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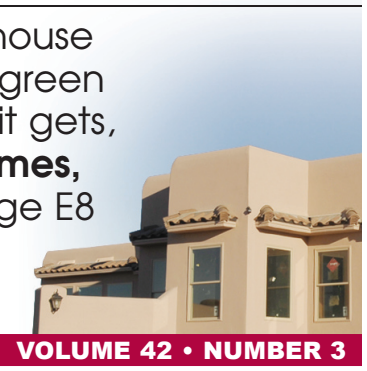

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Bowling alley horror examined

Film to debut on 20th anniversary of deadly robbery

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Almost two decades have gone by since a Saturday morning changed Las Cruces forever, but a filmmaker is hoping a new documentary about the horrific crime will help bring new clues to solve the mystery behind what is known as the Bowling Alley Massacre.

Charlie Minn's "A Nightmare in Las Cruces" revisits the events of Feb. 10, 1990, in which two unknown men in an apparent robbery of the Las Cruces Bowling Alley shot seven people "execution style," resulting in four deaths and a scene of almost unimaginable carnage.

Steven Teran, an employee of the bowling alley who was pursuing a career in law enforcement, arrived at 8 a.m. with his two girls, 2-year-old Valerie and 6-year-old Paula Holguin. His plans were to drop off the girls at the bowling alley's day care center under the supervision of 15-year-old Melissa Repass, daughter of the bowling alley's manager Stephanie Senac, and 13-year-old Amy Houser, Melissa's friend.

Senac, the teen girls and cook Ida Holguin already were are the bowling alley, but Teran and his

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Couture begins presidency

President must first prepare for budget battles

STEVE MACINTYRE I The Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University's student government President Travis Dulany talks about upcoming activities with new NMSU President Barbara Couture Wednesday, Jan. 13, at her office in Hadley Hall.

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Barbara Couture, New Mexico State University's new president, hasn't had the time to unpack some 470 boxes of possessions she and her husband Paul brought with them from Nebraska since they arrived here last week.

During that first week, Couture said she has been working long hours and meeting many people as she prepares for the start of not only the spring semester of classes that started Thursday, Jan. 14, but also the 30-day legislative session starting Tuesday, Jan. 19, that has state government facing a huge budget shortfall.

Preparing for the legislative session has been "Job 1," Couture said at a press conference Friday, Jan. 8. Couture, formerly the senior vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and chief academic officer at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was selected by NMSU regents in November 2009 following a national search and is the university's first woman president not serving on an interim basis.

Normally, new NMSU presidents begin their jobs with a series of briefings and visits to the university colleges, labs, facilities, branch campuses and research centers scattered across the state. That will have to come later as Couture arrived just as lawmakers and Gov. Bill Richardson were releasing preliminary budget figures and funding options – none of which paint an encouraging picture.

Though she acknowledges that New

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Budget crisis colors governor's final act

Richardson's legacy hinges on session's solvency solution

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: *Leading up to Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe on Feb. 1, the Bulletin will be running a series of stories about issue or concerns relating to the 30-day legislative session that begins Jan. 19. Many of these stories also will be found in the Bulletin's Legislative Guide that will be distributed to lawmakers and key government officials.*

Bill Richardson is facing the final regular legislative session with probably the most daunting challenge he's faced during his historical two terms as governor.

He is calling on lawmakers to cut spending and to consider tax increases he hopes will only be temporary in a shaky economy still trying to regain its legs.

Though the primary focus of the session is the budget, there no doubt will be time spent reviewing his two terms. More than any other governor before, Richardson has attempted to bring New Mexico into the modern economy and his influence has reached far beyond the state through his presidential run and diplomatic missions.

Richardson's philosophy could be found in his statement at last summer's groundbreaking for Spaceport America. The bold investment of $198 million into building a spaceport for the emerging commercial space industry showed the world, he said, that New Mexico isn't afraid to think big.

Even during the 2002 campaign for governor, Richardson couldn't simply run for office. He had to break a world record while doing it by shaking 13,392 hands in an eight-hour period – beating the record that former president Theodore Roosevelt set on inauguration day in 1907.

Like Roosevelt, he then led a charge on a multitude of fronts in a spirit of unbridled optimism and unchecked hubris. His office churned out what felt like daily initiatives – DWI reforms, tax cuts, tax credits to attract the film industry, creating a new approach to funding road projects – Governor Richardson's Investment

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Secure shopping

STEVE MACINTYRE I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Police Sgt. Frank Flores helps Jennifer Lopez, 9, Friday, Jan. 8, shop for clothes at Target, as part of the Shop with a Cop program that gives children $125 for needed items.

School bond election voting under way

Absentee and in-person voting has begun and will continue through Friday, Jan. 29, for Las Cruces Public Schools' $65 million school bond issue and two-mill levy election.

Registered voters may contact the Doña Ana County Clerk's office at 647-7428 to receive an absentee ballot.

In-person voting is at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Voters must be at least 18 years old and residents of the school district. Jan. 5 was the last day to register to be eligible to vote in the election.

Polls will open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 28 consolidated precincts throughout the school district. Visit www.lcps.k12.nm.us for a list of voting locations.

Passing the bond and mill levy will not raise the local property tax rate. The LCPS portion of the local property tax rate will remain at $9.807 per $1,000 of taxable property value if the bond is passed.

Funds generated by the bond issue and mill levy will benefit all LCPS schools. Those funds will improve student and staff safety, provide more and better technology, fund major construction and renovation projects (including $10 million for Las Cruces High School), provide new and improved athletic facilities, construct new schools and help the school district plan for long-range growth.

Bond issues passed since 1991 have generated more than $105 million to build new schools and to renovate, expand and improve classrooms and libraries throughout the district.

For more information on voting, contact the Doña Ana County Elections Bureau at 647-7428 or bobba@donaanacounty.org. For more information on the bond issue and mill levy, contact LCPS Communications Director Jo Galván at 527-5811 or jgalvan@lcps.k12.nm.us.

Holiday closings set

City, county and public schools observe King holiday Monday

Most City of Las Cruces offices will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, Jan. 18. Emergency services such as fire and police will not be affected.

The following are schedules for city offices and services during the holiday:

- Transit administrative offices and Rideshare offices will be closed; however, there will be regular bus service and Dial-a-Ride service.
- Solid Waste offices are closed; however, normal trash pickup will continue.
- The Foothills Landfill will remain open for normal business hours.
- The regular City Council meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, in City Council Chambers.
- Most Doña Ana County offices will be closed. The administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed, but law enforcement in the field will not be affected.
- All Las Cruces Public Schools and the LCPS Administration Building will be closed.

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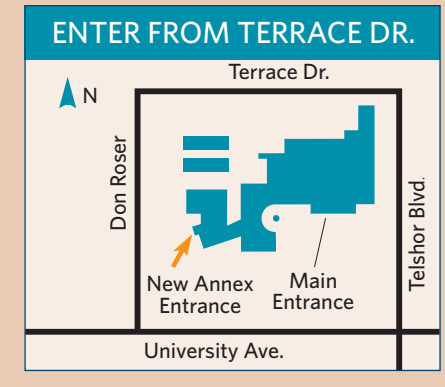

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From the Publisher

Vote 'yes'

School bond issue needs your support to ensure minimal local needs are met

By **David McCollum**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

McCOLLUM

Our local Las Cruces Public Schools district once again needs your vote to approve the proposed bond issue and renew the current capital improvements levy.

There is nothing fancy in the two issues for which the voting date is Tuesday, Feb. 2. The two most important considerations for voters should be that the monies being generated from this vote are for basic needs for our expanding public school facilities, and the fact that voters' approval of the bond/levy WILL NOT GENERATE A TAX RATE INCREASE.

Among the projects listed on the proposed $65 million bond issue are major renovation and construction for several schools, including Loma Heights Elemtary, University Hills Elementary, Picacho Middle, Las Cruces High and Mayfield High, along with funding for the final phase of the new high school. Some of these projects may be available for matching state funds, assuming the bond issue is approved.

Other key projects include new roofs at Fairacres, MacArthur, Mesilla Park and Oñate High and heating and cooling (HVAC) replacements at Alameda, Jornada, White Sands and Picacho Middle schools. Also included in the bond are kitchen updates at Conlee and Vista middle schools, remodeling the nurse area at Jornada and refurbishing restrooms at Conlee, Doña Ana, East Picacho, Highland, Picacho, Sierra and Vista middle schools.

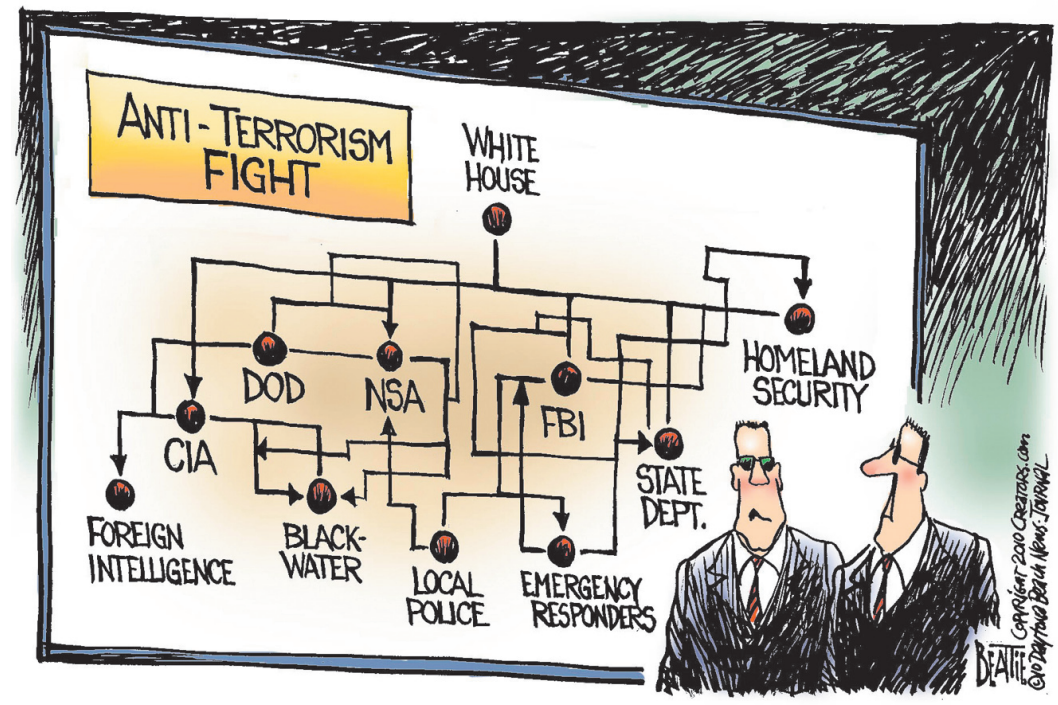
Additionally, 12.3 percent of the bond issue is wisely planned to be set aside as a contingency of all project and for potential property acquisition for future schools sites.

If any voters have concerns about how wisely our school district is handling their money, I was impressed to hear comments made at a luncheon last week by state Sen. John Arthur Smith from Deming. Smith is the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and is known for his conservative approach to budgeting and tax dollar expenditures. In his presentation, Smith touted our local LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds as being "possibly the best" public school leader in the state when it comes to budgeting and managing his district's financial resources.

Smith also warned the audience that Las Cruces Public Schools, because of the projected growth of the region, will face some of the biggest funding issues in the state. Smith encouraged business and community leaders to become more active and visible to our state legislators, especially this year when our state currently faces a potential shortfall of around $800 million. When state dollars are this tight, there is a real potential that, unless we make lots of noise from southwest New Mexico, there won't be much money to go around after most of it is divvied up between Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

As for the critical school bond and levy issues, early voting is now open at the Doña Ana County offices. Voters can verify their voting locations in upcoming editions of the Bulletin or by visiting www.lcps.k12.nm.us.

In the past 55 years our community has supported every school bond issue. Never have we had a vote as important to our overall community as this. Please take the time to get out and vote "Yes" on Feb. 2.



"The problem isn't connecting the dots . . . the problem is, this is how the dots are connected."

Letters to the Editor

Child Crisis Center needs Las Cruces support

The Child Crisis Center of Southern New Mexico will be located on the Community of Hope campus at 900 W. Amador Ave. We will provide a temporary, safe, emergency home for children of parents who are in crisis in order to prevent child abuse and death.

We are at the "which comes first, the chicken or the egg?" stage. The building must be brought up to new codes. Electrical outlets and switches in the cinder block walls must be moved, bathrooms and sinks changed and more added, windows changed, some floors need carpet and the rest need tile and the kitchen and laundry areas need improvements.

All of this and more must be completed before we can apply for licensing.

We need licensed electricians and plumbers with helpers to donate at least part of the work. We have willing hands to help, but the work must be overseen. We need windows and flooring installers, again there are willing hands to assist.

Executive Director Donna Richmond of La Piñon is writing grants. An account has been set up at Citizens Bank for monetary donations, or donations may be mailed to La Piñon in care of Bernadine Dallago, 525 S. Melendres St., Las Cruces, NM 88005. I will also be happy to answer questions at 527-1411.

ALICE B. DAVENPORT
Child Crisis Center
Advisory Board member

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A Christian nation?

Michael Swickard's article correctly implies that we are in danger of being ruled (bullied) by the minority. This is an ironic result of the goodwill and forbearance produced by living in a country where our worldview has been permeated by the Christianity-derived principles of the majority.

For example, American's want everyone to be accepted and valued, since the Bible says, "Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves" and, "… do to others what you would have them do to you …"

The main flaw in his essay is the idea that we are, or should be, a "Christian" nation. We are, however, primarily a nation of believers who mostly identify themselves as Christians.

We don't just tolerate other ideas, we embrace their holders and seek to accept and incorporate whatever is good and beneficial.

However, while we do (and must) remain open and gracious, we cannot allow anyone to undermine our foundations via threats, lawsuits and specious arguments.

To do so is to eventually lose our identity and the liberty we cherish, since our principles are the source of these infinitely valuable possessions.

DAVID REBER

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Letters to the Editor

Constitution destroyed

Health care reform contains in its entirety many destructive actions for the balance of power of our federal, state and local governments. Many items, which are denied by Democrats, are honestly contained within the health care reform legislation. I suggest people quit listening to tired cronies and spending real time studying the total content of the legalese in the document.

This health care bill bypasses and in effect makes portions of the following Constitutional Amendments null and void. The 10th Amendment has many areas of rights and powers that shall vanish. The Ninth Amendment is effectively cut off at the knees. The Fifth Amendment is effectively bypassed by calling a fine a tax and stopping the use of the amendment to challenge the charge effectively bypass the this amendment. The Fourth Amendment is rendered useless illegally by forcing the release of your financial, employment, physician and hospital records and information, thus, bypassing the unreasonable search and seizures portions of this amendment.

The mentioned items are only a few of the rights and freedoms being stolen from the American people by this so-called health care bill. It is a complete power grab by the current administration and destroys the balance of power crafted by the Constitution. The American citizens must wake up and taste these bitter poisonous pills being forced down their throats.

T. E. FRY

The king's blueberries

There was a monarchy whose blueberry crop failed to produce sufficient blueberries for the pancake market. The king told his clueberry czar that he must find a solution to the problem.

The benevolent czar decreed that the blueberry crop would be divided into four equal portions. Equal amounts would be removed from each portion until one new portion equaled the amount of one of the four original equal portions. Pancakes were made for the king using one container of full blueberries. This required borrowing one quarter from one of the other containers. The next now half-full container required borrowing one half from another container. This was used in pancakes for the blueberry czar. The now one-quarter full container required all of the blueberries from the last three-quarter full container.

This made pancakes for all the undersecretaries and officials of the king.

The remaining full container of blueberries was placed in the king's vault in case the next blueberry crop failed altogether.

The servants and commoners were given the empty container of blueberries for their pancakes. They were happy to get any pancakes at all and never complained about their blueberry pancakes.

The king was pleased with the wisdom of his czar and promised him an even larger portion of blueberries next season.

The moral of the story is, if you live in a monarchy, hide your blueberries.

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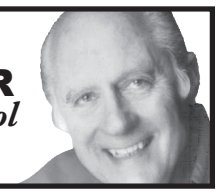
Games bring in revenue

But money from Fiesta Bowl is an easy target for cuts by the state Legislature



JAY MILLER
Inside the Capitol

University of New Mexico administrative expenses continue to be a favorite whipping boy when state budget-cutting conversations arise.

Although salaries and expenses of administrative staff at other colleges and universities in the state aren't frequently publicized, they do come in for criticism too.

We are told salaries must be high in order to attract the best, but is that argument just copied from the one used by captains of industry, where everybody helps everyone else get the biggest salaries they can?

UNM football expenses also are getting beat up on. Basketball spending is escaping consternation while the team is winning. Those victories are helping pack the Pit despite the inconvenience of the construction project to expand the arena.

But revenues from the big basketball crowds will never play the role of revenues from big time college football. A story floated around several months ago that Alabama football coach Nick Saban bailed out that university's $3 million deficit with a contribution from the athletic department.

New Mexico's two largest universities are learning the value of big time college football. UNM plays in the Mountain West Conference and New Mexico State University plays in the Western Athletic Conference. Both conferences did well during the recent bowl season.

National Collegiate Athletic Association rules call for bowl participants to share their revenues with the other universities in their conference. Although neither the Lobos nor Aggies qualified for a bowl game this year, they both will get help with their athletic budgets courtesy of the top teams in their conferences.

Our two big schools might do even better, were it not for the stranglehold that the very big daddies have on college football. The mightiest conferences have formed what they call the Bowl Conference Series.

They picked the richest of the bowl games around the country and said only teams in their BCS conferences will play in those bowl games. After some pressure, they relented and said they would allow one or two non-BCS teams to play in the big bowls. Those teams often come from the Mountain West or WAC conferences.

It usually requires a perfect record to go play with the big boys and our regional conferences have done very well for themselves and for us. The BCS bowls bring in big time money – in the vicinity of $20 million to split among the teams and their conferences.

This year, Boise State University and Texas Christian University won the two conferences NMSU and UNM are in. It is highly likely that the top teams in the BCS put out the word that they did not want to play either team.

For some reason, the teams from the smaller conferences perform much better than they should, according to the sports analysts. The reason given is usually that the little guys play with a chip on their shoulder because they are overlooked.

Whatever the reason for our dominance, the big boys managed to avoid having to play either Boise State or TCU by having them play each other. It took a lot of fun out of watching that bowl game because it eliminated the David and Goliath scenario.

But it did provide a big chunk of money for athletic budgets at two New Mexico universities. And it may cause our Legislature to look a little more closely at those athletic budgets.

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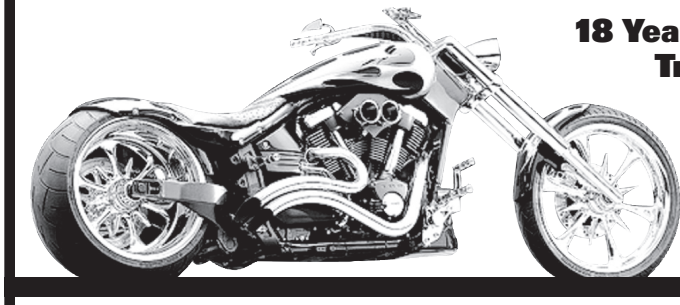
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Nation is on the verge of writing bad checks

America must plan to retire debt

By Michael Swickard
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"Debt is the fatal disease of republics, the first thing and the mightiest to undermine governments and corrupt the people."
– Wendell Phillips

Years ago, I lived in a small town. One day, an opportunity came up if I could get $800 quickly to an Albuquerque Music Store. The banker listened carefully and then wrote out an order to the bank teller to give me the cash.

"Come in tomorrow and we will sign the papers," he said. That was a different era.

I still have that special 12-string guitar. Why did I get the loan? Because the banker knew I would pay it back. I would not have gotten anything if I was known to write bad checks. This brings me to wonder why China and other nations still lend us money.

In the last several decades, our country has consistently increased the national debt without any talk about retiring that debt. Our country is spending more and more of its resources just servicing the interest, not the principle, which just grows bigger every year. Worse, in the last year our national debt grown significantly. Should we care?

We should because there is the question of what will ultimately happen when we are forced by the magnitude of our debt to cheat our lenders. Will any country lend us a penny when they realize we will not pay them back? Doubtful.

The way Congress has structured the national debt is a Ponzi scheme where our country is borrowing money every year to service the interest debt on previous loans. It is not "if" we will finally be unable to service our interest debt, it is just "when?"

For decades, the national debt has been bantered about but neither party has shown the slightest interest in starting to pay the enormous sum back. Congress cannot stop spending more than they have. In real life, and in Congress, this will precipitate a long fall and harsh realities.

Some people say we cannot even start getting out of debt because of the magnitude of the debt. The amount of money needed would be the total output of our country for perhaps 10 years. So because paying it back will be so difficult, our country ignores the financial realities and just keeps on spending.

My friends, that is writing more checks not because you have money, but because you have checks. There is only one ending to this and it is not pretty.

Congress has accelerated its spending to the point that the dollar has little backing in the world. As a debtor nation spending a great deal of its resources servicing debt and then borrowing even more resources from other countries, we know how this will end one day since it can have no other ending. It appears we hope we pass on before the effect of our profligate spending comes home to roost, which it will.

Our kids and grandkids will have significantly fewer resources and most of their lives will be spent dealing with the financial structural flaws of debt we foisted upon them. I wonder if they will even realize that we knew we were doing this to them but did so anyway?

The question we need to ask every politician before we spend any more money is: "What is your plan to repay the national debt? How soon will that be done?"

When politicians avoid the question and talk about "bringing more goodies home to the fine people in New Mexico," we must remind them it is a bad check since no money backs them.

Like the grasshopper who never believed that it was time to save for winter, our nation is talking about spending significantly more money on health care reform and cap-and-trade legislation.

The "fun" discussions in Washington are about spending more money. Paying our debts is never addressed.

As Ogden Nash wrote, "Some debts are fun when you are acquiring them, but none are fun when you set about retiring them."

Please ask each national politician for a plan to retire the debt, not just come close one year or another to balancing that year's books. See what they have to say. Vote accordingly.

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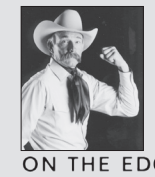
Recalling those 'Hark the Herald Angels' moments



BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

There is a frequently told story by cowmen and veterinarians since herdsmen discovered fire. As I listened to a Georgia farmer recount his own personal version, I found myself imagining how the cow would feel?

"I was grazing down by the creek. Something I do every day, I think? My short-term memory is going. I know I have calves. I'm not sure how many, but who keeps count. I guess they grow inside me. Maybe I eat something, or an insect bites me or it has something to do with the moon? Anyway … where was I?"

The event down by the creek.

"Oh, yeah, I was grazing down by the creek. Ya know I do have a childhood memory. It was very dark and snug. I was in my sleeping bag. It was squeezing me! I don't know how long it lasted. I don't know how long is long?

