of Banking is a two-year banking program held each summer at New Mexico State University. The 2011 banking school will mark the 37th year that the school has been assisting banking professionals further their careers. The curriculum is structured around two, eight-day on-campus sessions in June every year with inter-session assignments throughout the program. The school originally held its summer sessions at the University of New Mexico campus in Albuquerque but moved to NMSU in 2008.

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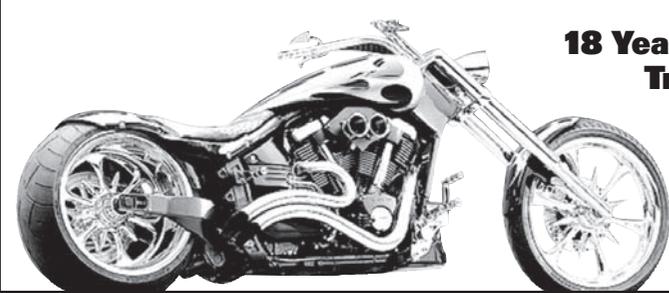


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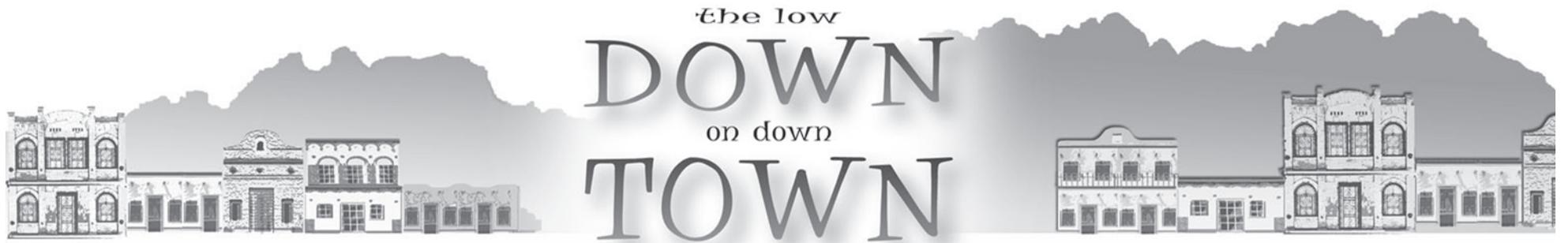
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Where to start?

Recently scolded for failing to mention one group when expressing thanks for a very successful project, I might have done better to simply have said the following, "This wouldn't have been possible without the help of so many people. Even if I don't say your name, you know who you are."

Still, this is a time to say "thank you," and what a multitude we have to thank!

'The city'

Sometimes we say "the city" when we mean the City Council, or the city administrators or staff or this city of approximately 90,000 people. Downtown Las Cruces Partnership owes a huge debt of gratitude to them all.

So many across the community have donated time and financial and moral support, making what we do possible. Volunteers have devoted hours to ensuring events are successful, contacting people from the office, serving on the board and contributing time from their fields of expertise. All are appreciated, even if it is sometimes inadequately expressed.

Our City Council members have all supported what we are doing in more ways than I can count, from voting for the Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) to volunteering at our events and voting to match with city funds those received from New Mexico MainStreet grants. Our Councillor from District 1 has been particularly supportive and actively present at meetings and events, but he has not been alone in this. We feel very fortunate to enjoy such support from a group that knows how important this heart is to the community.

City administrators and staff members have been fantastic, from pointing us toward grants that may help get something done and joining our meetings and offering their resources to interceding on behalf of Downtown businesses during construction and supervising the completion of projects. Our partnership amounts to something powerful with the help of so many dedicated people at "the city."

WinterFest

WinterFest is one great example of widespread collaboration. Join us from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, after the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Stops on the horse-drawn trolley will be on Main Street near the Griggs Avenue intersection where there will be vendors and carolers. The Amador Hotel has special entertainment planned and at the Pioneer Women's Park and WIA building there will be more entertainment and vendors. At the Las Cruces Railroad Museum there will be model trains and an appearance by Santa Claus.

Join us again the following week from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, on Mesquite Street. Galleries along the Camino de Arte will be connected by the horse-drawn trolleys, and the street will be as busy with activity as it was when it was part of the Camino Real.

Thanks to the community partners, the city and volunteers who make this annual event possible and such great fun.

County, state and federal help

Our County Commission and our state Legislature both agreed to our TIDD so that a portion of the taxes collected Downtown – 75 percent of what is collected above the level set in 2007 – could be used to build Downtown infrastructure. That alone deserves huge thanks, but the various and manifold ways that our commissioners, county staff and our legislators have helped ensure that Downtown is back on track are more apparent as we see Main Street reopening and traffic coming back to the street.

Our U.S. senators and representatives have also been supportive, from coming to our events and finding federal funds to make completion of Main Street possible. We know we are never forgotten in Washington, D.C., and we appreciate it.

Affordable housing

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, there will be an opportunity to learn about the affordable housing project proposed for the corner of Lohman Avenue and Alameda Boulevard. Come to the Council Chambers in City Hall between 6 and 8 p.m. to learn more about what is planned and how it will change what is happening Downtown.

We thank the Housing Authority for including us in the discussion and taking the time to share the plans with the community.



Janet Evaro, bartender for A Catered Affair, serves wine to guests Bertha Luna and Gloria Chavez during Winterfest 2009.

The media

The Las Cruces Bulletin has been a stalwart and engaged supporter of Downtown. We have enjoyed excellent coverage of events and issues that pertain to what is happening, and no one is more creative about advertising opportunities and ways to get information out to the community.

Our daily paper and other periodicals, our area radio and television stations and our electronic media have also contributed in a multitude of ways to getting the word out and bringing people back to the center of town. We are grateful.

Commerce and industry

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce supported our efforts in getting the TIDD passed. The Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces participated in the ribbon cutting for La Placita. The Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce included us in their Think Local First campaign. We thank you.

I am not going to have space to thank all of the banks, savings and lending institutions, small and large businesses, the galleries and restaurants, the utilities, the service providers, the artists and contractors. Please know that

we continue what we do for the community because you help us do it, and you help us know it means something.

Herding cats

While the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership is indeed full of very independent thinkers, we do agree on one common goal: We all want to see Downtown flourish. We can be quite passionate about the environment we are helping to bloom here, economically, culturally, architecturally and socially.

My term as president concludes in seven months, and I thank the board of directors of Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, our staff and volunteers for caring about something so central and so essential to our community. I look forward to someday soon not even having to think twice about saying, "Let's go Downtown!"

Thankfulness

Finally, let me thank all of those who have personally said "Thank you" to me and to the other members of our organization. It has helped make the rough spots a little smoother and the successes all that much sweeter.

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Chamber's military update luncheon

The annual Military Update Luncheon presented by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The event will feature presentations from Brig. Gen. John Regan, commanding general of White Sands Missile Range. Regan will address everything about WSMR from the "big picture" of the Department of Defense's plans for the installation and upcoming projects to specifics for the 2nd Engineering Battalion and Future Combat Systems. Tickets to the luncheon are

\$20 for members and \$40 for non-members. For more information or to purchase a ticket, call 524-1968.

Date: Thursday, Dec. 2
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Ramada Palms de Las Cruces
 201 E. University Ave.
Contact: 524-1968

Business on the Border

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance will host its monthly Business on the Border Forum from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Naomi Engelman, Space Alliance Technology Outreach

Program (SATOP) project engineer, will be the featured speaker. SATOP is a free service designed to provide technical assistance and speed the transfer of space technology to the private sector. SATOP has helped companies with machine design, process engineering, material selection and many other technical issues. Luncheon cost is \$20, payable by cash, check or major credit card. Confirm attendance no later than Thursday, Dec. 2, by sending an email to rsvp@mveda.com or by calling 525-2852.

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 6
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
 705 S. Telshor Blvd.
Contact: 525-2852

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



All aboard!

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jorge Lopez

Union Pacific Railroad Co. hosted more than 100 visitors on refurbished passenger cars from the 1940s for a ride from Downtown El Paso to Tornillo, Texas, on Thursday, Nov. 18. The ride was part of a cross-country trip promoting Operation Lifesaver, a nationwide initiative aimed at educating pedestrians and motorists on railroad safety and railroad crossings. Union Pacific recently announced plans to build a new inter-modal transfer station in Santa Teresa.

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Wednesday, Dec. 1 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Southwest Sport & Spine 1181 Mall Dr Ste B Las Cruces, NM 88011	Wednesday, Dec. 1 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Staybridge Suites 2657 Northrise Dr Las Cruces, NM 88001	Thursday, Dec. 2 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Furr's Family Dining 2340 Griggs Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88011	Thursday, Dec. 2 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Golden Corral 601 S. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011
Thursday, Dec. 2 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn 2550 S Don Roser Dr Las Cruces, NM 88011	Saturday, Dec. 4 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. DeLa Vegas Pecan Grill 500 S Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011	Monday, Dec. 6 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fitness One 4655 Sonoma Ranch Blvd Las Cruces, NM 88011	Tuesday, Dec. 7 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Furr's Family Dining 2340 Griggs Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88011

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Profile

Dr. Terry McMillan: New state rep stands firm on campaign promises

Improving electoral system and reforming ID system are top priorities

By **Gabriel Vasquez** and **Todd G. Dickson**
Las Cruces Bulletin

After 17 years of being on the front lines of medicine and local health care, Dr. Terry McMillan is preparing to fight another battle – this time, in Santa Fe as the state representative of District 37.

McMillan, a fourth generation New Mexican and board-certified ear, nose and throat specialist, unseated incumbent State Rep. Jeff Steinborn in the midterm elections Nov. 2.

“He was a tough opponent,” McMillan said. “We did feel we had some advantage, in terms of the wind on our back that occurred nationally with respect to people wanting change.”

McMillan, a Republican, narrowly edged out Steinborn for the victory, propelling the doctor into the state’s political sphere as a freshman representative – a position he’s excited to be in, he said.

“For me, in many ways, this (election) was like winning a football game in overtime,” he said. “Certainly our state government has been under a cloud, to be diplomatic, for several years now. I didn’t know I was running for the privilege of being absolutely the bad guy this year, but the truth is that we’re looking at a (huge) budget cut.”

The state announced recently it had revised a figure from the Legislative Finance Committee predicting a \$260 million budget shortfall in



District 37 State Rep.-elect Terry McMillan is a fourth generation New Mexican who plans to fight for electoral system reform and against increasing taxes in the upcoming legislative session.

2011 to now more than \$400 million, which will bring turmoil in the upcoming session as legislators debate raising taxes and cutting government programs.

“It’s going to be a little bit painful,” McMillan said. “I don’t see it happening at all that I vote in favor of raising taxes. We have a bad economy, our small businesses are on the ropes and our private citizens themselves are shouldering as much tax burden as they can handle.”

McMillan believes increasing taxes in a

down economy will decrease revenue.

“We’re at the point of maximum return,” he said.

Instead, McMillan wants to look at cuts in state programs and services.

“I think that’s where everyone will be looking at,” he said.

Aside from helping shore up the state budget, McMillan is standing firm to fight for the issues he campaigned on in southern New Mexico.

Among those issues are reforming the

state’s electoral process by requiring photographic identification at the voting booth and not allowing illegal immigrants to obtain driver’s licenses.

“I think those two things are very likely to happen,” he said. “I will attempt to support the passage of meaningful reform in these areas.”

Another of McMillan’s wishes is to see new leadership in the House. He said he is supportive of re-evaluating the position of current House Speaker Ben Ray Lujan, considering that there is now more parity in the house as far Republican and Democratic seats are concerned.

“I’d love to see new leadership,” he said. “I don’t see a reason why we shouldn’t start fresh. Even some prominent Democrats have come forward and said they’d like to see new leadership in the House and the Republicans actually have a large enough number to discuss a leadership coalition.”

McMillan knows well about reform. As a recovering alcoholic, McMillan said ever since changing his life 17 years ago, he’s had more ambition to better others’ lives.

“In April 1993, I admitted myself for treatment in Dallas, Texas, after reaching the end of my rope with this problem,” McMillan states on his website. “I have participated continuously in the recovery community of Las Cruces, as well as in recovery-related activities at my church ... I will continue to do so for life.”

For more information on McMillan, visit mcmillanfornewmexico.com.

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In Good Company: *itsQuest Inc.*

A one-stop staffing and employment solution

itsQuest offers staffing, human resource services to local businesses

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

A woman-owned regional employment solutions company has been offering staffing and human resource solutions to local businesses for more than 16 years.

The company, itsQuest Inc., originated in Hobbs, N.M., and now offers its services to a tri-state region, including Texas, New Mexico and Colorado.

"The company is a recognized leader in designing and providing employment solutions to a wide variety of clients," said Santiago Soto, itsQuest area manager. "We're one of the very few staffing companies whose team is comprised of certified professionals in human resources."

The company was started in 1994 by Hobbs native Sarah Regan, Soto said, and has expanded to 17 offices in three states, including 12 in New Mexico.

"Staffing and human resource wise, we operate on a standard of quality equivalent to ISO9000 in the manufacturing industry," Soto said.

The company's primary focus is its staffing services, Soto said. It helps find employment solutions for a variety of industries and ensures its job applicants undergo a thorough evaluation and application process.

"We're the only (staffing company) in Las Cruces that drug tests and does a background check on every potential employee that comes through our doors," Soto said. "We don't care if they're out picking trash or if they're doctors or engineers, the same standard of quality applies across the board. We do this at no cost to our clients."

Soto said out of every 10 people who seek employment through itsQuest, only about three of them meet the company's requirements.

"We're very safety-conscious and we want to make sure we're providing the best people for our clients," he said.

In addition to its drug and background testing, itsQuest also performs "integrity" tests if their clients desire, which is useful in banking and financial environments, Soto said.

If an employee is eager to enter a specific field but lacks the training and technical experience, itsQuest also offers many training services for various industries, including professional services, banking and health care.

Altogether, itsQuest manages employee recruitment, employee relations, testing, training, personnel records, payroll records, worker's compensation claims, administration and unemployment cost for many area businesses.

"Businesses all face the same challenges," Soto said. "Employment retention, recruiting qualified individuals and government compliance are some of those common struggles. Small businesses often don't have the resources to handle such issues."

Some of itsQuest's clients include the City of Las Cruces, F&A Dairy and New Mexico State University, Soto said.

"I have found that one of the biggest reasons for our success lately has been because employers don't know what's going to happen next month, next year," Soto said. "They don't know how the health insurance bill is going to affect them next, if it's going to have a significant impact or if it will ever go into effect at all. We offer health insurance services to all of our clients, and that's a valuable service right now for any small business."

The Las Cruces office is staffed by Soto, Branch Manager Laurie Anderson and Employment Recruiter Luis Mata.

Soto, who has been with itsQuest for three years, has more than 30 years in the employment solutions industry. He first started doing employment training under the Jobs For Progress Inc. program, a federal initiative established in the 1970s that assisted large corporations in hiring Hispanic employees. He later worked in the jobs cabinet under former New Mexico Gov. Jerry Apodaca, before moving to Los Angeles and Dallas to further his career in the field.

"There's nothing more rewarding in this type of work than knowing that I had something to do with putting food on a family's table," he said. "If I can help someone find a job and feed their family, I'm ecstatic. You really have to like what you're doing if you're in this type of job, because sometimes it can be a very difficult business."

Soto added that despite local concerns about a diversified workforce, he knows there's plenty of local talent available for many industries.

“ We operate on a standard of quality similar to ISO9000. ”

SANTIAGO SOTO,
itsQuest area manager



Branch Manager Laurie Anderson and Area Manager Santiago Soto are part of the staff at the local itsQuest Inc. office, 1990 E. Lohman Ave., Suite A.

"We have a very diversified and adequate workforce in the Las Cruces area," he said. "Not only in Las Cruces, but throughout Doña Ana County. We have people coming in from all over the valley, as far south as Chaparral and as far north as Hatch, to seek employment services with us. It's a very good, qualified pool to choose from."

For more information or to learn about the employment services offered through itsQuest, call 541-0020 or visit www.itsquest.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

FOR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS LEASE OF STATE TRUST LAND

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

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

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

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

date:
December 10, 2010

time:
11:00 am

place:
Doña Ana County Government Center
845 N. Motel Blvd.
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007

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

C) Summary of the Terms of the Lease: The term of this lease shall be 30 years. The rent shall be \$ 7,500.00 per annum, with

the first year's rent to be due on or before the effective date of the Lease and annually thereafter. Rent shall be adjusted upward every 5 years by 2.5% over the annual rent due during the preceding lease year. Lessee will be responsible for all applicable taxes and utility expenses associated with development of the site. Permitted use of the premises will be for planning and development. A complete description of permitted use is provided in the Lease. The lease also contains terms regarding liens, assignment and subleasing, relinquishment, default, insurance, indemnification, etc., and is subject to all pertinent state statutes and rules.

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

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

The right to reject any and all bids is expressly reserved and no lease shall be effective unless and until approved in writing by the Commissioner of Public Lands.

Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 27th day of September, 2010.

Patrick H. Lyons
Commissioner of Public Lands

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

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

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 Rippey, 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)

2. Bid Amount \$1,485,000.00

3. Total and Bid - \$1,494,177.03

4. 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.

5. 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 Rippey, at the State Land Office address provided above by 4:00 p.m. on December 17, 2010.

6. 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

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

\$30.00

Advertising Cost
\$3,500.00

Appraisal Cost
\$5,647.03

Total Transaction Deposit
\$9,177.03

2. Bid Amount
\$1,485,000.00

3. Total and Bid -
\$1,494,177.03

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 Rippey, at the State Land Office address provided above by 4:00 p.m. on December 17, 2010.

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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

No. CV-2010-2201

MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

NICOLAS O. ZUNIGA; MARGARET A. ZUNIGA; and NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that on December 8, 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 2689 S. Calle Cuarta, Mesilla, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate within the limits of the town of Mesilla, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in the NW 1/4, Section 36, T. 23S., R. 1E, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being U.S.R.S. Tract No. 11A-172 and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at an iron rod at the Southeast corner of this tract, whence an iron rod at the Northeast corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 11A-173 bears N. 63 deg. 08' E. a distance of 169.31 feet; thence along the Northline of Calle Del Cura S. 54 deg. 20' 30" W. 111.92 feet to an iron rod at the Southwest corner of this tract being identical to the Southwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 11A-172; thence along the East line of Calle Cuarta N. 32 deg. 15' W. 97.99 feet to an iron rod at the Northwest corner of this tract; thence N. 55 deg. 18' 45" E. 109.08 feet to an iron rod at the Northeast corner of this tract; thence 33 deg. 53' E. 96.01 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.246 acre or 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 October 26, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$72,718.73 and the same bears interest at 6.320% per annum from November 2, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$465.88. 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 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
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV 2010-107

BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

KATHERINE P. HAYNER,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1850 Martha Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 7, BLOCK 8, LOMA HEIGHTS, PLAT NO. 4, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 17, 1961, IN BOOK 8, PAGE(S) 69 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 1:50 p.m. on December 10, 2010, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Bank of Oklahoma, N.A.

Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on October 26, 2010, in the principal sum of \$129,163.47, plus outstanding interest through October 25, 2010, in the amount of \$9,749.97 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of \$21.67 per day, plus late charges of \$569.10, plus escrow advances of \$4,680.47, plus fee and cost advances of \$1,412.18, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$1,400.00 and costs in the amount of \$587.82, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 6.440% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/Faisal Sukhyani,
Special Master
c/o Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C.
5120 San Francisco Road NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87109
(505) 858-3303

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-2270

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

vs.

EDWARD Z. ROSALES and, if married, JANE DOE ROSALES, (True Name Unknown), his spouse, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 8, 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 1309 Kearny Place, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 9, BLOCK N, LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE II, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 4152, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 19, 2005, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 21, PAGES 208-209, 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 October 27, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$165,481.29 and the same bears interest at 6.375% per annum from October 16, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,560.74. 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 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,
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Dates 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-2125

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

ALAN S. ARMSTRONG;
SANDRA ARMSTRONG,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 8, 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 6520 Vista De Oro, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 16, VISTA DE ORO PICACHO HILLS, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on July 19, 1984, in Book 13 Page(s) 285-286 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 October 26, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$330,678.97 and the same bears interest at 6.125% per annum from October 16, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale

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will be \$2,996.50. 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,
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-10-1550

**BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LOUIS J. SANTORA; and
PHYLLIS A. SANTORA,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 8, 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 5078 Arena Dr., Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 19 in Block 23 of Las Colinas Planned Unit Development, Phase VI-C Subdivision, located in the City of Las Cruces, 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 December 19, 2002 and recorded in Book 20 at Pages 204-206, 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 October 28, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$168,002.99 and the same bears interest at 6.5000% per annum from October 16, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,615.59. 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.

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

Cause No. CV-2010-1738
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

**FIRST LIGHT FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

RENE OROZCO, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on December 7, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:

Lot 28 Block C, HIGH DESERT SUBDIVISION PHASES 1A AND 1B, 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 October 14, 2005, in Book 21 Pages 373-375 of Plat Records

The address of the real estate is 3718 Piedras Negras Dr., Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Amended Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered into on October 22, 2010, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$161,665.53 (plus interest from February 16, 2010 to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit its respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its respective judgments to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent 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 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, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on October 29, 2010.

D. Lyle Wood, Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(505) 541-6655
Submitted by:

THE DARDEN LAW FIRM,
P.A.

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

Case No.
D-307-CV-201001422

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JASON S. LARIMER; DENISE
S. LARIMER; OCCUPANTS,
WHOSE TRUE NAMES
ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 1, 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 5 IN BLOCK 3 OF DEL NORTE COUNTRY ESTATES UNIT IV, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IN SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON DECEMBER 4, 1989 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 16 AT PAGE 181-182, PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 4670 April Place, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 8, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$183,439.29 plus interest from July 23, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.50% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the

Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

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

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

Case No.
D-307-CV-200903147

**HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS
TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF
ACE SECURITIES CORP.
HOME EQUITY LOAN
TRUST AND FOR THE
REGISTERED HOLDERS
OF ACE SECURITIES CORP.
HOME EQUITY LOAN
TRUST, SERIES 2006-ASAP6,
ASSET BACKED PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DAVID FERREGRINO MUNIZ;
TINA MARINA MUNIZ;
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE
NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF
ANY, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 1, 2010 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County

LOT NUMBERED 7 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 1 OF JASMINE ESTATES UNIT NO. 1, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID JASMINE ESTATES UNIT NO. 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1986 IN PLAT BOOK 14, FOLIO 262-263.

The address of the real property is 958 Jasmine Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 6, 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 \$127,581.85 plus interest from August 16, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.750% 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.

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

Case No.
D-307-CV-201001549

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ALFREDO HINOJOS;
BRIGITTE A. BURKERT-
HINOJOS; WELLS FARGO
BANK, N.A., Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 1, 2010 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate

located in said County

LOT 22, BLOCK 16, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PHASE IV-B, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 14, 1991, RECORDED IN BOOK 17, PAGE(S) 94-97, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

The address of the real property is 5103 Emerald Street, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 15, 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 \$115,714.89 plus interest from August 13, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

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

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT**

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

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

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

vs.

**MICHAEL JONES, ANDREA
JONES, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

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

Lot Numbered 4 in Block Number H of Colquitt Developing Co. Subdivision Number One, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. As the same is shown and designated on the Plat of said Colquitt Developing Co. Subdivision number one. Filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 22, 1960 in Plat Book 8 Folio 54.

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

This sale is being made to satisfy the aforesaid Decree.

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

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

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

/s/ JAIME F. RUBIN
Special Master

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

No. D-0307-CV-2010-01992
JUDGE:
Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta

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

vs.

MICHAEL N. DANIELS, TINA

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E. CALZADA and NOHEMI A. MARTINEZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

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

This sale is being made to satisfy the aforesaid Decree.

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

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

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

/s/ JAMIE F. RUBIN
Special Master

Pub # 10190
Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26,
12/3, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-10-1206

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

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

AND

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

v.

**ANDREW MARTIN
LANDWERLEN; KAREN
LYNN LANDWERLEN, Cross-
defendant(s), Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 15, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the 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 3715 Mesilla Hills Drive, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: A tract of land situated west of the limits of the Town of Mesilla, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in the SW1/4 of Section 2, T24S, R1E, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron rod set for the southwest corner of the tract herein described; whence a brass cap found for the southwest corner of Section 2, T24S, R1E, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears S 0 deg. 18' 05" E., a distance of 271.70 feet;

THENCE from the place of beginning along the west line of Section 2, N. 0 deg. 18' 05" W., 8.30 feet to an iron rod set for a corner of this tract;

THENCE leaving said section line East 145.90 feet to a corner of this tract;

THENCE North, 398.65 feet to a point on the west line of Mesilla Civil Colony Grant for the most northerly point of the tract herein described;

THENCE along the said grant line S. 61 deg. 01' 20" E., 148.44 feet to angle point 15 of said grant line for an angle point of the tract herein described;

THENCE continuing along said grant line S. 50 deg. 57' 00" E., 531.50 feet to an iron rod set for the most easterly point of the tract herein described;

THENCE leaving said grant line S. 89 deg. 59' W., 688.47 feet to the place of beginning, containing 2.7205 acres of land, more or less. Field notes by A & M Surveys, Inc., March 1980.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on October 27, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$264,299.22 and the same bears interest at 5.5% per annum from August 31, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$4,261.37. The Crossclaimant Citibank, N.A.'s judgment, entered on October 27, 2010, is \$122,295.40 and the same bears interest at the rate of 4.00% per annum from August 31, 2010. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,434.04. The Plaintiff and the Crossclaimant Citibank, N.A. have the right to bid at such sale and submit their bids verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The Crossclaimant Citibank, N.A. may apply all or

any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash after first paying the judgment of the Plaintiff. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned 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 # 10192
Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26,
12/3, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201002633

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**RICHARD S. PACHECO;
OFELIA K. PACHECO;
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE
FOR LENDER AND
LENDER'S SUCCESSORS
AND ASSIGNS); NEW
MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF
WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS
BENEFIT PAYMENT
CONTROL SECTION; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
RICHARD S. PACHECO,
IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF OFELIA
K. PACHECO, IF ANY,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
C-307-CV-201002613

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER
TO WELLS FARGO HOME
MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,**

v.

**ROLAND SERNA; JOSETTE
DELETTE-SERNA; BANK OF
AMERICA, NA, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

more particularly described as: LOT 31L IN BLOCK 11 OF ELEPHANT BUTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK 11, 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 OCUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JUNE 6, 1966 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 9 AT PAGES 97, PLAT RECORDS.

MORE CORRECTLY KNOWN AS:

Lot 31L, Block 11 of ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO., SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK 11, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico as shown on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of said County on June 6, 1966 and recorded in Book 9 at Page 97, 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 26th day of October, 2010.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:
Deputy

10-2654 FC01
Pub # 10194
Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
C-307-CV-201002613

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER
TO WELLS FARGO HOME
MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,**

v.

**ROLAND SERNA; JOSETTE
DELETTE-SERNA; BANK OF
AMERICA, NA, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Roland Serna.

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 3806 Lamanite Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 56 in Block 24 of Las Colinas Planned Unit Development, Phase VI-C Subdivision, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana, 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, New Mexico on December 19, 2002 and recorded in Book 20 at Pages 204-206, 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 JAMES THOMAS MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 26th day of October, 2010.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:
Deputy

10-2643 FC01
Pub # 10195
Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201002627

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

v.

LUIS FLORES; ALFREDO

**ORTEGA; THE STATE
OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF
TAXATION & REVENUE;
CITIFINANCIAL AUTO,
LTD., Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Luis Flores and Alfredo Ortega.

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 228 Deer Grass Ln, Chaparral, NM 88081, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block A, COLQUITT DEVELOPING CO. SUBDIVISION NUMBER ONE, CORRECTED, 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. 722 on 6/15/1970 in Book 10 Page(s) 67 of Plat Records.

ALSO KNOWN AS:

Property Description: Lot numbered 1-4 in Block numbered A of Colquitt Develoing Co Subdivision Number One, Corrected, Chaparral, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Colquitt Develoing Co Subdivision Number One, Corrected, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on June 15, 1970 in Plat Book 10, Folio 67.

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 27th day of October, 2010.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:
Deputy

10-3282 FC01
Pub # 10196
Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201002019

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**MARCO A. VARGAS;
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE
NAMES ARE UNKNOWN,
IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF MARCO A.
VARGAS, IF ANY, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 8, 2010 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 61, BLOCK 1, THE RIDGE AT NORTHRISE PHASE V, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 4011 ON AUGUST 23, 2004 IN BOOK 20 PAGE(S) 770-771 OF PLAT RECORDS.