"Then a hand gripped me! I remember a shiny bracelet, which came tight, nearly pulled my front legs out of their socket! And then I burst into the light! I never thought about eyes ... or seeing. Maybe I thought I was a star-nosed mole or a potato? But the light was overwhelming! I had one of those 'Hark the Herald Angels' moments!"

> "I know I have calves. I'm not sure how many, but who keeps count."

Back to the creek.

"What creek?"

Where you had the event.

"What event?"

The one down by the creek.

"Oh, that one. Well, I was grazing and began to feel a little acid reflux … then I realized cows can't get acid reflux, they wouldn't know it the way they regurgitate all those cuds all the time.

"Anyway … where was I?"

Down by the creek.

"Yes. I had terrible stomach pains, a shortness of breath, then I slipped on the bank and went down!

"Next thing I remember the two-legged, ball-faced upright giant frog walkers who come and disturb us now and then, were manhandling me! One had a big rubber tube and he was forcing it down my throat! It was dark. I felt dizzy. I couldn't see! I thought I was back in my sleeping bag!

"I couldn't understand their frog talk, but one was bawling and hollering and suddenly the other one's five-fingered front leg caught on fire! There was a terrible explosion! I imagined I was a dragon or an F-16 or an industrial strength weed burner! The sky lit up!

"And that's all I remember, my second 'Hark the Herald Angels' moment. That, and the bawling frog talker baptizing himself in the creek!"

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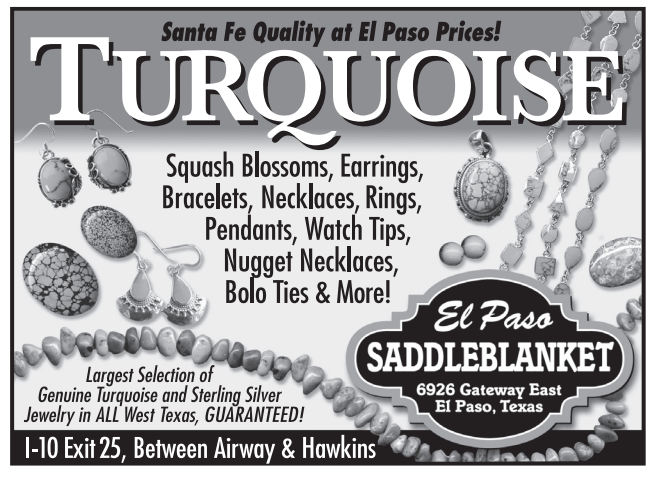
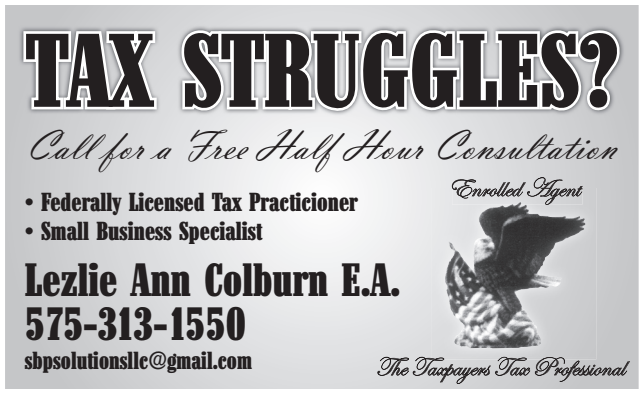




In the News

Red Cross taking Haitian relief donations

The Southwestern New Mexico Chapter of the Red Cross has been answering phone calls from the community wanting to know how to donate to Haitian earthquake relief efforts.

People can donate by visiting www.redcross.org, calling 800-RED-CROSS or bringing a check to the Southwestern New Mexico Chapter at 1301 E. Griggs Ave., where it will then be sent to the National American Red Cross.

The American Red Cross is sending money, supplies and staff to Haiti to support relief efforts there. At this time, the American Red Cross is only deploying volunteers specially trained to manage international emergency operations.

The public can also help by texting "Haiti" to 90999 to send a $10 donation to the Red Cross, through an effort backed by the U.S. State Department. Funds will support American Red Cross relief efforts in Haiti.

To date, there have been no requests for blood products from the government of Haiti. Communication with those in Haiti is still difficult. People should contact the U.S. Department of State, Office of Overseas Citizens Services at 888-407-4747 if trying to reach a U.S. citizen living or traveling in Haiti.

While donations are coming in for Haitian relief, the initial American Red Cross response is made possible in part by contributions from members of the Red Cross Annual Disaster Giving Program (ADGP).

Regents approve bonds

At a special meeting Wednesday, Jan. 13, the New Mexico State University Board of Regents gave final approval for the issuance of $78.67 million in system revenue bonds with a total interest rate of 3.93 percent.

Jennifer Taylor, senior vice president of business, finance and human resources at the university, requested the bonds to finance building and improvement projects.

The sale of bonds is the means by which institutions such as NMSU borrow money for projects. This action will allow the university to self-fund capital construction and renovation projects, including improvements to the health center, the second phase of the Chamisa student housing complex and a new campus bookstore, arts center and central utility plant expansion. The bond issuance also will allow the university to refinance about $13 million in outstanding debt, resulting in an 8.44 percent savings.

Taylor said the university's Master Plan for development of the Las Cruces campus is the driving force behind the selected projects, identified by NMSU as priority initiatives to meet current campus population needs and position the university for continued growth.

"Even in the current economic climate, we have a responsibility to continue to grow to meet the needs of our current and future students," Taylor said.

Revenue bonds are special types of municipal bonds distinguished by their guarantee of repayment solely from revenues generated by a specified revenue-generating entity associated with the purpose of the bonds. Only the revenues specified in the legal contract between the bond holder and the bond issuer are required to be used for repayment of the principal and interest of the bonds.

Spirit of Service Awards selling tickets

The Special Deputy Sheriffs Commission of Doña Ana County will be hosting the Third "Spirit of Service Awards 2010" dinner at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

This celebration will honor the Sheriffs' deputies for outstanding service to Doña Ana County.

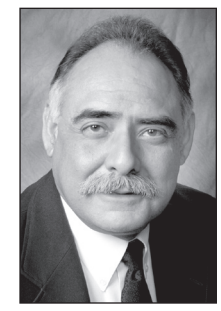
Tickets are $30 and ticket sales end Friday, Jan. 15.

A cash bar will be offered prior to the dinner, starting at 6 p.m. The commission also is accepting sponsorships. Gold sponsors are those giving $500 or more. Silver sponsors are for those contributing between $300 to $499. Gold and silver sponsorship includes two dinner tickets. Bronze sponsors are for those contributing between $100 and $299. Tables of eight are available.

To purchase tickets, call one of the following commission members: Patricia or Bill Rothengass at 521-9171 or Nancy Greene at 521-4027.

Make checks payable to Special Deputy Sheriffs Commission or just SDSC.

Chavez announces commission run


CHAVEZ

Gilbert Chavez, businessman, has announced his candidacy for Doña Ana County Commissioner in District 1.

With strong family roots in the district, Chavez said he is able to recognize the opportunities and constraints of the district physically, socially and economically.

"I am an Armed Forces veteran, USN – Vietnam era, and have been a licensed professional surveyor since 1979, practicing in the Mesilla Valley," Chavez said. "I know this district and the citizens that live and work in this district. My family and I have always strived to make Doña Ana a great place to be and I want to continue those efforts by serving as a county commissioner."

Chavez was appointed by Gov. Bill Richardson in 2003 as member of the New Mexico Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors. He is active in the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES) and recently retired from public service.

"Having worked for 20 years as city surveyor for the City of Las Cruces and 19 years in private practice, I have a strong background in land use planning and related issues including work in boundary surveying, land development, flood control and infrastructure in both the public and private sectors," Chavez said in his announcement. "I have a strong commitment and will continue to make decisions that are the best for all concerned as we move forward and grow in District 1."

Mesilla Valley CASA selling tickets to Valentine's Day event

The Mesilla Valley Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is holding its Valentine's Day celebration at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a no-host bar. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. with the comedy show starting at 8 p.m. Dancing will begin at 9 p.m.

The fifth annual fundraiser includes dinner and Las Vegas-style entertainment with comedy, dancing and music. Tickets cost $50.

Call 527-0035 to purchase tickets.

Mesilla Valley CASA provides volunteer advocates to represent children in the courts.

Impact fees subject of City Council meeting

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said he will call a special council work session for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, to continue working on how impact fees should be structured.

The council held a work session on impact fees Monday, Jan. 11, without arriving at a consensus.

Part of the discussion centers on whether the impact fees should be limited to areas of new growth, or be citywide.

Also, city administrators need more time to evaluate the cost of impact fees.

Miyagishima said he is concerned that proposed impact fees for major road improvements, public safety and storm drainage could add too high a cost to new housing. An independent study by James Beckett and Associates of Austin, Texas, has estimated the combined impact fee for the three additional public services could add $5,100 to the cost of building a home, which would be passed on to buyers.

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Subjects: Technology/E-2020

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Bowling alley

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children apparently walked into a robbery in progress. One of the robbers met them at the door and brought them into an office where the four women were lying on the floor. They were ordered to also lay on the floor and the robbers began shooting them. The robbers started a fire in the bowling alley and fled.

Police believe Teran, Paula Holguin and Houser died instantly. Repass was able to call 911 and attempted to put out the fire. She, Ida Holguin and Senac would survive their injuries. Teran's toddling daughter Valerie would die en route to the hospital.

The suspects, two Hispanic men, have never been caught.

Minn was a college student in Chicago when he first saw an "Unsolved Mysteries" episode about the massacre.

"I'll never see the show the same way," Minn said. "I was mesmerized. I was shocked and angered by the brutality – how they could shoot these kids and women. It's haunted me ever since."

After working in broadcasting, including a stint as a television reporter in Albuquerque, Minn said he realized his real love was making documentaries.

"This is my niche," Minn said. "I love telling true stories and I'm fascinated by true crime."

Minn never forgot the bowling alley massacre story. He would even periodically call the Las Cruces Police Department. Minn said it frustrated him that the case remained a mystery and the criminals responsible were never caught.

"It's as if they walked out of the bowling alley and vanished," Minn said. "The case had become 'old and cold' as they say."

In July 2009, he began to seriously research the case with the intent to make a documentary. Through New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute, Minn found sophomore student Jacob Bayless, who agreed to help him make a film about the massacre. Also assisting the effort was fellow NMSU student Amer Jandali and many others from the Las Cruces community eager to be part of the project.

Production began in September 2009 and the 100-minute film is still being edited in New York City by Sara Vander Horn.

Shot in high-definition video, "A Nightmare in Las Cruces" will make its debut on Feb. 10 – which coincidentally is also a Saturday – at the Cineport 10 for a nine-day run.

Key to the production was the cooperation of Mark Myers, the Las Cruces lead detective on the case. Over the years, Las Cruces police detectives have pursued thousands of leads that have led nowhere. Especially frustrating to police, Minn said, was a Cuban woman who claimed to have sheltered the two men, but none of her tips panned out and detectives eventually concluded she was just seeking attention.

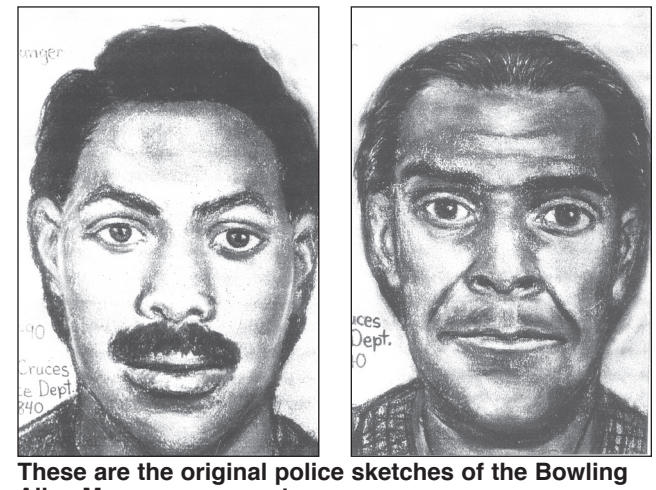
The film includes interviews with the detectives, the surviving victims – Senac died in 1999 – and their families. One of the original detectives – Homer Jackson who now lives in Farmington, N.M. – also is haunted by the case, Minn said. The film also includes a re-enactment of the crime and the actual 911 call made to police by Repass.

At the time of the crime, the older suspect was described as being in his late 30s to early 40s, 5-foot-5 inches tall, medium build and between 160 to 180 pounds. The younger suspect was estimated to be in his 20s, 5-foot-6 inches to 5-foot-8 inches, medium build and about 190 pounds.

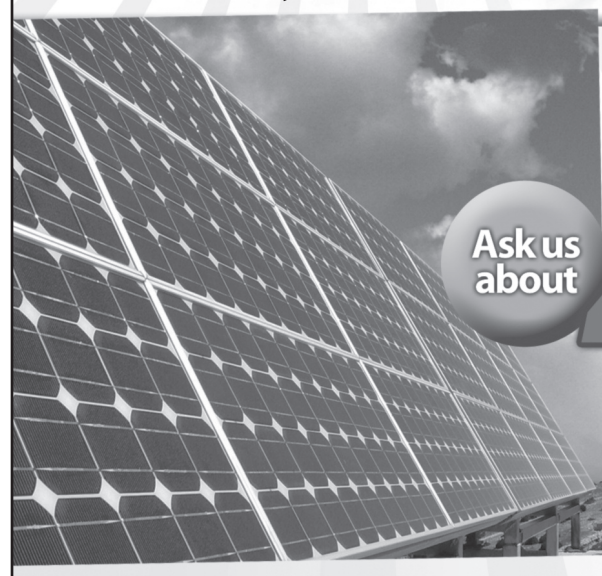
The two suspects did not wear masks or gloves, and were seen by many running across Amador Avenue and an alleyway. Before the crime, they were seen by another bowling alley employee outside the building. Las Cruces Police believe that someone may have sheltered them after the incident.

Minn said he and others involved with the documentary will be talking about the film and the crime at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore on the Mesilla Valley Mall.

Minn said he hopes the documentary will bring fresh leads to the case. Myers can be contacted by calling 528-4222, ext. 4101, and Minn said they can be assured that their identity will be kept safe. For those wanting even more assurance that their identity will be protected, they can call Crime Stoppers at 526-800 or 800-897-2746.



These are the original police sketches of the Bowling Alley Massacre suspects.



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Coming Up

Detention Center graduation

The Doña Ana County Detention Center will graduate seven detention officer cadets and one sergeant at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15.

The graduating cadets have satisfactorily completed the seven-week Basic Detention Officers' Academy, which consists of physical training, classroom instruction and field experience.

All training is done in-house at the county's detention center, under the supervision of Sgt. Luis Contreras.

The graduating cadets are Michael Bonenfant, Zachary Chastain, Decoya Falkner, David Frederickson, Andres Morales, Erica Olmos and Daniel Saiz. Tiara Consentino will graduate with the rank of sergeant.

District 1 Doña Ana County Commissioner Oscar Vásquez Butler will deliver the commencement address, and Doña Ana County Probate Judge Alice Salcido will administer the oaths of service.

The commencement ceremony will be held in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. The public is encouraged to attend.

Pool announces closings

The City of Las Cruces has announced that Frenger Swimming Pool, 800 Parkview Drive, will be closed for staff training from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, and Tuesday, Jan. 19, through Friday, Jan, 22. The pool will be closed all day Saturday, Jan. 23. It will be open at normal hours Saturday, Jan.16, and regular hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 25.

For more information, call Frenger Swimming Pool at 523-0362 or the Parks and Recreation Administration office at 541-2554. The TTY number is 541-2661.

HSSNM pet adoptions

The Humane Society of Southern New Mexico will hold an adoption event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at PetSmart, 2200 Lohman Ave.

There will be cats, kittens and several small dogs available. For more information or to view some of the animals up for adoption, visit www.hssnm.org.

Round Table meets

The Pan American Round Table (PART), Las Cruces Table, will meet at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, with lunch at the Double Eagle Restaurant in Mesilla. The guest speaker will be Elsie Perez, PART Director of Zone I, which includes Florida, Oklahoma, Texas and Washington, D.C.

For more information, call Chris Wohl at 522-8919.

Sobriety checkpoints set

The Las Cruces Police Department will conduct at least two sobriety checkpoints within city limits during the week of Jan. 17 through 23.

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

Classes for gymnastics and cheerleading available

The City of Las Cruces is taking registration for gymnastics and cheerleading classes at the Henry Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road. Registration will continue until classes are full.

Preschool Gymnastics I for ages 3 to 5 will be held from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Beginning Gymnastics II for ages 6 to 9 will be from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Beginning Cheerleading I for ages 6 and up will be from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Advanced Gymnastics III for ages 6 and up will be from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Session I will run Jan. 19 through Feb. 11. Session II will run Feb. 22 through March 18. Session III will run March 29 through April 22. Cost is $30 per person per session. The classes are open to girls and boys who would like to acquire basic gym skills, coordination, strength development, direction and discipline.

For more information, call the Henry Benavidez Community Center at 541-5185. The TTY number is 541-2661.

AARP meets

AARP meetings are held at 2 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month, except July and August, at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Speakers of interest to seniors will be featured at each meeting. For more information, call Sue Lungren at 382-0733.

Audubon Society lecture

The Mesilla Valley Audubon Society will present "Conserving Rivers & Wetlands in New Mexico" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, in the Hallmark Building at the Village at Northrise, 2882 N. Roadrunner Parkway. The presenter will be Beth Bardwell, director of freshwater conservation for Audubon New Mexico.

In the arid Southwest, one of the greatest impacts Audubon may have on conserving birds and wildlife is to improve the health of rivers and wetlands. Bardwell is developing freshwater conservation strategies, river and wetland habitat protection and restoration, and water policy reform in New Mexico. Bardwell will present information on some of the programs she is currently working on statewide and close to home along the Rio Grande in Selden Canyon. For more information, call David Griffin at 382-2080.

Asombro annual meeting

The Asombro Institute for Science Education will have its annual meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Asombro Institute for Science Education administration office, 401 E. College Ave., on the west end of New Mexico State University campus. A social time will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7 p.m. The meeting is an opportunity for the public to learn about the accomplishments of the year gone by and exciting plans for the upcoming year. Elections of new board members will be held.

For more information, call 524-3334 or visit www.asombro.org.

Wetlands field trip set

The Mesilla Valley Audubon Society will have a field trip to the El Paso area Saturday, Jan. 23. The group will explore the restored Rio Bosque Wetlands in southern El Paso and other wetlands and birding spots along the New Mexico-Texas border such as Heritage Wetlands, Randel's Pool, Sunland Park Racetrack and the turf farm in Santa Teresa. Participants can look for wintering waterfowl, gulls and raptors and perhaps some wintering sparrows at the turf farm.

To register for this trip or for further information, contact David Griffin by Thursday, Jan. 21, at 382-2080 or GriffinBio@gmail.com.

Blue Star Moms meet

The Blue Star Mothers of America meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. Blue Star Mothers are those mothers who have children serving in the military, guard or reserve, or children who are honorably discharged veterans. The organization is a nonprofit, non-partisan group created to support each other and our children while promoting patriotism. Associate members include Blue Star Dads and other family members of active duty military personnel, and honorably discharged veterans. For more information, call Cynthia Clark at 649-9715.

Gaze at the stars

The New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy will hold an Observatory Open House at the NMSU campus observatory at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22. Astronomy personnel on hand will be Bernard McNamara and graduate assistants Cat Wu, Paul Strycker and Randy Carlson. Weather permitting, sky viewing through telescopes will include: The moon, Mars, Great Orion Nebula, a double cluster in Persus, and many other celestial objects. Everyone is welcome to come and spend an evening of stargazing. Admission is free and children are especially welcome to attend.

For more information, call the NMSU Astronomy Department at 646-4438.

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Coming Up

German language club meets

Friends of the German Language will meet at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at Breland Hall, Room 173A, on the New Mexico State University campus. The group will view a Swiss feature movie in Swiss-German and High German with English subtitles.

For more information, call Christine at 524-2530 or Heike at 522-5393.

Historical Society give awards

The annual Doña Ana Historical Society banquet will be at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Tickets are available through Friday, Jan. 22. In addition to a social hour and the meal, there will be a silent auction and entertainment by the cello quartet La Cella Bella and awards will be presented for preservation and restoration work in the community. Marcie Palmer will be given the Hall of Fame Award, Gerald Schurtz will receive the Heritage Award and Las Cruces Bulletin reporter Marvin Tessneer will get the Pasajero del Camino Real Award.

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Advocate training

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Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a $1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the suspect who may be responsible for three armed robberies in the past two months and two other reports of him acting suspiciously at area businesses.

The suspect has repeatedly been described as being a black male in his mid-20s with a thin build. He is approximately 5-feet-8 to 5-feet-10-inches tall and has been seen driving a gold or tan-colored car, possibly a Nissan Sentra.

The man is believed to be the same suspect in three armed robberies; Dec. 3, 2009, at the Pic Quik store at 2001 Bataan Memorial West; Dec. 17, 2009, at the Pic Quik store at 1770 S. Telshor Blvd.; and Jan. 11, at the Check 'N Go at 400 N. Telshor Blvd.

A similar description of the suspect was given by witnesses who saw a man acting suspiciously in the early-morning hours of Dec. 17 at the Walgreens store at 3100 N. Main St. and at the same Pic Quik store that was robbed Dec. 3.

Anyone with information as to the identity of this suspect is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 1-800-897-2746.

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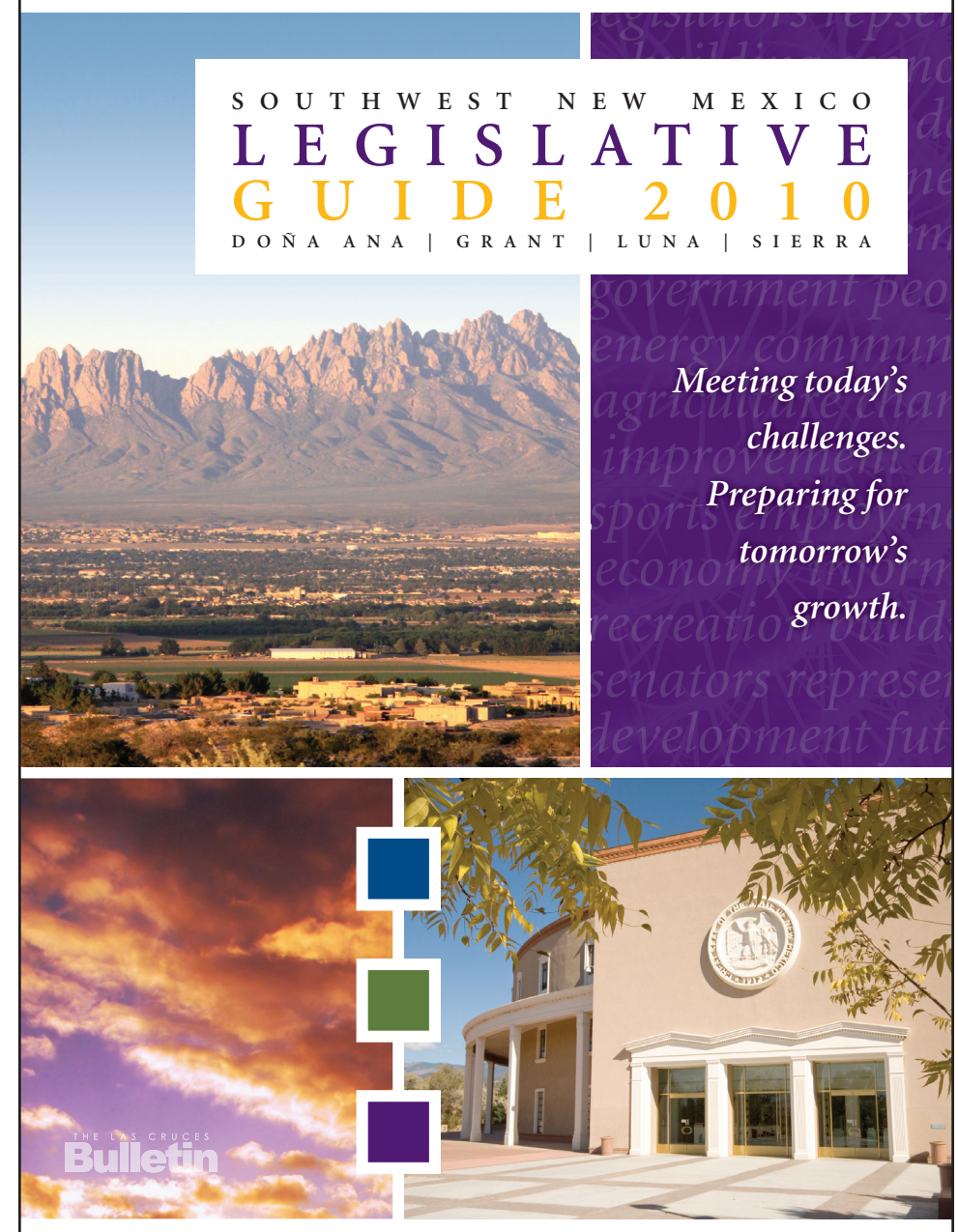

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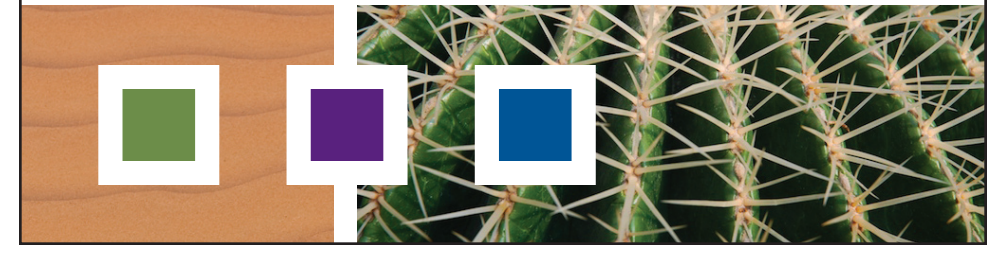

Walking tour stars Mesquite homes

Group plans future treks in historic neighborhood

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

More than 50 people met at Klein Park on Saturday, Jan. 9, for a walking tour of the Mesquite Street Historic District.

Though the tour was hosted by the Branigan Cultural Center, board members of Las Esperanzas described the walk as a dry run for the tours Las Esperanzas is planning to familiarize people with the original Las Cruces town-site neighborhood.

"If you look around the park, you can see what Las Cruces used to look like, primarily single-story adobe houses," said Greg Smith, president of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, who provided architectural commentary for the tour.

Some of the sites visited were:

- The Nevarez House, 100 S. San Pedro St.
  The 1913 adobe home was a destination for eloping couples seeking marriage licenses in the 1920s and 1930s from Jesus or Miguel Nevarez, brothers who alternated as county clerk.
- The Valencia Apartments, 119 S. Campo St.
  Constructed in the late 1880s, the adobe house was converted into apartments, where famed pilot Lela Carwardine once lived. It was recently renovated by Las Cruces Abstract and Title Co.
- The Santa Rosa Rico House, 339 E. May Ave.
  The territorial-style adobe, built in the 1890s, was the home of former city marshal Santa Rosa Rico, the lone survivor of an 1882 Chihuahua Apache wagon-train raid in between Lordsburg and Clifton.
- The Jose Camuñez House, 306 S. San Pedro St.
  The blue adobe home, originally white, built around 1920, was the residence of former town trustee and early fire chief Jose Camuñez in 1914.

More than 50 people attended a tour of the Mesquite Street Historic Neighborhood hosted by the Branigan Cultural Center on Saturday, Jan. 9. Though the tour visited a number of historical homes, the new federal courthouse provided a modern backdrop.

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Richardson

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Partnership (GRIP) that was used to fund large-scale public infrastructure, including the Rail Runner – and restructuring the educational department.

In his first term, there was plenty to be optimistic about. The housing market was booming. The stock market seemed a smart place to invest. Oil and gas prices were on the rise. During those heady days, he won a statewide special election to use money from the Permanent Fund for expenses and projects.

In 2005, Richardson announced the state's partnership with English billionaire Richard Branson to build a spaceport in southern New Mexico.

During his two terms, Richardson has signed legislation that has banned cockfighting, allowed medical marijuana use and repealed the death penalty.

Richardson won re-election in 2006, and then ran for president, during which he had to defend New Mexico law that allows illegal immigrants to obtain driver's licenses. He never could catch the same level of popularity on the national stage that he enjoyed in New Mexico.

Upon Richardson's return to New Mexico, everything that could go wrong with state finances seemed to hit at once.

Though the state didn't engage in the kind of reckless home loan financing seen in other parts of the country, buyers from out of state couldn't unload the homes they owned elsewhere to move to the Land of Enchantment and New Mexico's housing boom came to a standstill.

Unemployment rose and people spent less, causing loses in both state income and gross receipts taxes.

Normally, the state could depend on high oil and gas revenues – so much so that taxpayers received refunds twice under Richardson. But oil and gas prices plummeted. The state couldn't even depend on its investments as the stock market also plunged.

Richardson now comes into this 30-day budget session with state revenues down by $1.2 billion over a two-year period. Continuing the work of two prior special sessions, Richardson and lawmakers must find ways to bring down the state's spending another $500 million and find new revenues by either raising taxes or discontinuing tax breaks – or both. Richardson has said he will not agree to personal income or capital gains taxes or decreasing business tax incentives or credits.

> "I will not give up these tools when we need them most."
>
> BILL RICHARDSON, Governor

"We've used these tax cuts and incentives to successfully create thousands of jobs in the state, and I will not give up these tools when we need them most," Richardson said in a prepared statement.

That's because – despite the recent effects of the economy – Richardson can honestly point to significant job growth in New Mexico during his terms as governor. No matter the resolution of this current legislative session, Richardson can still say that New Mexico is no longer at the bottom of lists for things such as school performance. He has pushed for educational reforms such as mandating how much school districts can spend on administration functions and he has raised teacher pay.

Early in his first term, Richardson caught flack for having State Police escort his entourage of vehicles at high speeds across the state.

"I'm not going to stand here and say we'll never speed again," Richardson said at the time. "There may be exceptional circumstances. But we are going to slow down."

The problem is that it's just not in Richardson's nature to slow down, or to exit quietly for that matter.

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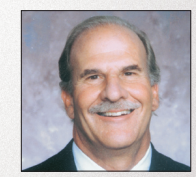
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Couture addresses faculty

Spring Convocation at New Mexico State University Tuesday, Jan. 12, opened not only the new semester, but also introduced the direction of new President Barbara Couture. Speaking before the campus community at the Atkinson Recital Hall, and to off-campus faculty, staff and students via the Internet, Couture laid out five areas of focus for the university:

NMSU's state-aided budget

"We all have read the initial proposal from the Legislative Finance Committee and our governor's response," Couture said. "To say this is not going to be an easy budget year is to be at risk of understatement. Like nearly every state in our nation, New Mexico is facing state budget shortfalls and it will be a very, very difficult session ahead for the men and women of our Legislature."

Couture acknowledged that the university, like every other state agency, will have to trim the budget and demonstrate that it is operating as efficiently and as effectively as possible.

"We don't know yet what the impact of the final state budget will be, but we do know now that if the budget as proposed by the LFC stands, we will face major damage to our instructional programs and our primary research areas," she said.

Student enrollment

"Key to that success are the relationships between our university campus and each of our system community colleges," Couture said. "Equally important is the work we do with our local and statewide high schools to encourage young people to go to college."

As a land-grant institution, NMSU has the facilities, faculty, staff and locations to reach out to young people, adults, businesses, industries and governments across the state, providing general and specialized educational opportunities.

The academic and research core

"I am eager to learn more from you about where our departments and colleges have been building research and scholarly expertise, how this expertise has translated into academic programs that we are uniquely qualified to deliver, and how our faculty are connecting with the federal, state and foundation sources of funding that can help them continue and expand their work," Couture said.

Visit NMSU Extension sites and campuses statewide.

"We serve a wide and varied constituency, from a wide variety of cultural groups to traditional, state-of-the-art, and futuristic industries and research laboratories," Couture said. "All are important to our mission, and as soon as we have completed our important work in Santa Fe, we're going to get to know all of these constituencies better."

Private funding

Couture recognized he important role private funding plays in supporting public universities and NMSU's Doing What Counts Campaign

"NMSU is now in the midst of a campaign to raise $225 million in support for the university by December of 2010," she said. "I am proud to announce today that of Dec. 31, 2009, the Doing What Counts Campaign exceeded $216 million."

She noted the many alumni, donors and friends of NMSU who have contributed to this success.

President

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Mexico is going through some tough economics times, other states are facing similar challenges, Couture said, and New Mexico is blessed to have a diverse economy that will help the state meet those challenges.

Couture agrees that all entities receiving state funding must do their part, but it will require a cooperative effort to keep the growing university meeting the needs of its students and living up to its land-grant mission of research and community service.

For Couture, it's critical that NMSU maintain its academic quality and keep the university accessible to students. NMSU needs to keep its academic programs intact and provide strong support services that help students succeed, she said.

NMSU has the advantage of being supported by a strong community college, she noted, that is working to help students transition into higher education and is willing to nurture innovative efforts such as the early college high school. Doña Ana Community College will provide space for the high school, which will eventually be located on the NMSU campus. The concept is for it to introduce high school students to higher education by having them take classes on a college campus.

"It's important for young people to see college education as a viable future," she said. "We have to maintain our commitment to undergraduate education."

Besides NMSU having a good working relationship with public schools, NMSU also enjoys close ties with the community. The Las Cruces Convention Center is being constructed on NMSU land to provide real-world experiences for NMSU's growing hospitality and tourism program.

NMSU also enjoys the enthusiastic interest and concern of alumni and others who care deeply about the university and its direction, Couture said.

"No one is afraid to tell me what they think we should be doing," she said. "New Mexico State is very fortunate to have such loyal supporters."

Another immediate and priority task before Couture is to get her administration team more firmly in place. There are many holding key administrative positions in interim roles and Couture said she will be actively working on filling those positions. But she also acknowledges that career advancement in higher education today often requires talented people to work at different institutions over the course of their careers.

Couture's own career reflects this mobility. An award-winning writer, she earned her English bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan and she began her academic career as an English professor at State University in Detroit, where she also served as an associate dean for curriculum in the College of Liberal Arts and associate dean for metropolitan programs and summer sessions in the College of Lifelong Learning. Couture was dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Washington State University in Pullman before she went to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Couture chairs the executive committee for the Council on Academic Affairs for the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, has been the principal investigator for a National Science Foundation-funded grant, sits on the editorial boards of three academic journals and is well-published, including six books that she wrote or edited.

But Couture and her husband Paul say they feel like they have found a new home at NMSU and southwest New Mexico.

"We are delighted to be here," she said.

To encourage Couture to stay, the NMSU Foundation is offering her a $500,000 bonus if she stays for at least five years. Her annual salary is $385,000 and includes use of the presidential residence and a car.

As soon as the semester gets rolling and she can break away from the Legislature, Couture promised she'll begin visiting NMSU's branch campuses and research centers across the state.

"I've found the best way to learn about a place is to see where they are doing their work," she said.

Couture said she is strongly supportive of NMSU's land-grant mission, especially in the its agriculture "legacy" as the people of the world look for better ways to feed themselves.

Couture said she has heard from many colleagues who agree with her that she is heading an institution that is respected in the academic community.

Parking shortage hinders Downtown housing project

Businesses say they can't lose more parking

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

A proposed affordable housing complex on a city-owned Downtown lot continues to face opposition from businesses and Realtors trying to attract new businesses to Downtown because they would lose parking.

With available tax credits to improve the likelihood of funding such a project, the Albuquerque-based Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico has asked the City of Las Cruces to let them use a lot off Water Street next to the El Paso Electric Co. offices, which is used for Downtown parking.

Though officials say the new city hall and reopening the rest of Main Street would offset the parking loss, Downtown business owners and Realtors countered at a public hearing Tuesday, Jan. 12, that the new federal courthouse has yet to figure out where their workers are going to park. They also pointed out that the city's Downtown revitalization plan envisioned building parking garages or mixed used developments that included parking, but the apartment complex plans barely have enough spaces for its tenants.

After again hearing those parking concerns, coalition Executive Director Mark Allison acknowledged that parking is a crucial issue that only the city could resolve. Allison said he would consider looking at the city's office center – which will be vacated with the opening of the new city hall – as an alternative site. Allison said he had reservations about the former hospital off Alameda Boulevard because the city would first have to demolish the building, which would likely require environmental clean up for substances like asbestos.

City community development and housing officials started the meeting by defending the concept of affordable housing, saying it would add to local property values and not be a drain economically. Allison said the apartment complex would be attractively designed.

Laura Szalay, a real estate broker, said she agreed it was "a lovely project," but that the real issues are its location and the shortage of parking Downtown. Because of the parking shortage, she and her colleagues said they have a hard enough time already trying to attract new businesses to Downtown. Regardless of the project's quality, affordable housing carries a stigma that – coupled with the loss of parking – would be a detriment to attract new businesses to Downtown, Szalay said.

"Parking has always been a key component of the Downtown revitalization plan," said Gil Jones, a real estate broker and former city councillor.

Because of the high costs in building parking structures, Jones said parking could also be the revitalization plan's "fatal flaw."

City Manager Terrence Moore noted the city has bonding capacity that could be used to pay for a Downtown parking structure, but he cautioned there are many other city needs that may seek that funding.

The City Council will revisit approving the proposed site when it meets at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at City Hall, 200 N. Church St.

State budget: 'Plenty of blame to go around'

Lawmakers hope finger-pointing won't mire budget resolve

A Team Bulletin Report: This story merges comments by southern New Mexico lawmaker about the state budget crisis in stories by Bulletin reporters for the 2010 Legislative Guide.

Editor's note: Leading up to Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe on Feb. 1, the Bulletin will be running a series of stories about issue or concerns relating to the 30-day legislative session that begins Tuesday, Jan. 19.

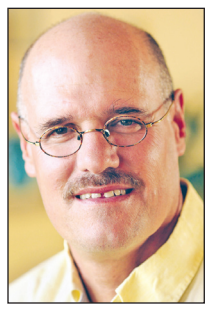
When the New Mexico Legislature convenes for a 30 day session from Jan. 19 through Feb. 17, legislators will face a bleak revenue picture due to the weak economy. Both belt tightening and revenue enhancement will most likely be needed to produce budgets for fiscal year 2010 as mandated by the state constitution.

PAPEN

"There is plenty of blame to go around," said state Sen. Mary K. Papen who sits on the Legislative Finance Committee.

Even as the economic woes began to hit, there were those both in the Legislature and in the administration who had trouble accepting the severity of the coming crisis, Papen said. Now, no one should be in denial about the state's finances, and if the political leadership doesn't acknowledge the problem, the session will be an exercise in futility, she said.

"The general public still has not fully grasped the magnitude of the problem," state Sen. Steve Fischmann said.



FISCHMANN

Fischmann said the state had a projected revenue of $6.4 billion before the economic downturn. Now, the revenue is close to $5 billion, leaving a shortfall of almost $1.4 billion.

He attributes the budget shortfall to additional spending and unwise tax cuts.

"We went through a lot of tax cutting in the last eight years," he said, adding that the tax cuts amount to about $700 million annually.

Because of the shortfall, he said legislators are going to have to take a hard look at creating a balanced budget.

"The problem is too big to be solved by just cuts or just increasing revenue; we need to do both," Fischmann said. "We need fixes on both sides."

NAVA

Though District 31 Sen. Cynthia Nava remains open-minded to solutions, she said the state needs to remain conservative, but state-funded programs have already been strained enough.

The Department of Finance and Administration has already put on hold several economic development and other initiatives in her district, which includes the rural communities of Mesquite, La Union, Anthony and Anapra.

"We can't do away with vital services," she said. "We cannot cut ourselves out of this."

Several legislators point to the state's system of rebate programs as part of the solution.

"I'd like more information to see how well those tax breaks are working," Nava said. "Some of those tax breaks we've given we can no longer afford."

Papen said that whether it's trimming back tax credits or raising the state gross receipts taxes (GRT), the effects should be examined closely first.

"Something has to give, but we have to be very prudent and very careful," Papen said. "We have got to look at the long haul."

Fischmann said he supports looking into economic incentive programs, such as the film industry incentives and real estate development that benefits one person or company. He said these corporate welfare programs have gone wild, costing New Mexicans millions of dollars every year.

"Unfortunately, economic development has become a euphemism for corporate welfare. We have to restore sanity to economic development programs," he said.

"The only way to resolve the problem is to reduce tax incentives or make budget cuts – of course, tax increases are deadly for elected representatives," said Sen. Mary Jane Garcia the Senate Majority Whip.

GARCIA

Nava said she's not ready to remove tax credits that will adversely affect the state's economy, such as those credits that lure businesses and make New Mexico their home for the long term.

"We don't need to cut off our nose to spite our face by reducing tax breaks that will reduce revenue," Nava said. "We have to make a certain stand, and there's going to be some type of tax enhancement to balance."

Food tax comeback?

One of the possible budget fixes is to rescind the repeal of the food tax.

"I will not vote for a food-tax repeal," Mary Jane Garcia said. "You have to look at who it's going to hurt. Who is helping the middle-income people? A nation or a state without a middle class is not a democracy."

"I don't want us to be raising taxes without researching every avenue," Papen said.

Papen said she believes there is room in the state budget to cut spending without loss of services.

"We need to cut the fat, and the fat needs to go," Papen said.

Fischmann said he opposes reinstating the gross receipt tax on food because it has a disproportional impact on low income residents – "the people suffering the most" – and it has unintentional consequences on support services that purchase large quantities of food, including school lunches and nursing homes.

"It will affect institutions that conduct a lot of public services," he said. "I think there are better revenue solutions.

"A lot of offices out there are lightly funded and aren't big enough to make an impact," Fischmann said. "We need to focus on the things that make a positive impact."

Nava said she is not sure if returning the gross receipts tax on food is the right answer.

"It's a very regressive tax," she said. "Low-income families already struggle. We need to look at some of the upper-income tax breaks. We cannot support tax breaks given to the upper bracket."

Sin tax appeal

Another means of enhancing revenue often brought up is to increase the state's "sin" taxes – taxes on alcohol and tobacco.

Papen said that before lawmakers start heaping taxes on liquor, they should be aware about how high those taxes already are, and the jobs that depend on those sales, she said.

"Hopefully, all the groups will be able to find common ground and be able to find the money we need. Constitutionally, that's what we have to do – balance the budget – but we need to do that in a way that causes as little hurt as possible to the people of New Mexico," she said. "All of us are going to be hurt somehow."

Mary Jane Garcia said she wouldn't be surprised if the legislature look at a tax on tobacco to the tune of $1 a pack and raising taxes on the wealthy making $250,000 and up.

Members of the House of Representative are facing the same problems.

Rep. Joni Gutierrez said she believes there are ways to raise revenues without making life tougher for working-class New Mexicans or diminishing the services they receive.

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GUTIERREZ

Gutierrez is skeptical that a proposal to increase taxes on alcohol and tobacco will raise enough money to shore up the budget balances.

In the state government, Gutierrez said there are basically two kinds of spending: one-time capital outlay projects and continual funding for day-to-day operational expenses.

"They are difficult to tell apart," she said.

To a certain degree, it doesn't matter, as the state is struggling to make budget in both kinds of spending.

"Both have stress on them," she said.

Rep. Mary Helen Garcia said she would support increased taxes on tobacco.

GARCIA

"We're going to have to enhance taxes somewhere, or we're not going to be able to sustain (state government)," Mary Helen Garcia said.

She said she is in favor of a "sin tax," enhancing the taxes on cigarettes and a 5-cent tax on soda or a glass of wine.

"It's a great discussion at this time to possibly consider the need to repeal the gross-receipts tax on food," she said.

In addition to tax increases, Mary Helen Garcia said she is also interested in examining the effectiveness of tax credit initiatives designed to lure new industries – such as film – to New Mexico.

"I want to take a close look at that and see if these programs are actually working," she said. "The reports from the (film) industry say they are, but the report from the state isn't so good."

Some industrial tax credits that provide breaks for companies headquartered outside of New Mexico could stand to be removed or reduced with little consequence, she said.

"I don't see Wal-Marts moving out of New Mexico any time soon," Mary Helen Garcia said, "but for some of the industrial companies, maybe. We'll have to look at those."

Tough hours

Rep. Nate Cote said the solution will not be easy.

COTE

"The government got bigger than we need to provide core services. We like to keep 10 percent in reserve, but now we are down to 1 percent. We're going to have to be very frugal and conservative with the 2010 budget," he said. "We're going to spend long tough hours on this and we're getting a lot of pressure from different entities to not increase tax revenue in their areas."

The Organ, N.M., resident also thinks tax credits and incentives need to be re-examined.

"Currently we have a lot of tax credits and exemptions that need to be seriously looked at. The 25-percent credit for the film industry appears to many to be a giveaway program. Yes, we have made some good movies in the state, but we have natural beauty and natural backdrops that should continue to appeal to the industry (without the tax credit)," he said.

"I'm open to a junk food tax, I am not for an increase in food tax other than maybe a small tax on bottled water. A lot of it is purchased by tourists, it would be an item that would be low on the pain scale.

"Any new taxes must be fair and equitable and broad based. We must not impose any hardship and difficulty while people are struggling in the current economy."

STEINBORN

Cote said he wouldn't be surprised to see a discussion on increasing the excise tax on vehicles, but thinks whatever happens in this session, any revenue enhancements or budget cuts will have a sunset clause or review provision for when the economy turns around.

Rep. Jeff Steinborn believes a solution is to eliminate special interest handouts.