MORE CORRECTLY KNOWN AS:

Lot 61, Block 1, THE RIDGE AT NORTHRISE PHASE V, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4011 on 08/23/2004 in Book 20 Page(s) 770-71 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 3515 Midnight Ridge Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 20, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and where-in Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$350,126.30 plus interest from October 26, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the 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 Meinhold &
Stawiarski
999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013
(303) 285-2222
10-1932 FC01

Pub # 10197
Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26,
12/3, 2010

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

No. CV2008-00872

**AURORA LOAN SERVICES,
LLC, Plaintiff,**

v.

**DANIEL RANGEL and
BELMA RANGEL, husband
and wife; THE CIT GROUP/
CONSUMER FINANCE,
INC; DEPARTMENT OF
TREASURY- INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE;
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 707 Lauren St., Sunland Park, NM 87124, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 2, Block 2, Mason Farms Subdivision Unit 2, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4040 on October 26, 2004 in Book 21 Page(s) 18-21 of Plat Records.

The sale is to begin at 1:45 p.m. on December 10, 2010, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Los Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Aurora Loan Services, LLC.

Aurora Loan Services, LLC was awarded a Judgment on April 21, 2010, in the principal sum of \$148,789.24, plus outstanding interest on the balance through April 5, 2010, in the amount of \$22,591.45, plus late charges of \$1,065.50, plus recoverable/escrow balance in the amount

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of \$6,666.67, plus other fees of \$9.00, minus a suspense balance of \$356.05, plus attorneys fees in the sum of \$800.00 and costs through April 5, 2010 in the sum of \$947.13, with interest on the Judgment including late charges, property preservation fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 7.79875% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By:
Faisal Sukhyani,
Special Master
2222 Park West NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120
(505) 228-8484

Pub # 10198
Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 2010

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-200903087

**AURORA LOAN SERVICES,
LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

STEVEN H. SHADE, a single man; ABC Corporations I-X, XYZ Partnerships I-X, John Does I-X and Jane Does I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1103 Idaho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particu-

larly described as follows:

A tract of land being the Westerly part of Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4) in Block of Amended Plat of Valley View, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on April 24, 1907, in Book 3, Page 44, of Plat Records and being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof. Beginning at the southwest corner of this tract at the southwest corner of Block 11, Valley View Addition, City of Las Cruces which corner is marked by an angle iron;

Thence N.76 deg 00'E., 64.5 feet along the north line Idaho Avenue to the Southeast corner of this tract at a fence corner,

Thence N.14 deg 53'W., 100.00 feet to the northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.76 deg 00'W., 63.1 feet to the northwest corner of this tract, marked by an angle iron;

Thence S.14 deg 05'E., 100.00 feet to the place of beginning.

The sale is to begin at 1:45 p.m. on December 10, 2010, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Los Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Aurora Loan Services, LLC.

Aurora Loan Services, LLC was awarded a Judgment on June 28, 2010, in the principal sum of \$84,980.01, plus outstanding interest on the balance through April 15, 2010, in the amount of \$5,443.35, plus late charges of \$115.08, plus recoverable/escrow balance in the amount of \$405.59, minus a suspense balance of \$29.29, plus other fees of \$9.00, plus attorneys fees in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through June 21, 2010 in the sum of \$1,144.93, with interest on the Judgment including late charges, property preservation fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 8.125% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By:
Faisal Sukhyani,
Special Master
2222 Park West NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120
(505) 228-8484

Pub # 10199
Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26,
12/3, 2010

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

CV NO. 2010-2032
JUDGE: MARTIN

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

STEVE GUTIERREZ, SAMMY ESPALIN, ONE (1) 1983 CHEVY S10 BLAZER, WHITE; VIN: 1G8CT18A4D8161637; LICENSE PLATE NO.: 530 NGK (NM), Defendant.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Steve Gutierrez, 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: 1983 Chevy S10 Blazer, White; VIN: 1G8CT18A4D8161637; New Mexico License Plate No. 530 NGK.

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 James T. Martin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 8 day of November, 2010.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT BY: /s/ Mary E. Apodaca DEPUTY

Pub # 10200
Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 2010

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

NO. DM-2010-1422
Judge Murphy

**CHRISTEL A. CHILTON
Petitioner,**

vs.

**ROBERTO C. AREVALO
Respondent.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED
RESPONDENT:**

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed against you in the said Court and County by Christel A. Chilton, requesting a Dissolution of Marriage on the ground of incompatibility, and division of property, and debts. You must file an answer or other responsive pleading with the court or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

WITNESS the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County this 5 day of November, 2010.

/s/ James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By: /s/ Jodie Castillo
DEPUTY

Submitted by:
Anna L. Juarez
P.O. Box 1056
Las Cruces, NM 88004-1056
PH: (575)526-2652
Attorney for the Petitioner

Pub # 10201
Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 2010

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LUNA
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2010-182
Judge Viramontes

**FIRST NEW MEXICO BANK,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

DAVID VARGAS, SARA VARGAS, ESTEBAN TALAVERA, and CHRISTINE R. SOLIS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance to the Luna County Courthouse, 855 South Platinum, Deming, New Mexico, sell and convey all or the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the below described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1980 La Susida, SW Deming, situated in Luna County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lots Numbered One (1), Two (2), Three (3), and Four (4), of Block Numbered Five (5), Unit Numbered Forty-Three (43) of the DEMING RANCHETTES, subdivision in a Luna County, New Mexico, according to the plat thereof filed September 4, 1962 in Plat Cabinet 8, Slide 127 in the Office of the Luna

County Clerk, Deming, New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court, the above-entitled and numbered cause on August 12, 2010, being an action to foreclose a real estate mortgage under which Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first and prior lien against the above-described real estate securing payment of its Judgment in the principal sum of \$41,753.51, with interest at the rate of 13.5% per annum from August 12, 2010, until paid, plus attorney fees of \$2,894.51, and tax thereon, plus the costs of this action including Special Master's fee and publication of this notice. The Judgment bears interest to date of sale. Sale is being made to satisfy the Judgment plus interest and will be made to the highest and best bidder for cash, except that the Plaintiff may bid its judgment or any part thereof. The time and date of sale may be postponed by the Special Master if he deems it advisable.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

The attorney for the Plaintiff is Blaine T. Mynatt of Holt Babington Mynatt Martinez P.C., Post Office Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2699.

/s/ Stephen F. Hosford
SPECIAL MASTER

Pub #10208
Dates 11/12, 11/19, 11/26,
12/3, 2010

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

Case No.
D-307-CV-201001120

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

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.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC
999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013
(303) 285-2222
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Pub # 10210
Dates 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10,
2010

**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.

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 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 situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

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

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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. PB-2010-103
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BILLIE F. ENOCH, 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, in care of the Bates Law Firm, P.O. Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED: October 27, 2010.

/s/ William H. Enoch
Personal Representative of the Estate of Billie F. Enoch, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:
BATES LAW FIRM
P.O. Box 305
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305
(575) 524-8585
(575)524-1895 (Fax)

/s/ Lloyd O. Bates Jr.
Attorney for the Estate

Pub # 10217
Dates 11/19, 11/26, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 2010-0195

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD GEORGE OBERLEAS, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAVID L. ROBINSON 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 10, 2010.

DAVID L. ROBINSON
1705 Bertram
Mansfield, Texas 76063

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 # 10218
Dates 11/19, 11/26, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 2010-0183

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF H.D. CHAMNESS, also known as,

HOWARD D. CHAMNESS, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RODNEY A. CHAMNESS 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 5, 2010.

RODNEY A. CHAMNESS
4712 Grider Road
Las Cruces, NM 88007

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 # 10219
Dates 11/19, 11/26, 2010

AAA Affordable Self Storage LLC
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

TO:
Herlinda Ruiz
3300 #2 Parroquia St.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit # A 17 at AAA Affordable Self Storage will be publicly disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$410.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: table, old washer, old dryer, old stove, boxes and misc.

Date of public disposal
November 27, 2010

Time
10:00 am

Place
AAA Affordable Self Storage
5495 Lassiter Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Sherry Owens
LLC member

Pub # 10220
Dates 11/19, 11/26, 2010

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 9, 2010, John L. Nelson, 2950 W. Union Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-1080 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-1080, located at X= 1,469,462 Y = 460,103 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by Baltazar Flores,

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LAS CRUCES Greetings FROM NEW MEXICO

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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and drilling a new well to an unknown depth with 10-inch casing to be located at X = 1,470,628 Y = 458,691 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico for the irrigation of 12.16 acres, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 of projected Section 36, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, as described by Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-013-0144 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The site for new well LRG-1080 POD2 is located south of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 2950 W. Union Ave. Old well LRG-1080 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially 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 # 10221
Dates 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Sec 106 of the Programmatic Agreement, T-Mobile USA plans to add an underground conduit at 101 E. Union, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Please fax comments to Vitaly M. at 714-508-4110 regarding site NM02124-B.

11/19, 11/26/10
CNS-1986071#

Pub # 10223
Dates 11/19, 11/26, 2010

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA 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 Dona 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 situate in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 13, BLOCK J, DOS SUENOS 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, Dona 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 pro-

test as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA, 1978.

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



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will receive Qualifications until 2 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services and Risk Management:

Qualification Invitation: I00112610-RA Request for Information Learning Management System

Response Due Date: 12/16/10

Proposal forms will be sent on request by calling (575) 646-2916.

Pub # 10226
Dates 11/26, 2010

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT**

Cause No. PB-2010-105
Judge Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF RICHARD C.
CAUBLE, DECEASED.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Jean C. Herbert has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard C. Cauble, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative 363 Pioneer Road, Lyons, CO 80540, or filed with the District Court of Dona Ana County, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88005.

DATED: November 16, 2010

/s/ Jean C. Herbert
Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard C. Cauble
363 Pioneer Road
Lyons, CO 80540

THE WOOD LAW FIRM, P.C.

By /s/ D. Lyle Wood
P.O. Drawer 16288
Las Cruces, NM 88004
(575) 524-4000

Pub # 10227
Dates 11/26, 12/3, 2010

**NOTICE OF VEHICLE
SEIZURE
November 2010**

**TO REGISTERED OWNERS,
SECURED PARTIES
AND ALL UNKNOWN
CLAIMANTS:**

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles

and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses:

Description
VIN#
REGISTERED OWNER

1992 GMC PICKUP WHITE
1GTCS14Z5N8521360 DAVID
CASTRO

1990 CHEVROLET PK
WHITE
1GCDC14Z9LZ103019
TRACA STEVENS

2000 KIA 4DR GOLD
KNAFB121XY5815804 TERRY
HERNANDEZ

1992 PLYMOUTH VAN BLUE
1P3XA46K9NF173130
NANCY COOLEY

1987 HONDA 2DR WHITE
1HGCA5342HA071262
TEDDY SEGURA

If you do not demand judicial review within 30 calendar days from the date this notice was published by filing a claim for the described vehicle with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle.

Pub # 10228
Dates 11/26, 12/3, 2010

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA 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 persons must notify the Clerk of the Court of the nature of any disability at least five (5) days before ANY hearing so appropriate accommodations can be made. The same requirement applies if an interpreter will be needed.

DATED: 11-19-10

BY: /s/ Nancy A. Heavner
Deputy

(SEAL)

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

**THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. PB-10-104
Judge Arrieta

**THE ESTATE OF CHARLES
MARTIN ANDREWS,
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Karen Andrews has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles Martin Andrews, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the District Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico.

The attorney for the Personal Representative is William L. Lutz of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 18th day of November, 2010.

/s/ Karen Andrews
Personal Representative
6820 Raasaf Circle
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Pub # 10230
Dates 11/26, 12/3, 2010

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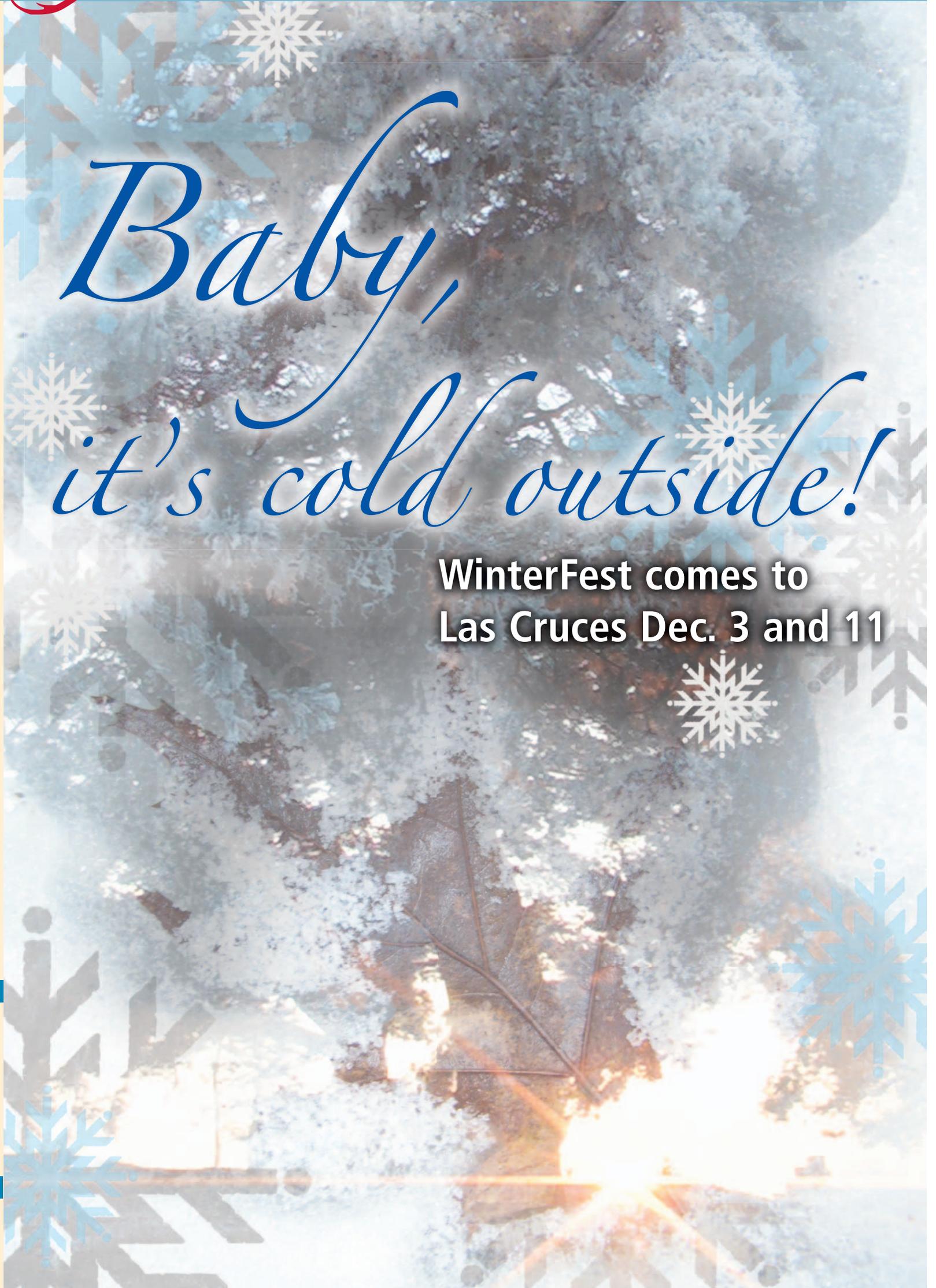
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**WinterFest comes to
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Winterfest, a holiday celebration

Double the winter wonderland in Las Cruces

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With twice as much Winterfest, your holiday season is sure to be full of enchanting carols, friendly gatherings and twice as much fun.

The City of Las Cruces, the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, Alameda-Depot District and Mesquite Historic District are joining together to make this an extra merry holiday season.

"This year, Winterfest is being held on two separate days to double the fun and holiday festivities," said Winterfest organizer Andrea Camunez.

Winterfest will be Friday, Dec. 3, in the Downtown Alameda-Depot District, and Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Mesquite Street Historic District.

"It's all so pretty," said Pat Bonneau-White, a board member of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership and Winterfest volunteer. "The luminarias, Christmas lights and the good feeling of the season are my favorite. We also get a chance to mingle with people who don't normally come Downtown. I just love the atmosphere."

This year, a newly remodeled Amador Hotel will be featured on the horse-drawn carriage tour. Patrons can take a glimpse of the holiday-decorated hotel and join in the dedication of the room decorated in honor of Billie Ruth Ritter Simpson, a pioneer patron who spent her wedding night at the Amador Hotel. The hotel will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. with light refreshments being served.

During Winterfest, patrons can also enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides, a holiday marketplace, holiday movies at the Rio Grande Theatre and seasonal entertainment. Vendors will be selling biscochitos, popcorn, hot chocolate, crafts, ornaments and toys, to name a few.

But the fun doesn't stop there, with twice the activities there is something for everyone.

"It's a community thing," said Bonneau-White. "And the main entertainment will be local schools, both private and public, singing carols and holiday music. We hope the community will join in singing carols."

Part I, Friday, Dec. 3

The Downtown December Art Ramble will lead the events for Winterfest. Visit Downtown galleries, shops, businesses and restaurants from 5 to 7 p.m. on Main Street. Enjoy art openings, exhibits, music, entertainment, open mic opportunities, shopping, refreshments and more.

You can also enjoy the sixth annual Old-Fashioned Holiday Display at the Railroad Museum from 5 to 9 p.m. Santa Claus will be available on the observation deck for visits and photos from 5 to 8 p.m. Holiday music will be provided by Vista Vibrations Bell Choir and the Central Elementary School Choir.

Throughout the evening, visitors can view the model trains, take in the holiday decorations and children can complete a craft project. Light refreshments will be served. The holiday lights at the museum will be lit each night from Dec. 3 through Jan. 3, 2011. The event is free and open to the public. The Railroad Museum is located at 351 N. Mesilla St. at the intersection of Las Cruces Avenue. For more information, call 647-4480.

You can also officially kick off Winterfest with the City of Las Cruces annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the corner of Picacho Avenue and Main Street across from the new City Hall at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Ken Miyagishima will host the tree lighting. There will be a brass quintet and choral quartet at Pioneer Women's Park, a winter wonderland at the Women's Improvement Association Building, the Alma-Gingerbread Fest at Alma de Arte and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

Don't forget about La Fiesta de Las Luminarias from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The fiesta will light the way from the tree-lighting ceremony to Santa's arrival at the Railroad Museum. Main Street will be open for shopping.

Part II, Saturday, Dec. 11

After visiting Camino del Arte in the Mesquite Historic District, join the vendors, galleries and restaurants on Mesquite Street.

"Our theme is chocolate," said David Chavez, a Winterfest organizer. "We're going to have Mayan, Aztec, Mexican and New Mexican hot chocolate as well as live entertainment at Klein Park. Galleries and restaurants will stay open later and three wagons will be available for transportation."

Whether you're planning on coming to the Downtown events or Mesquite Street shopping – or both – you are sure to please your holiday cravings with this much-anticipated Las Cruces festival.



Jo Jo Kientz gets a hug from Santa during Winterfest 2009.

Details

Winterfest

Art Ramble

5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3
Downtown Main Street

6th annual Old-Fashioned Holiday Display

5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3
Las Cruces Railroad Museum

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Greg Smith, president of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, and wife Allison, president of Jardin de los Niños, are all smiles during Winterfest 2009.



Vista Vibrations Bell Choir member Madison Baker performs for the crowd.



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Featured artist: *Dan Williams*

Local writer aims for 'Perfect'

Pilot for fish-out-of-water television series hopes to attract possible investors

By **David Edwards**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Dan Williams is totally Hollywood. He wears the slick clothes, drives the slick car, has a manicure, the fancy shades, the latest in cell phone technology and calls everybody "babe."

Yeah, right. Williams is about the furthest thing from Hollywood-looking that you can think of. He looks, for all the world, like a New Mexico ranch or farmhand, which he is. He's just a regular guy who mostly grew up in Silver City, delivers pizza and writes screenplays. Even award-winning screenplays.

He got his bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communications from New Mexico State University in 1992. He had dabbled in science fiction writing with a friend from high school and took a playwriting class with Tony award-winning NMSU professor Mark Medoff, who was very encouraging about Williams' career in film.

Williams began writing unpublished speculative scripts for television series and soap operas while managing a self-storage facility for

his parents. He made several trips to Los Angeles attending seminars and taking workshops. He wrote his first screenplay after attending a Robert McKee seminar. McKee is the author of "Story: Substance, Structure, Style, and The Principles Of Screenwriting," one of the most highly regarded books on screenwriting.

During the summer of 1994, he worked as carpenter and grip on Medoff's film "Homage," which was shot in Las Cruces. Over the next six weeks, he tried to learn everything he could about movie set operation. His interest in film prompted him to apply to film schools, and while he was not accepted, he did get invited to study in the Professional Program In Screenwriting, a graduate-level certificate program at University of California Los Angeles. His studies in that program were online, but he traveled to Los Angeles frequently, attending gatherings at department head Lew Hunter's home.

Williams' original screenplay "Close Enough To Perfect" was selected along with four others as award winners in June 1997. Quite a number of production companies sent for the script, but it wasn't selected by any of

them and he set it aside.

His experiences in film have continued to grow, co-writing and producing along with Medoff "100 MPG" – the first film by NMSU's Creative Media Institute. He was a grip on Medoff's "Refuge" as well as "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," "The Burning Plain," and the recently released "Due Date." He served as transportation captain for the award-winning films "Red Mesa" by Ilana Lapid and "Becoming Eduardo" by Rod McCall. He worked in the art department on "The Men Who Stare at Goats" and on the special effects crew of "Book of Eli."

He recently returned to "Close Enough To Perfect" and, at the urging of some CMI students, has decided to produce the TV pilot as an independent. He is looking for financial backers and a home for the series. The filming has been taking place in the area on weekends since Oct. 14.

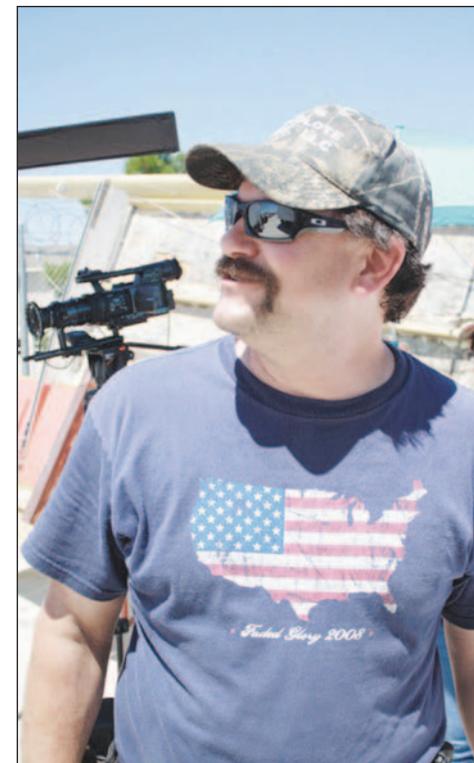
"I took the original pilot and split it into two one-hour halves," Williams said. "I then wrote seven more episodes bringing the total to nine."

"Close Enough To Perfect" is about a low-income college freshman with a full-ride scholarship who must choose between joining a prestigious fraternity and a girl who is a double amputee. The social hierarchy frowns upon his relationship with the girl, a former cheerleader who lost her legs in a parade float accident.

"Coming of age, a fish-out-of-water story and the very serious problem of hazing are major themes in the story," Williams said. "It is important to note though, that the entire Greek system is portrayed in a more positive than negative light in the series. Those who haze face dire consequences as the story progresses."

There is a major subplot involving the amputee and her roommate who learns how to make real friends rather than judging people based on outward appearances.

A local crew and cast were utilized including



Award-winning screenwriter Dan Williams is producing the television pilot.

recent CMI graduates Nick Chamberlin as director and Benito Barcenas as director of photography. Actors involved were Keagan Karnes, Anjelica Apodaca, Erin Kupay, Craig Beeman, Jeremy Colbert, Ivan White, Sharon Allerman and Rich Gill, who also produced and acted as the casting director.

In 2006, Williams formed Tecolote Films LLC – a company that evolved from an earlier one, Thunderbird Pictures, created to try to self-produce the pilot back in 1998.

When asked what his long-term goals in the film industry are, Williams has a surprising answer. "I want to keep Las Cruces film professionals active and at work. We have many capable students and graduates from both CMI and Creative Media Technology (CMT) who are learning their trades, honing their crafts and remaining focused and diligent. I'd like to do my part by creating viable and sensible projects on which they can work to further their careers, their résumés and their skill levels."

How "Hollywood" of you Dan.

Yeah, right.



Steven Kaeppler, sound, Nick Chamberlin, director, and Benito Barcenas on the set of the TV pilot "Close Enough To Perfect" Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Corralitos Ranch.

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6:30 p.m. Speed dating, Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Cost \$10.

8 p.m. "Cockeyed," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. A romantic comedy directed by Ceil Herman. Cost \$15. Call 523-1223.

SAT. 11/27

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 a.m. to 5 p.m. Barnes & Noble book fair, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. in Mesilla Valley Mall. Characters from the American Southwest Theatre Company production of "A Christmas Carol" will read, perform, play games and more. Free. Call 522-4499.

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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 Gloria Hacker will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. Free. Call 526-8377.

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

1 p.m. NMSU Aggies vs. Hawai'i football game and Fan Appreciation Day, Aggie Memorial Football Stadium on the NMSU campus. Cost \$13-\$30. Call 646-1420 or 532-2060.

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

7 p.m. Josh Grider concert, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Las Cruces native Josh Grider's blend of storytelling, lyricism and an unmistakable baritone voice often crosses genres from folk, bluegrass and country to jazz, funk and rock. Opening the show will be another Las Cruces native, Bri Bagwell. Cost \$20. Call 649-6411.

8 p.m. "Cockeyed," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. A romantic comedy directed by Ceil Herman. Cost \$15. Call 523-1223.

SUN. 11/28

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Growers Market, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, suite M. Call 523-0436.

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

7 p.m. Advent/Christmas concert with Rutter and Britten, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. To open the Advent/Christmas holiday season, St. Paul's choral groups, in a candlelight concert, will feature favorite Christmas works of the 20th century. Free. Call 526-6689.

MON. 11/29

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.



"Cockeyed," directed by Ceil Herman, is playing at the Black Box Theatre through Saturday, Nov. 27.

TUE. 11/30

5 p.m. Johnny Swingo, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Free. Call 523-6403.

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. 12/1

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. 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 lascrucessitches.multiply.com.

7 p.m. Aaron Lewis concert, Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Lewis will perform compositions from his "Gemini" and "Space Travel" albums, as well as premiering pieces from his upcoming album "Zodiac Strings." The first 10 patrons buying tickets that evening will receive a free "Space Travel" CD. Cost \$7-\$10. Call 523-1223.

THU. 12/2

5:30 p.m. "Nano Science Research and Education in New Mexico" Science Café discussion, Las Cruces Museum of Natural History at Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-3120.

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

6:30 p.m. "Identity Crisis Tour" by Jeff Dunham, Pan American Center on the NMSU campus. Cost \$30-\$50. Call 646-1420.

FRI. 12/3

5 to 9 p.m. Sixth annual

Old-Fashioned Holiday Display, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Meet Santa at the observation deck from 5 to 8 p.m. with holiday music by Vista Vibrations Bell Choir and the Central Elementary School Choir. Free. Call 647-4480.

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

6 p.m. "Yee Haw Haw" comedy and dinner, Boba Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St. Cost \$27.50. Call 647-5900.

7 to 9 p.m. "Mr. Magoo's a Christmas Carol" and "A Pink Christmas" screening, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Free. Call 523-6403.

7:30 p.m. "Kings of Pastry" showing, Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. "Kings of Pastry" follows contestants as they prep for and then compete in the Meilleur Ouvrier de France, a three-day baking marathon. Cost \$5-\$7. Call 524-8287.

SAT. 12/4

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.

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

Noon to 5 p.m. Santa Claus visits Albertson's, 2501 N. Main St. Free.

1 p.m. Cowboy Holiday Class, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Create seasonal cowboy decorations and ornaments and much more. Bring a sack lunch. Cider and cookies will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Cost \$5. Call 522-4100.

1:30 p.m. "Desert Bloom" screening, Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe. Cost \$1-\$4. Call 524-8287.