"There rarely was a tax cut or tax credit the government said 'no' to during the good times. They need to go away," Steinborn said.

He said the special session held in October 2009 was "a good first step" for the budget cuts that will need to take place in the regular session.

"There was more than $700 million in reductions to state personnel," he said. "We reduced state agencies by 7 percent."

Rep. Diane Hamilton has a short answer for what caused the budget shortfall.

HAMILTON

"Overspending," she said. "When we were fat, we spent all the money we had. If we had been more prudent, we wouldn't be in this situation."

Hamilton said she thinks part of New Mexico's budget problems stem from overregulation of the state's extractive industries.

"The majority of the money we had came from severance taxes," she said, "but if you make it difficult for miners to drill, the money dries up.

"We all want a green world, but we're not ready yet. You have to have fossil fuel as a stop-gap, and we need to not be dependent on foreign countries.

The solution to the current budget situation, she said, is to reduce spending.

"I would like to see people moved from the state payroll through attrition," she said, "moving people to different areas could save some money and careful spending can save some more.

"Each department needs to tighten their belts. Cuts are going to have to be made in every department. I don't believe one area should take all the cuts."

Government growth

When talking to constituents about the fiscal squeeze facing lawmakers this session, state Sen. Dianna Duran says remarkable government growth during Gov. Bill Richardson's administration led New Mexico to a precarious position that was revealed when the recession hit.

DURAN

For Duran, the growth is most easily seen in the increase of exempt employees the government hires outside of the state classified personnel system who serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Before Richardson closed 59 positions by executive order, his administration had about 580 exempt employees – including some budgeted but unfilled positions – with most making more than $100,000 a year, which amounts to an estimated $125,000 per exempt employee with benefits factored in, she said. By comparison, Gov. Gary Johnson's administration only had 173 exempt employees and most made less than $100,000 salaries, she said.

"That is only one area where we have grown and grown and grown," she said.

Johnson was a Republican, as is Duran – one of only 15 GOP legislators in the Senate. But Duran said fiscal conservativism isn't an exclusive trait to Republicans in a poor state like New Mexico, and she is quick to point out that the state Senate – with leadership from conservative Democrats such as John Arthur Smith and Tim Jennings – tried to curb government growth even before the economy went south.

Senators then were concerned because the government was growing at a faster rate than the state's tax revenues. That's even worse now with state revenues dropping from $6 billion to $4.2 billion, causing state cash reserves to drop from about 8 percent of the total budget to less than 1 percent currently.

Going into this legislative session, lawmakers need to be more realistic and not look for short-term solutions on the expectation that the recession is ending with better times ahead. Not in this budget, Duran said. Even the most optimistic economists are saying the economy won't see any significant improvement until 2012.

With lawmakers needing to pass a budget that shores up a shortfall of more than $400 million, "it's going to be pretty hard," Duran said.

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At the free-throw competition

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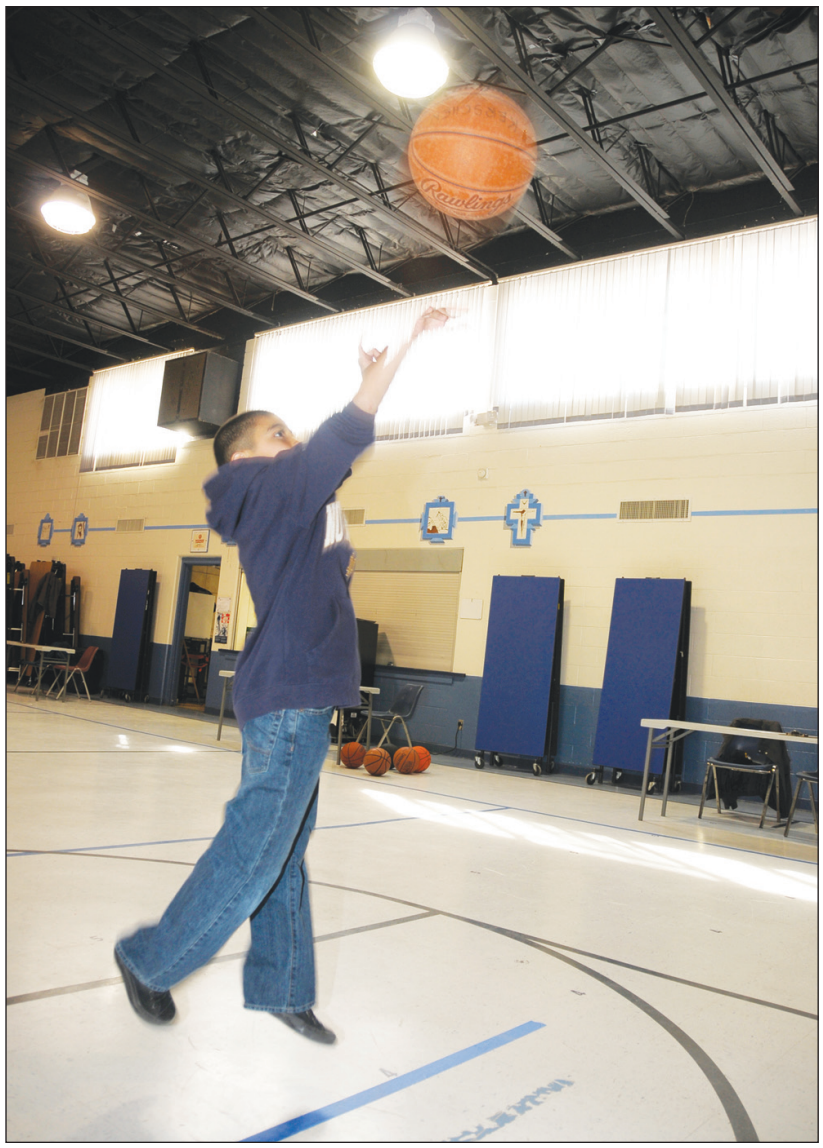

Competitor Lawrence Hernandez, 10, attempts a shot from the free-throw line Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Holy Cross gymnasium. Future competitions sponsored by the Knights of Columbus councils will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, and Saturday, Jan. 23, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

Liz Daviet attempts a free-throw basket at Holy Cross Church gymnasium Sunday, Jan. 10, for a competition sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Michael and Liz Daviet practice thieir free-throw shooting.

Michael Daviet, 12 and Liz Daviet, 9, sign up for the competition.

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JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor

In basketball, they call it protecting your home floor.

In the WAC opener against Nevada on Saturday, Jan. 2, Louisiana Tech might have carried it a little too far.

During timeouts, the Wolfpack's team took folding chairs onto the court near the team bench, sat down and listened to coach Dave Carter deliver instructions.

Almost every college basketball team in the country follows the same procedure.

La Tech, however, thought Nevada's players sat their chairs down too hard, scratching the playing surface that was sanded and sealed in December 2009. School officials were also miffed when they thought Nevada's team spilled Gatorade and water on the floor, creating a dangerous, slippery surface.

The court is named after Karl Malone, former La Tech and NBA great. He was there that night, complaining about the way Nevada treated "his" floor during timeouts.

The Wolfpack was eventually told not to bring their chairs onto the floor, but the request fell on deaf ears. That angered La Tech even more. Enough that the school filed a complaint with the WAC office in Denver.

Jeff Hurd, a conference representative, sent a memo to all member institutions, instructing them to make sure the chairs they use had soft legs and to please clean up the floor afterward.

You'll see New Mexico State's team carrying chairs out on the floor during timeouts. Coach Marvin Menzies brought the idea from Louisville, his previous employer.

Herb Taylor, the Aggies' basketball game manager, said he received the WAC office memo last week. "It had little effect on us," he said.

"We always make sure ball boys mop up the floor after timeouts. We've had no problems here and don't anticipate any."

After reading about the incident at Louisiana Tech, I'm not sure whether Nevada's team abused the playing floor or not. I am also not sure how much Karl Malone got himself involved. There were rumors that he personally picked up Nevada's chairs and threw them into the dumpster. A La Tech school official later denied the incident.

I even wonder if the Bulldogs were so angered by the situation they failed to realize they won the game, 77-71.

Sunland Park's one-two punch

Trainer and horse successful together

By John Keith
The Las Cruces Bulletin

We're talking two opposites here.

One outgoing, the other quiet and reserved.

Together, however, they're an extremely productive team in horse racing.

There's Tony Mathiason, the trainer, a man of few words who speaks only when spoken to. Stealth Cat, the 5-year-old mare and 2008 Texas-bred Horse of the Year that Mathiason trains, never met a stranger. A genius at public relations. You walk by her stall, she stretches her neck out, looking for attention. Stroke her head and she's yours.

Stealth Cat might, Mathiason said, be the best horse in trainer Steve Asmussen's barn of 26 at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino.

Mathiason is one of seven assistant trainers scattered across the country on Asmussen's payroll. The latter, of course, is world famous. Asmussen's horses won a record 650 races in 2009.

"Make no mistake about it," Mathiason said, "Steve is in charge. He's very hands on."

Each day, Asmussen stays in touch with Mathiason and his other assistants by telephone.

On Dec. 27, 2009, Stealth Cat, an attractive bay mare sprinter with a white blaze running down her nose, won the $50,000 Bold Ego Handicap of five and one-half furlongs at Sunland Park.

JIM HILLEY I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Stealth Cat, the 2008 Texas-bred Horse of the Year, and assistant trainer Tony Mathiason are making their mark at Sunland Park Race Track and Casino.

Owned by El Paso businessman J. Kirk Robison, Stealth Cat is a multiple stakes winner with 11 victories in 30 tries. She has won more than $393,000 and is looking for more.

"She'll probably race again in about six weeks," Mathiason said. "It's hard to say right now."

For the time being, Stealth Cat eagerly sails through her daily workouts, eats high-energy food and flirts with visitors who pass by her stall. She's curious, easy to approach and stands alert while being photographed.

"She knows when she's getting her picture taken," Mathiason said, as Jim Hilley, the Bulletin's copy editor and photographer, fired his camera at her from several different angles. "She's a happy horse," Mathiason said. "She can get ornery early in the morning, but she

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Mayfield's star shot blocker

Trujillo leads Trojans to 10-4 start

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In the midst of a frantic fourth-quarter comeback attempt last Friday night, a Highland Hornet guard sliced through the lane for a layup attempt against the Mayfield Trojans. The ball never made it near the basket and came rocketing back in the direction of the shooter.

Not all of Josh Trujillo's blocked shots come this easily, but then the 6-8 senior makes a lot of plays look easy.

Trujillo is one of the reasons the Trojans were off to a 10-4 start heading into this week. As perhaps the tallest local high school athlete in recent memory, he and 6-5 teammate and close friend, Jeremiah Willis, give Mayfield a towering one-two punch around the basket.

"With him and Jeremiah, we feel we have probably the best set of posts in the state," said Mayfield coach Tommy Morrow. "That makes us a contender."

> "We've never had a guy that gave us that vertical component before."
>
> TOMMY MORROW, Mayfield Coach

Unlike a lot of very tall post players on the high school level, Trujillo is light on his feet, moving easily on the court. He also has a soft shooting touch, averaging close to 20 points per game.

Trujillo is just as effective on the defensive end of the court. He gets multiple blocked shots each game and alters countless others.

"Blocking shots is my favorite part of the game," Trujillo said. "It gets the crowd going."

It also gets the Mayfield coaches going.

"We've never had a guy that gave us that vertical component before," Morrow said. "We have a great leaper in Avron (Garcia), but when you're 6-8, you don't have to gather yourself to jump. You're already up there. It's a whole other dimension and it's a great dimension to have."

Trujillo, whose father is 6-4, came to Mayfield as a 6-0 freshman. He was nicknamed "Slender" by former teammate Luis Quinones

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RICHARD DAVIS I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Mayfield's big man Josh Trujillo is dominating on the court but easy going when not playing basketball.

High School Events Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Boys Basketball	Friday, Jan. 15	at Carlsbad	7 p.m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 19	Alamogordo	7 p.m.
	Friday, Jan. 22	at Oñate	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Saturday, Jan. 16	Hobbs	7 p.m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 19	at Alamogordo	7 p.m.
	Friday, Jan 22	Oñate	7 p.m.
Wrestling	Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16	at Joe Vivian Wrestling Tournament	TBA
	Thursday, Jan. 21	Mayfield	6 p .m.

Mayfield High School

Boys Basketball	Saturday, Jan. 16	at Rio Rancho	2 p.m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 19	at Deming	7 p.m.
	Friday, Jan. 22	Gadsden	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Friday, Jan. 22	at Gadsden	7 p.m.
Wrestling	Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16	at Joe Vivian Wrestling Tournament	TBA
	Thursday, Jan. 21	at Las Cruces	6 p.m.

Oñate High School

Boys Basketball	Friday, Jan. 15	at Rio Rancho	7 p.m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 19	at Gadsden	7 p.m.
	Friday, Jan. 22	Las Cruces	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Saturday, Jan. 16	at Carlsbad	2:30 p.m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 19	Gadsden	7 p.m.
	Friday, Jan 22	at Las Cruces	7 p.m.
Wrestling	Tuesday, Jan. 12	Gadsden	6 p.m.
	Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16	at Joe Vivian Wrestling Tournament	TBA

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Boys Basketball	Saturday, Jan. 16	at Texico	7 p.m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 19	Lordsburg	6:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Friday, Jan. 15	Santa Rosa	6:30 p.m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 19	at Lordsburg	6:30 p.m.

In the thick of the race

Aggie guard Jahmar Young's 32 points against Idaho on Monday, Jan. 11, helped the Aggies sweep a road trip to the state of Idaho and remain in the thick of the WAC basketball race. The Aggies (10-7, 3-1) return home to face Fresno State (10-7, 3-0) at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, in the Pan American Center, before hitting the road to face Hawai'i at 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21.

Menzies set to host luncheon

New Mexico State University basketball fans are invited to join men's basketball coach Marvin Menzies for the NMSU Coaches Luncheon at noon Friday, Jan. 15, at Eddie's Bar & Grill in the Days Inn and Suites, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Menzies will preview the Aggies' game with Fresno State scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, in the Pan American Center. The cost of lunch is $6.95 per person.

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Trainer

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likes her workouts. We get her up at 5:30 a.m."

It was 11 o'clock Monday morning and Stealth Cat had just finished lunch. She stretched her neck trying to rub her nose against the face of one of Mathiason's assistants.

Like most trainers, Mathiason has worked horses all his life.

"I trained 'em when I was a kid," he said. "I rodeoed for a while. Rode bulls and broncs.

"Did I ever think of doing something else for a living? Nah. I'd do anything to get away from the spud farm."

Mathiason has a home in Idaho where potato farming is big. He is seldom there. "My mom lives in the house," he said. "She takes care of the place."

Training race horses is fairly simple, Mathiason said. "Feed 'em, gallop 'em and keep 'em happy.

"I work from 4:30 in the morning until 5 in the afternoon. Every day."

Mathiason also trained Grand Slam Andre, a 3-year-old gelding who won the $107,000 Riley Allison Futurity at Sunland Park on Dec. 29, 2009.

"The horse was only here for 10 days," Mathiason said. "He's in Houston now. I don't know when he'll race here again."

Grand Slam Andre, Mathiason said, "is a man's horse. Kids can't ride him.

"He's well-mannered, and he has a will to win. You can take horses who train well, look good and are well-bred. Grand Slam Andre was all of that, but he had a will to win. The will to win is what separates the good ones from the not so good. They have to have that," he said.

Trujillo

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and the tag has stuck.

He grew to 6-5 as a sophomore, was 6-6 as a junior and says he's now 6-8 … and still growing. Trujillo's height is the only thing about him that is not subtle. He is easy going, quiet, soft-spoken. His moves on the court are smooth and artful.

"He's really easy going and plays harder than his demeanor makes you think," said Morrow. "This summer, he really stepped up and became a dominating presence."

Only once recently has he played against some one taller than himself. It was in a summer league game last year against Los Alamos High School senior Alex Kirk, who has signed to play with the University of New Mexico Lobos next year. Kirk is 6-10.

When asked how he did against Kirk, Trujillo just smiled and said he did alright.

"He was tall, but he was slow," Trujillo said. "I had the speed advantage on someone … finally."

Trujillo, who said he has received some recruiting interest from the coaches at Western New Mexico University, is focused on getting Mayfield into the state tournament. His team struggled against full-court pressure from Hobbs earlier in the year and on Friday night, he and his teammates were still dizzy from Highland's 20-point comeback in the second half.

The Trojans hung on for a 75-71 victory, but Trujillo knows improvement has to come.

"We need to be able to handle pressure, that's for sure," he said.

Ags' Conrad nabs WAC honor again

Swimmer sweeps sprints

Junior swimmer Kelly Conrad was named the Verizon Wireless WAC Swimmer of the Week on Wednesday, Jan. 6.

This is the second career honor for Conrad. She previously won the award as a freshman.

Conrad helped direct the Aggies to a win over Idaho, Jan. 2, with two individual top honors. She swept the sprint freestyle events winning both the 50 free (24.65) and 100 free (52.77) at the meet. It was the second consecutive meet where she won both events. Conrad was also the anchor for the winning 400-freestyle relay (3:33.93).

Swimmers lose two

Ags fall to OSU, Arizona

The New Mexico State swimming and diving team fell to Oregon State, 138-123, and No. 2 Arizona, 204-57, in the double-dual meet at Tucson, Ariz.

"It was exciting and heartbreaking to battle Oregon State and come so close," head coach Rick Pratt said. "We had some beat-up swimmers from this week of training, however, we still had several season bests and some great efforts.

"It will be nice to start classes next week and get back to a normal routine," he said. "We need to be better when we head to Boise State in three weeks."

In the 1,000 free, sophomore Brittney Moore and senior Liz Thomson scored for NMSU in third and fourth place, respectively. Moore, freshman Haley Gansneder and Thomson also provided points in the 500 free, taking second, third and fourth.

Sophomore Maria Spies had a solid meet with a second-place finish in the 200 breast and a fourth-place showing in the 100 breast. Junior Kelly Runestrand also challenged in the breaststroke events with fifth in the 200 and sixth in the 100.

Senior Meghann Percy recorded a team-best fourth-place showing in the 100 back as freshman Beth Cate led the way with fifth in the 200 individual medley and sixth in the 200 butterfly.

In the sprint freestyle races, junior Kelly Conrad and senior Tessa Bain paced the Aggies in the 50 free in sixth and seventh, respectively. Additionally, Conrad claimed fifth in the 100 free.

The Aggies return to WAC action at Boise State, Saturday, Jan. 30, in preparation for the conference meet, Feb. 24 through 27.

Fresno tops Ags 77-67

NMSU gets first loss in WAC

New Mexico State senior guard Crystal Boyd scored a career-high 26 points and notched her fifth double-double of the season with 11 rebounds. It was not enough, however, as the New Mexico State women's basketball team fell 77-67 to Fresno State at the Pan American Center Wednesday evening.

The Aggies scored the final seven points of the first half behind buckets from sophomore forward Tabytha Wampler, junior guard Danisha Corbett and a trey from junior guard Jasmine Lowe in the final 90 seconds. NMSU continued its run to open the second half after a hoop from Boyd and a three from junior guard Madison Spence to build a 36-31 lead.

The Bulldogs fought back to tie the score at 40-40 minutes later, then took its first lead of the half at 47-44 after a three-pointer from Hayley Munro. The guard knocked down another from beyond the arc to ignite a 16-4 run over the next six minutes to break the game open at 63-48. NMSU closed to within eight with 3:20 remaining after a three from Boyd but could not close the gap down the stretch.

After the loss, the Aggies stand 12-5 overall and 2-1 in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) standings. The Bulldogs improve to 12-5 overall and remain undefeated at 3-0 in the WAC.

Fresno State's defense clamped down on the Aggies over the next four minutes, sparking an 11-0 run for a 20-13 cushion. The Bulldogs held their biggest advantage in the half of eight points at the 3:55 mark, leading 27-19. But the Aggies closed the half on a 12-4 run to knot the score at 31-31 going into the locker rooms.

The Aggies next game is at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, against Louisiana Tech in Rustin, La. The game will be broadcast live on the Aggie Sports Radio Network with Kyle Doperalski on KSNM-AM 570.

Walker stays as NMSU coach

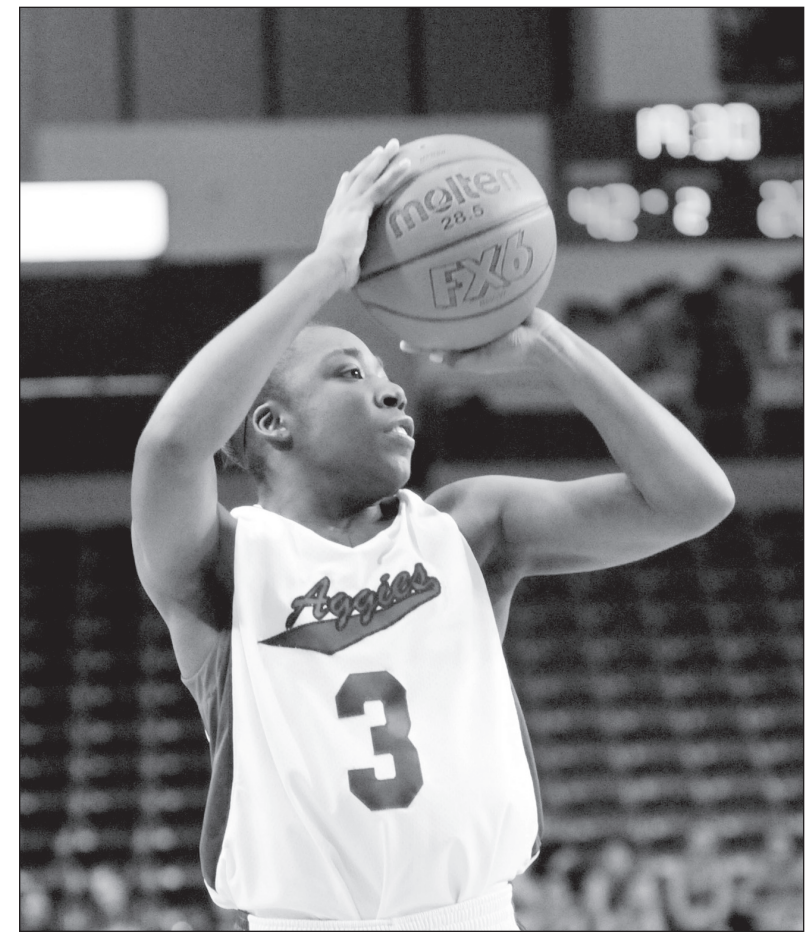
New Mexico State coach DeWayne Walker released the following statement, Thursday, Jan. 14, announcing that he will remain the Aggies' head football coach in 2010.

"In order to put an end to wild speculation and inaccurate reporting, I am announcing that I will happily remain the head coach at New Mexico State University for the 2010 season," Walker said.