6 p.m. "Yee Haw Haw" comedy and dinner, Boba Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St. Cost \$27.50. Call 647-5900.

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

7 p.m. NMSU campus and gospel choirs, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Under the direction of Bobbie Green and Diane Schutz, the choirs will deliver their annual messages of hope through music. Free. Call 646-2067.

7:30 p.m. "Kings of Pastry" showing, Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. "Kings of Pastry" follows contestants as they prep for and then compete in the Meilleur Ouvrier de France, a three-day baking marathon. Cost \$5-\$7. Call 524-8287.

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ArtBrief

Holly Day Open House

The artists of Picacho Hills are hosting Holly Day Open House, a sale featuring art, jewelry and much more by local artists. Enjoy holiday shopping, door prizes and refreshments while you shop. The open house is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27 and 28, at the Picacho Mountain Visitor Center, 7038 Calle Estancias. For more information, call 523-2500.

The Artists of Picacho Hills is one of the newest art associations in Las Cruces. Founded in 2008 by friends who joined together, the organization provides support, information, inspiration and the opportunity to interact with fellow artists.



Original jewelry by Nancy Broekoff, one of several Picacho Hills artists, will be for sale at the Holly Day Open House Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27 and 28, at the Picacho Mountain Visitor Center.

Playbill

Now Playing

A Christmas Carol
Hershel Zohn Theatre
New Mexico State University
646-4515
Tickets \$10-\$15
Through Sunday, Dec. 5

Cockeyed
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall
523-1223
Tickets \$7-\$10
Through Sunday, Dec. 5

Yee Haw Haw
Boba Cabaret
1900 S. Espina St.
647-5900
\$10-\$27.50
Through Saturday, Dec. 4

Coming Soon

Keeping it Riehl Comedy Troupe
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall
523-1223
Tickets \$9-\$10
Monday, Dec. 13

A Child's Christmas in Wales
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall
523-1223
Tickets \$7
Wednesday, Dec. 15

Call to Artists

NEW MEXICO CREATES/CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE ART

A reminder that the deadline for the first selection of the New Mexico Creates/Centennial Commemorative Art is Friday, Dec. 10. For more information, call 505-231-1776.

SANTA ANA SEARCH TO DISCOVER, SHOWCASE

Santa Ana Star Casino, one of New Mexico's leading Native American gaming casinos, announces the launch of Santa Ana Star Search, an event designed to discover and showcase New Mexico's best amateur performers. Featuring dancers, singers, comedians, musicians, variety performers and actors, Santa Ana Star Search will seek out the state's most talented individuals or groups and help them launch a professional entertainment career.

The Santa Ana Star Search winner will receive an opportunity to sign a one-year development contract with a national talent agent, awarded a \$10,000 prize, receive a trip for two to the 2011 "American Idol" finale in Los Angeles as a member of its studio audience and conduct a solo performance at Santa Ana Star Casino's Bosque Event Center.

Santa Ana Star Search begins accepting applications through Feb. 5, 2011 at the Bosque Event Center at Santa Ana Star Casino. For more information, contact James Korenchen at 505-797-6671 or james@jameskorenchen.com

LOS ARTESANOS GALERÍA

Artists living in New Mexico are invited to submit their work for jury consideration at Los Artesanos Galería, Mesilla. All media will be

considered. All work submitted for consideration must be original and created by the submitting artist. The submission must contain artist's name, media, address, email and phone number, as well as the dimensions and pricing for each piece. For more information, call 526-1144.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, has openings for interested artists to display their work. For more information, call 522-2933, stop by the gallery for an application or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

PRESS WOMEN ZIA AWARD

An outstanding New Mexican writer will be honored for her work in children's literature next spring when her book receives the prestigious Zia Award. New Mexican women writers are invited to submit their books for the 2011 Zia Award, given to the author of an outstanding book in children's literature published in 2008, 2009 or 2010. The contest is open to all subgenres within children's and youth literature. The award is given each year by New Mexico Press Women at the annual spring conference. To be eligible to receive the award, selected winners must read at the award luncheon during the 2011 conference in Las Cruces on Saturday, April 9. Submissions can be made by the author or by someone on behalf of the author, such as a publisher. Membership in New Mexico Press Women is not required, but the writer must be a woman who lives in or has a strong connection to New Mexico. The book may be published anywhere. To submit for consideration for the Zia Book Award, send a brief

cover letter, including complete contact information, the author's biography (including her connection to New Mexico) and a description of the book, a copy of the book and a check for the \$10 entry fee payable to New Mexico Press Women to: Sari Krosinsky, Zia Book Award Chair, 315 Terrace Street SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. Entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, Jan. 14, 2011. For more information, email michal_kro@hotmail.com.

CERAMIC EXHIBITION

The Potters' Guild of Las Cruces and the Las Cruces Museum of Art request submissions for the regional juried ceramic exhibition, "From the Ground Up XXV." The submission deadline is April 8, 2011. This call for submissions is open to ceramic artists from the Rocky Mountain region of the United States – New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Artists may submit up to four entries that were completed within the past three years. The submission fee for one to four entries is \$30 and is payable to Potters' Guild of Las Cruces. Submission forms can be downloaded from the Las Cruces Museum of Art website, www.las-cruces.org/museums. Mail entries to Museum of Art, Attn: From the Ground Up, P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004. For more information, call 541-2137.

LAS CRUCES ARTS FAIR

More than 70 artists and fine artisans will showcase their work during the first annual Las Cruces Arts Fair – a juried, professional art show – from March 25-27, 2011, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The Las Cruces Arts Fair is working in conjunction with the Doña Ana Arts Council, which has produced the Renaissance ArtsFaire for more than 30 years.

The Las Cruces Arts Fair is a juried event for artists working in acrylics, pastels, pencil, pen and ink, oils, watercolors, fabric, leather, weaving, glass, jewelry, metals, mixed media, photography, porcelain, pottery, sculpture and wood. Artists booths (10-by-10 feet) are available starting at \$375. All booths are carpeted and have electric power and data ports. Artists are encouraged to enhance the standard pipe and curtain booth with their own design.

Artists interested in having a booth in the Las Cruces Arts Fair should access ZAPP an online application and jury management system. Jury fee is \$25. Apply at www.zapplication.org. In addition to providing specific information about the Las Cruces Arts Fair, this site also provides an easy online application process.

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Romance gets a little skewed in 'Cockeyed'

No Strings comedy is nice diversion

Review by **David Edwards**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Have you ever felt like you were being treated as if you don't exist? People having conversations about you in the third person that make you say, "Hello, I'm right here." Or maybe you hope that a member of the opposite sex that you find attractive will somehow notice you, but they seem oblivious to your presence.

I never really felt invisible; women noticed me enough to be able to tell me they didn't want to go out with me. Or if I did manage to secure a date, I sometimes was told that I was "too nice." I developed a theory similar to the one put forth by William Missouri Downs in his play "Cockeyed," which premiered last week by the No Strings Theatre Company at the Black Box Theatre. Women don't want nice guys, they want someone who will treat them badly (maturity has served to temper that theory, a generalization, of course, only a bit). I definitely suffered from "nice guy syndrome."

I didn't suffer from it to the extreme that Phil, the protagonist of "Cockeyed," does.

“ It all ultimately ends up having to do with philosophy and philosophers ... ”

He literally cannot be seen by the girl of his dreams Sophia, who works in his office. And it isn't as he first believes after talking to her for the first time that it is because she has a glass eye (something she has tried unsuccessfully to keep from everyone), there is some alternate reality at play here, and she actually cannot see or hear him. Sophia is going out with her boss, V.P. Marley, who is decidedly not a nice guy, and there are some shady goings-on with a proposed merger.

It all ultimately ends up having to do with philosophy and philosophers and what makes us as humans exist. The script is very clever, and there is a great deal of humor derived from Phil's "invisibility," especially when he goes to Sophia's apartment to find a misplaced file followed by his friend and co-worker Norman and ultimately boss Marley. Sophia's mom calls from upstairs every five minutes to check on her and remind her that her biological clock is ticking.

The cast consists of Donny Prosize as Phil, Britney Bunker as Sophia, Patrick McKinley as Norman and Levi Nolasco as Marley. Heather Castillo appears as a character referred to as



Phil (Donny Prosize) is invisible as far as Sophia (Britney Bunker) is concerned in "Cockeyed," now playing at the Black Box Theatre.

The Voice, but she physically appears onstage in a small but significant role. The performances are all consistently good with some newcomers who do very nicely in their first Black Box appearances and veteran Bunker making a welcome return. Ceil Herman's direction is very lively and creative, complemented by Debra Knapp's disco choreography

and Peter Herman's scenery and lighting. "Cockeyed" is a very enjoyable evening of theater and is a great diversion to the approaching holiday madness. You'll enjoy it and learn some philosophy in the process. The play continues at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, through Sunday, Dec. 5, including shows over Thanksgiving weekend.

Dickens classic is a feel-good holiday tale

The entire family should enjoy and be edified by this ASTC production

Review by **David Edwards**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The little guy with the crutch and the positive attitude who calls for blessings on "every one" is a "can't miss" at Christmas time. Adaptations of the Charles Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol" abound, and I don't know how many versions I have seen over the years. I have even been involved in a production or two myself. Everyone remembers Dick Wilkins right? Certainly as portrayed by yours truly. You know who he is, young Scrooge's pal who works with him at Old Fezziwig's? He's called Will Dickens (cute) in the current production at the American Southwest Theatre Company, and he sort of represents what I feel about this show.

You may not remember him specifically, and a good number of the characters blend together (through no fault of the young energetic actors who portray them), but the stuff that counts sticks with you.

From Tiny Tim all the way up the ladder to the big guy, Scrooge, these folks serve the purpose of reminding us how important it is to help others less fortunate than ourselves and to keep the spirit of Christmas all year

“ Kids can relate to the mean man and the poor little boy and become enchanted with ... the ghosts. ”

long. Otherwise after we die, as the Ghost of Jacob Marley reminds us, we carry the chains we forge in life. Business? "Mankind is my (our) business."

ASTC has made bringing "A Christmas Carol" to Las Cruces its business – alternating every other year with "Seussical." The sets and costumes are stored and brought back out with some refreshing and tweaking and an almost entirely new set of faces fill the roles. Which is fine. They will hopefully draw audience members who have not seen this production, those who come back and see it

over again and – this is perhaps most important – expose the children to the story and groom them to be the audiences of the future. Kids can relate to the mean man and the poor little boy and become enchanted with, and maybe a little scared by, the ghosts. It is almost a cultural imperative to keep this story alive.

Tom Smith, New Mexico State University Theatre Arts department head and Managing Director of ASTC, has his talented fingers all over this production. Not only does he play Scrooge, but he also adapted the script and wrote the lyrics to the songs. Smith is a marvel and we are lucky to have him in Las Cruces. NMSU senior Michael Derr takes the reins



The Ghost of Christmas Past (Krysta Snowden) prepares to take Ebenezer Scrooge (Tom Smith) on a nostalgic Christmas journey, some of which he may not enjoy.

as director and he keeps Smith's efficient script moving briskly along. Jim Billings' scenery is always impressive and the costumes by Jordan Kelley are well done. Special guest artists Robert Randall and Jennafer Jones directed the music and choreographed the dance pieces, and they shine as integral parts of the production. One of my favorite moments was the trio "Our family is where you call home" sung by Fred (Josh Padilla), his wife (Ellen Striepeke) and Topper (Andre Bergsagel).

The large cast is energetic with a number of stand-outs including Christopher Rivas as Bob Cratchit, Krysta Snowden as the Ghost of Christmas Past, William Zimmerman as the Ghost of Christmas Present, Roxanne De Luna as Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come and Teddy Sanchez and Mandolyn Browning and the Fezziwigs.

Remind yourself what Christmas is really supposed to be about and attend "A Christmas Carol" now through Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Hershel Zohn Theatre.

Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY presents artistic pieces from members that were juried and accepted into the Arts International Exhibition. These works of art will be on display through November. 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.

BLUE GATE GALLERY is showing "Knock on Wood," a sneak preview, through November. Although many more months are required for curing the hardwood of the Chinese Pistache, some of the creative pieces are finished or are in progress. 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 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 523-2950.

THE CUTTER GALLERY hosts the works of Lyuba and Aleksander Titovets through Wednesday, Dec. 1. Displayed work includes landscapes, figurative and still-life visions that are firmly embedded in the roots of Russia's great tradition

of impressionism. 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.

THE TOMBAUGH GALLERY of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces hosts the abstract art of Emma Henderson during November. Henderson is a Las Cruces native and specializes in a little of everything. Her media include two-dimensional works, large-scale sculptures, sewing, metalworking, painting, murals and tattooing. The gallery is at 2000 Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281.

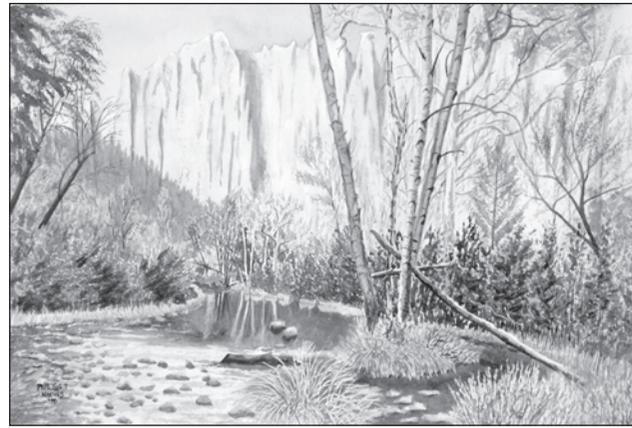
RIO GRANDE THEATRE GALLERIES exhibits "Diamonds, Dots and Patterns" by Bonnie Mandoe through November. Paintings range from 6-by-6 inches to 3-by-6 feet. The theater is at 211 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 523-6403.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER is displaying "Enchanting New Mexico," an exhibition of Southwest-themed watercolor paintings by local artist

Barbara Howe through Saturday, Nov. 27. Howe is an award-winning artist and signature member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society for her works in watercolors and acrylics in juried shows. The center is at 501 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2154.

THE MAIN STREET GALLERY hosts "Cirque di Fantastique," featuring works by Nancy Frost Begin through November. A world of fantasy and cautionary tales are represented in a series of original watercolors, the "Boys in the Band," Begin's latest edition of her Monster Boxes and "Cautionary Tales," the first edition of her lap-sized handmade pictorial books are featured. 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.

QUILLIN STUDIO AND GALLERY is showing Kim Gaskill and Robert Brown's portraits through November. 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.



This painting by Phil Yost is on display at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery.

Heritage Museum through August 2011. The exhibit revisits the dramatic Dust Bowl and sheds light on the causes, effects and aftermath in New Mexico in the 1930s. "Red or Green? The Origins and Cultural Significance of the Chile Pepper in New Mexico" is on display at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum through September 2011. Chile is the subject of this educational exhibit that focuses on New Mexico chile varieties, their history and evolution and how they came to have such a central place in the state's culture. The exhibit traces the origins of the chile, the emergence of regional production centers and how the Spanish brought the plant to the American Southwest in the early 1600s. The museum is at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-4100.

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA features Irma Lee and Raquel Ortiz's art exhibit titled "Welcome to Our World." The show will run through Saturday, Dec. 4. The gallery is at 326 S. Mesquite St. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday or by appointment. Call 524-0003.

UNSETTLED GALLERY hosts Joan Jensen and Margaret Bernstein in their exhibit titled "Interpret Xerophilia with Brush and Needle." The inspiration for their exhibit springs from the recently published book, "Xerophilia: Ecocritical Exploration in Southwestern Literature," by author Tom Lynch. Both the book and exhibit consider human affection for arid places, such as the desert Southwest. The exhibit continues through Saturday, Dec. 4. Unsettled Gallery is at 905 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through

Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday or by appointment. Call 635-2285.

THIERRY'S BIG CHAIR AND PASTRY CAFÉ hosts "Autumn in the Desert" through December. Artists include Jan Addy, Margaret Bernstein, June Decker, Alice Dressler, Penny Duncklee, Barbara Howe, Marjorie Moeser and Jean Smith. The café is at 2701 W. Picacho Ave. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 527-0098.

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 in New Mexico and California, 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 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 exhibit includes photography, paintings, etchings, drawings and sculpture. Artists range from elementary to high school students. The gallery is at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday through Friday. Call 525-5801.

JOYCE T. MACRORIE STUDIO GALLERY hosts "Friends" from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday by appointment only. Work from various artists includes sculpture, prints, paintings and jewelry. The gallery is at 639 S. San Pedro St. Call 571-8349.

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.

Coming soon

Downtown Ramble
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Participating Downtown galleries

"Encaustic Painting: Reviving an Ancient Art" by Carol Lopez
Friday, Dec. 3
Branigan Cultural Center, call 541-2154

"Looking Ahead: Portraits from the Mott-Warsh Collection"
Friday, Dec. 3
Las Cruces Museum of Art, call 541-2221

Jazz art and memorabilia
Friday, Dec. 3
Rio Grande Theatre Galleries, call 523-6403

A photo society group show
Friday, Dec. 3
SB's Late Night Lunchbox, call 412-623-9555

Fine Arts Craft show
Sunday, Dec. 5
Tombaugh Gallery, call 522-7281

Cassandra Lockwood's "Pushing Through"
Wednesday, Dec. 8
Unsettled Gallery, call 523-6403

Camino del Arte
Saturday, Dec. 11
The Mesquite Historic District, call 571-8349

The Southern Chapter of the New Mexico Watercolor Society fall exhibit
Thursday, Dec. 16
New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, call 522-4100

OPENING

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY will feature Judy Bess and Phil Yost Wednesday, Dec. 1, through December. Bess is an acrylic artist who specializes in capturing the vivaciousness and beauty of the desert Southwest. Yost is a signature artist with the New Mexico Watercolor Society. The gallery is at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933.

ONGOING

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM is showing "Skylines and Byways: Art from The City of Artists Promotional Association." The show features 43 pieces, which will be in the museum through Friday, Dec. 5. "The Dust Bowl: Dark Times in New Mexico" is on display at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch

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Midnight wizardry at the Harry Potter opening

Photos by David Edwards

This group of muggles camped out in a tent since midnight the night before to be the first in line to see the latest Harry Potter movie.



Candace Moses and Emma Hamilton are robed and ready for the film to start.



Obviously members of Team Ron, Andrea Peterson and Amanda Skogen made their Gryffindor shirts.



The Chamberlins – Tracy, Andy and Nick – portray Hermione, Ron and Harry at the Allen Theatres Cineport 10, Thursday, Nov. 18.

Shannon Ellison demonstrates her best wanding moves in her handmade costume.



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'Lunching' Late

SB's Late Night Lunch Box has after hours fare

By **David Edwards**
Las Cruces Bulletin

It was born out of a need. Specifically a place where you could get something to eat, maybe of a vegetarian/vegan persuasion, but definitely in the sort of comfort food/homemade in your own kitchen vein. And it had to be open late at night. Kiana Tavakoli and Patrick Brennan used to drive around Las Cruces looking for just such a place.

Tavakoli and Brennan are also involved in the punk music scene, and when bands would come from out of town, there really was no place to take them after shows.

The two decided to take Tavakoli's recipes – and some of Brennan's – convert a former dentist's office on Water Street and create the kind of place where they would like to eat. And on Sept. 26, that happened – SB's Late Night Lunch Box came to be.

It was punk music, a show at Brennan's house, that brought the two entrepreneurs together.

"There was a picture of a unicorn on my refrigerator," Brennan said. "Kiana commented that she had one just like it in her house when she was a kid. I told her that I guessed I would have to give it to her, and she said that she would make me the best brownies I'd ever had in exchange."

"When I tasted those brownies (now known on the menu as 'ultimate'), I thought, 'Here's a girl I could open my restaurant with.'"

So the guy from Maine, who wanted to give the desert a shot, and the girl from El Paso formed a partnership.

The "LNLB" was always envisioned as not just a restaurant, but an alternative space for art and music. The small café is becoming a "fringe" gallery, and every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. there is live music by local performers. It is hoped that some film screenings might be held there, including a showing of a documentary by some New Mexico State University students about the creation of the restaurant itself.

Tavakoli and Brennan really have no restaurant experience, but both enjoy cooking and entertaining friends, and the place really has a "what would I fix myself to eat late at night" sort of feel.

The menu is small and the available items – everything is made fresh so when they run out, they run out – are displayed on a sort of clothesline behind the counter. Each placard has the item name, price and vegan or not designation (a circled letter "v" denotes it as such). And the food choices are somewhat "alternative" as well.

There are fried bananas and "hippie" popcorn – a yummy bowlful sprinkled with nutritional yeast, apple cider vinegar, olive oil, sea salt, black pepper and cayenne.

In the sandwich department, you can choose a tomato dill wick or a meatless meat wick. Lunch buddy (or now I guess I have to designate him as "dinner buddy") and girlfriend were very pleased with the portabella sandwich, which comes with a mushroom as large as a hamburger patty with a sauce and roasted red peppers on a wheat bun.

Another intriguing sandwich I intend to give a go is the croque monsieur – black forest ham with Swiss cheese on

Details

SB's Late Night Lunch Box

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120 S. Water St.

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Hours
Wednesday through Sunday
6 p.m. to 3 a.m.



marbled rye and covered with a béchamel (white) sauce.

There is a tomato salad or hummus and pita chips. A rice and bean plate looked good and the dal (an Indian lentil soup) sounded worth a try.

But I was certainly pleased with my choices. I am a mac-and-cheese fan and the green chile mac came in a bowl with a bread crumb topping. It had enough kick to satisfy my chile addiction without overpowering the pasta and cheese. Primo comfort food here. You can add bacon (mmm, bacon) for another dollar and, voila, it becomes "yo mac."

My other selection appealed to my "this is bad for you so it has to be good" side. The heart attack wraps (who could resist something with such a dangerous sounding name?) are crescent rolls with bacon and cheese rolled up inside. The outside is slathered with some apple butter and more cheese before baking. There are three for \$5, and they exemplify the type of thing you come up with when you are scrounging in your fridge for something fun after being out late.

For dessert, there are the previously mentioned ultimate brownies, rainbow rice crispy treats and chocolate double cream cheesecake. Wow. Coffee, sodas and a refreshing cucumber/mint water are available to wash things down.

Tavakoli hopes to add soups and other items as cold weather sets in – a pumpkin bisque perhaps, broccoli cheese soup and apple curry. The menu will stay small and flexible.

Perhaps the most unique thing about LNLB is its hours. It is open from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday. It is currently the only place open Downtown where you can stop by and grab a bite after going to the theater. SB's Late Night Lunch Box has a niche and I hope it continues to thrive – the rest of us have needs, too, you know.



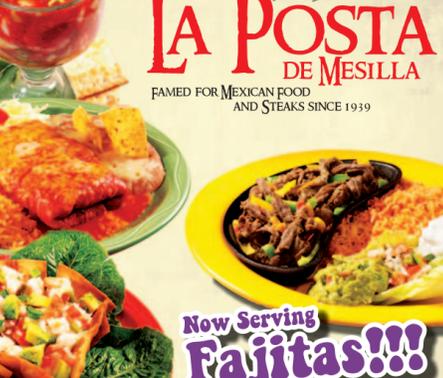
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Kiana Tavakoli and Patrick Brennan provide comfort food until the wee hours at SB's Late Night Lunch Box.

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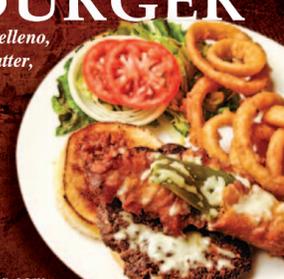
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PBS 2	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	World	Wash.	McL'ghlin	Need to Know (N)	Great Performances		Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley												
CBS 3	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	CSI: NY	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	News	Letterman	Late												
ABC 7	7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent		*** "Happy Feet" (2006) (In Stereo)	20/20 (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Blitz	Kimmel												
FOX 8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	TV's Funniest Holiday Moments	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb												
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	School Pride	*** "Enchanted" (2007) Amy Adams.	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late													
CW 14	14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	Smallville "Ambush"	Supernatural	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	College Football Arizona at Oregon. (Live)						(:15) College Football	Boise State at Nevada. (Live)	(:15) SportsCenter													
ESPN2 27	27	NBA Basketball: Rockets at Bobcats						NBA Basketball: Warriors at Grizzlies			NFL Live	NFL Live	NBA Basketball										
USA 31	31	Law & Order: SVU	*** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell.	Will Ferrell.		*** "Semi-Pro" (2008) Will Ferrell.																	
TNT 32	32	(4:30) *** "Air Force One" (1997)	*** "Michael Clayton" (2007) George Clooney.	*** "Three Kings" (1999) George Clooney.																			
TBS 33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	*** "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)	Office	Office	(:15) Glory Daze	(:15) *** "Shanghai Knights" (2003)															
COM 35	35	School	Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity	Jeff Dunham	The Comedy Central Roast	The Comedy Central Roast	Jeff Dunham																
LIFE 39	39	** "Beauty Shop" (2005) Queen Latifah.	** "No Reservations" (2007)	** "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (2004)	Mother	Mother																	
FOOD 40	40	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Food	Best	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Food	Best									
HGTV 41	41	Handmade Gift	Hits & Misses	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters									
A&E 43	43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds									
HIST 44	44	Pawn	Pawn	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels (N)	Top Gear	Gangland	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels									
TLC 45	45	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Homemade	Homemade	What Not to Wear	Homemade	What Not to Wear	Homemade	What Not to Wear	Homemade	What Not to Wear	Homemade									
DISC 47	47	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Swamp Loggers (N)	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers	Deadliest Catch	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers									
ANPL 50	50	Life "Insects"	Life "Primates"	Life "Plants"	Life "Plants"	Life "Plants"	Life "Plants"	Life "Plants"	Life "Plants"	Life "Plants"	Life "Plants"	Life "Plants"	Life "Plants"	Life "Plants"									
FAM 51	51	*** "A Boy Named Charlie Brown"	*** "Snoopy, Come Home" (1972)	The 700 Club	My Wife	My Wife	Life	Paired	Paired	Paired	Paired	Paired	Paired	Paired									
DISN 52	52	Deck	Deck	Suite Life on Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	i'm-Band	Deck	Shake it	Shake it	Shake it	Deck									
NICK 54	54	iCarly	Victorious (N)	My Wife	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	George	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez									
AMC 57	57	Perfect	** "Deep Blue Sea" (1999) Thomas Jane.	The Walking Dead	** "Deep Blue Sea" (1999) Thomas Jane.	Walk																	
SYFY 59	59	"Tomorrow Nvr"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)	Sanctuary "Breach"	*** "You Only Live Twice" (1967) Sean Connery.	Moon																	
CNN 62	62	John King, USA (N)	Michael J. Fox	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper																
CNBC 63	63	Haynesville	Millions	*** "Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room"	Remington Un.	Crime Inc.	Porn: Business																
MSNBC 64	64	Caught on Camera	Vegas Undercover	Vegas Undercover	Vegas Undercover	Vegas Undercover	Predator Raw	Predator Raw															