"I am proud to be a New Mexico State Aggie and remain committed to making this program a winning one," he said. "I feel good about the direction of our program. We are going to have a great recruiting class and hire excellent coaches. We are building a program that Aggie fans can be proud of."

Walker thanked New Mexico State University, Southern New Mexico residents and Aggie fans for being patient. During the past week there were reports in the local daily paper and on the Internet of speculation that he would be hired as the next defensive coordinator for the NFL's Seattle Seahawks by their new coach Pete Carroll.

Instead, Walker said he is looking forward to the challenge of the 2010 season at NMSU.



Jasmine Lowe is the WAC Verizon Wireless Player of the Week after leading the Aggies to conference victories over Boise State and Hawai'i last week.

RICHARD DAVIS
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Jasmine Lowe gets WAC award

Aggie junior 'competes at a high level'

Junior guard Jasmine Lowe was named the Verizon Wireless WAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week, the conference office announced, Monday, Jan. 11. This is the first career honor for Lowe.

"Jasmine is very deserving of the Player of the Week honor," head coach Darin Spence said. "She has competed at a high level for us, leading the way to a tough road victory at Boise State and a solid home win versus Hawai'i. Jasmine has been consistent at both ends of the floor and her shot selection has allowed her to shoot a high percentage. She has the tools and the drive to be one of the best in the WAC. I'm excited for her and proud of her."

Lowe, a San Francisco native, averaged 21.5 points on 57 percent shooting, 5.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 3.5 steals as the Aggies opened WAC play 2-0. She scored a game-high 26 points in New Mexico State's first-ever win at Boise State, including 12 of the team's final 27 points. She followed it up with a game-high 17 points, a career-high-tying six rebounds, four assists and three steals in a win over Hawai'i.

NM STATE UNIVERSITY
ATHLETE of the WEEK

Kelly Conrad
Junior, Swimming and Diving

Junior swimmer Kelly Conrad was named the Verizon Wireless WAC Swimmer of the Week, Jan. 6. This is the second career honor for Conrad. She previously won the award as a freshman. Conrad helped direct the Aggies to a win over Idaho, Jan. 2, with two individual top honors. She swept the sprint freestyle events winning both the 50 free (24.65) and 100 free (52.77) at the meet. It was the second consecutive meet that she won both events. Conrad was also the anchor for the winning 400-freestyle relay (3:33.93).

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Transform your game – get organized

Now is the time to get your golf plans in motion

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

Editors note: This is the first of a four-part series that will give you the motivation and ideas needed to transform your game and yourself as a golfer.

Let's face it, January is the time when we all buy health club memberships under the illusion we'll finally get in shape, and it's when we swear we'll finally start the diet we've been putting off for years.

It's now that we come face to face with the clutter that has surrounded us and we look longingly and jealously at the nifty stuff (like boxes) on the shopping channels that offer us hope that we can finally get organized. We think that the dawning of a new year might just bring us hope that we can break some bad habits, but we need some source of courage and hope.

So it is with our golf game. We need some courage and hope. Maybe you need a nudge, too. Well, here it is.

When folks up north are frozen in the off-season, out here we're still playing golf and loving it. Which makes it the perfect opportunity to tune up our golf games and make the changes we have been seeking for so long. Maybe it's time for a golf makeover.

Make a plan

To help you with your golf makeover, this is the first of our four-part series on rebuilding your golf game. Today we deal with getting organized and coming up with a plan that will get the job done. In the next few weeks, we'll cover solid, reliable swing fundamentals you can count on; short game tips and techniques that are sure to save you strokes around the putting green; and how to become mentally excellent even in the face of adversity.

The first thing I'm suggesting is for you to take a dispassionate look at how you presently play the game of golf. Have you ever seen yourself swing a golf club? It might be an eye-opener. In your heart of hearts, do you think you honestly know how to swing a golf club? If not, maybe this is the time to learn.

I know, Dr. Bob Rotella says to play golf without thinking about it. Forgive me if it sounds harsh, but most of the golfers I see flailing away on the range are wielding a golf club without thinking about it, and I'm thinking they may need to think about how they're doing it, since they don't have a clue as to the proper way to do it. These are the same ones who say they don't need lessons. Do you want to get better? Do you want to make a quantum leap in your ability? It isn't God-given you know. You have to work at it. Go get a teacher. Email me and I'll make a referral to a professional for you.

> There is power, genius and magic with the simple act of making your goals and dreams tangible and public.

A hard look

Next, take a hard look over how you played last year. Notice what you did well and what you did poorly. If you see yourself as a golfer who is less accomplished than you would like to be, have you recently considered building a fundamentally sound and correct golf swing? Age really is not relevant here. You could be 30, or you could be 70, it doesn't matter when it comes to fundamentals.

With all due respect, have you ever wondered what makes you think your swing is very effective? It's time. It's time to take lessons. It's time to get it right.

If not now, when? When you're 90? Or is it that you're content with the status quo, uninterested in getting any better, and still want the same sandbagging strokes from your buddies.

Hopefully, you are the person who still wants to achieve things and gain some mastery within this great game that Arnold Palmer said is both "deceptively simple and endlessly complicated."

Now is the time to write down your golf goals for the coming year. Is this the season you'll break 100? Break 80? Are you going to take 3 strokes off your handicap? Win a tournament, or a flight? I urge you to be very specific about your aspirations and (with ink and paper) commit to them with all your energy because they will never happen otherwise. There is power, genius and magic with the simple act of making your goals and dreams tangible and public.

Practice

Let's look at how you can plan for success in the new golf season. Practicing may actually be the key. Go figure. Coach Herb Wimberly has a general rule that you'll need to hit at least 500 balls before any slight swing change becomes habit. Well, get started. Will you allocate the time to hit 500 practice balls over the next month? Make appointments with yourself to practice. Trust me, it will pay off; maybe literally when you win your bets.

The same principle is true with putting. The more you practice the luckier you get. Make an appointment with yourself to practice your short game. Put it in your day planner.

Recently, I had a fellow tell me, "I'm just a lousy putter and I'll never get any better." Not wishing to give advice where it isn't welcome, I thought to myself, "Friend, what you need most, before any golf lessons and practice time, is a big attitude adjustment."

As Wimberly will confirm, playing your best golf is mostly tied to having a positive attitude. Why wait any longer for your private attitude adjustment. Do it now. Stuck figuring out how? Get help.

Embarking on a golf game makeover, complete with goals and plans and determination, is going to require you to monitor your progress and measure your results. Keep your stats! Fairways, greens, putts, sand saves, the whole enchilada.

If you don't know where to start and would like to get a handy guide and format in your hands right away, I'll send you one. Just send your request to me at the Bulletin and include a self-addressed-stamped-envelope. Also include any comments, suggestions, ideas and feedback, which are always welcome.

Happy makeover.

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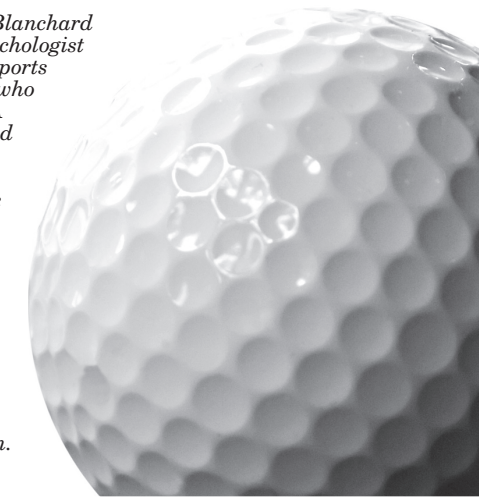

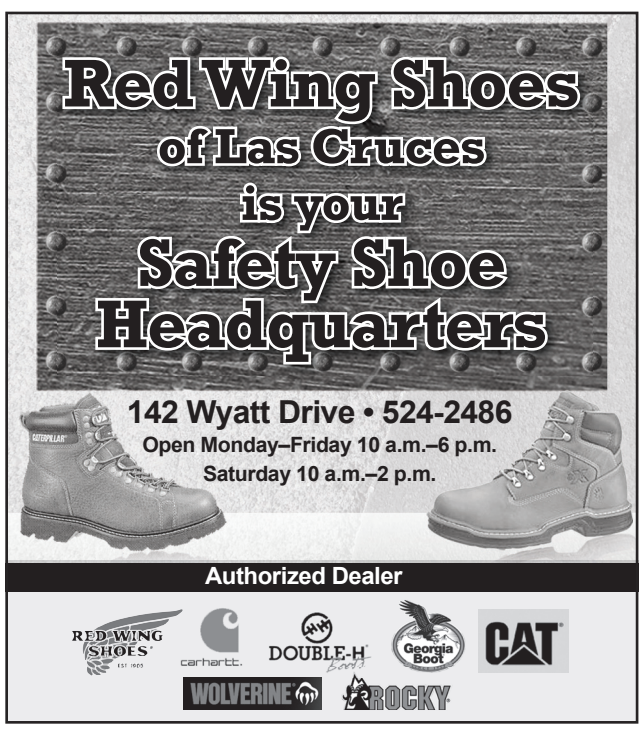

Mayfield High School

High School Athlete of the Week

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Alina Bourger

Alina Bourger is an 18-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. She plays the wing position on the Trojan girl's basketball team. Bourger is a leading scorer and team leader. She is very helpful to other players and very respectful. Bourger is committed to her school work, as well, with a 3.40 GPA. Her interests outside of basketball and the classroom are coaching her little sister, being a role model to kids and a love of riding her dirt bike. Bourger is an overall great student athlete and young lady.

AGGIE INSIDER

NMSU well-qualified to host championship

Softball tournament coming

PETE
Pete's Ponderings

There is more respect for NM State coming from the Western Athletic Conference. If you got the idea that Karl Benson and his staff didn't appreciate what they have in southern New Mexico, you need to change that thinking right now.

The Aggies are hosting the WAC softball championship tournament this spring. That in itself is nice, but it is further proof the league office is happy to have NM State as a member. Every sport championship that can be hosted by a member school has come to Las Cruces.

Baseball and swimming are held at neutral sites, but you know McKinley Boston would be happy to host those sports as well. Think about it for a second.

The road to the basketball, volleyball, cross country, tennis, golf and now softball postseason championships have all come through our school at one time or another. It can't just be the beautiful weather that keeps Benson and his staff coming back. It has to be something a little deeper. Something like top quality facilities, professional organization and administration and just old-fashioned friendliness that a neighbor shows a neighbor. These sorts of qualities are things worth taking pride in and realizing that you don't have to have to be the biggest to be one of the best.

Ole Pete thinks this is worth pondering since sometimes we are too close to a situation to see all of the good things we have. I say good things but you could add good people too.

A well-run event is a lot more than dusting off the seats and opening the turnstiles. Arrangements for visiting teams' lodging and transportation are something that must be done months in advance and it is on the NM State administrative leaders to make sure it gets done.

Arranging for the teams to have an area and time to practice their sport before they compete and the availability of top quality playing fields is in the mix too. There just has to be an equal opportunity and fair treatment for everyone coming to the tournament even though it is at one team's home.

You have to think our town's commercial community has had a positive effect on all of this too. Clean comfortable hotel rooms, a variety of restaurants and some venues for sight seeing or shopping just add to the spice that makes up an enjoyable visit, win or lose. Take pride Aggie fans, in knowing that the people at the top like what they have added to the conference in NM State.

Pete

It will be ladies night

Aggie women to be inducted at FCB's Hall of Fame event

JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

When the First Community Bank Hall of Fame ceremony comes around, it will be "Ladies Night."

For the first time in the history of the hall, all of the inductees are women. Mari Sanchez Galaz, Jane Egan Noble and Rachel Cueller will take their places next to Lou Henson, Charley Johnson and others as being in the elite of NM State athletes.

Back when Title IX came into being, I was among those who felt it was a heavy handed attempt to force change and was sure it would have disastrous effect on the college landscape.

Spending good money to give women an equal playing field as their male counterparts was hard to understand if you were somewhat square-headed.

Women's programs had been ignored at most schools and at the time were emerging from intramural status. It seemed like idiocy to take such a bold step and seemed sure to ruin the male-oriented collegiate sports scene.

Well, I and thousands of others were wrong. Now it is hard to imagine a year of athletic competition at NM State without our women's programs.

Mike Jordan's volleyball team is a major attraction, pulling in attendance figures that prove fans want to see women play. Likewise, Darin Spence's women's basketball team has a fan base that continues to grow and the NM State soccer program started out with attendance figures that ranked in the top-15 nationwide.

The measure of a successful program can't always be broken down to gate receipts, but 30 years ago few believed that these teams could draw 100 fans regularly. An additional positive of expanding opportunities for women in athletics are in the results of studies that show taking part in competitive sports increases self-esteem and confidence and better prepares participants in dealing with problems and circumstances that everyone faces in real life.

Sanchez Galaz played her high school basketball at Oñate High for another Aggie, Connie Vau. She earned two degrees and now works for the Department of the Defense at White Sands. She led the team in assists all four years and set the school record for 3-pointers in a game with 10. Egan Noble was a member of two NM State conference championship teams and twice was named a Wilson All-American.

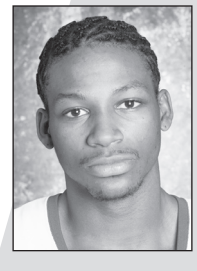
Cueller became the standard bearer for cross country runners at the school by leading NM State to the Sun Belt Conference Championship and became the first Aggie to be invited to the NCAA Cross Country Championships.

So here's to the Class of 2010, they are joining their peers male and female as one. Here is to our growth in learning that change can bring something much better than we imagined.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight

Crystal Boyd
Senior
Women's Basketball

Senior guard Crystal Boyd led the Aggie women's basketball team down the stretch at Boise State, Jan. 6, where she scored 23 points, her second-best performance at NM State. The Little Rock, Ark., native has scored 20-plus points in three of the last five contests. In a win against Hawai'i, Jan. 9, Boyd totaled 11 points, eight rebounds and three steals.



Jonathan Gibson
Senior
Men's Basketball

Senior guard Jonathan Gibson hit a 3-pointer with less than a minute to play to guide NM State to an 88-85 win at Boise State, Jan. 9. He led the Aggies with a team-high 26 points on an 8-for-14 performance from the field. Gibson hit 4-of-8 shots from the 3-point line, which helped NM State to a season-high 13 baskets from beyond the arc. Additionally, he was 6-for-6 at the free-throw line with a pair of assists and steals.

Jasmine Lowe
Junior
Women's Basketall

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This Week In Aggie Athletics

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Wednesday, Jan. 20
Women's Basketball
Idaho
Las Cruces
6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 21
Men's Basketball
Hawai'i
Honolulu
10 p.m.

Did You Know...

The Aggie men's basketball team is now 5-0 in WAC road openers in program history following an 88-85 win at Boise State, Jan. 9.

Trivia Question

Q: Guards Jahmar Young and Jonathan Gibson joined the NM State 1,000 point club this season. Who on the women's basketball team is slated to become a member of the club this year?

A: Junior guard Madison Spence needs only 49 points to join the 1,000 point club.

AGGIES
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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

75 years ago 1935

• All of the paperwork was filed showing that Doña Ana County gins had processed 45,753 bales of cotton by the end of the 1934 season, compared with 34,118 the year before.

• Jornada Range ranchers welcomed a .39 of an inch rain. Snow also covered the Organ Mountain slopes.

• The Las Cruces Business and Professional Women met at St. Genevieve's Catholic Church to discuss issues that were scheduled for consideration at the 12th New Mexico Legislature.

• Bernard Krupp, whose United Dry Goods base store was in El Paso, announced that he was opening a Las Cruces outlet at Main Street and Griggs Avenue.

50 years ago 1960

• The Department of Defense was able to work out an agreement with eight property owners to extend White Sands Missile Range 40 miles to the north, an area of land made up of 1,600 acres, so that the Army could test-fire Nike and Zeus rockets up-range.

• The city installed runway lights at the West Las Cruces Municipal Airport.

• D.B. "Dad" Jett, dean emeritus at the New Mexico State University College of Engineering, died at 73.

25 years ago 1985

• A storm covered Las Cruces with 9 inches of snow, almost matching the record snow of 10.3 inches that was recorded in the city in 1931. Slippery road surfaces and poor visibility closed U.S. Highway 70 and San Augustin Pass.

• The Aggie basketball team knocked off Long Beach State behind the 29-point scoring run of Gilbert Wilburn.

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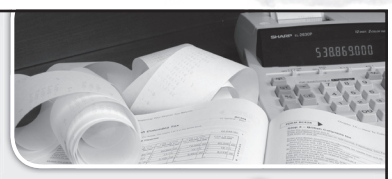
Students in this undated photograph take their class picture-taking session serious. They are gathered in front of the old Doña Ana Elementary School.

10 years ago 2000

• Save Mart owners Jerry Silva and Mike Stevens opened their new store a couple of blocks south of the former store site at 495 N. Valley Drive. The new store contained 12,000 square feet and offered a larger selection of grocery items. They purchased a 2.84-acre land parcel for $288,159 from the Branigan Estate Trust. Accrued interest from the trust was to be used to buy books for the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

• Thomas Trotter led the way with 27 points as the Oñate High School basketball team overwhelmed Bowie High School 69-43.

Sources: NMSU Library's Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections.



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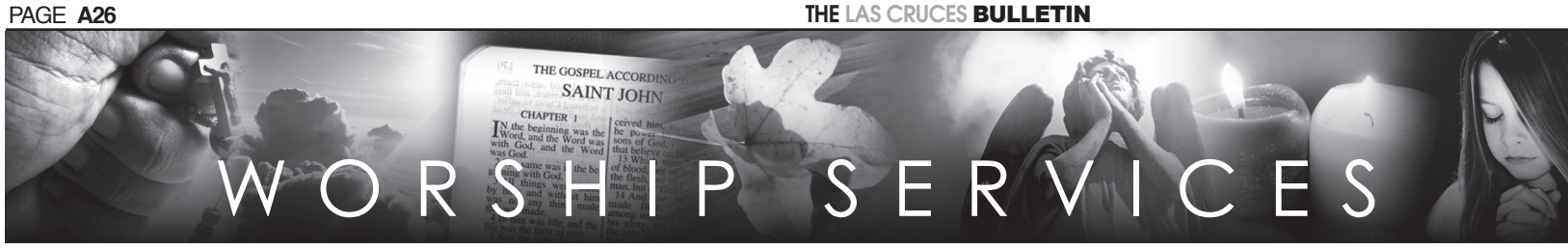

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CHURCH NEWS

NEW BIBLE COURSE

John Anderson at Holy Cross Church, 1327 N. Miranda St., will hold a new 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.

NIGHT OF HOPE

Joel and Victoria Osteen, pastors of the largest church in America, will hold a worship event "Night of Hope" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the New Mexico State University Pan American Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are $15 and are now on sale at the Pan American box office, all Ticketmaster outlets, by phone at 800-745-3000 and online at www.ticketmaster.com/venure/98676.

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Weekly one-hour show for Spanish-speaking community

Pastor Vasquez hosts new Christian outreach program on Comcast cable

The Spanish-speaking community in Las Cruces now has its own locally produced Christian outreach program debuting on the Las Cruces Channel 98 (LCC98).

The new one-hour program, called "Luz a Las Naciones," meaning "Light of the Nations," will air 5 p.m. Sundays on the Las Cruces Channel on Comcast cable 98. Hosted by Pastor Freddy Vasquez and his wife, Maria Vasquez, the show will feature discussions with local community members, inspirational music and a spiritual message from Pastor Vasquez.

"The key to our growth has been the interaction with the community and our new church, which is situated in a central location in Las Cruces," Pastor Vasquez said. "With the help of the staff at the Las Cruces Channel we will bring a weekly spiritual message of God to the Spanish community."

"Our goal is to offer our community programming with local residents doing the shows. People of Hispanic or Latino origin account for 52 percent of the city's residents," said LCC98 President Chris Soular.

Pastor Vasquez said the reason for his passion is a miracle that saved him from a life of gangs and drugs. This miracle changed his heart, giving him a new opportunity in life.

"The Lord brought me into this city to make a difference in peoples' lives through the preaching of the word of Jesus Christ," Pastor Vasquez said.

The Las Cruces Channel 98 currently broadcasts on weekends both on Comcast Channel 98 and on the Internet at www.lascruceschannel.com. Interested organizations are encouraged to visit the website or call 650-3398.

Pastor Joel Osteen and his wife Victoria will share their ministry Feb. 12 at the Pan Am Center.

'A Night of Hope'

Joel, Victoria Osteen bring ministry to Pan Am Center

Joel and Victoria Osteen, pastors of the largest church in America will hold a worship event at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the Pan American Center on the New Mexico State University Las Cruces campus.

"A Night of Hope" with Joel and Victoria Osteen is an outreach of Joel Osteen Ministries. The evening is a time of praise and worship where attendees will hear an inspirational message of hope and God's love from Joel and Victoria along with the electrifying music of Dove Award-winning Cindy Cruse Ratcliff, Steve Crawford and the Lakewood Band and Ensemble.

Joel and Victoria Osteen are pastors for a new generation. Referred to by many as a voice of hope, Joel Osteen reaches one of the largest audiences in the United States and across the globe. Millions of people worldwide are inspired through his weekly television broadcasts, New York Times bestselling books, worship events and popular weekly podcast. He and Victoria are the pastors of one of the largest and most diverse churches in America – the 40,000 strong Lakewood Church in Houston.

For more information, go to www.joelosteen.com. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are $15 and available now at the Pan American box office, all Ticketmaster outlets, by phone at 800-745-3000 and online at www.ticketmaster.com/venure/98676.

Fathers are key to daughters' self-esteem

Teach boys and girls the importance of respect

Talk about a father's impact on his daughter and what he should hope to accomplish through that relationship.

Fathers have an incalculable impact on their daughters. Most psychologists believe, and I am one of them, that all future romantic relationships are influenced positively or negatively by the way a girl interacts with her dad in the childhood years.

If that is true, then fathers should give careful thought to this responsibility and seek to be what their daughters need of them. There are, I believe, at least seven components to that assignment.

First, a dad's leadership at home should be a model of strength and authority, but always tempered by love and compassion. Harsh discipline tends to close down a sensitive feminine spirit, but permissiveness and capriciousness can create lifelong disdain for men.

Second, a dad must remember that he is being watched closely by that little girl around his knees. The way he treats her mother will teach her volumes about how men and women should relate to one another. Blatant disrespect toward his wife will not be missed by the child.

Third, I think it is good to begin "dating" a daughter when she is 6 years of age, or even earlier. Dad should let the child help plan their evenings and then see that they occur when and where promised. These times together are not intended simply for fun, although that is important. The father can also use them to show his daughter how a man treats a woman he respects. He can open doors for her, help her with her chair and listen attentively when she speaks. Later, when she is a teenager, she will know what to expect – or insist on – from the boys she dates.

Fourth, a dad should always look for ways to build the self-confidence of his little girl. If she believes he thinks she is pretty and "special," she will be inclined to see herself that way. He holds the key to her self-acceptance.