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PBS 2	22	C. Rose	T. Smiley	Heart Healthy	Women's Bodies, Women's Wisdom	Change Your Home & Life!	Old House																
CBS 3	3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo)	Doodlebop	Doodlebop	Sabrina	Sabrina	Busytown	Busytown													
ABC 7	7	Sports	Reporter	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	Emper	Replacemn	College Football															
FOX 8	14	Paid Prog.	Curl Conf	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Icons	Paid Prog.	House	Paid Prog.	Back Help	Back Help	Back Help											
NBC 9	9	Paid Prog.	Faith Ave	Today Duran Duran; Marcus Samuelsson. (N)	Turbo	Sheldon	Magic Bus	Babar (E)	Willa's	Pearlie													
CW 14	14	(2:00) Storm Track Weather 24/7	Cubix	Cubix	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Sonic X	Dragon	Dragon													
WGN 15	15	Butterball	Tatics	Edenpure	Curl Conf	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger													
ESPN 26	26	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	College GameDay From Stillwater, Okla.	College Football																	
ESPN2 27	27	Expedition	English Premier League Soccer Aston Villa vs. Arsenal. (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	College Football																		
USA 31	31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Burn Notice	*** "Hairspray" (2007) John Travolta, Nikki Blonsky.	Over Her															
TNT 32	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Rizzoli & Isles	Southland "Westside"	The Closer	Law & Order "Captive"																
TBS 33	33	Harvey	** "The Road to El Dorado" (2000)	(:27) ** "First Kid" (1996) (PA) Sinbad.	(:27) ** "Two Weeks Notice"																		
COM 35	35	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Presents	Presents	Steve Byrne	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	"Barbershop 2: Back"												
LIFE 39	39	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	No Diets!	Paid Prog.	"The Family Holiday" (2007) Dave Coulier.													
FOOD 40	40	30-Minute	Dinners	Ultimate	Boy Grill	Money	Mexican	30-Minute	Ingrd. Fix	Home	Paula	Cooking	Secrets										
HGTV 41	41	Income	Kitchen	Bathtastic!	Sweat Equ.	Holmes on Homes	Disaster	Disaster	Crashers	Income	To Sell	To Sell	To Sell										
A&E 43	43	Celebrity Ghost Stories	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	** "Cocktail" (1988) Tom Cruise.													
HIST 44	44	Heavy Metal	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers										
TLC 45	45	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder											
DISC 47	47	Free \$	Paid Prog.	Discovery Channel CME	Storm Chasers	Swamp Loggers	Dirty Jobs	Deadliest Catch															
ANPL 50	50	(4:00) Animal Planet Dog Championships "2009"	Animals	Animals	It's Me or the Dog	Pit Boss	Pit Boss	Pit Boss															
FAM 51	51	*** "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" (2003)	Holly and Hal Moose	*** "Ice Age" (2002) Voices of Ray Romano.																			
DISN 52	52	Charlie	Einsteins	Einsteins	Jungle	Chugging	Movers	Manny	Agent Oso	Mickey	Mickey	Phineas	Phineas										
NICK 54	54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	T.U.F.F.	T.U.F.F.	Penguins	Planet	Victorious	Victorious										
AMC 57	57	KettleBell	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Stooges	(:45) *** "The Ballad of Josie" (1968) Doris Day.	"Culpepper Cattle Co."															
SYFY 59	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Twilight Zone	"Infestation" (2009) Christopher Marquette.	"Swarmed" (2005)															
CNN 62	62	Saturday	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom															
CNBC 63	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Twist	TRIALaser	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Faces	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Medicus	Paid Prog.										
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)	Love and Death											

SATURDAY AFTERNOON												NOVEMBER 27, 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	Old House	America's Home Cooking: Chocolate	Chocolate recipes. (In Stereo)	Brain Fitness: Peak Performance	Celtic Crossroads																	
CBS 3	3	To Be Announced	Football	College Football LSU at Arkansas. (Live)																			
ABC 7	7	(10:00) College Football	Teams To Be Announced. (Live)	College Football	Teams To Be Announced. (Live)																		
FOX 8	14	Paid Prog.	Eco Co.	Wght Loss	Fly Girls	* "Battlefield Earth" (2000) John Travolta.	* "The Avengers" (1998) Ralph Fiennes.																
NBC 9	9	Pets.TV	3 Wide Life	College Football	Grambling State vs. Southern. (In Stereo Live)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.																
CW 14	14	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Into Wild	Wild Am.	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	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	The Unit													
ESPN 26	26	College Football	Teams To Be Announced. (Live)	Score	College Football	Teams To Be Announced. (Live)	Score																
ESPN2 27	27	College Football	Teams To Be Announced. (Live)	Score	College Football	North Carolina State at Maryland. (Live)	Score																
USA 31	31	(10:30) ** "Over Her Dead Body"	(:33) *** "Juno" (2007) Ellen Page, Michael Cera.	(:15) ** "Out of Time" (2003) Denzel Washington.	(:25) ** "Along Came Polly" (2004)																		
TNT 32	32	** "A Perfect Murder" (1998) Michael Douglas.	(:15) ** "Out of Time" (2003) Denzel Washington.	*** "Michael Clayton" (2007)																			
TBS 33	33	2 Weeks	(:27) ** "Bewitched" (2005) Nicole Kidman.	Jim	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King														
COM 35	35	"Barbershop 2: Back in Business"	** "School for Scoundrels" (2006)	** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"	Dunham																		
LIFE 39	39	"Eve's Christmas" (2004) Elisa Donovan.	"An Accidental Christmas" (2007) Cynthia Gibb.	"Home by Christmas" (2006) Linda Hamilton.																			
FOOD 40	40	Giada	Contessa	The Next Iron Chef	Chopped "Fired Up!"	Diners, Drive	Iron Chef America	Challenge															
HGTV 41	41	Unsellable	Get It Sold	Curb/Block	Dime	Colour	Bang, Buck	Divine	Sarah	Genevieve	Color	Antonio Treatment											
A&E 43	43	Cocktail	(:45) *** "Heat" (1995) Al Pacino. A homicide detective matches wits with a cunning adversary.	*** "The Fugitive" (1993)																			
HIST 44	44	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers											
TLC 45	45	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hours: Hard	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence											
DISC 47	47	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch											
ANPL 50	50	Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding											
FAM 51	51	*** "A Boy Named Charlie Brown" (1969)	*** "Snoopy, Come Home" (1972)	** "Home Alone 4" (2002) French Stewart.																			
DISN 52	52	Phineas	Fish Hooks	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Shake it	Hannah	Hannah	Phineas	(:25) Cars										
NICK 54	54	Victorious	Victorious	Victorious	Victorious	Big Time	Big Time	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	iCarly	iCarly										
AMC 57	57	"The Culpepper Cattle Company"	* "Wild Wild West" (1999) Will Smith, Kevin Kline.	*** "A Few Good Men" (1992) Tom Cruise.																			
SYFY 59	59	(10:00) "Swarmed"	"Anacondas: Trail of Blood" (2009) Crystal Allen.	"Anaconda 3: Offspring" (2008) David Hasselhoff.	*** "Jurassic Park"																		
CNN 62	62	Your Money	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Situation Room													
CNBC 63	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.																		

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PBS	22	Celtic	Tim Janis: Beautiful America	Riverdance: Live From Beijing	Albert King-Stevie Ray	Keys to Heart Health									
CBS	3	Inside	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Miami	48 Hours Mystery	News	Extra (N)	Judge J.				
ABC	7	News (N)	Blitz	College Football Teams To Be Announced. (Live)	Insider	ABC 7	(:35) Cheaters	Latino TV							
FOX	8	House	The Unit	** "Click" (2006) Adam Sandler.	News	Seinfeld	Fringe "6995 kHz"	Wide	Office						
NBC	9	Raymond	News	News (N) Lopez	Merry Panda	** "Bee Movie" (2007, Comedy)	News (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live							
CW	14	** "Best Men" (1998)	Dean Cain.	*** "Ali" (2001, Biography)	Will Smith, Jamie Foxx.	Chris	Payne	South Pk	South Pk						
WGN	15	Bones	Bones	Home Videos	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Sacramento Kings.	News	Entou	Curb							
ESPN	26	Score	(:45) College Football Georgia Tech at Georgia. (Live)	Score	(:45) SportsCenter (Live)	Football Final	SportsCenter								
ESPN2	27	College Football	South Carolina at Clemson. (Live)	Score	College Basketball: Las Vegas Invitational	NBA	College Football								
USA	31	** "The Pacifier" (2005) Vin Diesel.	*** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell.	** "Semi-Pro" (2008) Will Ferrell.											
TNT	32	"Michael Clayton"	*** "Ocean's Eleven" (2001) George Clooney.	*** "John Grisham's The Rainmaker" (1997) Matt Damon.											
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	*** "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)	"Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement" (:15) Glory Daze	"Austin Powers"									
COM	35	Jeff Dunham: Spark	** "Bringing Down the House" (2003)	The Comedy Central Roast	The Comedy Central Roast	Steve Byrne									
LIFE	39	"Thomas Kinkadee's Christmas Cottage"	"Undercover Christmas" (2003)	"An Accidental Christmas" (2007)											
FOOD	40	B. Flay	Food	Challenge	Challenge	Ace of Cakes	Iron Chef America	Challenge	Ace of Cakes						
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	Holiday Home	Dear Block	House	House	Hunters	Dear Block	House	House				
A&E	43	"The Fugitive"	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama)	Parking	Parking	Parking	(:01) *** "Remember the Titans"								
HIST	44	Beatles-Record	Woodstock: Now & Then	Sex in '69: Sexual Revolution in America	(:01) Woodstock: Now & Then										
TLC	45	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hr-Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.						
DISC	47	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch						
ANPL	50	Cutest Dog	Your Pet Wants This	Dogs 101 (N)	Pit Bulls-Parole	Dogs 101 (In Stereo)	Pit Bulls-Parole	Your Pet Wants This							
FAM	51	** "Home Alone 3" (1997) Alex D. Linz.	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992)	** "Richie Rich" (1994, Comedy)	Prince										
DISN	52	(4:25) *** "Cars" (2006)	Shake it	Shake it	Shake it	Wizards	Wizards	Deck	Wizards	Fish	Phineas	Phineas	Good		
NICK	54	iCarly	Victorious	7 Secrets	Victo	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Phineas	Phineas	George	Lopez	
AMC	57	"A Few Good Men"	*** "Something's Gotta Give" (2003) Jack Nicholson.	*** "Something's Gotta Give" (2003) Jack Nicholson.											
SYFY	59	(4:00) *** "Jurassic Park" (1993)	"Triassic Attack" (2010) Steven Brand.	"Bone Eater" (2007) Bruce Boxleitner.	"Triassic Attack"										
CNN	62	Newsroom	CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute	Newsroom	CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute	Newsroom									
CNBC	63	American Greed	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Debt Part	Debt Part	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Debt Part	Debt Part					
MSNBC	64	Kidnapping-Hearst	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw (N)	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw					

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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
PBS	22	Heart Healthy	Easy Yoga for Arthritis	This Emotional Life (In Stereo) (DVS)	The Road to Perfect Health								
CBS	3	Home.	Paid Prog.	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)	The Nation	Nieman	Paid Prog.	The NFL Today				
ABC	7	Athlete	Business	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	Good Morning El Paso	This Week-Amanpour	Hannah	Suite Life				
FOX	8	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bndg Brkr	Abndnt L	Paid Prog.	Fox News Sunday	Jones	Cowboys	Fox NFL Sunday			
NBC	9	Bellator	Old House	Today (N)	Anti Aging	Church	Foods	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)	Mtthws	Paid Prog.		
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	** "Pearl Harbor" (2001) Ben Affleck.				
ESPN	26	Foot. Final	NFL	SportsCenter	Outside	Reporters	SportsCenter	Sunday NFL Countdown (Live)					
ESPN2	27	ATP Tennis		SportsCenter (N)	College Football Final	SportsCtr	Fantasy Football Now	ATP Tennis					
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Creflo Doll	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	Psych	Burn Notice	NCIS (In Stereo)	NCIS "Reunion"				
TNT	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Barter"	Law & Order (In Stereo)	** "The Bucket List" (2007) Jack Nicholson.	** "Runaway Jury"							
TBS	33	(4:30) *** "Zathura" (2005)	*** "Stuart Little" (1999)	(:15) ** "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994)	"The Cat in the Hat"								
COM	35	Spinning	magicJack	Presents	(:45) ** "Major League" (1989) Tom Berenger.	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Employee				
LIFE	39	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hour of Power	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Chris	Chris	** "On the 2nd Day of Christmas" (1997)				
FOOD	40	Spice-Easy	Boitano	Chef	Giada	Nigella	Day Off	Contessa	Grill It!	Guy's, Bite	Sandra Lee	Dessert	Dinners
HGTV	41	Income	Kitchen	Bathstastic!	Sweat Equ.	Holmes on Homes	Disaster	House	House	House	House	House	House
A&E	43	Harry Potter	World of Harry Potter	Private Sessions	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	"Murder by Numbers"						
HIST	44	Modern Marvels	Rumrunners, Moonshiners and Bootleggers	Hillbilly: The Real Story	Andrew Jackson								
TLC	45	Dr. Frederick K.C. Price	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
DISC	47	Paid Prog.	Jentezen	J. Osteen	In Touch	MythBusters	Auction	Auction	MythBusters	Dirty Jobs			
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	Boy World	** "Richie Rich" (1994) Macaulay Culkin.	** "Richie Rich's Christmas Wish" (1998)	** "Home Alone 4" (2002)								
DISN	52	Charlie	Einsteins	Little	Jacule	Chugging	Movers	Manny	Agent Oso	Mickey	Mickey	Phineas	Phineas
NICK	54	Grown Up	Neutron	Parents	Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Planet	Planet	Penguins	T.U.F.F.	Victorious	
AMC	57	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	*** "The Terminator" (1984) Arnold Schwarzenegger.					
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bed	** "Judge Dredd" (1995) Sylvester Stallone.	** "Skinwalkers" (2007) Jason Behr.						
CNN	62	Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Sunday Morning	State of the Union	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Reliable Sources	State of the Union					
CNBC	63	Twist	Paid Prog.	magicJack	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	They Run	Business	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)

SUNDAY AFTERNOON		NOVEMBER 28, 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	22	Health	Play Piano in a Flash (In Stereo)	Mosca's 3	Keys to Heart Health	Yanni: A Living Legacy	Brain Fitness: Peak						
CBS	3	NFL Football	Tennessee Titans at Houston Texans. (Live)	To Be Announced	Golf's Best of 2010 (N)	Foods	WEN Hair						
ABC	7	So Raven	So Raven	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dual Saw	Paid Prog.	** "Best Men" (1998) Dean Cain, Andy Dick.	Entertainment Tonight				
FOX	8	NFL Football	Green Bay Packers at Atlanta Falcons. (In Stereo Live)	NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Chicago Bears. (In Stereo Live)									
NBC	9	Skiing	Figure Skating	Holiday Celebration on Ice	From Rapid City, S.D.	Paid Prog.	NBC News						
CW	14	Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Moments	Storm	Storm	Kickin' It	Latino TV	LatNation	Smash Cut	Smash Cut		
WGN	15	(9:00) "Pearl Harbor"	** "Pearl Harbor" (2001) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett. (In Stereo)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Just Shoot	Just Shoot						
ESPN	26	Bowling	College Football Final	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards						
ESPN2	27	ATP Tennis	2010 Poker	2010 Poker	2010 Poker	2010 World Series of Poker							
USA	31	NCIS "The Inside Man"	NCIS (In Stereo)	NCIS (In Stereo)	NCIS "Endgame"	NCIS Citywide blackout.	NCIS "Child's Play"						
TNT	32	(10:00) *** "Runaway Jury"	(:45) *** "John Grisham's The Rainmaker" (1997) Matt Damon.	*** "The Client" (1994)									
TBS	33	"The Cat in the Hat"	** "Shark Tale" (2004) Voices of Will Smith.	"Bring It On: In It to Win It" (2007, Comedy)	"Princess Diaries 2"								
COM	35	(10:45) ** "Employee of the Month" (2006)	(:15) *** "Barbershop 2: Back in Business" (2004)	** "Bringing Down the House"									
LIFE	39	"A Very Merry Daughter of the Bride" (2008)	"A Diva's Christmas Carol" (2000, Fantasy)	** "A Different Kind of Christmas" (1996)									
FOOD	40	Paula	Big Daddy	Best Thing	Best Thing	Diners	Diners	Food	Ace, Cakes	Private Chefs	24 Hour Rest. Battle		
HGTV	41	House	House	House	House	House	Get It Sold	House	Hunters	Unsellable	Designed	To Sell	
A&E	43	(10:00) ** "Murder by Numbers"	(:45) *** "The Fugitive" (1993) Harrison Ford, Tommy Lee Jones.	Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal						
HIST	44	(10:00) Andrew Jackson	The Hunt for John Wilkes Booth	White House: Behind	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars						
TLC	45	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive						
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs: Egg Farm	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs			
ANPL	50	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters						
FAM	51	Home Ain	** "Home Alone 3" (1997, Comedy) Alex D. Linz.	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992, Comedy)	"Dog Saved Christmas"								
DISN	52	Phineas	Fish Hooks	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Shake it	Shake it	Shake it	Wizards	Wizards
NICK	54	Big Time	iCarly (In Stereo)	*** "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie"	iCarly	iCarly	Victorious						
AMC	57	*** "Predator" (1987) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	** "Predator 2" (1990) Danny Glover, Gary Busey.	*** "The Mummy"									
SYFY	59	*** "Jurassic Park" (1993, Science Fiction) Sam Neill, Laura Dern.	** "Serenity" (2005) Nathan Fillion, Gina Torres.	Rocketeer									
CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Newsroom	Your Money	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	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.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Double Lives	Twins.	Meet the Press	Hamptons	Twist of Fate	A case of mistaken identity.	Caught on Camera					

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PBS 22	Brain	Nature (DVS)			Cirque du Soleil -- Flowers in the Desert				Keyboard Conversations (C)				Change Your Home & Life!		
CBS 3	News	News	60 Minutes (N)		Amazing Race		"November Christmas" (2010) Sam Elliott.		News				Cold Case (C)	Paid	
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos		Extreme Makeover		Desp.-Wives		Brothers & Sisters		News (N)	News	Insider	Betty	
FOX 14	Football	The OT	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy		Simpsons Cleve		Fam. Guy American		KFOX News at Nine		Seinfeld	Mother	Office	Mother	
NBC 9	Football Night		(-15) NFL Football San Diego Chargers at Indianapolis Colts. (C)						Sports		News	Lopez	Nieman	Paid	
CW 14	*** "Pieces of April" (2003)				** "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004)				Access Hollywood		Ugly Betty (C)		Brothers & Sisters		
WGN 15	Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	Replay	Monk (C)		Monk (C)		Monk (C)		
ESPN 26	SportsCenter (C)		BCS Countdown		30 for 30				SportsCenter (Live) (C)				SportsCenter (Live) (C)		
ESPN2 27	College Basketball				College Basketball				2010 Poker		2010 Poker		2010 Poker		
USA 31	NCIS "Faith" (C)		NCIS "Ignition"		NCIS (C)		NCIS "Jet Lag"		NCIS "Masquerade"		** "Semi-Pro" (2008) Will Ferrell. (C)		Will Ferrell. (C)		
TNT 32	(3:30) "The Client"		*** "Michael Clayton" (2007) George Clooney.				*** "Michael Clayton" (2007) George Clooney.						*** "The Client"		
TBS 33	"Princess Diaries 2"		*** "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)		(-15) *** "The Wizard of Oz" (1939) (DVS)				"Ace Ventura: Pet Detective"						
COM 35	Bringing	** "Employee of the Month" (2006) Dane Cook.			Dane Cook				South Pk	Sward	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Ugly	
LIFE 39	"12 Men of Christmas" (2009) (C)				** "Comfort and Joy" (2003) (C)				"Deck the Halls" (2005) Gabrielle Carteris.		Mother	Mother			
FOOD 40	The Next Iron Chef	Challenge (N)			Chopped (N)		Iron Chef America		Food	Food	Chopped		Iron Chef America		
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	Holiday Battle		Holmes on Homes		House	Hunters	Income	Income	Holmes on Homes		House	Hunters	
A&E 43	Para-	Para-	Para-	Para-	Para-	Para-	Proph	Para-	Psychic Kids		Para-	Para-	Para-	Para-	
HIST 44	Top Gear (C)		IRT Deadliest Roads		IRT Deadliest Roads		Top Gear (N) (C)		Top Gear (C)		IRT Deadliest Roads		IRT Deadliest Roads		
TLC 45	Hoard-Buried		Palin's Alaska		Palin's Alaska		Sister Wives (N)		To Be Announced		Sister Wives (C)		Palin's Alaska		
DISC 47	Dirty Jobs (C)		Nitty Gritty		Dirty Jobs (C)		Brew Masters (N)		Nitty Gritty		Dirty Jobs (C)		Brew Masters (C)		
ANPL 50	I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions		
FAM 51	"Dog Who Save"		"Dog Who Saved Christmas"				"Dog Who Saved Christmas"				J. Osteen	Ed Young	Zola Lev	Cornelius	
DISN 52	Wizards	Good	Wizards	Wizards	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Shake it	Sonny	Fish	Shake it	Shake it	
NICK 54	iCarly (C)		"Fred: The Movie" (2010) (In Stereo) (C)				Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	
AMC 57	(4:00) *** "The Mummy" (1999)				The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		Breaking Bad (C)		The Walking Dead		
SYFY 59	(4:30) *** "The Rocketeer" (1991)				** "Eragon" (2006) Ed Speleers. (C)				* "Dragon Wars" (2007) Jason Behr.		"Fire & Ice" (2008)				
CNN 62	Newsroom		CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute		Newsroom		CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute		CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute		Newsroom		Newsroom		
CNBC 63	Diabetes	Wall St.	Coca-Cola		Marijuana: Industry		Haynesville		The Entrepreneurs		American Greed		Ford: Rebuilding		
MSNBC 64	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Why Planes Crash		Inside the Mind of Joran van der Sloot (N)		Sex Slaves: Texas		Minh's Story				

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	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	World		Antiques Roadshow		John Sebastian Presents: Folk Rewind		Charlie Rose (N)		World		T. Smiley		
CBS 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Rules	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0 (C)		News	Letterman	Late		
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Skating With the Stars (N)		CMA Country Christmas (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX 14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	House (C)		Lie to Me "Smoked"		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb	
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Chuck (N) (C)		The Event (N) (C)		Chase (N) (C)		News (N)	Jay Leno	Late		
CW 14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	90210 (N) (C)		Gossip Girl "Gaslit"		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access		
WGN 15	Dharma	Dharma	Chris	Chris	Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb	
ESPN 26	Monday Night Countdown		NFL Football	San Francisco 49ers at Arizona Cardinals. (Live)					SportsCenter (Live) (C)		NFL	NBA	Poker		
ESPN2 27	College Basketball	Virginia at Minnesota.			2010 Poker		2010 Poker		2010 Poker		Nation	NFL	NBA	Poker	
USA 31	NCIS (C)		WWE Monday Night RAW (In Stereo Live) (C)						(-05) ** "The Golden Compass" (2007) (C)				Golden		
TNT 32	Bones (C)		Bones (C)		Bones (C)		The Closer (C)		Certain Age		CSI: NY (C)		CSI: NY (C)		
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan (N)		Lopez Tonight (N)		Conan		
COM 35	** "First Sunday" (2008) Ice Cube. (C)		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Ugly	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	
LIFE 39	** "Comfort and Joy" (2003) (C)				"Unanswered Prayers" (2010) Eric Close.				Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will	
FOOD 40	Good	Unwrap	Winter Treats		Best	Best	Diners, Drive		Good	Good	Best	Best	Diners, Drive		
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	Property	Property	House	To Sell	House	Hunters	Disney Holidays		House	To Sell	House	Hunters	
A&E 43	The First 48 (C)		Intervention (C)		Hoarders (C)		Hoarders (N) (C)		Intervention (C)		(-01) Intervention		(-01) Hoarders		
HIST 44	Modern Marvels	Pawn	Pawn		American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		
TLC 45	People	People	People	People	Cake	Cake	Fabulous Cakes (N)		People	People	Cake	Cake	Fabulous Cakes		
DISC 47	Hudson Plane Crash	Bermuda Triangle			Finding Amelia (Series Premiere) (N)		Bermuda Triangle		Bermuda Triangle		Finding Amelia (In Stereo) (C)				
ANPL 50	Life (C)		Life "Mammals"		Life "Birds" (C)		Life (C)		Life "Mammals"		Life "Birds" (C)		Life (C)		
FAM 51	"The Dog Who Saved Christmas" (2009)		"Dog Who Saved Christmas"				The 700 Club (C)		My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	Paid	Paid	
DISN 52	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Hannah	Hannah	Sonny	Deck	Deck	"Starstruck" (2010, Drama)		Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	
NICK 54	iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	George	George	
AMC 57	(3:30) "Overboard"		*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.		*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.		*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.		*** "The Perfect Storm" (2000) (C)						
SYFY 59	(4:30) ** "Saw III" (2006) Tobin Bell.		** "Saw IV" (2007) Tobin Bell. (C)				Gundam	Gundam	Tokko	Tokko	Highlander (C)				
CNN 62	John King, USA (N)		Parker Spitzer (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (C)		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper		Anderson Cooper		
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report		Executive Vis.		Remington Un.		American Greed		Mad Money		Executive Vis.		Remington Un.		
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews		Countdown		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		Countdown		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		

TUESDAY EVENING												NOVEMBER 30, 2010			
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22		Great Performances (In Stereo) (C)		Ask-Old House		Charlie Rose (N)		World		T. Smiley		
CBS 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Rudolph, Reindeer		NCIS (C)		Fashion Show		News	Letterman	Late		
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Grinch	Shrek	No Ordinary Family		Detroit 1-8-7 (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX 14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Glee (N) (C)		Raising Wilde		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb	
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Rockefeller Ctr.		The Biggest Loser (N) (In Stereo) (C)		News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW 14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	One Tree Hill (N)		Life Unexpected (N)		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	SportsCtr		College Basketball		College Basketball		College Basketball		SportsCenter (Live) (C)		NFL Live		SportsCenter (C)		
ESPN2 27	College Basketball				College Basketball	Michigan at Clemson.			SportsCtr		SportsNation (C)		NBA	Poker	
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Psych (C)		Burn Notice (C)		White Collar (C)		
TNT 32	Bones (C)		Bones (C)		*** "A Time to Kill" (1996, Drama) Sandra Bullock. (C)				CSI: NY (C)		CSI: NY (C)		CSI: NY (C)		
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Glory Daze (N)		Conan (N)		Lopez Tonight (N)		Conan		
COM 35	Daily	Colbert	Ralphie May		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	Futurama	Daily	
LIFE 39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	Wife Swap (C)		Wife Swap (C)		Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will	
FOOD 40	Good	Unwrap	Challenge		Chopped		Chopped		Private Chefs		Chopped		Chopped		
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	First Pla.	First Pla.	House	Estate	House	Hunters	For Rent	First	House	Estate	House	Hunters	
A&E 43	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Strange	Strange	Strange	Strange	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		The Real Story		Top Gear (C)		IRT Deadliest Roads		Modern Marvels		The Real Story		(-01) Top Gear		
TLC 45	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids	Couple	Couple	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids	Couple	Couple	
DISC 47	Dirty Jobs (C)		Dirty Jobs (C)		Dirty Jobs (N) (C)		Auction	Auction	Dirty Jobs (C)		Dirty Jobs (C)		Auction	Auction	
ANPL 50	Weird	Weird	Animals Strike		River Monsters "Killer Catfish" (C)				River Monsters "Killer Catfish" (C)		Animals Strike				
FAM 51	(4:00) *** "Happy Feet"		** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992) (C)				The 700 Club (C)		My Wife	My Wife	Paid	Paid			
DISN 52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah	Hannah	Good	Deck	Deck	"Santa Clause 3"		Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	
NICK 54	iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	George	George	
AMC 57	(4:00) "Airplane!"		*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.		*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.		*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.		*** "Airplane!" (1980) Robert Hays.						
SYFY 59	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next		Stargate Universe		Fact or Faked		Stargate Universe		Stargate SG-1		Highlander (C)		
CNN 62	John King, USA (N)		Parker Spitzer (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (C)		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper		Anderson Cooper		
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report		Mind of Google		The Billionaires'		American Greed		Mad Money		Mind of Google		The Billionaires'		
MSNBC															

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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	Peter Yarrow Sing-Along	Jeff Beck Honors Les Paul	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley							
CBS 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Survivor: Nicaragua	Criminal Minds	Grammy	News	Letterman	Late					
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Better	Family	Cougar	The Whole Truth (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX 8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Human Target (N)	Hell's Kitchen (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb			
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Undercovers (N)	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late					
CW 14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	Top Model	Hellcats (N) (cc)	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	Valvano's	College Basketball			College Basketball			SportsCenter (Live) (cc)		SportsCenter (cc)					
ESPN2 27	College Basketball				College Basketball			(:15) SportsNation	NFL Live	Nation	NBA	Nation			
USA 31	NCIS "In the Dark"	NCIS "Broken Bird"	NCIS "Moonlighting"	Psych "Dual Spires"	(:07) Burn Notice	(:07) Royal Pains	(:07) Psych (cc)								
TNT 32	Bones (cc)	Bones (cc)	Bones (cc)	Bones (cc)	Southland (cc)	CSI: NY (cc)	CSI: NY (cc)								
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Conan (N)	Lopez Tonight (N)	Conan				
COM 35	Daily	Colbert	Chap	Chap	Futurama	South Pk	Ugly	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Ugly	Futurama	Daily		
LIFE 39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	*** "The Pelican Brief" (1993) Julia Roberts. (cc)			Mother	Mother	Frasier	Will				
FOOD 40	Good	Unwrap	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Disney Holiday	Diners	Diners	Bobby Flay	Disney Holiday						
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	Property	Property	Disaster	Disaster	House	Hunters	Property	Property	Disaster	Disaster	House	Hunters	
A&E 43	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Storage	Storage	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog	Dog				
HIST 44	The Presidents	Air Force One	The President's Book of Secrets (N)	Sec.- Dollar Bill	Air Force One	President's Book									
TLC 45	Ton of Love (cc)	Ton of Love (cc)	Untold Stories of ER	Housebound	Untold Stories of ER	Housebound	Ton of Love (cc)								
DISC 47	Storm Chasers	Storm Chasers	Storm Chasers (N)	Storm Chasers (N)	Storm Chasers	Storm Chasers	Storm Chasers								
ANPL 50	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive								
FAM 51	Dr. Seuss	Dr. Seuss	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	Paid	Paid									
DISN 52	Good	Good	Good	Hannah	Hannah	Shake it	Deck	Deck	** "Full-Court Miracle" (cc)	Fish	Sonny	Sonny			
NICK 54	iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	George	George	
AMC 57	(4:00) "Bowfinger"	*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.	*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.	*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.	*** "Bowfinger" (1999) Steve Martin.										
SYFY 59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters (N)	Holly	Holly	Ghost Hunters	Holly	Holly	Highlander (cc)						
CNN 62	John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper									
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	"The Pixar Story" (2007, Documentary)	American Greed	Mad Money	"The Pixar Story" (2007, Documentary)										
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	Countdown	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	Countdown	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word								

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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	Brain Fitness: Peak	Cirque du Soleil -- Flowers in the Desert	Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley								
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	Santa Claus, Town	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Private Practice (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
FOX 8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Bones (N) (cc)	Fringe "Entrada" (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb			
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Commun	30 Rock	Office	Out	The Apprentice (N)	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late		
CW 14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	The Vampire Diaries	Nikita "Dark Matter"	The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access				
WGN 15	Dharma	Dharma	WWE Superstars (N)	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars	Entou	Curb				
ESPN 26	Audibles (Live)	College Football	Arizona State at Arizona. (Live)	SportsCenter (Live) (cc)	NFL Live	SportsCenter (cc)									
ESPN2 27	College Basketball		College Basketball	UCLA at Kansas. (Live)	SportsNation (cc)	Live	Nation	NBA	Rodeo						
USA 31	NCIS (cc)	* "Gone in Sixty Seconds" (2000) (cc)	Burn Notice (N)	White Collar (cc)	Psych "Dual Spires"	Burn Notice (cc)									
TNT 32	NBA Pregame (Live)	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Cleveland Cavaliers.	NBA Basketball: Suns at Warriors	Inside the NBA											
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	** "Along Came Polly" (2004) (cc)	Office	Office	Conan (N)	Lopez Tonight (N)	Conan							
COM 35	Daily	Colbert	Ugly	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Ugly	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Futurama	Daily	
LIFE 39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	"The Christmas Shoes" (2002) Rob Lowe.	Fairy Jobmoth.	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will					
FOOD 40	Good	Good	Iron Chef America	Food	Meat	Chopped	Iron Chef America	Food	Meat						
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	First Pla.	First Pla.	Property	Property	House	Hunters	Hunters	House	Property	Property	House	Hunters	
A&E 43	The First 48 (cc)	The First 48 (cc)	The First 48 (N)	The First 48 (cc)	Storage	Storage	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48							
HIST 44	Angels & Demons	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens (N)	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	UFO Files (cc)	(:01) Ancient Aliens	(:01) Ancient Aliens								
TLC 45	Police- Dallas	Police- Dallas	Police- Dallas	Cellblock 6	Police- Dallas	Cellblock 6	Police- Dallas								
DISC 47	Is It Possible?	Oddities	Oddities	The Kennedy Detail (N) (In Stereo) (cc)	Oddities	Oddities	The Kennedy Detail (In Stereo) (cc)								
ANPL 50	Life (cc)	Life "Hunters"	Life "Mammals"	Life (cc)	Life "Hunters"	Life "Mammals"	Life (cc)								
FAM 51	*** "The Santa Clause" (1994) (cc)	*** "The Santa Clause" (1994) (cc)	The 700 Club (cc)	My Wife	My Wife	Paid	Paid								
DISN 52	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah	Hannah	Wizards	Deck	Deck	** "High School Musical" (2006) (cc)	Sonny	Sonny					
NICK 54	iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	George	George	
AMC 57	"Summer Rental"	*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.	*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.	*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.	*** "Summer Rental" (1985) (cc)										
SYFY 59	Destination Truth	Destination Truth	Destination Truth	Fact or Faked	Holly	Holly	Fact or Faked	Highlander (cc)							
CNN 62	John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper									
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Cruise Inc.	CNBC Titans (N)	CNBC Titans	Mad Money	CNBC Titans									
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	Countdown	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	Countdown	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word								

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Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the grey matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

6	8	3	7	5	1	9	4	2
7	5	1	2	9	4	8	6	3
9	2	4	3	8	6	5	1	7
4	9	5	8	7	3	1	2	6
8	6	2	1	4	9	7	3	5
1	3	7	5	6	2	4	8	9
3	4	9	6	1	5	2	7	8
2	1	8	9	3	7	6	5	4
5	7	6	4	2	8	3	9	1

CHALLENGER

8	2	6	3	5	1	9	7	4
7	3	4	8	2	9	1	6	5
1	9	5	6	4	7	2	3	8
2	7	3	5	1	8	6	4	9
5	6	8	7	9	4	3	2	1
9	4	1	2	3	6	5	8	7
4	5	2	1	8	3	7	9	6
6	1	9	4	7	2	8	5	3
3	8	7	9	6	5	4	1	2

EXPERT

9	8	3	4	2	5	1	7	6
7	1	5	8	6	9	4	3	2
2	4	6	7	3	1	5	9	8
8	9	7	3	4	6	2	1	5
4	5	2	9	1	7	8	6	3
3	6	1	2	5	8	9	4	7
6	7	8	5	9	4	3	2	1
1	2	4	6	8	3	7	5	9
5	3	9	1	7	2	6	8	4

BEGINNER

7	8	2	3	9		4	5	
9			1	8			3	
			7				6	
						5	4	
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6	9							
8			2					
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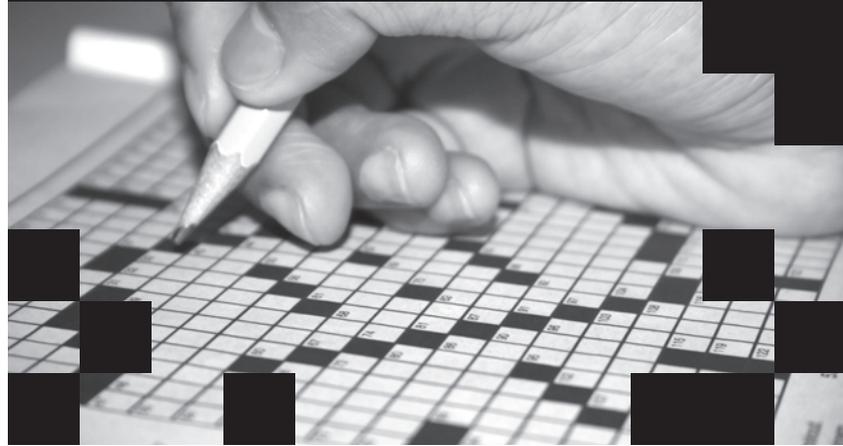
CHALLENGER

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			1		3			
			9				4	2
			7					1
	2	8				9		7
6	9						2	

EXPERT

	2		7	8			1	
5	1						3	
7								9
			8	1			5	
			6		4			
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BrainGames



Word Salsa

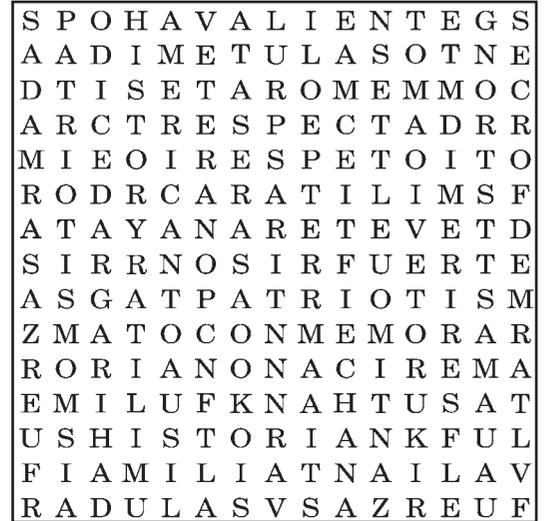
Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

A DAY FOR OUR VETERANS

ENGLISH	SPANISH
AMERICAN	AMERICANO
ARMED FORCES	FUERZAS ARMADAS
COMMEMORATE	CONMEMORAR
HISTORY	HISTORIA
MILITARY	MILITAR
PATRIOTISM	PATRIOTISMO
RESPECT	RESPE TO
STRONG	FUERTE
THANKFUL	AGRADECIDO
TO SALUTE	SALUDAR
VALIANT	VALIENTE
VETERAN	VETERANO

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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 | DOWN |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Rummies | 1 Leonard or Robinson |
| 5 BTU part | 2 Streaking |
| 6 Indian royalty | 3 Road roller |
| 10 Parking structure | 4 Broadway platform |
| 13 Called | 6 Reddish brown horse |
| 15 Part of SALT | 7 Up-coming connector |
| 18 New model's debut | 8 Flotsam and ___ |
| 21 Busy Chicago hub | 9 Soprano Patti |
| 22 Louisiana's capital? | 11 Four ounces |
| 23 Geologic period | 12 Dazzling success |
| 24 Blackthorn fruit | 13 Iron |
| 25 Actress Fawcett | 14 Jeering cry |
| 27 Clobber | 15 Group seats |
| 31 Bil or Zoe | 16 Choreographer Twyla |
| 32 Small carpet | 17 Less likely |
| 34 Crocodile ___ | 19 Philosopher Kierkegaard |
| 35 Described | 20 ___ bear |
| 36 Lively | 26 Chariot racer Ben |
| 37 Divested | 28 Off. notes |
| 39 Medical pic. | 29 Bossy's home |
| 40 Gender | 30 Opera highlights |
| 41 Unspecified number | 31 Beiderbecke of jazz |
| 42 Number sequence of sums | 33 Unexpected bonus |
| 45 Cartographer's book | 35 Recurring theme |
| 46 Seals off | 38 Makes wider |
| 48 Lightly burn | 40 Propelled a racing boat |
| 49 Tickle Me ___ | 43 Exposed |
| 50 Sheep shelters | 44 Low-cost |
| 52 ___ Hills, IL | 45 NCAA grouping |
| 53 VIP's rug | 47 Call for help |
| 55 Notes of scales | 51 Ascend |
| 58 Orbiting loc. | 52 Standing tall |
| 59 Back in time | 54 Whisky barrel, for one |
| 60 Chip load | 55 Deciduous conifer |
| 62 Buyer-beware warning | 56 Allergy-season sound |
| 66 Energetic | 57 Marks of disgrace |
| 68 Cape Wrangell dweller | 58 ___ been had! |
| 70 Schism | 61 Tailor's fastener |
| 72 River of the Lorelei | 62 Classifier |
| 73 Late | 63 Sarandon or Sontag |
| 75 Long Island county | 64 Really steamed |
| 76 Gear teeth | 65 "Green Eggs and Ham" author |
| 77 To's partner | 67 Bug |
| 78 British Inc. | 68 Confesses |
| 80 Fall guys | 69 Oklahoma oil town |
| 81 Domestic beer? | 71 Herbal quaff |
| 83 Sweet, white wines | 73 Underground assets |
| 85 Transversely | 74 Space-saving abbr. |
| 86 Author of "Little Women" | 77 Courter of rhyme |
| 87 Men-only get together | 79 Conduits |
| 88 Genealogical chart | 82 Car grille protector |
| 89 Char | 84 Raced |

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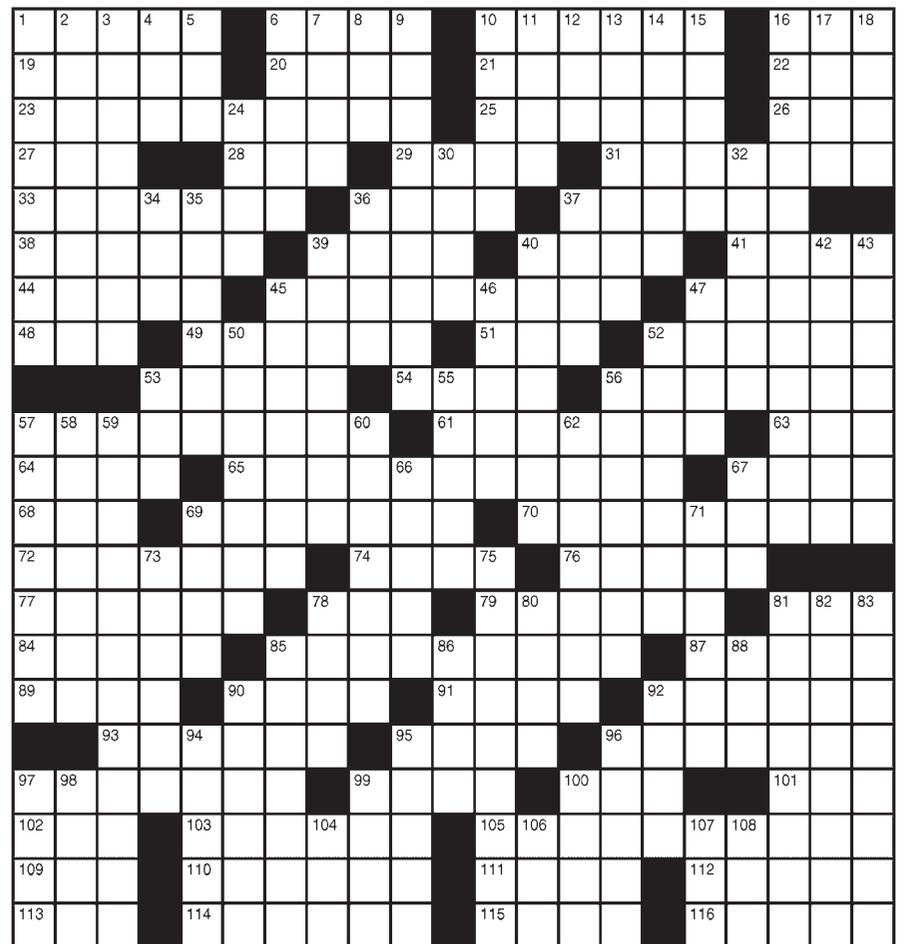
ACROSS

- Religion born in Iran
- Pathfinder's planet
- Scottish site of a Cromwell victory
- Swiss mountain
- Ladd and Alda
- Between ports
- Still green
- Eerie writer
- Booty of Oregon's capital?
- NBA part
- That woman
- Actress Claire
- Short life?
- Bobby of "Bye Bye Birdie"
- Housing unit in transition?
- Egyptian god
- Card game for two
- Bad sign
- Branch of Islam
- Hwy. sign abbr.
- Tarkington novel
- Knocks lightly
- "Barnaby Jones" star

- "The Family Circus" cartoonist
- Hebrew lyre
- Culturally showy
- Fails to be
- Scoop for liquids
- Actor Nielsen
- Pupil setting
- Forum VIP
- One of the Twelve
- That woman
- Actress Claire
- Short life?
- Bobby of "Bye Bye Birdie"
- Housing unit in transition?
- Egyptian god
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DOWN

- Standard charge
- Tree-shaded walkways
- Heaven's Gate cultist's comet
- Dijon donkey
- Belief system
- Soda-shop orders
- From
- Classic Olds automobile
- Lampooners
- Patsies
- Trademark DOS
- AEC's replacement
- Two-piece suits?
- Cochise or Geronimo
- Bind anew
- Like some Beatles recordings?
- Section of the theater
- Little legumes
- Moroccan port
- Country way
- Angler's baskets
- Verse or cycle lead-in
- German chemical
- cartel, I.G. ___
- Architect Pei's



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|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 37 Sub weapon | 58 Conceives | 88 Clean air org. |
| 39 Highly ornamented musical compositions | 59 Innately promiscuous? | 90 Beasley of "Moonlighting" |
| 40 Beet soup | 60 Under the best conditions | 92 Venison |
| 42 Bring to life | 62 Woods' first stroke | 94 Throat prob. |
| 43 Sniffs out | 66 Flintlock musket | 95 Like Napoleon on Elba |
| 45 Bottom line | 67 Stenerud or Steen | 96 Gives a wide berth to |
| 46 Singer Jackson | 69 Pure and simple | 97 Brief wd. |
| 47 Two-finger signs | 71 Actor Macaulay | 98 Artist Mondrian |
| 50 Ron and Nancy | 73 Artistic subdivisions | 99 Choir part |
| 52 Brendan Behan's "___ Boy" | 75 Requests | 100 Dance movement |
| 53 Costa del ___ | 78 Winsome | 104 Make a mistake |
| 55 Last of Scarlett | 80 Soprano Lily | 106 Thurman of films |
| 56 Adoration | 81 Subtitles | 107 U-turn from WNW |
| 57 Abscess duct | 82 Head-to-head | 108 Chicago ballplayer |
| | 83 Maryland player | |
| | 85 Feminist Betty | |
| | 86 Knightly titles | |

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

Z I G Z A U O I F A Z C U A N
 O C A I D O Z I O N I A Z I D O
 R I B M O Z I G Z A G U E A R
 I O C A I D G O S E U I D O Z
 F Y Z U E C O Y G A U F A Z
 A G F R O N T H A L N O R F A
 Z R A F A Z I O D I A C O E D Z
 N F R O N T H A L L R O Z R O
 A E O P O U Z I T O L O O S E N
 N P I H I N L G A N A I D T Z
 T C F I G T O Z I G Z A G O O
 N O A R E S Z E S O L T G N
 A T Z E R E I A C O Z O D Y O
 N S A P P H I R E I B M O Z I R
 E S R A O C I G U E A R N O R F

Diagramless

O A K M A S S
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 A friend saw his neighbor had dollar bills on his bushes. The neighbor said it was his hedge fund.

AtTheMovies

Kline shines as 'The Extra Man'

Special little film deserves a larger audience

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

A bit like the Woody Harrelson picture of a couple of years ago called "The Walker," "The Extra Man" puts Kevin Kline in a similar role, but without the "wink-wink" activity that was part of Harrelson's profession of entertaining the lonely political wives of Washington, D.C.



Henry, right, takes Louis (Paul Dano) under his wing, acting as a mentor for the younger man and his roommate.

Vivian (Marian Seldes) is one of the women Louis escorts in New York City's Upper East Side.



Rather, Kline as Henry becomes a mentor of sorts for Louis (a nice job by Paul Dano), who is an aspiring writer and secretly, a cross-dresser.

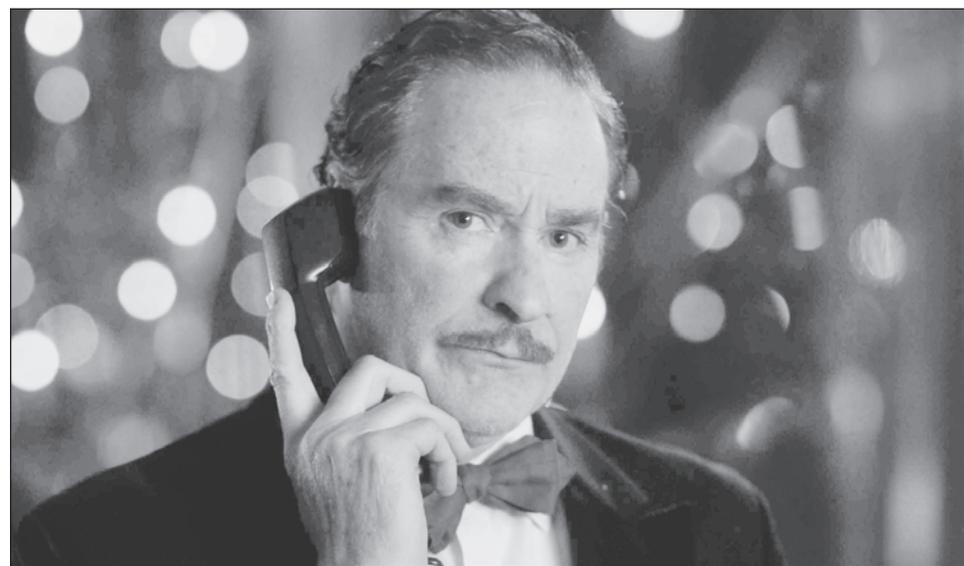
Henry survives by his wits, sense of humor, a bit of grace and luck. He acts as an escort for wealthy older women who need someone to accompany them to social events, such as the symphony or parties held by the fabulously rich. Henry's clients are often as eccentric as he.

Kline fits the role perfectly, as he offers a pleasant performance, blending peculiarity, a touch of dapperness and quiet but occasionally hard-edged humor, making Henry a character we care about.

Louis has become Henry's roommate in his tiny, slightly rundown apartment, and while not exactly a match made in heaven, Louis will certainly benefit from Henry's guidance and life experience.

As roommates, they tend to be a bit like the odd couple, with Henry laying out rules that include "no fornication" and no watching when he (Henry) does his daily exercise routine while wearing grubby old sweats.

Taking Louis under his wing, Henry is



Henry (Kevin Kline) acts as an escort for wealthy older women, accompanying them to social events in "The Extra Man," now playing at the Fountain Theatre in Old Mesilla.

soon teaching the younger man the fine art of living in New York on the cheap and on the sly. Henry knows all the tricks and is not afraid to use them to help get into the opera for free or to keep his beat-up, big '70s American car running.

However, when Louis meets an attractive lass at his new job at an environmental magazine, his life changes considerably, even though it continues to be "narrated" by an imagined narrator with a blimey Brit accent. However, even with this blossoming

relationship, Louis continues to struggle with his own sexuality.

John C. Reilly also makes an appearance as Henry's neighbor ... another misfit with shaggy hair, a beard and an annoying voice who, of course, ends up not being what he tries to be.

This is certainly Kline's movie to lose, but he doesn't do it. By taking solid hold of his character and becoming a father figure and mentor to the struggling Louis, he endeared himself to me. The side characters are a bit weak at times, but all have their places and add a sweet dimension to a slightly unconventional story.

"The Extra Man" is a special little movie, and, as I lament here frequently, deserves a wider audience than it will get. I mean, really, who would want to see a character-driven movie with a sweet funny story when we can go see "Jackass 3D"?

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The quintessential 'made in New Mexico' movie

'The Milagro Beanfield War' returns

The CineMatinee Film for Saturday, Nov. 27, is "The Milagro Beanfield War" (1988, 118 minutes, made in New Mexico). Back by request, this is the quintessential made in New Mexico movie. The comedy is obvious if you have lived in New Mexico long enough to appreciate life in a sleepy community, which borders a posh housing development.

In full control of the local water rights, the powers-that-be are secure in the belief that they'll be able to expand their development without resistance from the locals. No one can foresee that impoverished farmer Joe Mondragon (Chick Vennera) – during a burst of frustrated rage – will accidentally open a heretofore hidden sluice, thereby providing free water for his bean field. At first, the locals are against Mondragon's "insurrection," reasoning that the new housing development will provide jobs.

But with the help of Charlie Bloom (John Heard), a burned-out '60s activist who now runs the community newspaper,

Mondragon becomes the hero of the hour, the spiritual leader of an ever-growing "no development" movement. The evil land developers send their minions to intimidate or coerce Mondragon. Each time, however, he is seemingly protected from harm by divine intervention. When Mondragon is forced to shoot a trespasser on his land, it looks as though his luck has run out. Chased into the hills by Kyril Montana (Christopher Walken), Mondragon is once more rescued in the nick of time by what appears to be a miracle. And there are more wonders to behold before fade-out time.

Whimsical, yes, but thanks to its hand-picked ensemble cast (including Sonia Braga, Rubén Blades, James Gammon, Daniel Stern, Freddy Fender, M. Emmet Walsh and Melanie Griffith), the film remains totally credible throughout. Adapted by John Nichols and David Ward from Nichols' own novel, "The Milagro Beanfield War" may be the most likeable "liberal-tract" film of the 1980s. Robert Redford's appropriately Capra-esque



Whimsical, mystical and exceedingly likeable, "The Milagro Beanfield War" is back by request at the CineMatinee.

direction is matched by Dave Grusin's vibrant Oscar-winning musical score.

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.

A unique blend of movies, past and present, often

with an emphasis on life in the West – which could mean the new West, the Old West or anything in between – and "movies that missed us" – films that are notable but never had a lot of publicity, the CineMatinee series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art as well as entertainment. At least one film a month for this series has a "New Mexico connection," drawing from the vast pool of movies made in the state (nearly 500) or perhaps featuring a star/story from New Mexico talent ... film-festival quality movies in an old adobe theater.



AtTheMovies

The penultimate Potter

'The Deathly Hallows' leaves us breathlessly anticipating the finale

Review by **David Edwards**
Las Cruces Bulletin

I am a member of "Team Harry" – although, if it's possible to split one's loyalties, I guess I am on "Team Hermione" and "Team Ron" as well. I'm not sure that I qualify as a Potter-maniac, but I have stood in line more than once to see a midnight showing on a Thursday night before the official opening of the latest film featuring the boy wizard and his friends.

I have also read all the books, purchasing the last several at midnight release parties and sequestering myself while reading lest some insensitive loudmouth might spoil the story for me. That probably goes along with this cultural phenomenon of wanting to be the first to see the movies, we don't want anyone to blurt out key plot points and diminish the joy of experiencing it for ourselves. There are actually people who have not read the novels and therefore don't want to know ahead of time what happens.

My new colleague at The Bulletin, Samantha, told me a horrific story of jerks at her

university who wore T-shirts when the sixth book of the series came out telling the name of a main character who dies and the exact page number on which it happens. I guess some people just think it's hilarious to ruin things for others. Isn't it just like humans to try to build themselves up by tearing down others? But then neither do I understand people who read the end of the book first.

So there I was, waiting in line in the cold this past Thursday (for a few hours, apparently not long enough though, according to my compadres). I got some grief for going home to eat and rest up a bit. That's what I told them anyway, not mentioning that I watched "Big Bang Theory" and "30 Rock" before getting back in line.

The first people in line had been there since midnight Wednesday, and spent the night in a tent. The next group in line got there at 6 a.m. Thursday. I guess they would qualify as Potter-maniacs. Interestingly enough, when I asked them if they had heard the first 36 minutes of the movie had been leaked online, they were first incensed and then adamant about not watching it because they wouldn't want to spoil it for themselves.

Now, I am faced with the task of review "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One" without giving away too much while still discussing the movie.



Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Hermione (Emma Watson) and Ron (Rupert Grint) aren't even safe from dark forces when they venture outside the wizarding world in "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One." The film earned \$24 million during midnight showings last week.

The six previous films have generally been very satisfactory, sometimes a bit protracted, especially No. 5, "The Order of the Phoenix," which incidentally was the first directed by David Yates who has directed the final four installments of the series. Films are almost never as good as the books upon which they are based; there have to be details left out to be able to keep the film at a reasonable length.

Which is why splitting the last book into two parts is a smart thing to do. It is also a source of frustration for Potter movie fans – "Deathly Hallows Part One" ends pretty much with the granddaddy of all cliffhangers, which could leave the movie-only group feeling a bit cheated.

Part One covers slightly more than half of the last book, still leaving the final battle and conclusion to be covered in Part Two (which, alas, doesn't come out until July). I haven't felt anything similar to the atmosphere after the movie since the end of "Fellowship of the Ring," when everyone was thinking, "They're stopping now?" "But the other two movies are done, why can't we see them now?"

"Deathly Hallows Part One" had much more action than I expected. I figured it would have a lot more exposition and set up, leaving the bulk of the action for "Part Two." A good portion of the book is spent in a tent trying to keep ahead of the dark forces while

trying to figure out how to destroy the third horcrux (a magical object that contains part of Volde- sorry ... the soul of "He Who Must Not Be Named," and he can't be destroyed until all seven of them have to go before Volde- sorry ... "You Know Who" can be killed).

But there is action, excitement, tension, humor, great exhilaration and great sadness. The scene in the Malfoy house was one of the most nailbiting in the book and the movie scene matches the book's intensity. It was clear at the end of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" that things are going to get worse before they get better.