Fifth, a father should keep the lines of communication open throughout childhood so that he is seen as someone to whom his daughter can turn when she needs advice. She will need that counsel before she is grown.

Sixth, God designed men to be the "providers and protectors" of their families. Their daughters should perceive them that way. Dad is often his little girl's "hero," and it is wonderful when that kind of relationship develops.

Seventh, a father must be the spiritual leader of his family, making clear his devotion to Jesus Christ and to the principles in Scripture. He should give the highest priority to bringing up his daughters, and his sons, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

It's not an easy responsibility raising girls, is it? But those who do the job properly can rest in the knowledge that they have given their daughters the best chance for a successful marriage, if they choose to wed.

Can boys and girls be taught to treat each other with respect? That seems like a tough assignment.

They certainly can! Young people are naturally more sensitive and empathetic than adults. Their viciousness is a learned response, resulting from the highly competitive and hostile world in which they live – a world we have allowed to develop. They are destructive to the weak and lowly because we adults haven't bothered to teach them to feel for one another.

One of the values children cherish most is justice. They are uneasy in a world of injustice and abuse. Therefore, when we teach children respect for others by insisting on civility in our classrooms, we're laying a foundation for human kindness in the world of adulthood to come. It is a fundamental attitude that should be taught in every classroom and every home.

Dobson is founder and chairman of the board of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80995 (www.family.org). Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers" and "Bringing Up Boys," both published by Tyndale House.

CHURCH NEWS

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Cruces will sponsor a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for those in need of spiritual and emotional healing after an abortion Jan. 15 through 17. For more information, call Martha at 523-6923 or email at bslmrvls@aol.com or Elizabeth at 526-9225.

ANNUAL PET BLESSING

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, 518 N. Alameda Blvd., will hold its annual pet blessing at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, in the chapel parking lot. The event is open to the entire community, including our canine and human friends of the Las Cruces Dog Park. For more information, call Father Gabriel Rochelle at 524-1071.

ENCHILADA DINNER

Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star, will host an enchilada dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Masonic Lodge Hall, 180 East Boutz Road. The dinner will consist of red enchiladas, beans, rice, cole slaw, dessert and a drink and cost $7 for adults and $3.50 for children under 12. Take-outs will be available. Come, enjoy a great dinner, and help the OES to support local charities.

RAINBOW INSTALLATION

Ruth Laws Assembly No. 55, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, will install its officers at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Scottish Rite Temple, 195 E. Boutz Road. Serina Pack will be installed as Worthy Advisor for the spring term.

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AEROBICS CLASS

Aerobics class with Jennifer Smith is at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatics class (senior exercise class) with Nora Bailey is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

CORE FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

Core floor exercise classes are held five days a week. Suggested donation is 50 cents. Classes are held from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays with Lucille at Munson Senior Center, 975. S. Mesquite St., and at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays with Jennifer Smith at Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.

HATHA YOGA CLASS

Yoga classes are 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.

T'AI CHI CLASSES

T'ai Chi classes are held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The suggested donation is 50 cents.

CANASTA

Canasta is played from noon to 4 p.m. every Wednesday at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. All experience levels are welcome.

CHESS

Chess games are played from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. All are welcome. Participants are asked to bring chess sets, boards and clocks, if available.

BINGO MANIA

Bingo Mania is from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at the Eastside 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.

CREATIVE WRITING

A creative writing class is held at 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Doña Ana Room at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The Library Book Club meets from 10 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The club gets together to read great selections and meet new people.

HORSESHOE-PITCHING

Horseshoe-pitching practice is held from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday behind Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. For more information, call Burt Trujillo at 522-4849.

MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg is played from 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

SENIOR TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Senior Travel Club, located in Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

SENIOR FOLKLORICO

Senior Folklorico with Juan Ortiz is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday at the Eastside Senior Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Call 541-2304 for more information.

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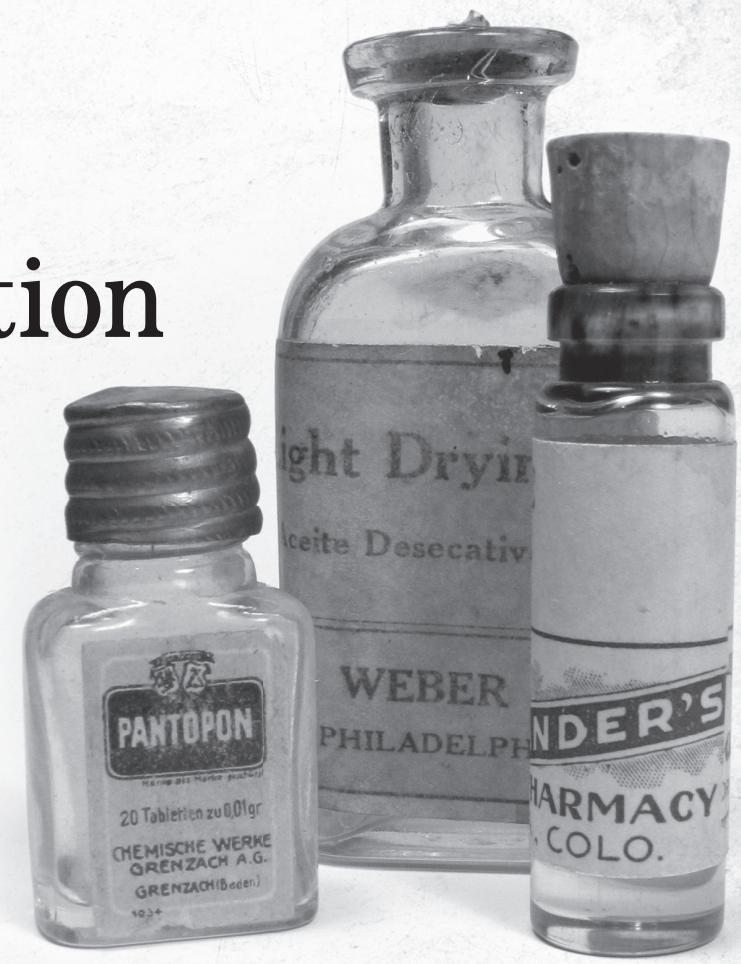

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Use the Web for wellness

Sites encourage healthy lifestyles

By Cindy Kratzke
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Let's assume two of your new year's resolutions are to get more exercise and improve your diet. You've heard that exercise and a good diet are important, not only to help prolong your life, but also to help you feel better about yourself. You say to yourself, "This is the year in which I'm going to make these resolutions and stick to them."

Let's assume a third new year's resolution is to reduce wasteful time spent on your computer. You've told yourself, "This is the year that I spend less time on social media sites just to find out which friend just ate a delicious tuna fish sandwich, which friend is bored and which friend needs a game piece."

To reach your fitness goals, you don't need to "rob Peter to pay Paul." In other words, you don't need to totally forsake the Internet because of the voice in your head that says you should be on a treadmill instead of online. Instead, use the Internet to help complement your exercise and diet.

Research from a Pew Internet report shows many people are doing just that; they're using the Internet more frequently to find health information. Why not you? Information that can help you change your life and lifestyle is readily available in both English and Spanish on a number of Websites. You can learn new ways to find online health strategies by checking out the following Websites. They will help you track what you eat during the day, start a meal planner and understand different types of fats.

Some of these Websites, such as www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov, are interactive. On this site, you choose the Analyze My Plate activity and select a breakfast, lunch or dinner menu and then see how your food choices can make a difference in counting calories or fat.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture offers at least two Websites to help meal planners, provide food pyramid information and furnish other information for new mothers, children and pre-schoolers. These sites are located at www.cnpp.usda.gov (main

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Branching out in the community

Physicians Health Choice partnering with LULAC

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In an effort to reach out to the community, Physicians Health Choice announced a yearlong partnership with the League of United Latin American Citizens with a reception Monday, Jan. 11.

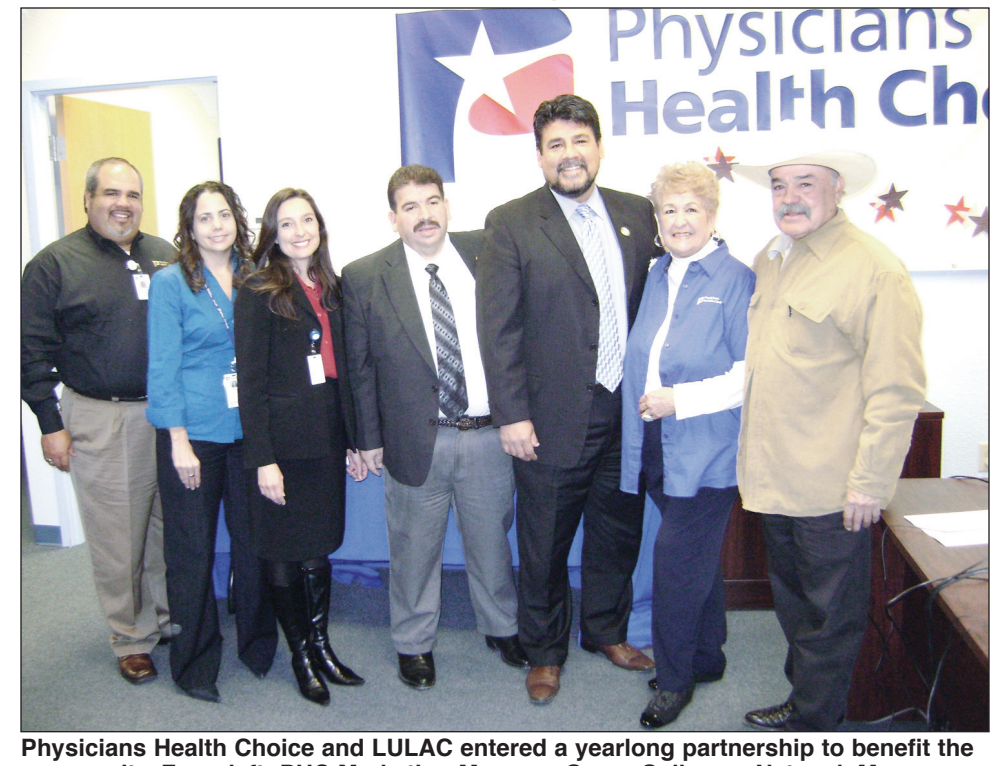
Physicians Health Choice, a Medicare Health Advantage Plan that provides services for those with Medicare throughout Doña Ana and Otero counties, is working to fulfill an obligation to the community, said Community Relations Specialist Jacqueline Gonzalez.

"It came together as part of community efforts to reach more individuals to let them know what we offer," she said. "We are in the business of health care for seniors, but we also have to be good corporate citizens in the community. It's not only important for our patients to be healthy, but also socially active in the community."

The reception also served as a way to foster relationships with community leaders and business leaders. Teaming up at the reception with LULAC and the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces, Gonzalez said Physicians Health Choice was able to voice that goal to a diverse group of attendees that included business and community leaders, elected officials, community members and several of the company's physicians.

The partnership with LULAC includes sponsoring events such as Navidad en el Barrio, which benefits underprivileged children.

"We have plans to do things together at senior centers and also at the state level,"



Physicians Health Choice and LULAC entered a yearlong partnership to benefit the community. From left: PHC Marketing Manager Oscar Gallegos, Network Manager Laura Southern, Community Relations Director Jacqueline Gonzalez, New Mexico LULAC President Paul Martinez, PHC Sales Manager Rosendo Martinez, Texas LULAC District 4 Director Elvia Hernandez and Doña Ana County Commissioner Oscar Butler.

Gonzalez said. "We're looking at the needs of the community and being involved in senior-centric activities.

"We just want our demographic to know anyone who has Medicare is eligible to sign up with us. We want the community to know we're there as a resource to guide them through that complex process. We'll absolutely hold their hand through handling their health care. And they can walk through the front door and see a person. We're not just a 1-800 number."

Growing through loss focus of conference

Keynote to address 'compassion burnout'

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Though sometimes we may expect it, no one can say they're ready to handle a loss of a loved one. Through its 21st Annual Growing Through Loss Conference, Mesilla Valley Hospice is offering much-needed resources to the community.

The conference will be held Thursday and Friday, Feb. 4 and 5, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.

Through the hospice's Center for Grief Services, the community already has access to free grief and bereavement counseling, but this conference is a way for the public and professionals to understand growth through loss, said MVH Marketing Coordinator April Anaya.

"In its 21 years, the conference has evolved," she said. "It's now attended by community members and professionals, and we now offer continuing education units for socials workers, nurses and school counselors. They all attend to get information to professionally serve the community."

The conference begins at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, with a free screening of the documentary "Solace: The Wisdom of Dying," by registered nurse Camille Adair of northern New Mexico. In the film, Adair follows hospice patients she was caring for and tells their story, along with the perspective of experts in the field.

"It's a really well-done documentary," Anaya said. "Her big goal was to try and teach all people what we can learn from those on end-of-life care."

The screening will be followed by a question-and-answer session focusing on how the dying teach leaving and how hospice and health care professionals have a special role in sharing their stories and wisdom with mainstream culture.

Friday, the paid portion of the conference features keynote speaker Barbara Rubel, a nationally recognized leader in the field of coping with sudden traumatic death and compassion fatigue. Authoring several

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books, Rubel also has worked as a bereavement counselor, but has a personal tie with grieving and bereavement as well, Anaya said.

"Her father, a New York police officer, committed suicide when she was pregnant with triplets," she said. "She's going to be a great resource to professionals, but to the general public as well. She has a personal story that will give people a different look."

Her keynote presentation, "Building Resiliency: Preventing Burnout and Compassion Fatigue," will focus on the stress of caring too much and explore ways to cope with a stressful career, distinguish between burnout and compassion fatigue and examine ways to build resiliency in participants' personal and professional lives.

Following Rubel's presentation are several breakout sessions that will run throughout the remainder of the afternoon. Presented by experts in the community, session topics won't just cover loss through death, but also the sense of loss one's family and friends have after incarceration, addiction and mind-altering illnesses such as Alzheimer's disease.

"It's still a sense of loss because they're not the same person you used to know," Anaya said. "It's still grieving."

The cost to attend Friday's events, including a continental breakfast and lunch, is $25 for New Mexico State University students and $35 for the general public. For those who are attending for continuing education units, the cost is $50.

For more information or to register, contact Anaya at 525-5709 or aanaya@mvhospice.org.

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page) and www.mypyramid.gov.

The American Heart Association offers sites devoted to facts about fats. Information on saturated fats and trans fats can be found on the Bad Fats Brothers webisode at www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3055398. Meanwhile, a link to find facts about monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats on the Better Fats Sisters Webisode is on the same page.

The adults in your family don't have to be the only ones having fun using the Internet to improve their health. Get your children involved, too. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer food, nutrition, fitness, exercise and safety information at www.bam.gov. A food detective video game is available in Spanish and English at http://kp.org/childhoodobesity, thanks to Kaiser Permanente. Children can find food tips, interactive games and activities in English and Spanish at a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website, www.smallstep.gov/kids/flash/index.html.

So instead of pondering whether or not you should add that person from whom you have not heard in 30 years as a new online "friend," why not use the Internet to truly better your life?

Using sites as those mentioned can help you stick to your new year's resolutions to get in shape, whether it's through exercise, diet, or a combination of both.

Cindy Kratzke is an assistant professor in the Department of Health Science at New Mexico State University. She teaches Health Communication in the Master of Public Health program.

Pets not forgotten in tough times

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ACT Programs for Animals distributed free pet food at High Desert Machines Building on Saturday, Jan 9, to those who needed help feeding their pets. Left, volunteer Victor Hernandez helps Silvia Saenz put a large bag of dog food in her trunk. Rachel Padilla, right, waits in line with others to get pet food for her dog and cats.

Free vaccination clinic Jan. 23

The New Mexico Department of Health and Memorial Medical Center will hold an H1N1 immunization clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. All vaccinations are free and will be available for adults 18 and older.

The clinic will be held in the Annex Conference Rooms. People are asked to enter the west parking lot from Terrance Drive and follow signs to the clinic. Those interested can call Memorial Medical Center at 521-5300 for information about the clinic.

Those who cannot attend the H1N1 clinic are encouraged to call their primary health care providers first to ask if they are providing H1N1 vaccine. H1N1 vaccine arrives in New Mexico weekly, so it's important to check often. Those without insurance or a health care provider, or whose provider will not offer the H1N1 vaccine, can get the vaccine from a local public health office. Call the local public health office first to check the availability of H1N1 vaccine. The phone number for the Las Cruces area public health office is 528-5001.

For more information, call New Mexico's H1N1 Toll Free Hotline at 877-304-4161 or visit www.nmhealth.org/H1N1. Statewide flu clinics are listed at www.nmivc.org/cliniclist.php.

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health events and support groups

YOGA CLASSES

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.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP

Adult Children of Alcoholic 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 (TOPS) 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 Complex, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room.

RISE AND SHINE WALK

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, a 30-day punch pass is $36. For more information, call the Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2661.

CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, a support group for people in recovery from mental illness, meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St. In addition, the men's support group meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday, and the women's support group meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. every Friday, also at the Bridge. For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

YOUNG FATHER'S PROJECT

The New Mexico Young Father's fatherhood project meets from 5:30 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday at 1190 Foster Road.

For more information, call 532-1536.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Doña Ana County Health and Human Services, along with Ben Archer Health Center, is sponsoring a free, ongoing support group for residents of Doña Ana County who have been diagnosed with diabetes, are at risk for diabetes or have family members with diabetes. The support group is held at 5:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Doña Ana Community Center, 5745 Ledesma Drive. For more information, call Ben Archer Health Center at 382-9292.

ZUMBA CLASSES

The City of Las Cruces offers a Zumba class from 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, contact the Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2661.

DIABETES EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach will host a Diabetes Educational Support Group meeting from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road

The event is free and no pre-registration is required. The meeting is intended for those informed they have diabetes, family and friends of those with diabetes and all who are interested.

For more information, contact the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach at 522-0289, snmdo@snmdo or visit www.snmdo.org.

WEIGHT LOSS CLASSES AT CURVES

Curves for Women is offering free weight management classes to teach healthy eating habits using carbs and proteins and other topics such as emotional eating. Non-members are welcome. Classes will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the 2801 Missouri Ave. location. Classes will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the 3291 Del Rey Blvd. location.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 532-9462.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

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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 the MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 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. Coffee and snacks will be available. For more information, contact Susan Brown at 496-2627 or sbrown1409@yahoo.com.

INDEPENDENT LIVING GROUP

The Independent Living Group meeting for people with all kinds of disabilities meets every from 1 to 3 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Ability Center for Independent Living, 715 E. Idaho Ave., Suite 3E. Admission is free and refreshments are served. For more information, call 526-5016.

TOPS OPEN HOUSE

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 219 will have its Annual Open House from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at 1205 Calle Del Encanto. The public is invited.

For more information, call Annie at 522-4527 or Doris at 524-7461.

ALS SUPPORT GROUP

ALS Support Group provides support to caregivers and equipment to patients with Lou Gehrig's disease in Las Cruces, El Paso and surrounding areas. The group meets at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at Severo's Restaurant in La Mesa, N.M. For more information, call Linda Ott at 525-8469 or Annelee Donnelly at 541-0054.

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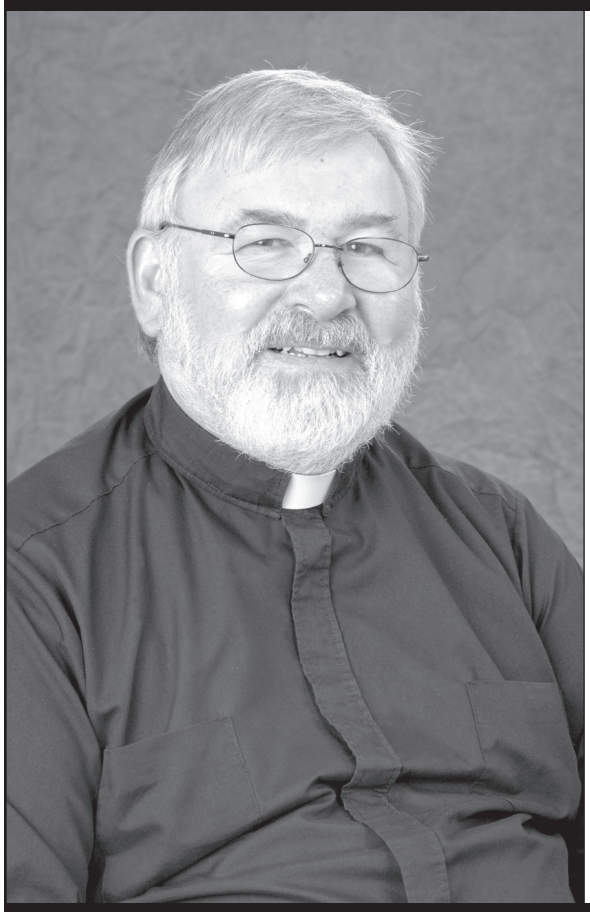

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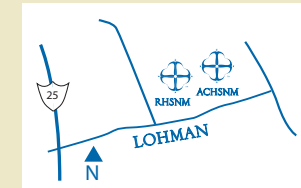

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Business is good in Las Cruces

GABRIEL VASQUEZ
Business Editor

New year, new column, same editor.

Hello folks, and welcome to the Las Cruces Bulletin Business Section in 2010.

After coordinating this section for more than a year, I decided now was the right time to start a weekly column.

I've made some observations during my time here, and I want to share them with you.

Business is good in Las Cruces. The right mix of industry exists in the Mesilla Valley to keep our economic livelihood strong for years to come. That's thanks to White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico State University and the robust health care industry in our area. Our weekly columnist, economist Chris Erickson, has been driving that point home all year. The bottom line is we're better off than most and we will probably stay that way for years to come.

Business is friendly in Las Cruces. You won't find a whole lot of cutthroat business owners with shady tactics in this town. Small business owners are family men and women, and franchise and corporate representatives are mostly local and they care about their clients and customers.

The real estate industry has taken a hit. Developers, realtors and property owners are working together to restore stability to the housing industry and to the dedicated workforce that supports it. Look for bright spots in the real estate industry this year.

Southern New Mexico is making a strong stand up north. Thanks to a dedicated business community and local and regional lawmakers, our voice is stronger then ever in Santa Fe. Expect more attention to be paid to Las Cruces, Doña Ana and its surrounding counties as the spaceport, federal courthouse, new city hall and civic center wrap up construction this year. Also, more people locally are getting involved in

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Denish talks small business

Lt. Gov. meets with southern NM business owners

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Lt. Gov. Diane Denish talks about the importance of the renewable energy industry during a conference at New Mexico State University Aug. 31, 2009.

Lt. Gov. and gubernatorial candidate Diane Denish stopped by Las Cruces Friday, Jan. 8, to listen to the concerns of small business owners and take the message back to the roundhouse.

Just days before the 2010 Legislative session, which starts Jan. 19, Denish said it was important for her to show support for small business and to start developing a strategy to help struggling business owners in the southern part of the state.