Daniel Radcliffe as Harry, Emma Watson as Hermione and Rupert Grint as Ron get a chance to interact in a more personal and dramatic fashion than ever before, and the stress begins to take its toll on their friendship. These young performers have almost completed their characters' maturation process and are all up to the task of showing their clear understanding of these magical kids we care so much about.

I am anxiously awaiting the last film, which should be thrilling, but will feel like many others – a sadness that this wonderfully moving, uplifting film series is coming to a close, and there will be no more Harry Potter to look forward to.

HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS PART ONE

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint

Director: David Yates

Running time: 146 minutes

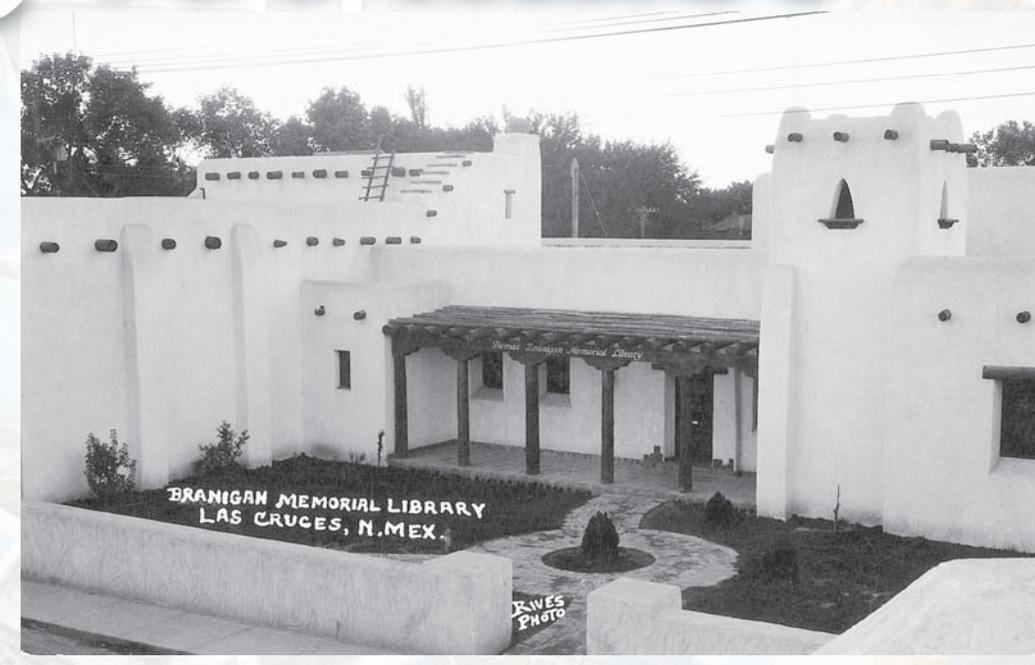
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At The Movies

Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

Megamind 3D
Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Megamind is the most brilliant super-villain the world has ever known ... and the least successful.
Starring: Will Ferrell, Tina Fey
Directors: Tom McGrath, Cameron Hood



Due Date
Rating: R
Plot Overview: A high-strung father-to-be is forced to hitch a ride with a college slacker on a road trip in order to make it to his child's birth on time.
Starring: Robert Downey Jr.
Director: Todd Phillips



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
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



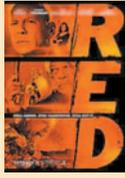
Life As We Know It
Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Two single adults become caregivers to an orphaned girl when their mutual best friends die in an accident.
Starring: Katherine Heigl, Josh Duhamel
Director: Greg Berlanti



Secretariat
Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Based on the remarkable true story of maybe the greatest racehorse of all time.
Starring: Diane Lane
Director: Randall Wallace



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



Jackass 3D
Rating: R
Plot Overview: Johnny Knoxville and his buddies are up to their daredevil comic antics again. And this time they're coming at ya in 3-D.
Starring: Johnny Knoxville
Director: Jeff Tremaine



Paranormal Activity 2
Rating: R
Plot Overview: Spooky hauntings are once again the main course in this follow-up.
Starring: Katie Featherston
Director: Tod Williams



Unstoppable
Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: A runaway train carrying toxic chemicals pits an engineer and his conductor in a race against time.
Starring: Denzel Washington
Director: Tony Scott



Morning Glory
Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: When hard-working TV producer Becky Fuller is fired from a local news program, her career begins to look as bleak as her hapless love life.
Starring: Rachel McAdams, Harrison Ford
Director: Roger Michell



Skyline
Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: An 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



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
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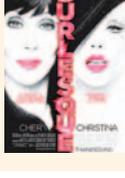
Love & Other Drugs
Rating: R
Plot Overview: A salesman competes in the cutthroat world of pharmaceuticals to hawk a male performance enhancement drug.
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Anne Hathaway
Director: Edward Zwick
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Faster
Rating: R
Plot Overview: After 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.
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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
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New this week on DVD Tuesday, Nov. 30

- Going the Distance**
Rating: R
Genre: Comedy, Romance
Starring: Drew Barrymore, Justin Long
Director: Nanette Burstein
- Knight and Day**
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Action, Comedy
Starring: Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz
Director: James Mangold
- The Sorcerer's Apprentice**
Rating: PG
Genre: Family, Adventure
Starring: Nicolas Cage
Director: Jon Turteltaub
- Vampires Suck**
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Comedy, Horror
Starring: Matt Lanter
Directors: Jason Friedberg, Aaron Seltzer
- Cairo Time**
Rating: PG
Genre: Drama, Romance
Starring: Patricia Clarkson
Director: Ruba Nadda

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- 1 **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One**
\$125,120,000 (Week No. 1)
- 2 **Megamind** (Week No. 3)
\$16,175,000
- 3 **Unstoppable** (Week No. 2)
\$13,100,000
- 4 **Due Date** (Week No. 3)
\$9,150,000
- 5 **The Next Three Days** (Week No. 1)
\$6,750,000
- 6 **Morning Glory** (Week No. 2)
\$5,233,000
- 7 **Skyline** (Week No. 2)
\$3,431,000
- 8 **RED** (Week No. 6)
\$2,467,000
- 9 **For Colored Girls** (Week No. 3)
\$2,400,000
- 10 **Fair Game** (Week No. 3)
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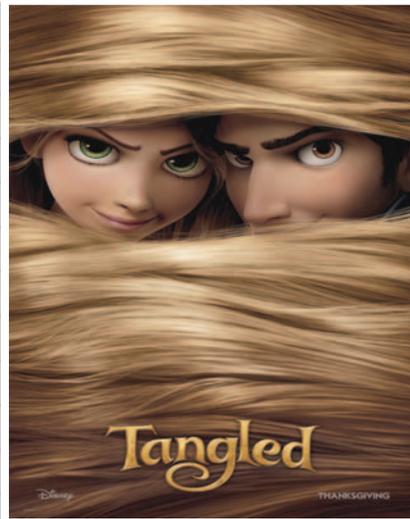
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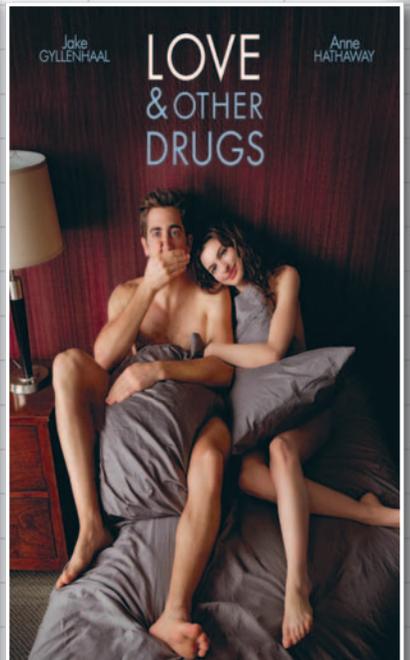
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When it comes to food and anything else, we love to waste our time, money and empty stomachs on meaningless things.

For that 10 minutes of, “Oh, this is the best burger I’ve ever had,” there’s at least three hours of, “I never should have eaten that.” And it’s even longer after we reap the consequences and the scale bares all.

So instead of lamenting and going back for seconds, let’s start making healthy choices. When I was grocery shopping the other day, I opted for the generic version of pretty much everything (except my coffee) to save my wallet, and I thought, “Why can’t I select the healthier version of foods to save my life?”

When I got to researching, I realized there’s a healthier version of everything.

Instead of salty potato chips – in a 1-ounce bag of classic potato chips, there are at least 150 calories – opt for something healthier that’s just as crunchy. Replace regular potato chips with unsalted tortilla chips (approximately 136 calories in a small bag), pita chips (140 calories) or air-popped, light popcorn. Pita chips are a yummy snack, especially when you enjoy them with a low-cal soft cheese. Or better yet, go all the way healthy and munch on baby carrots. Not only are they lower in calories, but they’re chock full of beta carotene, which turns into vitamin A in our bodies.

Replace white with wheat. I know that burritos are so good, no matter what’s inside, but what the insides are wrapped in is loaded with trans fat. A single burrito-sized white flour tortilla can be loaded with more than 200 calories. Thankfully, there are wheat tortillas, low-carb tortillas and corn tortillas that can significantly reduce the fat and calories we ingest. Now, we just have to watch what we put inside the tortilla. The same goes for pastas. Loaded with carbs and when smothered in creamy alfredo sauce, pasta dishes can be deliciously bad for us. Take one step in the right direction by using the wheat version, which is available at virtually every grocery store.

The same goes for white rice. Replace it with brown rice – it has a slightly crunchier texture, but other than that, you can barely tell the difference.

Lower-fat and fat-free options. For pretty much every food, there is a leaner, low-fat version – meats, dairy products, condiments, etc. You can hardly taste the difference and the more you opt for the low-fat version, when you actually eat the heavier kind, your body will definitely notice the difference.

Have a sweet tooth? A guilt-free dessert is sugar-free gelatin, which in a single cup has only 10 calories. You can add some light whipped cream, and your weight-conscious sweet tooth will be totally satisfied.

The same goes for those who crave salty foods. Pickle spears, while they are high in

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Our sun has a dark side

MMC’s free skin cancer clinic encourages awareness

By **Natisha Hales**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Boasting 350 days of sunshine year-round, the Mesilla Valley has become a desert oasis for locals and transplants to pursue their outdoor hobbies.

But with the abundant sunshine from the Southwestern sun comes the risk of developing skin cancer, which, not surprisingly, is common in New Mexico, according to Cheryl Herten, a tumor registrar at Memorial Medical Center.

Herten organized MMC’s first-ever free skin cancer clinic Saturday, Nov. 20.

“There’s a great need for it,” she said. “Besides the 128 spots I had filled, there were 65 people on a waiting list.”

The clinic consisted of a full-body exam where physicians looked closely at the skin for suspicious lesions or moles. Participants also were able to consult with a dermatologist to answer questions or address concerns. If any lesion or mole on the skin was determined “suspicious,” the doctors would recommend further examinations.

“We figure we had about 30 people recommended to have a follow-up,” Herten said.

While MMC was able to screen 111 participants during the clinic, Herten said it is important for residents to be aware of the higher risk in New Mexico.

“We’re up closer to the sun, and because you have so many days of sunshine here, you spend so much time outside,” she said. “Of course, with any kind of cancer, you want to take care of it at the beginning.”

According to the American Academy of Dermatology, melanoma incidence rates have been increasing for at least 30 years. Melanoma is the most common form of cancer in young adults ages 25 to 29 years old and is the second most common form of cancer for adolescents



Memorial Medical Center photo

Family Medicine team member Aida Cordero helps Kathy Bourgere with her paperwork during the free skin cancer screening clinic at Memorial Medical Center Saturday, Nov. 20.

and young adults 15 to 29 years old. Each year, one in five Americans develops skin cancer. The AAD estimates that 8,700 deaths in 2010 will be attributed to melanoma.

Herten said MMC is working to create awareness of skin cancer, and future clinics will be held annually in May, during Melanoma Awareness Month.

“It’s important for MMC to get the message out there that we’re concerned about people’s

health,” she said. “It’s also important that people know there is quality cancer care here, and they don’t have to travel.”

She said it’s also important for darker-skinned individuals to get screened, stating that one in five melanoma patients is Hispanic.

“We just want to encourage people to ask questions,” she said. “If they see anything that they’re not sure of, it’s better to hear, ‘Don’t worry about it, it’s nothing.’”

‘Eat Smart, Play Hard’

NMSU adopts federally funded nutrition program

Bulletin Staff Report

Educators at the New Mexico State University Doña Ana County Extension Office are encouraging local elementary and high school students to make healthy choices through the Ideas for Cooking and Nutrition program.

The ICAN “Eat Smart, Play Hard” Connections Program is currently being taught at Las Cruces High School with Anita Cummings’ Family and Consumer Science class and to third graders at Mesilla Elementary School.

ICAN is a U.S. Department of Agriculture funded program that teaches basic nutrition and engages participants in hands-on food preparation activities.

“Our goal is to promote nutrition and health and to reduce the risk for obesity and chronic diseases,” said ICAN Home Economist Gayla Weaver. “It’s the first time all of these pieces are really being connected in the county.”

Goals for the ICAN “Eat Smart, Play Hard” Connections Program also include fostering positive behavior change to promote nutrition and health and encouraging families to adopt behaviors which are consistent with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPyramid.

Bertha Silva, ICAN nutrition educator for the Doña Ana County Extension Office, is making the “connection” between the Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Program; the Las Cruces High School FCS Department; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapters; and third grade classes at Mesilla Elementary School.

After the conclusion of Silva’s classes with the LCHS students, the students shadow Silva as she teaches ICAN “Eat Smart, Play Hard” classes to third graders at Mesilla Elementary School. After the fourth lesson, the LCHS students plan, prepare and present the final “We’ve Got the Power” lesson to the third graders under the supervision of Silva and Cummings.

“It’s intergenerational learning and helps both sets of students learn about the importance of their health,” Silva said. “The third graders tend to really listen to and look up to the high school students because they are more like older brothers or sisters. Plus, some of the high school students might even get inspired to become teachers one day.”

For more information, contact Silva at bsilva@nmsu.edu or Weaver at gweaver@nmsu.edu.

Calorie burner chart

Moderate physical activities	In one hour	In 30 minutes
Hiking	370	185
Light gardening/yard work	330	165
Dancing	330	165
Bicycling	290	145
Walking (3.5 mph)	280	140
Weight lifting (general light workout)	220	110
Stretching	180	90
Vigorous physical activities	In one hour	In 30 minutes
Running/jogging (5 mph)	590	295
Bicycling (greater than 10 mph)	590	295
Swimming (slow freestyle laps)	510	255
Aerobics	480	240
Heavy yard work (i.e. chopping wood)	440	220
Weight lifting (vigorous effort)	440	220
Basketball (vigorous)	440	220

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, approximate calories in a 154-pound person

Let's all observe World AIDS Day

By Savannah Pierson
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Since 1988, every Dec. 1 has been proclaimed World AIDS Day. It's a day to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS around the world. Individuals who lost their lives, who are infected and whose families are affected by HIV/AIDS are remembered. Red ribbons are worn and candlelight vigils are held to honor those who lost their lives to this virus.

HIV stands for the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome). HIV can be spread from one individual to another in several ways. It can be spread by having unprotected sex (not using a condom) with a person infected with HIV, through injection drug use and from an infected mother to her child.

HIV can be treated, but not cured. Individuals infected with HIV can live for many years after becoming infected with medication available to maintain it.

Some people confuse HIV and AIDS, but they are not the same thing. HIV causes AIDS. You cannot be infected with AIDS. AIDS is recognized when an individual's body can no longer maintain the HIV infection. AIDS is different for every individual.

More than 33 million cases of HIV/AIDS have been reported in the world, with African-American and Hispanic populations infected more often. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports that African-Americans comprise 12 percent of the U.S. population, but represent about half of the HIV/AIDS cases in the US. Hispanics make up about 15 percent of the U.S. population and 17 percent of the HIV/AIDS cases in the U.S.

On a more local level, about 40 percent of New Mexico's population is Hispanic while about 35 percent of all HIV/AIDS cases in New Mexico are Hispanic. Southwestern New Mexico (Doña Ana and surrounding counties) accounts for about 16 percent of the state HIV/AIDS cases.

For more information about World AIDS Day, visit www.worldaidscampaign.org/en/world-aids-day.

For more information about HIV/AIDS, visit www.cdc.gov/hiv and/or nmhivguide.org/index.html.

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More about HIV/AIDS

The only sure way to know if you have or do not have HIV is by being tested. Where can you get tested?

Families & Youth Inc.
1320 S. Solano Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88004
556-1549

Las Cruces Public Health Office
1170 N. Solano Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88001
528-5000

New Mexico GLBTQ Centers
1210 N. Main St.
Las Cruces, NM 88001
635-4902

Reaching out to the community at the MMC Home Health Open House

Photos by
Richard
Coltharp

Brandy McKinley, physical therapist, and Blanca Ulloa, assistant physical therapist, attended the Memorial Medical Center Home Health Care Open House Thursday, Nov. 18.



Ron and Jan Wimsatt of Home Instead Senior Care



Sonya Rue, Memorial Medical Center business outreach coordinator, and Rainbeaux Trujillo, RN, participated in MMC's Home Health Care Open House.

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ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/ DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Other Dysfunctional Families support group meets at 2 p.m. Sundays at 903 Piñon Ave. This is a 12-step program for men and women who grew up in alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes. They meet in a mutually respectful, safe environment and acknowledge their common experiences.

For more information, visit www.adultchildren.org.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room. For more information, call 523-6240.

T'AI CHI CHIH CLASSES

Learn how to activate the Chi (vital force) with T'ai Chi Chih: 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 Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door. The group also has a big-book meeting at 2 p.m. Fridays at Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive.

YOGA CLASSES AT 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., 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@newmexicolbtcenters.org.

- AA at the center is from 7 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday and is an open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting open to anyone, but with a special focus on gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals and friends in recovery.
- 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 at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Share camaraderie while learning new skills, receiving support and advice on raising a GLBTQ youth.
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous meets from 7 to 8 p.m. each Monday. The group is a 12-step program for anyone dealing with sexual compulsion.
- A LGBTQ 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

LGBTQ 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 to 8:30 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.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

"Surviving or Thriving?" will be the topic of discussion at a breast cancer support group meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, in the Community Education Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Sign-in and coffee will be from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

The meetings are open to breast cancer survivors, caretakers and anyone whose life has been changed and affected by breast cancer.

For more information, call 521-4794.

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.

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 nighttime meeting is at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. The meetings are currently held at the home of leader Renee Beltran.

Contact Renee at 635-6683 or reneebebeltran1@comcast.net for directions or any other inquiries specific to this meeting.

TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Community Education Room. The group helps to bring information and support to people who have lost a family member, donor family members and transplant recipients. For more information, call 496-2627.

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A year of triumphs



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Mesilla Valley Hospice honored staff and board members at its annual meeting Thursday, Nov. 18, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Here are Donna Brown, MVH executive director; Susan Smith, outgoing board secretary; Cathy Montgomery, MVH Foundation board member and former MVH board president; and Ermelinda Quintela, acting MVH board president. Smith and Montgomery received plaques for their long service. Also at the meeting, Patricia and Vanessa Tarango of Las Cruces Bike Blessing presented a \$2,000 check to MVH to be used toward charity care funds.

Providing warmth at *Coats for Kids*

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Todd Dickson

Richard "Nino" Williams of the Las Cruces Centauros motorcycle club helps Olga Garcia find a coat for Daniella Lara, 5, at the start of the Coats for Kids distribution Saturday, Nov. 20, at First Community Bank.



People were lined around the block for the Coats for Kids distribution of coats to 3,300 needy children from Gadsden, Las Cruces and Hatch school districts.



November: National Diabetes Month

A time to share our knowledge and support

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

It seems there is a month dedicated to just about everything, from hunger awareness to remembering the dinosaurs, and now, finally, for diabetes.

President Obama recently named November as National Diabetes Month. During this time, Americans are urged to learn about the warning signs and risks associated with diabetes, as well as participate in activities focused on raising diabetes awareness.

Donna Lee, health educator at Ben Archer Health Center in the village of Doña Ana, is excited about the future possibilities of National Diabetes Month.

"I think it's so important that people be made aware of how rampant diabetes is," she said. "People should know this is something they

can prevent. Diabetes Month provides the perfect time to educate people about how to prepare their meals and maybe start a campaign or outreach."

Along with Obama, the American Diabetes Association is asking consumers to be more informed about diabetes and prevention. Simple steps such as learning about nutrition can help prevent or improve the condition, say ADA experts.

In honor of this new celebration, here are key warning signs of diabetes, diabetes facts and how to be supportive of the diabetic community.

Warning signs

Warning signs of diabetes can be subtle. According to webmd.com about one-third of all people who have type 2 diabetes don't know they have it. Common warning signs include increased thirst, increased hunger (especially after eating), dry mouth, frequent urination or urine infections, unexplained weight loss (even though you are eating and feel hungry), feeling weak and tired, blurred vision, headaches and/or diabetic coma (loss of consciousness).

Although these symptoms could have mul-

“ People should know this is something they can prevent. ”

DONNA LEE,
Health educator

iple diagnoses, it is important to seek medical attention if you have any of the above-mentioned warning signs.

Spread the facts

Even if you aren't one of the millions of Americans living with diabetes, chances are you at least know of someone who is. Help spread awareness with these facts from webmd.com and diabetesdaily.com.

- Close to 24 million Americans have diabetes and the numbers are growing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention projects that one in three adults will have diabetes in the next 40 years.
- Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death listed on U.S. death certificates.
- Diabetes is the leading cause of adult blindness. Prevent Blindness America has also designated November as Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness month.
- The overall risk for death among people with diabetes is about double that of people without diabetes.
- Total health care and related costs for treatment of diabetes are approximately \$174 billion annually.

Show your support

While it is important to care for our friends and loved ones, you don't want to regulate every bite someone takes. Elizabeth Edelman, a type-1 diabetic and co-founder of Diabetes Daily, shares tips on how to show your support without being the "diabetes police."

- A simple way to show support is by keeping a small supply of juice or candy to battle lows in a kitchen cabinet, glove compartment or purse. This provides a level of comfort without appearing controlling.
- Do not share horror stories. Often, in an attempt to show understanding, people share a story about a friend or relative who had diabetes and, as a result, suffered a serious consequence. Although diabetes is a serious disease, it does not help to scare anyone.
- Know the type. This can be as simple as buying a book about the three types of diabetes.
- Ask away. Asking questions with a genuine curiosity and desire to learn is almost always welcome. This can also empower a person with diabetes by providing an opportunity to educate others and share his or her experience.

If you haven't done your part to spread awareness or educate someone on diabetes, then now is the time. After all, November is almost over.

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salt, have just five calories in each spear.

Although water is our free option and our bodies don't need any other beverage, if it's one thing we have an abundance of it's the choice in beverages. There are sodas, teas, coffees, milk shakes, smoothies, slushies, Ices, you name it. If you find yourself in the drive-thru at your favorite drink stop (which has the best ice in the world), maybe get a smaller size and gradually decrease your dependence on sugary drinks. The empty calories in sodas and other sweet drinks can add 12 pounds to your body each year.

If you're watching your weight, heading

to a fast-food restaurant can be absolutely counterproductive. If you're like me, it's your vice, and I guarantee you I can attribute the majority of my weight gain to eating out. Thankfully, because they're trying to keep as much money as they have in the past, every restaurant has a "healthy" side to their menu. Instead of fries, you can opt for a side salad, baked potato or even fruit. Or maybe grilled chicken instead of fried.

I'm going to start doing all of these, and as I promised you all when I first started writing this column, I would publicly keep track of my weight. Ready to do it with me? Oh yeah, there's that whole Thanksgiving thing. Well, we'll start Dec. 1. How's that?

With what have you successfully replaced an unhealthy food? Email me at natisha@lascrucesbulletin.com.



ThePetReview

Hazards posed for pets during holidays

Treats, plants can be toxic to animals

Bulletin Staff Report

Holidays can be a wonderful time spent with loved ones and being grateful for everything we have received over the past year. However, there are some things to be aware of when holidays are in session.

Our pets can become vulnerable to some holiday risks and it is important to be knowledgeable and cautious about those risks so they can be avoided.

The smells of food fill the air, and even though it might be tempting to give your pet a treat, remember that there are a lot of pet specific treats that are not harmful to your pet, but human treats can often be harmful for your pet.

“Chocolate is by far the most commonly ingested dangerous food around the holidays,” said Dr. James Barr, clinical assistant professor in emergency and critical care at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM). “Chocolate and cocoas contain theobromine, a chemical highly toxic to dogs. Ingestion in small amounts can cause vomiting and diarrhea, but large amounts can cause seizures and heart arrhythmias.”

Barr said alcohol toxicity is another frequent issue for pets around the holiday season. Affected animals can experience seizures, dangerous drops in blood sugar, blood pressure and body temperature as well as respiratory failure.

“One should avoid foods containing grapes and raisins as they have been reported to cause kidney failure in dogs,” Barr said. “Many sugarless gums and candies contain xylitol, which has a strange affect on dogs causing a massive insulin secretion and a dangerous, sometimes fatal, drop in blood sugar. One should also avoid fatty foods because this can cause severe inflammation of the pancreas known as pancreatitis, which can lead to abdominal pain, vomiting, and can occasionally result in death.”

It is also important to be careful when

exposing your pet to plants. Some plants can be toxic to your pet, so make sure that all plants are out of their reach.

“Poinsettias have classically been thought of as toxic, but if ingested they only cause mild problems such as vomiting or diarrhea,” Barr said. “The same is true for holly berries or mistletoe, although they are slightly more dangerous if large quantities are ingested. More concerning plants are any flower in the lily family because they can cause severe kidney failure in cats.”

The holidays would not be the same without decorations. So keep your pet in mind when choosing decorations, especially your Christmas tree.

“Both real and artificial trees pose hazards for pets,” Barr said. “The preservative for the water in the Christmas tree can contain ingredients, such as bleach and vinegar, which are caustic and can cause some gastrointestinal irritations. It is very important to keep pets away from drinking tree water.”

It may be best to keep a Christmas tree in a stand where the water can be covered so pets don't have the option to drink the water. Also, it is important to secure the tree with fishing line to a hook on the ceiling or wall to keep it from falling over. Tree lights should not be plugged in when they are not being used so your pet does not get tangled up in them.

Pick up all tinsel, ribbon, ornaments and hooks off the floor so a pet does not mistake them for chew toys. Decorate the bottom of the Christmas tree with wood or plastic ornaments that won't break in case a pet likes to get close to the tree. Keep all of the gifts that contain human food off the floor so pets are not tempted by the smells. Burn candles in places that are inaccessible to your pets. Barr points out that liquid potpourri can cause chemical burns to the mouth and esophagus, which can be very painful and dangerous for any pet, if ingested.

Lastly, please avoid giving pets as presents without consulting the receiver of the gift first.

Animal shelters see an increase of donations directly after the holidays from short-lived pet owners.

“While pets as presents may make for a popular parent, it is a well-known fact that shelter populations increase after the holidays as there are a lot of those pets that are surrendered because a family is unprepared for them,” Barr said. “If you are considering a pet

as a gift, use the opportunity to visit a shelter and adopt a deserving pet from there. It can be a wonderful opportunity where the giver and the receiver will gain a lot more from the experience.”

If you believe that your pet has ingested a toxic substance, call the Pet Poison Helpline at 800-213-6680 or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435.

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Upcoming events

Critter Christmas Celebration

A Critter Christmas Celebration, benefiting the Spay & Neuter Action Program, Doña Ana County Humane Society and For the Sake of Animals (friends of the animal shelter) will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the historic Amador Hotel, 180 W. Amador Ave.

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Send adoption, clinics or general pet-related event information to natisha@lascrucesbulletin.com.

In the holiday spirit at the Be a Santa to a Senior kickoff

Photos by
Derek Brandt

Young at Heart sings "Silent Night" at Home Instead Senior Care's Be a Santa to a Senior kickoff Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Mesilla Valley Mall.



Marilyn Kirby hangs Be a Santa for a Senior tags on the Christmas tree. Throughout the holiday season, citizens can select a tag and purchase the items listed. The gifts will then be wrapped and delivered to a senior this Christmas.

Health Briefs

VA launches new benefits handbook

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is piloting new, personalized Veterans Health Benefits Handbooks. The handbooks are tailored

to provide enrolled Veterans with the most relevant health benefits information based on their own specific eligibility. In essence, each handbook will be written for the individual veteran.

"These handbooks will give veterans everything they need to know and leave out

everything that doesn't apply to them," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki. "Our veterans will now have a comprehensive, easy to understand roadmap to the medical benefits they earned with their service."

In addition to highlighting each veteran's specific health

benefits, the handbook also provides contact information for the veteran's preferred local facility, ways to schedule personal appointments, guidelines for communicating treatment needs and an explanation of the veteran's responsibilities, such as co-payments when applicable.

"Enhancing access isn't just about expanding the kinds of services VA provides," Shinseki said. "It also includes making sure we do everything we can to ensure Veterans have a clear understanding of the benefits available to them so they can make full use of the

services they have earned."

The new handbooks will initially be available only to certain veterans in the Cleveland and Washington, D.C., areas. Following the pilot phase, full implementation is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2011.

For additional information, go to www.va.gov/healtheligibility or call the VA toll-at 877-222-VETS (8387).

Molina Healthcare highly ranked

The National Committee

for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has ranked Molina Healthcare of New Mexico Inc. in its top 100 Medicaid Health Insurance Plan Rankings for 2010-11.

"Since 2004, Molina Healthcare of New Mexico has continuously maintained NCQA's highest standard – an 'Excellent' rating," said Lynn Allen, president of Molina Healthcare of New Mexico. "Being recognized for our commitment to quality and ranked among the most reputable health care organizations is a great achievement and one of our top priorities."

This year, Molina Healthcare of New Mexico, which serves approximately 91,000 members in the state, ranked No. 53 on the national list. The NCQA accreditation evaluates how well a health plan manages all parts of its delivery system – physicians, hospitals, other providers and administrative services – in order to continuously improve the quality of care and services provided to its members. The review includes rigorous on-site and off-site evaluations of more than 60 standards and selected performance measures by a team of physicians and managed care experts, which is then reviewed by a national oversight committee of physicians. A portion of the annual accreditation score is also based on member satisfaction and the Health Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS), which is a set of clinical performance measures.

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Staying healthy at the MountainView flu clinic

Photos by Jane Fukui



Michael Sanchez receives his flu shot administered by student nurse Ann Keppler Saturday, Nov. 20, at MountainView Medical Regional Center.



As the day went by, more and more cars drove up to the drive-thru flu clinic at MountainView Regional Medical Center.



The nurses who volunteered at the drive-thru flu clinic work quickly and efficiently together to make sure each recipient of the flu shot did not have to wait long.



Bob Baron receives his flu shot from Erlinda King, RN.



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Worship Services

Church News

ART SALE

St. Genevieve's Catholic Church, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave., will host its annual arts, crafts, antiques, collectibles show and sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, in its parish hall. Admission is \$2 and is good for both days. There will also be free appraisals and food. For more information, call 526-8624.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., presents the next Music at St. Paul's at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28. The concert will open the Advent/Christmas season and will feature the St. Paul's choral group in a candlelight concert including popular Christmas pieces of the 20th century. For more information, call 526-6689.

ADVENT AT UNITY

Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, will begin Advent with the lighting of the first candle and singing Christmas carols at its 10:30 a.m. service Sunday, Nov. 28. The topic of this Advent service is hope. The public is invited. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

CHOIR CONCERT

Basilica of San Albino will host the Mesilla Plaza will host a concert by the Schola Cantorum of Santa Fe titled "El Niño - The Christ Child" at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. The concert will include medieval carols of Europe, masterpieces of the Renaissance and contemporary Christmas carols. For more information, call 526-9349.

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Holiday shopping begins at the WEM Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair

Photos by Beth Sitzler

Selena Martinez buys handmade flower hairclips from Cameron Dye during the third annual Women's Enrichment Ministry Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair Saturday, Nov. 20, at First Baptist Church.



Kristen Chastine helps Linda Edwards select a custom handbag from Thirty-One.



Amy Moore displays information about World Vision, a Christian ministry working to improve the lives and communities of children throughout the world. In addition to a \$35-month child sponsorship, the organization offers gift-buying alternatives such as making a donation in the name of a loved one.



Cherry King browses items for sale at the fair, which was held to showcase the talents of the women of the church and support its missionary projects.

Church News

Continued from previous page Living, 575 N. Main St., will hold its Inspirational Cinema Matinee at 7 p.m. the first Friday of the month as part of the Downtown Art Ramble. A \$5 donation is suggested. There will be a discussion after the movie at the center's bookstore, Wisdom Through the Pages. For more information, call 523-4847.

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.

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 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.fbclasruces.com.

EASTERN STAR FUNDRAISER

Las Cruces Chapter No. 20 Order of the Eastern Star is holding a Scentsy Wickless Candle fundraiser just in time for the holiday season. The candles are safe for children, pets and those using oxygen. For more information, contact an OES member or visit www.thereadhead.scentsy.us.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., is providing two prayer groups. A centering prayer group will meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays and will include 20 minutes of meditation. A prayer group focused on support, healing and gratitude will be held at 4:30 p.m. Mondays in Classroom 107. For more information, call 522-7119.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Center, a Roman Catholic community, offers spiritual healing programs and ministry. Holy Mass is held weekdays at 11:15 a.m. at 5480 Lassiter Road. Also on Mondays, the Healing Prayer Team meets to pray for anyone who is interested. If you or someone you know would like to meet with the team, call 647-1117 for an appointment.

EASTERN STAR MEETINGS

The Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold monthly meetings at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Aztec Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road. A potluck dinner will be held prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. All OES members in good standing are invited to attend.

ALPHA COURSE

The public is invited to a 10-week, video-based small group study course on the Christian faith at Morning Star UMC, 2941 Morning Star Drive. The sessions begin at

6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, and a potluck supper will be held beforehand at 5:30 p.m. Child care is provided. For more information, call 521-3770.

DIVORCE CARE

Morning Star UMC, 2941 Morning Star Drive, will hold a 13-week, video-based discussion and support group for those suffering from the pain of separation or divorce at 6:30 p.m. Mondays. Participants can enroll at any time 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.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

El Calvario United Methodist Church will resume

choir rehearsals for all interested community singers at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the church, located at 300 N. Campo St., across from the Downtown Post Office. For more information, call 524-1230.

BOOK STUDY AND PROSPERITY DISCUSSION

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will hold a book study group for "Atom Smashing Power of Mind" by Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, at 10 a.m. Tuesdays. New members are welcome to come explore another facet of Practical Christianity in action. The church will also hold prosperity discussions at 9 a.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

DIVORCECARE

Sonoma Springs Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave., now offers an ongoing DivorceCare support ministry from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The ministry is devoted to helping people find support, healing and becoming whole again. Child care is

available. For more information, call 526-4907.

BIBLE COURSE

John Anderson at Holy Cross Church, 1327 N. Miranda St., will hold a course based on the writings of the apostolic fathers from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays in the church's gathering space. Bring your Bible and a friend.

STUDY GROUP

The Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St., has a study group for "The Course In Miracles" from 11 a.m. to noon every Saturday. For more information, call Lisa at 644-2977.

OPEN SPIRITUAL GROUP

The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) Edgar Cayce Studies holds group meetings from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday. The meetings are hosted by local chapter leader Linda Aragon and are open to the public. Anyone seeking spiritual study, knowledge and awareness is encouraged to attend. There is no fee. For more information and location, call 382-6400.

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:

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- 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.

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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.

WOODCARVING CLASS

Woodcarving class meets from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

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

The club is currently booking the following trips:

- **El Camino Real:** Day trip Thursday, Dec. 9. Cost is \$30.
- **Fort Davis, Texas, and McDonald Observatory:** Jan. 17-19, 2011, Cost is \$270 double, \$315 single.
- **Sunland Park and War Eagle Museum:** Day trip Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, day trip. Cost is \$25.
- **Mount Rushmore and Black Hills of South Dakota,** May 14-22, 2011. \$760 double, \$1,019 single. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

MYSTERY TOURS

A mystery tour will depart Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., at 9:30 a.m. the last Friday of the month. All trips will be within the surrounding area and will return by 11:30 a.m.

Trips may be for sightseeing, visiting a museum or touring new buildings. Trips are limited to the first 14 participants. Some trips have fees.

Sign up begins the first Monday of each month at the center or by calling 528-3000.

MUNSON HIKES

Munson hikes are for hikers of all ability levels age 50 and over who are members of Senior Programs.

Hikers need hiking shoes or boots and a backpack, and are required to carry their own food and water. Other recommended items are extra boot laces, sunscreen, hat, rain 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.

To sign up, call 528-3000. For more information, call Shaunna at 528-3037.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Area drivers ages 50 and older can take the AARP Driver Safety Program. Classes are scheduled from:

- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Village at Northrise, 2880 Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building.
- Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The cost is \$12 per person for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers, paid at the door. Participants must bring a valid driver's license and a pen or pencil. For more information, visit www.aarp.com.

HEALTH BENEFITS INFORMATION

Information and assistance on benefits for seniors are available from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday and Thursday at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

For more information, call Senior Programs at 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center meet at 7 p.m. Saturdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 523-1871.

THE THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first, third and fifth Thursday of each month at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2350 N. Main St. Cost for lunch is \$9, including tax and gratuity. Cost for bridge is 60 cents. All are welcome.

For more information, call 523-6106 or 373-9309.

SANTA FOR SENIORS

Home Instead Senior Care is teaming up with nonprofit agencies and area retailers to sponsor Be a Santa to a Senior, a program that collects, wraps and delivers gifts to lonely and needy seniors in Las Cruces.

The program runs through Saturday, Dec. 18. Trees have up in area stores and businesses.

A community gift wrapping party will be Tuesday, Dec. 21, and the public is invited to help. On Wednesday, Dec. 22, gifts will be delivered to seniors in the community.

For more information, call 522-7133 or visit www.beasantatoasenior.com.

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Call 24 hours in advance	541-2777
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101 N. Alameda Blvd.	647-3868
From outside the city	888-588-0005

A hole in one

The Las Cruces Golf Tournament Committee presents a check for \$5,000 to La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services benefiting the Child Crisis Center of Southern New Mexico. Major supporters of this year's tournament include EMI Technologies, Southwest Airlines and Roberto's Mexican Food. More than 50 other local businesses and individuals also donated gift certificates, merchandise and cash contributions. Pictured are tournament committee members Janis Hallem, Jettye Lawrence and Vickie Reynolds, La Piñon Executive Director Donna Richmond and committee members Lou Musteikis, Bea Hunter and Tillie Tilghma.



Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

Marvin Tessner
Out of the Past



100 years ago

1910

• State Constitution Convention delegates adopted a state constitution 78-18. Republicans voted 78-0 for it, while Democrats were 7 for and 18 against.

• Ag college football players returned from Tucson after losing to the Arizona College boys 18 to 2. The team was met by 40 or 50 students at the Mesilla Park railroad station, who proceeded to do a snake dance down Main Street.

• The Registrar and Receiver of the Land Office was busy with the case of Dr. Boyd vs. Eugene Van Patten. Quite a number of witnesses had been subpoenaed by both sides. The case involved the title to part of Van Patten's Dripping Springs resort, which Boyd has attempted to file upon, claiming the surveyor who legated the place for Van Patten had made a mistake in designation of the section lines.

• At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Charles Lee of El Paso, and Miss Lena Cox – eldest daughter of prominent rancher W.W. Cox – were married.

75 years ago

1935

• Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes

approved the allotment off funds for a taller Caballo Dam. Although it had been certain for some time the allotment would be made, it was not until Ickes approved it that it became assured, said U.S. Sen. Carl Hatch.

• Schenk's Baker and Grocery advertised 14 different kinds of fruitcake for 60 cents per pound, "tantalizingly spiced" pumpkin pies for 25 cents and firm red cranberries for 18 cents per pound.

• Thirty-two people were arrested when Las Cruces police conducted two simultaneous raids on gambling houses – a private residence and the other a "tourist camp." Four officers made up the raiding party, which caught the gambling dens "at unawares," and games going at full blast. The arrested men were released on \$10 bail and were to appear before Judge Mike Nevarez for trial.

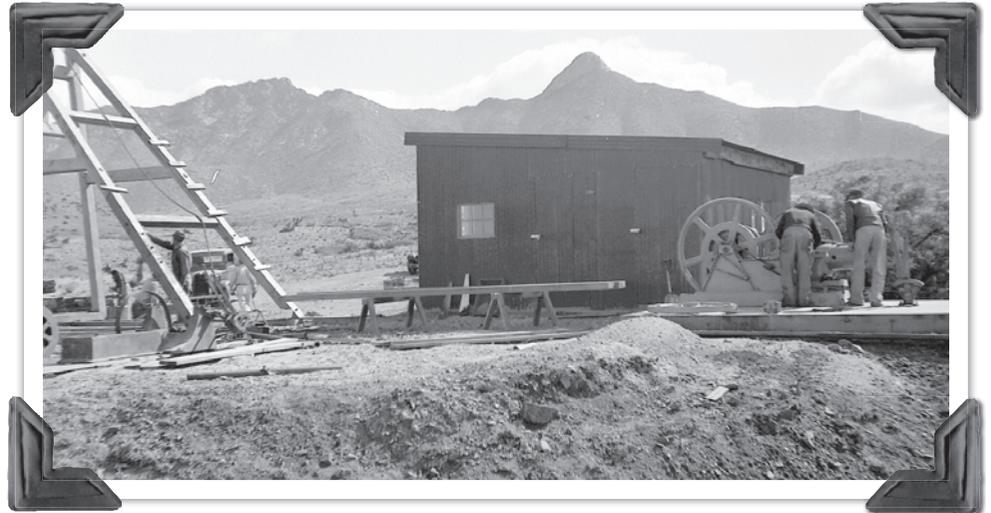
• Three days of rain dropped .90 inches in Las Cruces. Area ranchers were ecstatic about the rain alleviating the drought conditions.

50 years ago

1960

• The New Mexico State Aggies were set to place the nation's longest winning streak – 13 games – on the line against Texas Western. A win by the Aggies would secure their first-ever Border Conference football crown.

• Burglars stole \$2,632 in cash from a safe at La Pages Bar, 1707 W. Picacho Ave. The burglars forced the lock on the back door, entered the office, turned the safe upside-down and then "peeled" it. Three quarts of liquor were also taken.



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Workers tend to business at the Copper Bar Mine near Organ in the 1940s or '50s. A great deal of effort was put in to the mine into the 1950s, but reportedly, no ore was shipped during that period. This photo was originally taken by Louis B. Bentley and reproduced courtesy of the New Mexico State Library Rio Grande Historical Collection.

• Southwest writer Lawrence Clark Powell told the History Society of New Mexico that he was "sick of the scum of history – the killers, the Billy the Kids, the buffalo butchers" and others. "I realize this is blasphemy in Doña Ana County," he said.

• The Carruthers for Governor organization announced they had obtained enough signatures to play Garrey Carruthers name on the Republican primary ballot in June of 1986.

• The hottest items on the Christmas shelves were the "Real Baby" from Hasbro for girls and "Transformers," for boys. Plush, stuffed "Care Bears" were popular for both groups. Also new was the "My Buddy Doll," marketed for boys.

• A dog vaccinated in June died of rabies on Oct. 30, the 20th rabid dog in the county for the year. Nobody had been bitten by the fawn-colored boxer.

25 years ago

1985

• A Salvation Army representative told a gathering of Downtown merchants that the charities' plans to purchase the Frudenthal Building on the north end of the Downtown Mall did not mean the Salvation Army planned to open a "soup kitchen" type of operation at that location. Business owners were concerned about the number of transients in the Downtown area.

• A City of Las Cruces newsletter announced a major construction project to provide drainage for El Paseo Road would begin in December or early January. "As most Las Cruces know, when it rains in Las Cruces it frequently pours, and when it pours El Paseo usually floods," the newsletter noted.

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Featured home: 6825 Bright View Road

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The home at 6825 Bright View Road is tucked away in the Butterfield Two subdivision in Picacho Hills.



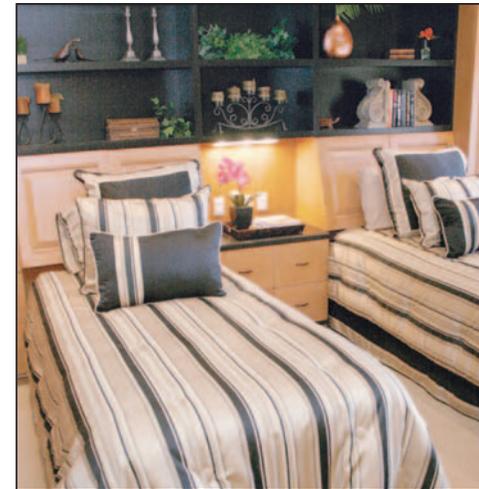
The covered patio consists of two seating areas, including one beside the built-in grill.



The living and dining room area feature an expansive view of the 6.21-acre property and surrounding landscape.



Carved wooden elements add style to the home.

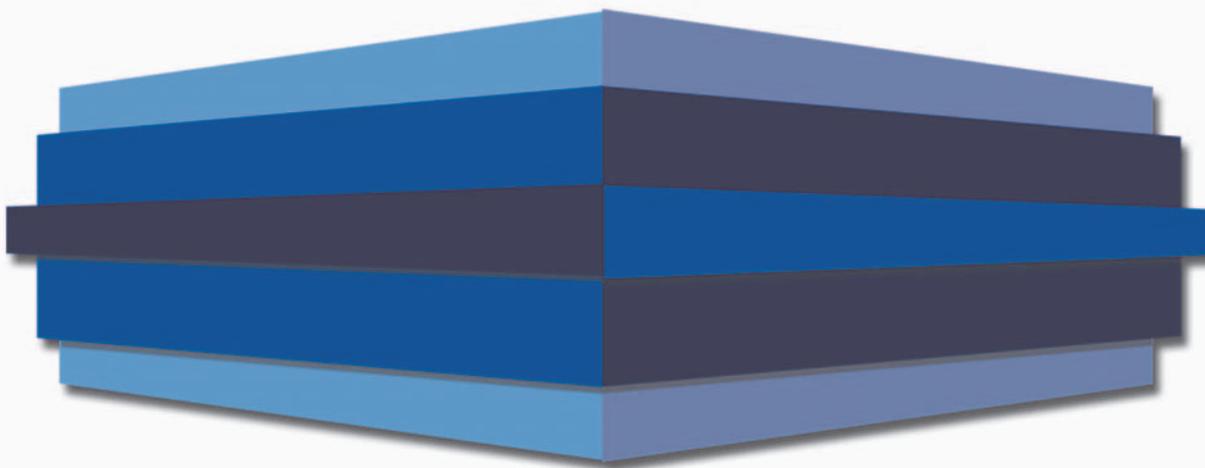


Built-in shelves are a convenient addition to a bedroom.



Surrounded by windows, the Jacuzzi bathtub in the master bathroom is a relaxing retreat.

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A peaceful getaway from city life

Elegant residence captures ‘whole other world’ in Picacho Hills

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

After living throughout the country, Linette and Norm Terry came to Las Cruces in search of a property that offered peace, quiet and an abundance of outdoor activities.

They found just the place at 6825 Bright View Road, a 6.21-acre lot in the Butterfield Two subdivision in Picacho Hills that features seclusion, access to walking trails and a few neighboring cows.

“I like that it is so private and we have plenty of land around us,” Norm Terry said. “Everyone always comments on how quiet it is out here.”

Built in 1998 by Tom Capron, the approximately 5,000-square-foot home was part of that year’s Spring Showcase of Homes.

When the couple first visited the home about three years ago, Linette Terry said she was drawn to the surrounding area of farmland, reminiscent of her childhood in California, while her husband, a Deming native, adored the space.

“I love the drive up here,” she said. “It’s out in the country, but it’s still in town.”

As they approached the residence, it was the contemporary Tuscan style and clean lines – which captured the expansive view of the Organ Mountains, city and Picacho Peak – that let the couple know they were home.



A fireplace covered in flagstone resides in the living room, which also features large crown molding.

“What’s amazing about the house is every room has a view,” Linette Terry said.

“Wherever you are in the house, you have just a beautiful view,” said Realtor Kaye Miller of Steinborn & Associates Real Estate, who represents the listing.

The large round gravel drive takes guests to the massive front entrance. Through the iron-and-glass door, the foyer features unique details, such as yellow and gray travertine tiles, a large skylight and a flagstone wall. Similar to an intricate puzzle, the wall appears to be a faux painting, Norm Terry said.

Skipping no detail, Miller said Capron carved every doorframe and baseboard to punch up the home’s elegance and used neutral tones in the paint and travertine floors.

To the right of the entrance is the game room, which includes a wet bar. The room is beside a hallway that leads to two of the home’s bedrooms. Each bedroom in the home, Linette Terry said, has its own bathroom as well as a walk-in closet.

At the center of the home is the living and dining room area. The ceiling, measuring about 20 feet, has spotlights for art and crown molding, a detail found throughout the home. The room also includes a fireplace cover in flagstone. The area’s greatest appeal, however, is the wall of large windows that perfectly frame the Organ Mountains.

Connected to the living area is the kitchen. Built like a “dream,” Linette Terry said the gigantic space includes every possible amenity, from a paneled refrigerator and freezer to double sinks and a wine rack built into the granite-covered island.

“The counter is perfect for parties,” Norm Terry said. “It’s a good elbow height.”

A skylight brings natural light into the work area, while a travertine backsplash adds style.

A rounded family room, which showcases a kiva-inspired fireplace, leads to the master bedroom.

“The master is what sold me,” Linette Terry said. “I spend all day in the kitchen and all evening in the master bedroom.”

Tucked behind double doors, the master bedroom includes another kiva-influenced fireplace. The room also has an office, which features a view of the property as well as Linette Terry’s enclosed winter garden, often visited by deer in the area.

The jewel of the home, however, is the master bathroom. Past the luxurious walk-in closet and dressing area, the bathroom features a Jacuzzi bathtub surrounded by travertine and windows as well as two sinks and a vanity encased in marble.

“You feel like a princess in here,” Linette Terry said.

Consisting of almost 1,700 square feet, Norm Terry said

the backyard is another living area and his favorite place to be. Featuring two sitting areas, the covered patio has a fireplace strategically placed behind a wall to shield it from the wind.

One area the couple changed was the backyard. Originally covered completely in grass, Norm and Linette Terry scrapped the entire area, leaving only the two existing palm trees. They re-seeded an area of grass and covered the rest with rocks and small bushes.

“We wanted to keep it within the natural landscaping,” Linette Terry said.

They also included stairs to the bottom of the property, which leads to a walking path around BLM land. Lastly, the couple planted native shrubbery, such as yuccas and ocotillos, around the home.

Miller said the elegant home, securely located in a gated community, offers residents a getaway from the congestion seen in other parts of the growing city, while remaining close to Las Cruces amenities.

“I think the home changes the way you live,” she said. “It offers such a nice and relaxed way of living. It’s so peaceful.”

“It’s a whole other world over here,” Linette Terry said.

Details

Featured home

6825 Bright View Road

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6.21

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Bubbles fill the holidays, or any season

Thirst-quenching club soda makes a splash around the home

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

A good way to add a merry twist to your holiday punch this year is with club soda, a carbonated water.

Joseph Priestley invented club soda, also known as fizzy water, sparkling water and seltzer, in England in the 18th century after experi-

Cranberry Mojitos

1 cup fresh mint
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups light rum
1 1/4 cups fresh lime juice
1 cup frozen cranberry juice concentrate, thawed
20 ounces club soda
6 cups ice

Use a wooden spoon to mash the mint with the sugar in the bottom of a large pitcher.

Add the rum and lime juice. Stir to dissolve the sugar. Add the cranberry concentrate, club soda and ice. Stir well and serve. Makes 6 servings. (Recipe adapted from www.mangiabenepasta.com.)

menting with a bowl of water placed over a beer vat. He noticed that the vat emitted carbonation, which was transferred to the water, changing its consistency and taste.

While some people may get tonic water and club soda confused, there is a difference between the two beverages. Tonic water is generally sweetened – making it a great partner with liquors such as gin and vodka – while club soda has a more salty taste, which is perfect for lime and lemon drinks.

Although a wonderful contribution to festive drinks, club soda isn't just for drinking. The fizzy bubbles can be used in other ways around the house.

1. Get fluffier pancakes and waffles: They say breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so why not start it off right with a big batch of the fluffiest pancakes or waffles possible. An easy way to get airy griddle-creations is to substitute club soda for the liquid listed in the recipe. The bubbles will puff up the batter, creating a light confection your family won't be able to resist.

2. Boost your plants: Whether you're an avid gardener or have recently sprouted a green thumb, an easy product to use to help your plants thrive is right in your refrigerator. The minerals found in club soda help plants grow, so douse them with the effervescent liquid about once a week.

3. Remove stains: You've probably heard this old family secret before, but a good way to get out stains, including grease, from fabrics is with club soda. So, skip the store-bought stain fighters, just pour the bubbly water over the stain and gently scrub it. After the garment has been washed as usual, the mark will be gone. This trick also works on your carpet, but you may

have to scrub more vigorously.

4. Easily shuck oysters: Sure we live in the Land of Enchantment, more known for its sandy deserts than abundance of sea creatures, but the next time you visit the coast, do as the locals do and shuck your own oysters with the help of club soda. Soak the water dwellers in the soda before prying them open. The long bath will make it easier to open the shell and remove the meat.

Around-the-house item: Club soda

5. Clean your jewelry: Some cleaning chemicals can be too harsh to use on precious gems, such as diamonds, rubies, sapphires and emeralds. A great way to clean them, and other pieces of jewelry, is with club soda. Place them in a glass of the sparkling water and let them soak for several minutes or even overnight. For really dirty jewelry, add a few drops of liquid soap. When you're done, your charms will shine like new.

6. Wash your windshield: A clean windshield is easy to maintain when you have club soda. Keep a spray bottle full of the fizzy goodness in your car and use it to remove bird droppings, splashes of mud or squashed insects. The bubbles will quickly break down the mess, making cleaning a breeze.

7. Refresh your hair color: While it is said that blondes have more fun, blondes also run the risk of having green hair after spending long hours in a chlorine-filled pool. One way to restore light hair to its desired shade is with club soda. Simply rinse your hair with the liquid and the color will be restored.

8. Settle an upset stomach: An easy treatment for an upset stomach caused by indigestion or too much holiday merriment and spirits is to drink club soda. Drink a tall glass of the substance cold, and you won't have to panic the next time you run out of antacids.

9. Polish countertops and fixtures: The next time you clean your house, have a bottle of club soda in your supply bucket. Use the sudsy brew to polish and clean your stainless-steel appliances, countertops, ranges and



sinks, or porcelain fixtures. Just pour it on the surface and rub it down with a soft cloth and warm water. Be sure to wipe it dry to prevent streaks. The soda is gentle enough to leave the area unharmed.

10. Loosen rust: If a rusty nut or bolt is making your DIY project too hard to accomplish, don't give up. Pour club soda on the rusted area and wait a few minutes. The carbonation in the liquid will help break up the particles and wash the rust away.

11. Restore your carpet: In addition to cleaning fabric stains, including red wine, club soda can get rid of another pesky carpet mess. If your puppy or kitten has used the restroom inside, blot the area then pour the fizzy delight over the spot and immediately blot again. Not only will the soda banish the stain, it will also help reduce the unpleasant smell.

12. Help your cast-iron cookware: Cleaning a cast-iron pot or pan can be a pain, especially when you have a sticky or baked-on mess. Get a hand washing away the muck with club soda. Pour the carbonated concoction into the cookware while it is still warm. The bubbles will help prevent the mess from sticking, making it easier to clean later.

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Packing all the fixings for the BIA-SNM Thanksgiving food drive

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Volunteers fill boxes assembly-line style during the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico's Thanksgiving food donation Tuesday, Nov. 23. The organization drive the meals to families at Families & Youth Inc. and Mac Arthur Elementary School.



Kristi Granados places labels on the pumpkin pies.



Sylvia Lauer grabs boxes from a mountain of copy paper containers to be filled with everything needed to create a Thanksgiving meal.

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Miles Dyson mans the potato station, making sure all 200 boxes get a portion.



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Featured Realtor: *Teresa Ramos*

Las Cruces Realtor represents RANM again

Teresa Ramos to use experience, knowledge to lead state association

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

For the second year in a row, the Realtors Association of New Mexico will be led by a representative from Las Cruces when Teresa Ramos, owner and broker of RE/MAX Infinity, takes over the role of president in January 2011.

Ramos, born and raised in Mesilla, found inspiration in her parents – father Luis Galaz, an engineer at White Sands Missile Range, and mother Consuelo Galaz.