"We're here to see what it's going to take to help them create jobs," she said. "And there are some obstacles that they're facing."

In Las Cruces, Denish spoke at the Small Business Development Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., to a large group of business owners and area leaders.

Before coming to Las Cruces, Denish hosted roundtable meetings in Alamogordo and Carlsbad. She visited Lea County, Ruidoso and Silver City after Las Cruces.

A major triumph during Denish's time in office, she said, was increasing microlending opportunities for small businesses with the help of the Small Business Investment Corp.

"In five years, we have impacted about 1,800 businesses," she said. "And a requirement for those loans is that at least 50 percent have to be outside of the Albuquerque and Santa Fe area. That's how job growth happens in New Mexico, through small businesses."

Access to capital is still a critical problem for many would-be business owners or those looking to expand, Denish said. She said she wants to work with community banks and state microlenders to increase access to that capital as the year progresses.

In reference to the high dropout rate among high school students and workforce development, Denish said, "education is key to the economic stimulus."

She said dual-credit programs have been successful, but must be expanded in the area to continue the move to push students into careers early.

"You're seeing kids choosing their career paths earlier and earlier now," she said.

Teaching methods should be reviewed, she added.

"I think our job is to transform education that makes learning relevant for kids so they can get high-paying jobs," she said. "Instead of them thinking they can graduate, do $7 an hour work and be on easy street."

She said IDEAL New Mexico, an Internet-based learning service provided by the state, has been especially helpful in reaching out to students in rural areas.

"This technology is lifesaving," she said. "But we have to train more teachers to be technology proficient."

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Wine and dine with LC's best

Chamber hosts annual banquet Friday, Jan. 22

Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Communication and Leadership Director Joel Courtney, Las Cruces Bulletin Production Manager Rachel Courtney, Adventure Travel owner Wanda Mattiace, GLCCC Vice President of Governmental Affairs Bill Mattiace and former City Councillor Gil Jones prepare for the main course during the chamber's 2009 Annual Banquet at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It's that time again to celebrate local business.

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual Banquet Friday, Jan. 22, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

The event promises to be the chamber's biggest of the year, said Joel Courtney, the chamber's communication and leadership director.

"This year's banquet will be a celebration as well as an award ceremony," Courtney said. "Following our regular program, there

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Building new leaders

Leadership NM makes stop in Las Cruces

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The mission of Leadership New Mexico is to develop a group of torchbearers to guide the state's future prosperity and enhance the quality of life. The group's motto is "Shaping One Leader at a Time."

This year, the organization's goals remain the same, and two Las Crucens have joined the distinguished yearlong program.

Bryn Davis, operations manager for Sapphire Energy, and Bill Connor, supervisor of customer service for El Paso Electric, are halfway through the program, which starts each year in September.

"I've had an interest in this for years, and I was previously involved as an instructor, so I've recognized the importance of this program from the get-go," Davis said. "We are in our third full session and already, I've learned quite a bit."

Leadership New Mexico takes its core program participants across the state and teaches them about the chosen area's regional economy, history and culture. It also connects them with key business leaders and legislators.

Leadership New Mexico started in 1994 as the New Mexico Leadership Network. Seed money was secured in 1995 and it became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Since then, more than 700 participants from 64 New Mexico communities have participated in the program.

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Dave Palmer, Leadership New Mexico alumnus and director of ethics and business conduct at Sandia National Laboratories, speaks with Robin Ortiz, executive assistant for Leadership New Mexico during a welcoming reception Thursday, Jan. 7, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Davis said the exposure to other communities has broadened his perspective on the challenges facing the state.

"One of the things that for me, personally, has been very enlightening, is the great focus on the pueblos, the Navajo Nation and the tribes and what impact their activities have on our state," he said.

Connor, born and raised in Las Cruces, said he's learned significantly about other communities by networking with their business and community leaders.

"One of the areas I felt I've always needed more exposure to is the concerns and issues from other parts of the state," he said. "With the networking aspect (of the program), I have been able to build relationships with these leaders, use them as resources and build up my knowledge base."

The organization held one of its six three-day sessions in Las Cruces last week, teaching participants about the Mesilla Valley and economic development related to New Mexico State University and White Sands Missile Range. Participants also connected with local leaders to help develop their own network in southern New Mexico.

To learn more, visit www.leadershipnm.org.

Leadership New Mexico

(core program) participants from Doña Ana County

Name	Company	Year
Russell Allen	Allen Theatres Inc.	2008
Gilbert Apodaca	Doña Ana County	2004
Vic Arnold	Independent consultant	1998
Jerean Hutchinson	La Posta de Mesilla	2001
Joseph Cervantes	Cervantes Law Firm P.C.	2000
Christina Chavez Kelley	New Mexico State University	2002
Mike Cheney	Wells Fargo Bank	2007
Laura Conniff	Mathers Realty Inc.	2004
Bill Connor	El Paso Electric Co.	2010
John Darden	The Darden Law Firm, PA	1999
Bryn Davis	Sapphire Energy	2010
Clay Doyle	El Paso Electric Co.	2009
Kent Evans	Doña Ana County	2007
Robert Faubion	Faubion Farms	2002
Enedina Garcia Vazquez	New Mexico State University	2006
Carmen Gonzales	New Mexico State University	2004
Joni Gutierrez	Gutierrez, Browski & Assoc.	2000
Kiel Hoffman	Pioneer Bank	2006
John Hummer	Steinborn Inc. Realtors	2004
Linda Lacey	New Mexico State University	2005
Gary Lenzo	First Community Bank	1998
David McCollum	The Las Cruces Bulletin	2000
Tim McComas	Mesilla Valley Anesthesiology P.C.	2005
Kari Mitchell	Las Cruces Machine	2005
Rob Richardson	Bohannan Huston Inc.	2009
Luis Vazquez	New Mexico State University	2008
Jolie Tixier	New Mexico State University	1998
Mrinal Virnave	New Mexico State University	2009

Source: Leadership New Mexico

A tale of two budgets – which will prevail?

LFC recommendations hit Las Cruces, NMSU hard

The state's Legislative Finance Committee and the governor have released budget proposals in anticipation of the 2010 legislative session.

On the surface, the two budgets are similar. Projected spending is nearly identical, each calling for appropriations of $5.4 billion. Both cut spending by about the same amount. The LFC budget calls for spending cuts of 2.8 percent and the governor recommends 2.4 percent cuts.

There are some differences. Much of the press attention has been focused on the LFC-recommended 2 percent across-the-board cut in state employee salaries. The governor doesn't impose a salary cut, but rather calls on all state agencies to cut by 3 percent. The governor's approach seems more balanced. After all, the LFC imposes the same salary cut on a janitor earning $18,000 a year as a $100,000-per-year manager. The lack of fairness in that is self-evident.

The overall differences between the two budgets are small in the aggregate, but the cutting sources are quite different. As it turns out, the LFC recommendations are much harsher for higher education, which means bad news for Las Cruces.

The LFC reduces funding for higher education overall by $64.8 million, or 7.6 percent. For NMSU, main campus funding for instruction is cut by 10.3 percent. Such draconian cuts to NMSU would affect core functions. While no specific plans have yet been announced, reduced class offerings are almost inevitable. It may mean cutting programs. If the LFC proposal stands, it could permanently damage NMSU's ability to perform its mission.

Beyond cutting appropriations, the LFC assumes large tuition increases. In-state tuition would be increased by 6 percent, community college tuition by 9 percent and out-of-state tuition by 15 percent. Such tuition increases during a period of high unemployment bring into question access to the university, especially for the least advantaged. In essence, the LFC is funding the budget with a back-door tax increase. The governor's budget proposal assumes no tuition increases.

Of course, these are tough times. All programs are likely going to take a hit this budget year, but the cuts to higher education are excessive. Higher ed represents 15 percent of the state budget, but accounts for 43 percent of LFC's proposed budget cuts. Higher education is bearing nearly three times its burden. Under the governor's budget proposal, higher education accounts for 6 percent of the cuts.

We are in a recession. Revenues are down. Higher education in general and NMSU in particular can expect budget cuts. But the cuts envisioned by the LFC are short-sighted. If enacted, they would undermine NMSU's core mission. They would result in a poorer quality of education for students.

Economic growth in this century will depend on highly skilled workers. Extreme care needs to be taken to nurture our educational institutions if New Mexico is to remain competitive.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is an associate professor of economics at NMSU. The views expressed here are his own and may not be shared by the Regents or administration of NMSU.

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Business

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committees at the state level to ensure we get a piece of the pie.

Support for entrepreneurs is strong. Although capital investment money is still hard to come by, the support system is in place for potential business owners who want to open shop. The Arrowhead Center is growing at an impressive rate, and organizations such as the Small Business Development Center, WESST Corp. and SCORE continue their strong support for new and existing business owners. Let's not let those resources go unused or under utilized.

Las Cruces is poised for more growth. Local Census Director Rachel Garcia Banegas told me she's confident that our metropolitan area population exceeds 100,000. We'll have to wait for the official census numbers later this year, but look for more companies relocating to the area after the numbers are released.

Economic development efforts are on the right path. Thanks to the work of Davin Lopez and the rest of the staff at the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, strong business recruiting is under way to attract more companies specializing in the high-tech, manufacturing and green energy industries. Our environment in southern New Mexico is ideal to support growth in these areas, especially in solar energy development.

Look for our area to gain interest among filmmakers this year. A hotly debated issue (think "Due Date"), the support seems to be stronger than the opposition for bringing more films to the area. Visits from representatives of the governor's film council in 2009 and town hall gatherings hosted by local film professionals were all focused on drawing attention to the area and building a workforce to support that industry. Programs such as the Creative Media Institute and Creative Media Technologies are graduating highly skilled students with a wealth of experience to support the movie and digital media industries. Look for more of them to stay here and develop careers instead of leaving to major film hubs such as California and New York.

Lastly, business at the Bulletin is great. A growing staff, including a team of dedicated journalists, designers and advertising representatives truly care about making your reading experience the best it can be. Special projects such as the 2010 Southwest New Mexico Legislative Guide will have revised content, a vibrant layout and will continue to support our local businesses and nonprofit organizations. Look for additional special sections this year, with revised content and the signature Bulletin touch.

See you next week!

To contact Gabriel Vasquez, call the Las Cruces Bulletin at 524-8061 or email gabe@lascrucesbulletin.

Banquet

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will be an evening of dancing with The Liars. We also have a few surprises for our guests that promise to make the evening one to remember."

The event will honor the members, businesses and organizations that made the greatest contribution to the chamber and the community in 2009.

"The annual banquet allows us to showcase our accomplishments from the previous year, highlight our goals for the coming year and thank the volunteers that make the chamber so successful," Courtney said.

Tickets for the banquet are $65 for members and $130 for non-members. Tables of 10 are available for $650 or can be purchased for $1,000 with special preferred seating and recognition at the event.

The Annual Banquet is also a time during which the new board members and officers are installed for the year, Courtney said. The outgoing chair and outgoing board members will also be recognized for their service. Outgoing board members Bill Connor, David McCollum and Donna Stryker will be recognized for their time and service with the chamber. Incoming board chair Kiel Hoffman will present to the membership his plans for the chamber in 2010.

> This year's banquet will be a celebration as well as an awards ceremony.
>
> JOEL COURTNEY, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce

"We are expecting the annual banquet to be a sold-out affair this year, as usual," said chamber President and CEO Jim Berry. "We will have a waiting list available for those interested in attending that haven't made their reservations yet."

Awards will be presented to businesses and volunteers in the following categories: Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Nonprofit of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Crystal Apple Award and Conquistadore of the Year.

Citizen of the Year honors an individual who has supported the chamber, area businesses and the community as a whole throughout the year.

Business of the Year will be presented to one of the 12 member businesses that have were recognized in the chamber's newsletter in 2009. All 12 business honorees will be further recognized at the banquet.

The Nonprofit of the Year is similarly selected from 12 organizations spotlighted by the chamber in 2009.

"We have a wide range of businesses and nonprofit organizations that have given so much to the community up for awards this year," Berry said. "While only one will earn top honors at this year's event, they each deserve recognition for their service to the people of Las Cruces."

The Crystal Apple Award, which honors a local educator and a principal that have gone above and beyond to serve the students of Las Cruces, will also be awarded at the banquet by the chamber's education committee, Courtney said.

The Conquistadore of the Year award is presented to a member of the Conquistadores – the goodwill ambassadors of the Chamber – who has excelled in service and dedication for the year.

Businesses interested in sponsorship opportunities should contact Alesia Dutton, chamber revenue development director, at 524-1968 or adutton@lascruces.org

Denish

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Denish also said she was open to reviewing state budget cuts that sliced 30 percent from the aerospace engineering program at New Mexico State University.

"I would absolutely want to look at this again," she said. "I'm not a person that thinks you can just cut the budget across the board. We need to look at what we can fund fully, what's working, what has to be put on hold and what isn't working at all. We must continue to fund programs that are attracting students."

Similarly, she noted the importance of Spaceport America as a lure for high paying jobs in the area.

"The spaceport is probably going to hit some delays because of the economy, but we shouldn't lose our vision for that," she said. "The small satellite program at NMSU and the spaceport are complimentary to each other."

Another area Denish said she would be open to reexamining is the way the state handles the purchase and transfers of liquor licenses.

"It might be time to look at this again," she said. "There have been some changes in the liquor industry recently that might allow us to go back and look at it."

To compete with the "very strong liquor lobby" in Santa Fe, Denish said, counties in favor of changing the law should "come together, come to the table and give a strong presentation."

Lastly, Denish said struggling small business owners should plan carefully in the coming year and keep faith that their livelihood will endure past the recession.

"Plan ahead, don't get over your head, be persistent and use the resources available to you," she said. "One of the benefits of hosting these roundtable tours is that many business owners are introduced to resources that they had no idea even existed."

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Firm selects LC for expansion

Progressive Construction Management (PCM) of Albuquerque opened its newest office in Las Cruces in December 2009. Company spokesperson Ian Harmon said PCM chose Las Cruces for its renowned growth opportunities and sound economic climate. PCM represents Virgin Galactic for all construction management and owner representation needs in New Mexico. The Las Cruces office will provide auxiliary support to the firm throughout the Spaceport America project. Wayne Savage of Las Cruces has been hired by PCM to oversee operations of its new office.

Club Buzz now open

Club Buzz, a private nutrition business, has opened at 2100 S. Triviz St., Suite F. The nutrition club offers health, weight loss and proper digestion management counseling. It also sells nutritional shakes, teas, herbs and will offer self-defense classes in the spring, said owner Naomi Alvarez. Alvarez and Tina Peru are both part owners. The business is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 635-5618.

Workforce Solutions launches voicemail service

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (DWS) announced Jan. 5 that Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants will now be receiving voicemail messages from the DWS. The messages will contain important information regarding the claimant's benefits. Messages will be able to be customized and vary in content alerting claimants regarding receipt of weekly certification, new system capabilities, extension qualifications and other unemployment insurance claim information. For more information, call the DWS at 505-250-3926.

DOL investment in green jobs

Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis announced Jan. 6 a green jobs training grant of $4.8 million to the Austin Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC). The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) will partner with ImagineSolar and Austin Workforce Investment Board to provide training to meet immediate needs at solar power plants in Austin and San Antonio and to support capacity-building in Arizona, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico and Texas. The grant is part of nearly $100 million in green jobs training grants, as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Strong finish for holiday retailers

U.S. chain store sales for December 2009 posted a 2.8 percent increase year-over-year. This was the strongest reading since April 2008 (an increase of 3.3 percent) on a year-over-year, same-store basis, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers Inc. Looking ahead to January, ICSC Research expects sales to be flat to up 1 percent. Looking even further ahead to 2010, ICSC Research anticipates sales will improve markedly with an expected annual increase of 3-to-3.5 percent, which would be the strongest since 2006.

Bohannan Huston attains Microsoft certification

Bohannan Huston Inc. (BHI) has attained Gold Partner Status in the Microsoft Partner Program, a certification that recognizes the expertise of organizations delivering IT solutions to independent third-party customers. Gold Partner status denotes the highest level of competence and expertise with Microsoft technologies and is awarded to less than 5 percent of Microsoft solutions partners. This certification supersedes BHI's previous Certified Partner designation. Bohannan Huston is headquartered in Albuquerque and has offices in Las Cruces, Dallas and Denver.

Local AT&T network expanding

AT&T announced Jan. 8 that its 2009 network expansion has significantly improved wireless coverage in Las Cruces. The company is now able to make an "unsurpassed" low local dropped call rate claim – one of the most common measures of wireless performance. This is according to drive test data collected by third-party independent wireless engineering firm Global Wireless Solutions. From 2007 to the third quarter of 2009, AT&T invested $3.2 million in the area.

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QuickBooks 2008: Intro	Feb 1, 8, 22, Mar 1	Mon	5:30-8:30*	$ 210
Excel 2007: Intro	Feb 9	Tues	8:30-4:00	$ 135
MS Project 2007: Intro ★	Feb 10	Wed	8:30-4:00	$ 135
Learn the Basics of Computers	Feb 16	Tues	8:30-4:00	$ 135
Photoshop CS4: Basics	Feb 19, 26	Fri	8:30-4:00	$ 210
Word 2007: Intro	Feb 23	Tues	8:30-4:00	$ 135

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Grant Writing-Beginning ★	Feb 18	Thur	8:30-4:00	$ 60
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No substitute for effective communication

Professor builds business on occupational writing

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

There is no "ain't." Don't use double negatives and forget about ending a sentence with a preposition.

These time-tested rules of grammar are taught to most kids at an early age. But as students and apprentices turn into professionals, there's a whole new world of communication rules that come into play, said professional communication expert and New Mexico Institute of Technology professor Clinton Lanier.

"What I specialize in is, communication within the workplace," Lanier said. "From things like memos, emails, business correspondence to bigger things like instruction manuals and grant writing."

Lanier, who started his small business Lanier Infomedia in 2009, said there's a great need in the workforce for technical writers, professional communicators and communication consultants.

"I've got a lot of students who are focusing on just this field right now," he said. "The discipline of technical communication is expected to grow at a greater-than-average rate because of the increasing technology in our lives."

And the truth is, in the office, we let our fingers do the talking as much as we do verbally, Lanier said. Often, professionals are in a hurry, quickly blasting off emails with typos, grammatical shortcuts and improper caps usage. But when the message is critical and understanding is key, careful attention to detail, professionalism and intelligence is a must, he said.

"Professional emails should not contain the word 'lol,' but people do that all the time," he said. "A lot of people don't realize how formal email is in the workplace."

Lanier has provided his consulting services for small and large companies for more than six years, he said. He has a bachelor's degree in English, a master's in technical writing and a Ph.D. in rhetoric and professional communication from New Mexico State University. He started his career as an information developer for IBM, where he worked for two years, before moving on to being technical editor for SpecPro and a personal consultant. In 2006, he moved to Tennessee to teach at the University of Memphis before finding a job back home as an assistant professor and director of website redesign at New Mexico Tech.

Clinton Lanier, owner of Lanier Infomedia, provides businesses with technical, professional and business communication consulting services. His business is located "anywhere I take my laptop," he said.

GABRIEL VASQUEZ
The Las Cruces Bulletin

"I was starting a family and wanted to move back to this area to start a business," Lanier said. "There's a good network of communication professionals developing here in Las Cruces."

Lanier also emphasizes to his clients the importance of having an understandable, easy-to-use and professional website.

"A business just can't do without it these days," he said.

He specializes in starting websites from scratch or redesigning them to ensure they get the appropriate message across to the target audience as efficiently as possible, he said.

"You'd be surprised what difference having the right meta tags can do for a business website," he said. "One-size-fits-all websites don't work that well. The cookie cutter approach doesn't work."

Often, Lanier said, web developers or web hosting companies will "oversell," the client, providing them with services, at an extra cost, that the company doesn't need or can go without.

"The business should understand exactly what they need, and that's where the professional help comes in," he said. "The companies that don't get this type of help will fall behind."

Lanier, a Mayfield High School graduate, said the appeal of starting his own business was not just being his own boss, but helping small businesses succeed to grow the economic base in his hometown.

"That's one of the greatest satisfactions for me," he said. "I feel very fortunate to be in this type of business."

The only downfall, Lanier said, is that anywhere he lays his laptop is his office.

"It can be tough to get away from work sometimes," he said, "because I can work everywhere."

But it does help with the overhead costs, he said, which are little to none.

And when a job's too big to tackle himself, he hires colleagues, former and current students as contractors to help with the project.

"It's good to know the network of professionals in this area," he said.

Lanier also makes himself available to give professional communication workshops for businesses, he said, so that all employees can be on the same page and develop a standard operating procedure.

He added that something as simple as a business plan, proposal or a bid should be written in an effective and professional manner, and often, that requires consulting with an expert.

"Businesses must succeed through communication," he said. "This is not a service that might help a business, this is a service that will help a business."

For more information, visit www.lanier-infomedia.com.

Q&A:

Talking business with owner Clinton Lanier

What inspired you to go into business?
I was doing consulting work for the past six years, and I thought it was time to start a business. I have more than 10 years of experience in this field.

Where do you see your business in five years?
I think it will definitely grow. I'm one of the only people doing this type of work in Las Cruces. Most similar businesses are in Albuquerque.

What's the most important thing about your business you wish people knew?
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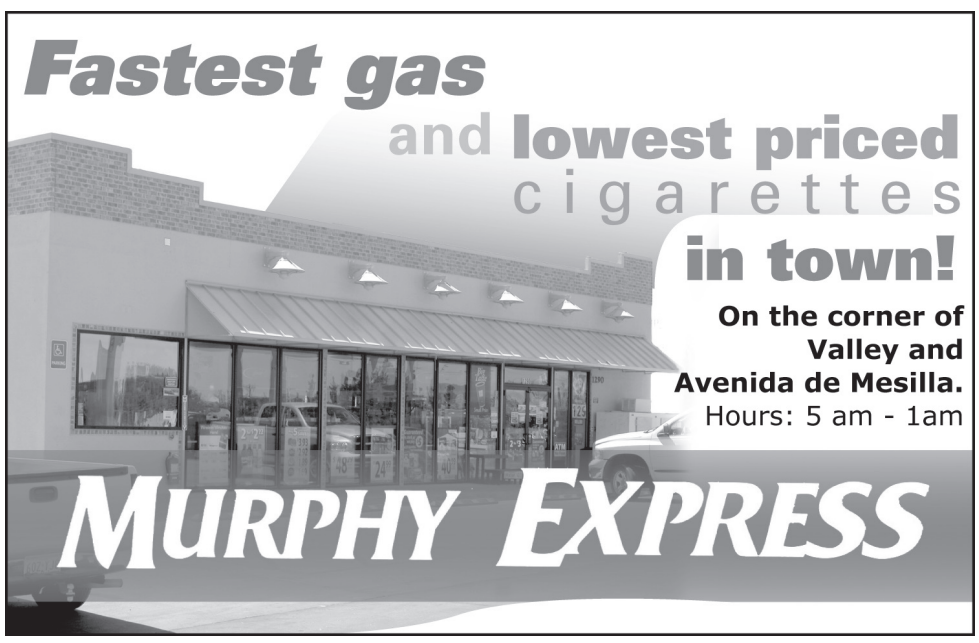

On the Agenda

Increasing profit at farmers markets

New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service will hold six workshops for current and future farmers market vendors across the state during January, February and March, including a workshop in Las Cruces from 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at Gerald Thomas Hall, Room 200. The events are jointly sponsored by the New Mexico Farmers Marketing Association and Farm to Table. NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service wants to help farmers increase their profitability through the sale of high-value crops and value-added products. Workshop topics will include crop diversification, growing season extension, value-added products, recordkeeping, enterprise budgets and marketing and sales strategies. Registration fee is $10. To register, call Rosanne Lehman at 646-3215.