“I came from a very structured family,” she

said. “Both of my parents were good role models and hard workers.

“My dad would say, ‘You can have a dream, but if you don’t plan for that dream, it’s just a wish.’”

The oldest of five children, Ramos was a natural leader and stayed active during her adolescence by participating in after-school activities, such as student council, and earning grades high enough to be a member of the honor society.

“Even when I was in school, I was always involved,” she said. “I wasn’t just a student. I wanted to get in and learn more.”

After studying marketing for two years at New Mexico State University, Ramos went to work for the local electric company. During her time with the utility company, she processed data, worked closely with engineers and interacted with individuals in the homebuilding industry.

“I got to meet developers and builders and they would talk to me about getting into real estate,” she said. “I had never thought about it before.”

She listened to their words of encouragement and became a licensed Realtor in 1980. She adapted well to her new career field and was honored as the Rookie of the Year with her company.

“I liked it from the very beginning,” she said of real estate. “The biggest satisfaction is seeing buyers purchase a home and realizing the American Dream, and being able to be a part of that.”

Wanting more, she earned her broker’s license in 1982 and joined the local Century 21 firm in 1984. After the firm was dissolved, Ramos decided it was time to take things into her own hands and opened RE/MAX Infinity with husband Tim Henderson in 1997, the same year she was named Realtor of the Year.

Throughout her more than 30-year career, Ramos has focused on keeping herself updated on the local market.

“I educate myself and keep myself informed on new rules and regulations in real estate,” she said, adding that she then passes this knowledge onto her clients so they can make informed decisions. “You need to stay on top of the real estate market and stay informed.”

In addition to earning several certifications – including Graduate Realtor Institute, Certified Residential Specialist, Short Sales and Foreclosure Resource and ePro – Ramos stays in the know by participating with the local and state Realtor associations.

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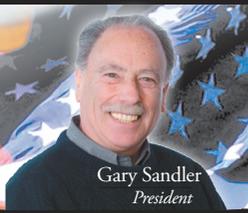
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Impacting the state

Since joining real estate, Ramos said she has been an active participant with the Las Cruces Association of Realtors, even serving as its president in 1995.

"I've been on every committee, and I served on the board in every position for 10 years," she said. "It's been a good experience to work with the committee members and work together for the betterment of the association."

A few years after seeing how the wheels turn in the local association, Ramos became involved with the Realtors Association of New Mexico.

"I started to get to know people involved at that level and they inspired me to do those things as well," she said. "I served on different committees so it was just natural to move up the ladder."

Along with serving as the Southwest district vice president – which is responsible for keeping the state president informed about issues in the region – Ramos was also the state treasurer for 2009, a challenging position due to the changing market.

"We had about 8,400 Realtors in New Mexico," she said. "It dropped to 6,500. That was the biggest challenge, to balance a budget with less revenue."

She said she examined the association's programs and was able to make cuts and merge services when possible to save money.

"I cut expenses without having to cut membership services," she said.

Because of her knowledge and experience, Ramos was elected by the RANM membership to serve as the 2011 president.

'Rise to the Challenge'

Although her term doesn't begin until January of the new year, she has already begun traveling the state, installing boards of directors and educating members about her goals as the incoming president.

"My theme is 'Rise to the Challenge,'" she said. "We as Realtors face a lot of challenges along with buyers and sellers. My goal is to embrace and engage the entire membership and look at their past experiences and combine their ideas and experiences with mine to improve and change for the better."

In addition to leading the association, Ramos said she will be responsible for keeping

an eye on the state Legislature to support bills that protect real estate and challenge those that would hurt the industry.

"I'm going to keep members informed on legal issues and policy changes," she said.

She will also act as a spokesperson for New Mexico with the National Association of Realtors.

Ramos, who has been recognized as Woman of the Year by both local and national chambers of commerce, will officially be installed into office during a ceremony held in Santa Fe on Jan. 26, 2011.

"The biggest reward is the friendships I make throughout the state," she said. "It gives me great joy and happiness to meet new people and establish a relationship with them."

Because Ramos said she got her start in real estate in a difficult market, she has learned how to overcome challenges and the importance of patience and tenacity – knowledge that will come in handy during her term as president.

"I learned things at that time that people entering the field today don't learn," she said. "It was better for me to get in when things weren't so good, because it taught me hard work and the importance of education."

Living by the mantra "In order to be successful, you must be proactive, not reactive," Ramos said she plans to be prepared and stay informed about any issues the state association might face.

"You have to figure out the problem and the solution before the problem even arises," she said.

Knowing how challenging it will be to balance all of her many duties as a broker and RANM president, Ramos said she is thankful for Henderson and her staff of associates, who have supported her and plan to attend the installation ceremony.

"I've always had good people that supported me," she said. "Every year, along the way, I've had someone who has supported me, whether it was in school or real estate. In real estate, we don't do it alone. We're educated and supported and have mentors along the way."

After her term as president is finished, Ramos said she has no plans to slow down and will look into becoming involved with NAR.

"I want to serve at the national level," she said.



Ramos, the 2011 president of the Realtors Association of New Mexico, represents this home at 5665 Georgia O'Keeffe Road.

Feeding 500 this Thanksgiving



Las Cruces Association of Realtors Community Service Committee members Mark Stuve, Becky Valenzuela, Stephanie Keepers, Sid Graft, Elsie Bonfantini, Elaine Brown and Shelly Sanders are all smiles after collecting enough food and monetary donations for the Gospel Rescue Mission, which will feed 500 people this Thanksgiving.

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Green home for the holidays

A look at important kitchen surfaces

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Editor's note: This is part two in a series of three articles.

If you're like me, you and your family are probably still enjoying your nice big Thanksgiving meal and all the wonderful leftovers that came along with it.

Thanks to my wonderful wife, my Thanksgiving meal seems to magically appear on the table. All I have to do is carve the turkey. However, I know that the meal is a result of many hours of hard work in the kitchen.

This week is part two of a three part series on the ideal green kitchen. Since my wife is the cooking expert in our home, I've asked Karen to help me out by describing the features and technology she would include in her ideal green kitchen.

Last month, I discussed how Energy Star appliances and green lighting can help make your kitchen a greener place. This month, I will take a look at the surfaces in your kitchen and how to select safer, more environmentally friendly options.

Kitchen surfaces

Cabinets, counters and floors – kitchen surfaces are the next area my amazing wife said she would focus on in her ideal green kitchen.

Karen has always been a bit of a health fanatic, so when it comes to having a green kitchen, she wants to know that surfaces are free from harmful chemicals while still looking great and are easy to clean.

“ With all the great countertop materials available, you don't have to sacrifice beauty in order to have a healthy surface ... ”

Countertops are the kitchen surface where people are mostly likely to use green products. Today, there are so many different types of green countertop materials, including

bamboo, concrete, recycled plastic, wood, glass and more.

One of our favorite new products is the VT Industries EQCountertop. They are constructed with 100 percent recycled cores with no added urea-formaldehyde and use low-VOC, water-based adhesives, so they are safer for food preparation. EQCountertops use only GreenGuard Indoor Air Quality Certified laminates. In addition, these post-formed countertops are easy to maintain and offer the look and feel of granite.

With all the great countertop materials available, you don't have to sacrifice beauty in order to have a healthy surface on which to prepare your food.

Countertops aren't the only surface in your kitchen that can be improved with green building materials. Many types of traditional cabinetry and flooring materials are heavily laden with toxic paints, lacquers and heavy metals, all of which can be bad for your health.

Just imagine the amount of time your food, dishes, cups, flatware and cookware spend sitting in your cabinets. Why not use a material that isn't going to leach harmful chemicals onto your dishes and into your food?

The most important thing to look for in green cabinetry and flooring is that it is urea-formaldehyde free. Formaldehyde gas can cause acute health issues when



Stylish and functional, this kitchen uses green materials, including countertops, to improve the home's environment.

found at or above 0.1 parts per million. These health effects include watery eyes, nausea, coughing, chest tightness, wheezing, skin rashes and burning sensations in the eyes, nose and throat.

Many manufacturers have realized the potential health hazard of urea-formaldehyde and are now offering formaldehyde-free products at no upcharge. That means you're getting products that are better for your health at no additional charge.

The next thing to consider in green cabinetry and flooring is to make sure all of the wood used is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). The FSC is the primary agency responsible for certifying managed forestry operations. The FSC sets high standards for manufacturers to help protect our forests.

Finally, you want to make sure the finishes on all your kitchen surfaces are low-VOC. These finishes

can take extra work to apply and require specialized skill. VOCs are chemicals that volatilize under ambient conditions and react with sunlight to produce smog. That means VOCs could be creating harmful pollution inside your home. These harmful chemicals can cause headaches, loss of coordination, nausea and other health problems.

These are just a few ideas on how to make the surfaces in your kitchen safer and more environmentally friendly. Make sure to watch next month for part three of this series where I will discuss kitchen fixtures and other miscellaneous things you can do in your ideal green kitchen. Happy Thanksgiving!

Bob Pofahl is the owner and developer of Picacho Mountain, southern New Mexico's only Build Green New Mexico certified community. For more information about green building, contact Bob at 523-2500 or visit his blog at blog.picachomountain.com.

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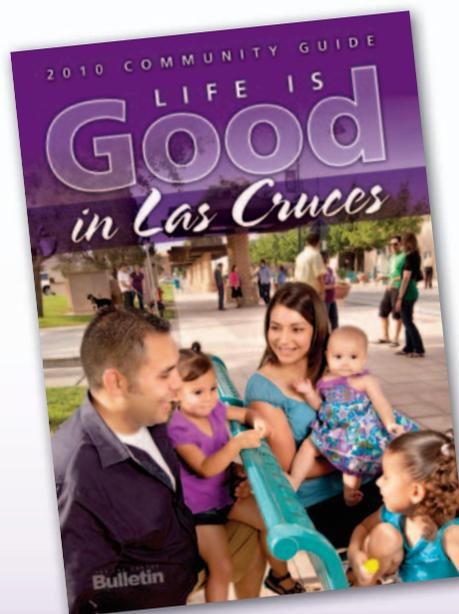
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Chronicling Habitat for Humanity homes

91-year-old volunteer remains active helping to give 'a hand up' to community

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Mac Fell began volunteering with Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity in 1989, the 91-year-old said he wanted to put his handyman talents to good use and had no idea how the nonprofit would shape his life.

Born in Oshkosh, Wis., Fell attended the University of Wisconsin where he earned a bachelor's degree in mining engineering. Using his degree indirectly, he said he began a career making construction equipment.

While he didn't have any formal training, Fell said he had a knack for building and would often fix things around the home of he and his wife Dorothy as well as at his cabin in Eagle River, Wis.

"I also built cradles for my grandkids," he said. "I'm not afraid of using a hammer and saw."

After living his entire life in Wisconsin, a retired Fell and Dorothy began thinking about relocating to someplace warmer with a view of the mountains. Torn between Albuquerque and Las Cruces, the couple decided on the City of the Crosses after housesitting for a friend.

"In the process, we found a condo we liked and bought it," he said. "We had to sell our house in Wisconsin and hurry down here."

In 1989, Fell said he heard about the local habitat chapter, which began two years earlier, at his church, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, and inquired about volunteering.

"They put me to work right away," he said, adding that the first home he worked on was south of town. "We worked on it three days a week. It was so satisfying. There are so many good things about working with habitat."

Since that first experience, Fell has lent a hand in one way or another on every home built by the nonprofit.

"I started on No. 3 and now we're on No. 80," he said.

"It's good to see a building take shape, and working with the people who get the house is satisfying."

The avid carpenter said he has helped on every aspect of the building process and was soon recruited to the other side of the operation. He served on the board for several years and was



Mac Fell, a volunteer with Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity since 1989, videotapes the construction process for homeowners.

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photo by Beth Sitzler

president twice.

"It's been an exciting thing in my life," he said. "I've worked with different people on the different committees."

Although he especially enjoyed getting on the roof to apply the shingles, Fell said he has become less involved with the actual building process, but is still active with the projects, including hammering 20 nails into the frame of home No. 80 this year.

"We joke that I'm famous for showing up at break time," he said. "I bring the doughnuts."

"He is so wonderful, and I can not say enough about what a genuine, giving, caring person he is," said Marie Schwartz, MVHFH development officer. "He volunteers from the heart and in doing so, he warms our hearts."

Fell is still supporting the nonprofit and the people it serves, however, by using another of his many talents – photography.

"Since that first house, I've videotaped the process for the families," he said, explaining he shoots everything from the wall raising to the joyful dedication ceremony. "I try to make a story of their home. It just seemed like a logical gift I could give them."

After the passing of Dorothy in 2001, Fell said MVHFH has become his family and he is glad to

be part of its success.

"It's the most satisfying thing I can think of doing," he said, "and you don't have to be skilled at anything to do it."

He said the nonprofit is always looking for volunteers to swing hammers, cut boards, donate money and just lend a hand when needed.

"We need more people because this is an exciting year, we're shooting to build nine homes. That's more than twice as many as we built last year," he said. "And next year we're shooting to build between 10 and 12 homes."

In addition to working with MVHFH, Fell said he enjoys watercolor painting and teaches an adult Sunday school class at his church.

"Those are two other things that keep my life busy," he said.

One of the greatest rewards of volunteering, he said, is helping fellow members of the community better their lives and the lives of their families.

"It's good to see them go up in the world. We're giving them a hand up, as we like to say," he said. "The 'clients' enjoy what you're doing and they appreciate you. They're the kind that want to get ahead and are happy to do the work to get there."

For more information about MVHFH or to volunteer, call 525-0475.

Wrapping gifts for MVHFH

Volunteers are sought for annual habitat fundraiser

Would you like to help wrap gifts for a great cause? Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity wraps gift at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Mesilla Valley Mall for customer donations every year as part of its fundraising efforts.

The event runs from Friday, Nov. 26, through Friday, Dec. 24. Volunteers will be scheduled for three- to four-hour shifts, according to mall hours and need based on past experience.

Some time slots available and number of people needed (not a full list) include:

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 - 6 to 10 p.m. Dec. 8, one person
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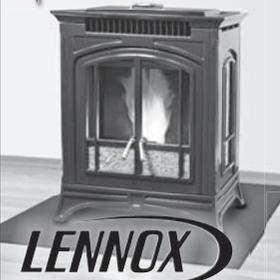
- Check suitcases before traveling and vacuum inside, if necessary.

- Vacuum the dormitory floor or home on a regular basis, which can help get rid of bedbug eggs.
- Take the vacuum bag out of the dorm or home and disposing of it in the outside garbage.
- Wash clothes in hot water on a regular basis.

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Leggo my homemade waffle

Advances with the waffle iron make whipping up breakfast staple easy

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

A close cousin to the pancake, the waffle has graced breakfast tables for centuries.

Believed to have originated in England, the waffle has seen very few changes to its recipe over the years. Created from flour, eggs, milk and some sort of rising agent, the waffle hit the American mainstream in the 1950s with the creation of the Eggo, a frozen waffle that could be heated up in a matter of seconds.

Although a frozen waffle may be convenient, nothing beats the homemade variety. Create your own mountain-high stack of the fluffy meal with a waffle iron.

What is it?

Whether you know it as a waffle iron or waffle maker, this gadget is a must-have to create those perfect checkerboard breakfast delights.

The waffle iron dates as far back as the 15th century, when two iron plates were attached with a hinge and included a wooden handle so it could be easily placed over a fire. Unlike the iconic honeycomb pattern we see today, these old irons featured a variety of designs, from religious symbols to coats of arms.

There is a debate about when the waffle and its handy maker made their way to America. Some believe the pilgrims brought it with them in the 1600s, while others think Thomas Jefferson introduced it to the country after visiting France in the 1790s.

Whenever it came, the waffle iron has seen several changes over the years. Still traditionally made from cast iron, manufacturers have introduced plates created from aluminum alloys, which gives the surface a non-stick finish.

The electric waffle iron was patented in the

1930s. Since that time, the waffle iron design has been changed and improved. Whether square or circular, thick or thin, stationary or on a swivel, there is a maker out there for just about any waffle preference.

A recent addition to the waffle-iron family is the waffle lollipop maker. Designed to create skinny waffles attached to a stick, this electric maker allows the breakfast staple to be eaten on the go.

How does it work?

A waffle maker is pretty easy to use. Brush on some vegetable oil or coat the plates with a mist of cooking spray before it begins to heat. After it is hot, be sure to keep the lid closed so the heat doesn't escape.

Let your waffle batter rest for five to 10 minutes then place a spoonful in the center of the bottom plate. The amount of batter you use is determined by the size of your machine, so be sure to read the directions. Too much batter will cause the waffle to leak out the sides, creating a mess, while too little batter will make small, unsatisfying waffles.

Cook time also varies between gadgets, but the electric devices come with a light that shuts off when the waffle is done. When the waffle is ready to be devoured, lift the lid and carefully use a knife or fork to pry it from the cooking plate.

Continue these steps until your batch of waffles is complete.

When you're done, unplug the maker and let the plates cool before washing them. Some machines come with detachable plates that can be washed by hand in a tub of soapy water. If the plates are attached,

wipe them with a damp towel.

Never use a rough sponge or scrubber to wash the plates because the coarse object will scratch and damage the surface.

Where can it be found?

A common kitchen appliance, the waffle iron is available at just about any cooking-supply store, including Las Cosas Kitchen Shoppe in Mesilla, Target, Walmart and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

How much does it cost?

The waffle maker comes in a wide range of prices, from \$20 to \$80. The price usually depends on functions, size and brand.

Waffle fun fact

Did you know that there is a difference between American and Belgian waffles? Belgian waffles are thicker, plus they are usually made with yeast, while the American variety uses baking soda or baking powder.



Featured kitchen gadget: Waffle iron

Cranberry Pumpkin Waffles

- 2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup solid vegetable shortening
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup canned pumpkin purée
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries, plumped in hot water to cover for 10 minutes and drained
- Melted butter for buttering the waffle iron

In a large mixing bowl, place the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and spices and stir with a fork until blended. In a small saucepan over low heat, add the milk, butter and shortening and heat until the butter and shortening have melted. Cool slightly.

Beat the eggs with the pumpkin purée in a separate bowl. Stir in the cooled milk and shortening. Add to the dry ingredients and stir with a wooden spoon until well combined. Stir in the cranberries.

Heat the waffle iron and grease it with the butter. Cook 1/2 cup of the batter at a time and bake until the waffle is golden brown and crisp. (Recipe adapted from www.wafflerecipe.net.)

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales New Homes	8	3	5

Closed Sales Existing Homes	17	8	15
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Pending Home Sales (All)	171	176	207
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	155	54	212

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$159,625	\$154,440	\$162,350

Median Price Existing	\$169,000	\$271,250	\$179,000
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,120	1,125	1,255

Real Estate Agents	418	418	522
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"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

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What's cooking on Capitol Hill? Recipes from Washington perfect for the holidays

There's always something cooking on Capitol Hill and Linda Baur captures the tasty heat in her book, "Capitol Hill Cooks."

Packed with hundreds of tantalizing (and sometimes quirky) recipes from the White House, Congress and past presidents, the 384-page hardcover tome will make an ideal gift this holiday season. Many contributors include notes about the origin of the recipe or fond memories of meals shared with others.

Pleasantly surprising were the number of recipes that include chile peppers. Disappointing was that none of the recipes from George Washington or Thomas Jefferson included a single hot pod. History has it that both presidents grew some type of cayenne. Nevertheless, Washington makes up for the loss with his beer and eggnog recipes. Jefferson's chicken fricassee and sweet corn pudding offerings can easily be spiked and sprinkled with cayenne.

Whether a recipe includes chile pepper or not, all sound simply yummy, including Rep. Ron Paul's Texas sweeties and Rep. Nick Rahall's (W.Va.) hushwee Mediterranean dish. On the other hand, Rep. Howard Coble's recipe for Brains and Eggs gives pause, but the ingredients are definitely entertaining.

"Capitol Hill Cooks: Recipes from the White House, Congress and All of the Past Presidents" (Taylor Trade Publishing, 2010) retails for \$26.95.

Grape Dogs from Rep. Steven LaTourette, Ohio

"I used this Grape Dogs recipe several years ago at a 'Real Men Can Cook' contest for charity in Lake Country, Ohio, and won. Grape Dogs are a crowd-pleasing appetizer at tailgate and cocktail parties; also, the tangy sauce is delicious with meatballs."

2 bottles Heinz chili sauce

8 ounces grape jelly

2 (1-pound) packages hot dogs, sliced into 3/4 or 1-inch pieces (mini, bite-sized hot dogs can also be substituted)

Heat chili sauce in a medium saucepan until boiling. Blend in the jelly and stir in two packages of your favorite hot dogs, sliced.

Simmer on low heat for 20 minutes. Serve warm on toothpicks. Grape dogs can also be prepared in a crock pot. Makes 10 servings.

Tortilla Soup from Sen. Tom Udall, New Mexico

"A soup to complement any meal."

1 tablespoon onion, finely chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

2 tablespoons shortening

2 cups chicken stock

1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

3 dried red chile pods, cleaned and cut in strips

1 cup longhorn, cheddar or Swiss cheese, grated

Corn chips

Salt to taste

In a deep saucepan, sauté onion and garlic in shortening. Add stock, cumin and salt. Add strips of chile and boil slowly until chile is tender. Before serving, add grated cheese and stir. Serve on half bowl of corn chips. Makes 4 servings.

Grilled Turkey Breast in Pita Pockets from Sen. Richard Lugar, Indiana

"This recipe is one of my family favorites, a light meal of turkey pita pockets with avocado salsa and sour cream sauce."

1 1/2 pounds turkey breast tenderloins

2 limes, juiced

1 tablespoon paprika

1/2 teaspoon onion salt

1/2 teaspoon garlic salt

1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1/4 teaspoon white pepper

1/2 teaspoon fennel seeds

1/2 teaspoon thyme

10 pitas, cut in half

1 1/2 cups lettuce, shredded

1 1/2 cups avocado salsa (see recipe below)

1 1/2 cups sour cream sauce (see recipe below)

Rub turkey breast with lime juice. In a small bowl, combine paprika, onion salt, garlic salt, cayenne pepper, white pepper, fennel seeds and thyme. Sprinkle mixture over turkey. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

Preheat charcoal grill for direct-heat cooking. Grill turkey 15 to 20 minutes until meat thermometer reaches 170 degrees, and turkey is no longer pink in the center.

Turn turkey tenderloins over halfway through grilling time. Allow turkey to stand 10 minutes. Slice in 1/4 inch strips.

Fill each pita half with turkey, lettuce, avocado salsa and, if desired, the sour cream sauce. Makes 10 servings.

Avocado salsa:

1 avocado, peeled and diced

1 lime, juiced

2 tomatoes, seeded and diced

1/2 cup green onion, minced

1/2 cup green bell pepper, minced

1/2 cup fresh cilantro

In small bowl, combine avocado and lime juice. Stir in tomatoes, green onion, green pepper and cilantro. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use. Makes 3 cups.

Sour cream sauce:

1 cup sour cream

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup green chiles, minced

1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

In small bowl, combine sour cream, salt, onion, chiles, cayenne pepper and black pepper. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use. Makes 2 cups.

Kenyan Vegetable Curry from President Barack Obama

2 large onions, finely chopped

2 tablespoons oil

1 teaspoon cumin seeds

1 teaspoon mustard seeds, preferably black

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8 medium potatoes (scrubbed or peeled), quartered
1 1/2 teaspoons fresh ginger, minced
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 tablespoon whole coriander, crushed
1 chile pepper (or 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper)
1/2 teaspoon ground tumeric
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
1 large garlic clove, minced and crushed
4 to 6 ounces (1 small can) tomato paste
1/2 pound green beans, trimmed
1 medium eggplant, cubed
1/2 pound fresh green peas, shelled (or a 10-ounce package, frozen and thawed)
1 bunch leafy greens such as kale, spinach, collards, well washed then drained (or a 10-ounce package frozen and thawed)
1 1/2 cups cooked or canned (rinsed and drained) chickpeas
1/2 teaspoon salt or more to taste
Half of a small cauliflower, broken into florets

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Have available one 8-quart, heavy, ovenproof skillet or Dutch oven with a lid (or have aluminum foil available). If you cut recipe in half, a 6-quart pot will do.

In the skillet or Dutch oven, brown the onions in moderately hot oil along with the cumin and mustard seeds. Add the potato pieces (peeling is optional) and stir to coat each piece with the spices. Add the remaining spices and garlic and continue to stir for several minutes. Thin the tomato paste with about 2/3 cup of water and stir into the pot. Lower heat to medium. Add vegetables, one at a time, cooking for a minute or so between each addition and put in the cooked chickpea last.

Bake the mixture: cover with a lid or seal with foil and bake in a preheated oven for about 45 minutes, checking after the first 20 minutes. The consistency should be rather thick, but add water if necessary to prevent burning. Stir occasionally to prevent sticking. Serve over steamed rice or with Indian bread (such as naan). Makes 6 servings.

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Organizing for more space

Discard the bad, display the frequently used

I recently added a closet to a teenager's room. It happened to be a 45-degree door opening, like those found in many kitchens. Off of it was a bookcase/window seat/entertainment area – all in a very small space.

The entertainment area worked well for a television, iPod docking station, CD player, books and other "girl stuff." The addition of a closet in the room provided extra room for hanging clothing, folded T-shirts and sweaters. It enabled the teenager to get a lot of things out of sight.

Younger children's rooms should be looked at every six months. Whether it's books, toys or games, children grow out of things very quickly. This creates clutter on a regular basis. Most children's rooms "grow" to fill the available space. Unless

you have another child to pass things down to, you can make someone else's child very happy if you clear it out on a regular basis. You can pass things on directly to other children or to organizations such as the Salvation Army. Having the right furniture with storage to hold the rest, you can keep your child's room organized. Be aware that it will also "organize" their attitudes to some degree.

One of the biggest organizational area offenders is the home office. The three most important things in a home office are storage, storage and storage. One of the main purposes of an office is to handle current paperwork and then store it for future reference. One high-tech solution to this is a scanner system that allows you to get rid of the actual

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paper. This solution requires regular backups of your scans and storage in a separate location, such as online storage areas. This is every bit as viable for a home office as it is for business offices.

If you're not the high-tech sort, you will opt for such things as storage closets, file cabinets, etc. If you're not concerned about guests wandering in, you might consider taking the doors off a closet, making it easier to have file cabinets and storage shelving in the closet and easily accessible.

Another area easily overstocked is the linen closet. While we tend to use the same sheets, towels, etc., all the time, we have this collection of "good" sheets, pillowcases, towels, washcloths, etc. You might even store bulky items, such as blankets and comforters, in the linen closet. First, consider enjoying your "good" stuff. It will improve your attitude considerably. What isn't used on a regular basis should be stored elsewhere or even eliminated.

If dealt with properly, the garage can become a place to store many of the things that your reorganization dictates should be out of the house. The garage itself, however, must remain organized.

A garage often provides many opportunities to create storage areas; some are even built with storage shelves in them. If the garage is wide enough, you can often put a line of shelving, storage cabinets or storage tubs down one or both sides of the garage. You can often put a hanging shelf above the garage door space for items such as seasonal decorations. You can also buy used kitchen cabinets and hang them in the garage to organize the things you keep there. Use pegboards to organize tools and keep them within easy reach. You might also organize them by need (plumbing, electrical) or by the frequency of need.

“ The three most important things in a home office are storage, storage and storage. ”

Keep small things, such as screws, nails, etc., organized using one of the many special containers that are available. If you have access, the "baby food jar" system still works well. Nail the lids under a shelf and then screw the jars up into the lids. You can see exactly what's in them.

Finally, check the bathrooms. If an item's texture has changed or if the object changes to an unattractive color, it's time to get rid of it. Makeup you no longer use should be thrown away. Items you use regularly can be put in small baskets on the bathroom counters and put away easily when company comes.

When selecting storage for either the bathroom or the kitchen, remember that drawer units cost more than door units, but you need both to have efficient storage. I recently installed basket type pullouts under a kitchen sink. The space is both more easily accessed and more usable. It also increased the total usable space in the room.

I started this series by saying that an organized home helps you to have an organized mind. While I said I wouldn't take any responsibility for organizing your mind, I would venture to say that if you've used any of these ideas, you're probably feeling better already.

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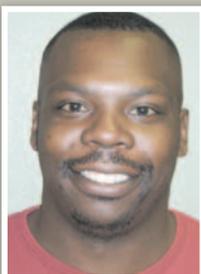
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