Date: Saturday, Jan. 16
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m.
Location: New Mexico State University Gerald Thomas Hall, Room 200.
Contact: 646-3215

'Understanding Social Security Benefits'

Toby Rue, financial advisor for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Las Cruces, will present "Understanding Social Security Benefits," a public workshop at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Ray Vigil, public affairs specialist for the Social Security Administration, will be the featured speaker. Seating is limited. To reserve your seat, call Sonya at 556-7655 or Rue at 522-8500.

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 19
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: MountainView Regional Medical Center 4311 E. Lohman Ave.
Contact: 556-7655 or 522-8500

Small business workshop

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will host the first in its series of 2010 Small Business Workshops from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, immediately following the meeting of the chamber's Small Business Council meeting. The session, which will focus on goal-setting, will be presented by sales coach Steven Chavira, who also serves as a business services consultant for Comcast.

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 20
Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Location: New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum 4100 Dripping Springs Road
Contact: 524-1968

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report January 8, 2010

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20097967	Remington-Davis LLC	Robert E. Gosselin	Comm/Alt	1201 W. Hadley Ave.	$10,000	$87
20097978	Robert J. Andersen	Robert J. Andersen	Res/Add	3862 Ranchers Road	$3,500	$48
20100014	Roberto and Araceli Garcia	Roberto Araceli Garcia	Res/Add	1306 Magoffin Place	$1,400	$40
20100013	A & M Roofing Co.	Jason A. Bragg	Reroof	554 Canyon Point Road	$6,200	$64
20097953	Comyford Builders	France and Etal Hamil	Comm/Add	136 N. Water St.	$7,300	$71
20097975	Genesis Builders Inc.	Memorial Medical Center	Comm/Alt	2450 S. Telshor Blvd.	$300,000	$1,027
20100008	Gabriel's Mobile Home Service	ARCML06 LLC	Reroof	1751 W. Hadley Ave.	$2,200	$41
20100060	Ventura Builders	Clay and Angella Dawn Schlothauer	Res/Add	249 S. Miranda St.	$50,000	$290
20100051	Southern Comfort Builders	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	7353 Vista de Sobre Drive	$182,942	$3,680
20100058	Barraza's Enchantment Construction	Ameilia B. Flores	Reroof	1130 Pecos St.	$3,000	$45
20100046	Schueller Homes LLC	Tex-Mex Land Inc.	Res/New	4102 Calle Corte	$157,358	$3,252
20100028	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	Res/New	2812 San Lorenzo Court	$163,590	$1,498
20100064	Erasmo's Roofing LLC	Reyes and Grace V. Sandoval	Reroof	405 Sherly Way	$4,975	$57
20100053	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Ornithes LLC	Res/New	7505 Sierra de Oro Place	$169,740	$1,758
20100030	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	Res/New	2807 San Lorenzo Court	$163,590	$1,498
20100029	H & C Homes	Ramon Hernandez	Res/New	7329 Vista de Sobre Drive	$156,374	$3,635
20100045	Schueller Homes LLC	Tex-Mex Land Inc.	Res/New	4098 Calle Corte	$157,358	$3,252
20100041	Double H Construction	Adam P. and Valerie E. Alberson	Reroof	5350 Genesis Lane	$2,500	$85
20100042	Pools By Design	Camille Fanelli	Swimming pool	4520 Mesa Central Drive	$30,000	$188
20100024	GMJ Enterprises	Joel A. Gilbert	Reroof	1124 Gardner Ave.	$3,583	$49
20097988	Rigoberto Ceballos El "Grande" Construction	Christopher J. and Cynthia A. Daniels	Reroof	946 Maple St.	$5,000	$57
20100002	Milagro Maintenance & Repair	Jessie R. Archuleta	Res/Alt	2205 Solar Way	$1,800	$44
20100049	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	BPS LLC	Res/New	4684 Mesita St.	$143,172	$3,612
20100069	CD General Contractors Inc.	David C. and Nancy J. Carlson	Reroof	1837 Salinas Drive	$9,200	$82
20100052	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	Thurston Equity Corp.	Res/New	5116 Kensington Way	$189,584	$3,778
20100075	JC Roofing Inc.	Robbie M. Rolph	Reroof	1909 Bellamah Drive	$3,951	$51
20100103	Roadrunner Construction Co.	Luigi J. Fede	Reroof	3828 Yellowstone Drive	$7,000	$69
20100109	Robert M. and Kathleen D. Carpenter	City of Las Cruces	Res/Alt	5400 Montezuma Ave.	$4,000	$51
20100031	GL Green & Associates	Tex-Mex Land Inc.	Res/New	4115 Calle Belleza	$239,850	$3,393
20100110	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Sonoma Ranch Commercial LLC	Res/New	4733 Prentice Place	$158,260	$3,638
20100047	DRH Southwest Construction Inc.	BPS LLC	Res/New	4692 Mesita St.	$143,172	$3,612
20100070	Jones Construction Co.	MGE Land Inc.	Res/New	4574 Mesa Moreno Drive	$207,050	$3,972
20100001	Baca Construction LLC	Ernestine P. Gorman	Res/Add	3153 Fairway Drive	$23,000	$163
20100143	Side View Construction Inc.	Bright View Land Co.	Res/New	4180 Franzia Road	$162,770	$3,646
20100134	Service Tech Construction	Richard C. Flood	Reroof	1713 Seldon Ave.	$6,895	$68

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Doña Ana County Building Permit Report January 8, 2010

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
35270	Tuscan Valley Properties	Tuscan Valley Properties	New/Res	98 Apache Gold Loop	Franklin View Estates	$616
35271	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties	Eric and Donna Johnson	Reroof	100 Horseshoe Circle	Saddle Creek Estates II	$289
35272	Pioneer Roofing	Michael and Mona Goen	Reroof	90 Horseshoe Circle	Saddle Creek Estates II	$170
35275	Approved Roofing	Irving Wolf	Reroof	33 Las Casitas	Las Casitas Condo	$80
35277	Self	Richard and Ana Hernandez	New/Res	1166 Webb Road	N/A	$953
35281	Pinetop Construction	Jean F. Gomez	Reroof	1160 Villita Loop	Country Walk Estates II	$120
35282	Pinetop Construction	US Bank National Association	Reroof	9903 Alberta Way	Talavera Unit 2	$100
35284	Dolphin Pools	Kenneth Egan	Swimming pool	716 Pena Blanca Loop	N/A	$259
35285	Self	Joseph Bell	Res/Add	6 Haasville Road	N/A	$628
35287	Self	Abelino and Lavinia Salazar	New/Res	1411 Santanova Arc	The Sanctuary I	$683

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Hispano chamber names new director

Olivarez Cruz to lead organization in 2010

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces has announced the hiring of Amanda Olivarez Cruz as its new executive director.

Olivarez Cruz is the former banking center manager for BBVA Compass Bank of Las Cruces. She joined the chamber in September 2009 on an interim basis to replace outgoing executive director Rachel Garcia Banegas, who stepped down to take a position with the U.S. Census Bureau.

"I'm very excited to be here, I see so much potential in this organization," Olivarez Cruz said. "I look forward to a very productive year."

Olivarez Cruz is a native of Tulia, Texas, where she began her career in banking in 1996. In addition to working for BBVA, she has worked for Wells Fargo and served on the Tulia City Council for three years.

> "... Las Cruces still has that small town feeling, and that's what I love about it."
>
> AMANDA OLIVAREZ CRUZ, Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces

Hispano chamber board president Gilbert Apodaca said the chamber's Hiring Committee interviewed five applicants for the position, but that Olivarez Cruz' financial expertise and leadership skills stood out above the rest.

"Amanda believes and demonstrates our mission on a daily basis," Apodaca said. "She knows the importance of serving our membership, keeping members and adding new members. We have special events throughout the year that she will take the lead on. She works closely with the Education Committee to assure the Middle School Recognition Program is a success and she's committed to our priorities. With her leadership qualities, we will be successful."

Hispano chamber board member John Muñoz also said Olivarez Cruz will be especially helpful in the chamber's efforts to promote workforce development through its popular educational recognition program.

"With Amanda's communication and leadership skills, we will be able to effectively advocate for economic growth through our early educational focus and workforce development program," he said.

Olivarez Cruz said her priorities for 2010 include retaining and growing membership, meeting with business owners and planning and promoting the events the chamber puts on every year.

"I'm going to give 100 percent to each one of our members," she said. "I will also plan and schedule to make sure our annual events, such as the banquet and golf tournament, continue to be successful."

She added that moving to Las Cruces has been a blessing.

"I love Las Cruces," she said. "I'm from a small town, but Las Cruces still has that small town feeling, and that's what I love about it. Everyone has been wonderful to me and I feel very blessed to be here. The community has really supported me."

To contact the Hispano chamber, call 532-9255 or email hispanochamberlc@qwestoffice.net.

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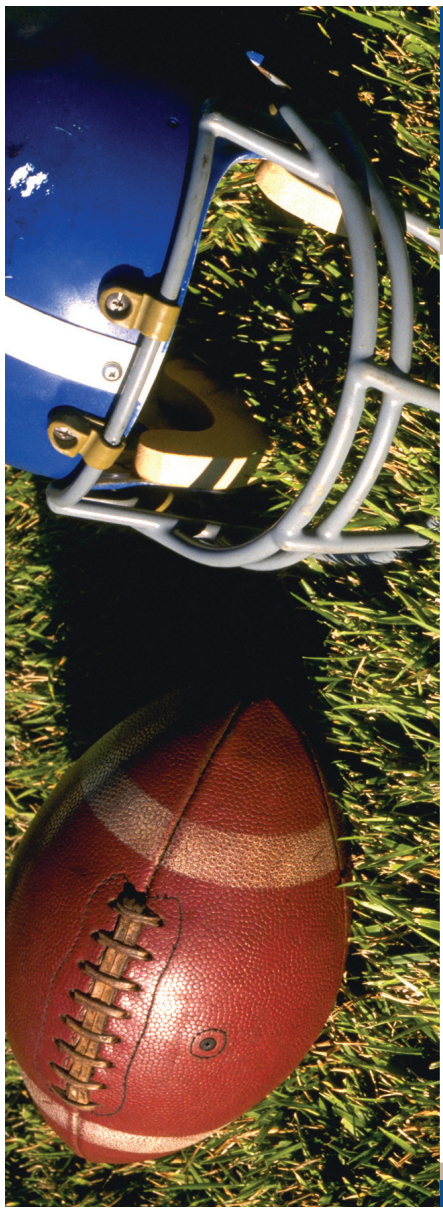
Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces Executive Director Amanda Olivarez Cruz greets board president Gilbert Apodaca during a strategic planning meeting Friday, Jan. 8.



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He traveled to find his way back home

Realtors' spokesperson, lobbyist brings a wealth of international experience to job

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Isaac Chavez traveled the world in his youth, joined the military, started and ran a business in another country and came back home to share his talents with the community that helped raise him.

Chavez, the governmental affairs director and spokesperson for the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR), said he's glad he made the move back home, not just to start a family and return to his roots, but to advocate for some of the hardest working people in town – Realtors.

"That was one of the biggest reasons that I was hired," he said. "Formerly being a Realtor myself, I could really empathize with their needs."

Chavez is a legislative watchdog. He regularly attends city council, county commission, planning and zoning, development review and ratepayer advisory meetings. But here's the catch – if it wasn't included in his job description, he would probably attend them anyway, he said.

"I've had a passion for politics since I was very young," he said. "No particular reason. It's just always interested me."

Chavez grew up in Las Cruces. He's a fifth-generation Chavez from the area, he said. In his youth, he traveled and lived across Europe with his father.

"I've lived in Malta and Spain," he said. "Spent a lot of time in London, Germany and north Africa. It was a unique experience for a kid from Las Cruces."

Chavez joined the New Mexico Military Institute at age 15, where he stayed for six years before attending New Mexico State University to earn his bachelor's degree in government.

After graduating, Chavez joined the service as a member of Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps.

"JAG Corps is reserved mostly for lawyers and paralegals," he said.

Instead going into the legal field, Chavez enlisted as a reservist and took his college friend up on an opportunity to teach English in Japan.

There, he taught at a remote fishing village outside of Nagasaki. Citing his inherent knack for business, Chavez said he thought he could do it better, and started his own teaching school, Isaac's School of English, which he ran successfully in Nagasaki for four years with the help of his new bride, Ellie Chavez.

"I went to Japan and fell in love," he said. "Which was the best thing that could have happened to me."

Chavez and his wife returned to the Mesilla Valley in 2004, where he said they had a "lavish" wedding at the San Albino Catholic Church in Mesilla. The trip to Las Cruces reminded Chavez of life back home, he said, and he asked his wife to return to the states with him to start a family.

"We started a family, closed up the school in Japan and came back here," he said. "Before we left, our school was teaching four different languages and I was somewhat of a local celebrity there."

Chavez' face was on billboards, taxis and myriad other advertisements throughout Nagasaki, he said. But still, he felt the need to return home.

"During the time I was in Japan, I was still very active politically," he said. "When I came back in 2005, I thought about my dream of getting into politics, so I decided to pursue it."

Chavez ran for both state Senate and City Council but was defeated.

"It was a great learning experience," he said. "After being gone for so long, I really got to know my community again. It was the right time for me to come back and reconnect."

Chavez dabbled in a couple of business ventures, including buying a laundromat, before joining the real estate boom.

"When I closed my laundromat down, my sister recommended that I get into real estate," he said. "And I was very successful doing that."

Chavez worked for EXIT Realty, during which time he stayed involved in politics by serving as vice chairman of the city's parks and recreation board. He also joined the LCAR Board of Directors and the Realtors Political Action Committee.

It was his wealth of personal, professional and political experience that led him to his current post as governmental affairs director and spokesperson for LCAR.

"I had to give up my real estate license and my position on the board, but it was worth it," he said. "I was hired on my merits."

Today, Chavez is busy cranking out press releases, updating LCAR's Facebook page, networking with city leaders, business owners and politicians and attending dozens of meetings and professional development seminars throughout the country.

"I'm a lobbyist now," he said. "And I think my career has been suited for that position."

Chavez said real estate is the third most regulated industry in the U.S., and as such, has to keep a pulse on all legislative activity that could affect the livelihood of the Realtors he represents.

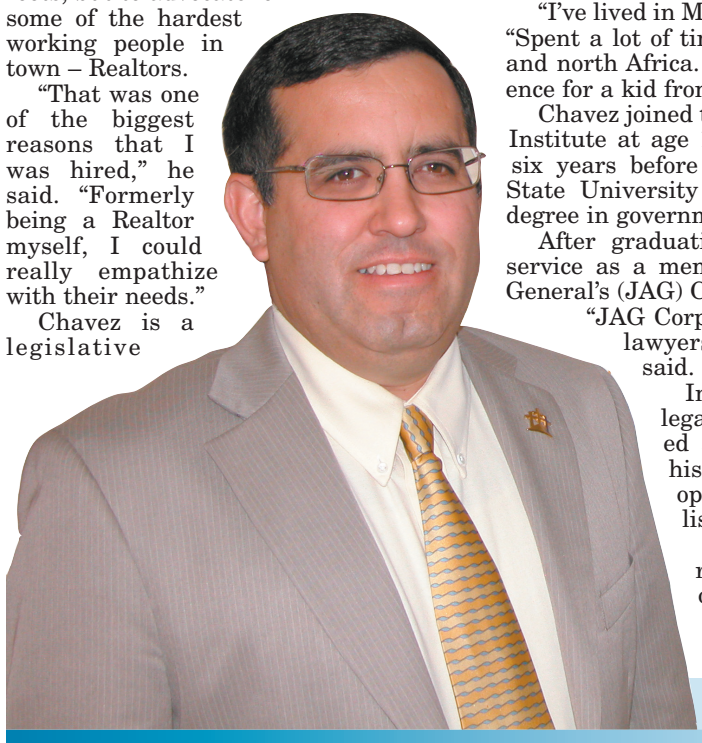
"I invest so much time and energy into making sure that some lawmaking body doesn't put unnecessary requirements or regulations that would make it harder for Realtors to do their job," he said. "I'm like the last line of defense between undue regulatory burden and my Realtors making a decent living."

Chavez deals with issues such as impact fees, property tax increases, utility rate increases and affordable housing on a daily basis, he said.

"Two wins we had last year: The domestic chicken proposal and the decision against shorter setbacks. We fought those tooth and nail," he said.

Some of LCAR's priorities for 2010 include impact fees, utility rate increases and the possible requirement of sprinkler systems in all new homes, he said.

"And we will have a seat at the table to discuss those issues," he said. "Because that's what good lobbyists do."



Profile:

Isaac Chavez

Las Cruces Association of Realtors director of governmental affairs and public relations

Family
- Wife Ellie
- Sons Octavian and Hadrian

Education
- New Mexico Military Institute
- Bachelor's degree in government, New Mexico State University

Organizations
- Chairman, Las Cruces Parks and Recreation board
- Chairman, Citizens Review Board for Child Abuse and Neglect
- Treasurer, Las Cruces Senior Citizens Corporation
- Member, Local Emergency Planning Committee
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-2285

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-22, Plaintiff,

vs.

REBA JO THOMAS, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A. and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 26, 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 4048 Winter St, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 2, STONEWAY SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 3754 thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on April 21, 2003, and recorded in Book 20, Pages 317-318, Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 10, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $137,070.40 and the same bears interest at 9.875% per annum from November 14, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,744.22. 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

No. CV-09-2312
Judge James T. Martin

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT M. RICO, MICHELLE G. RICO AND BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on February 10, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, 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 Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
Lot numbered 4 in Block numbered M of Sandhill Center Heights Phase 7, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Sandhill Center Heights Phase 7, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 17, 2006 in Plat Book 21, folio 625-626.

The address of the real estate is 4601 Panther Peak Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 14, 2009, 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 $197,870.19 (including interest 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 any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time of the sale, the Special Master is empowered to postpone the time and date of the sale if he deems such postponement advisable by appearing at the time, date and place advertised and announcing to all present that the sale is postponed to a new time, date and place. The Special Master shall not be required to publish any notice of the new time, date and place of the postponed sale.

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 December 22, 2009.

/s/ John A. Darden, III, Special Master
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-2270
Judge James T. Martin

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID APODACA, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on February 10, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, 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:
A tract of land situate in San Miguel, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 3, T.25S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, in the J.M.S. Baca Grant, being U.S.R.S. Tract 18A-3B1 and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a ½" iron rod found at the intersection of Maplewood and East Third Street for the Northwest corner of the tract herein described; being identical to the Northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 18A-3B1;

Thence from the point of beginning and along the South line of Maplewood, N.54°42'00"E., 191.95 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the South line of Maplewood, S.24°50'00"E., 158.49 feet to a 3" iron pipe found for an angle point of this tract;

Thence S.40°28'00"E., 196.94 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.54°42'00"W., 150.92 feet to a ½" iron rod found on the East line of East Third Street for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence along the East line of East Third Street, N.40°10'00"W., 353.27 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.289 acres of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Deed filed November 8, 1999, in Book 200, Pages 1216-1217, Doña Ana County records. A plat was prepared under Job #08-0122. Field Notes by Moy Surveying, Inc., License No. 5939.

The address of the real estate is 226 Maplewood, San Miguel, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 14, 2009, 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 $177,031.08 (including interest 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 any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time of the sale, the Special Master is empowered to postpone the time and date of the sale if he deems such postponement advisable by appearing at the time, date and place advertised and announcing to all present that the sale is postponed to a new time, date and place. The Special Master shall not be required to publish any notice of the new time, date and place of the postponed sale.

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.

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

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on December 22, 2009.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D0307CV200902195

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING L.P,
Plaintiff,

v.

RAY LUCERO; TAMMY LUCERO; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAME ARE UNKNOWN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Ray Lucero and Tammy Lucero.

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 1527 Union Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: A tract of land situated West of Las Cruces, Doña Ana county, New Mexico, located in section 31, T23S, R2E., N.M.P.M of the USRS surveys being U.S.R.S. Tract 11d-109d and being more particularly described in exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before February 22, 2010, judgment by default will be entered against you.

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WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A VALENTINE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, DOÑA ANA County, New Mexico, this day of 2009.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Deputy

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State of New Mexico
County of Doña Ana Third Judicial District

Case No. D-0307-CV-200800757

Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Plaintiff,

v.

Westi Hicks; Dave Hicks; occupants, whose true names are unknown, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2010 at 10:00:00 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 See Exhibit A Exhibit A A tract of land situate northwest of Leasburg, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in Section 25, T.21S., R.1W., N.M.P.M. being all of U.S.R.S. Tract 2-5B and a part of U.S.R.S. Tract 2-6C and being more particularly described as follows, to wit; beginning at a concrete monument found for the northwest corner of this tract, identical to the northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 2-5B; Whence the northwest corner of Section 25, T.21S., R.1W., N.M.P.M. bears N. 73 deg., 13'40"W., 1364.78 feet; Thence from the point of beginning N.59 deg., 54'20"E., 524.83 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the northeast corner of this tract; thence S.02 deg., 22'35"E., 361.33 feet to a 1/2" iron rod' set for the southeast corner of this tract; thence N.89 deg., 41'00"W., 277.45 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for a corner of this tract; thence S.08 deg., 23'08"W., 68.63 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for a corner of this tract; thence N.88 deg., 55'39"W., 262.25 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the southwest corner of this tract; thence N.01 deg., 21'54"E., 64.50 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for a corner of this tract; thence N.01 deg., 20'57"E., 357.22 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.828 acres of land, more or less. The address of the real property is 1172 Latigo Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 8, 2009, 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 $461,601.78 plus interest from August 10, 2009 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. Dated: 2009.

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State of New Mexico
County of Doña Ana Third Judicial District

Case No. D-307-CV-200900667

Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

Miriam Delear; Wendall Eugino; Suzanne A. Tent; Southwest Exchange Corporation; United Guaranty Residential Insurance Company of North Carolina; First Federal Bank; occupants whose true names are unknown, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2010 at 10:00:00 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 6, Block, Baylor Canyon Subdivision, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4015 on September 1, 2004 in Book 20 Page(s) 777-778 of Plat Records. More correctly known as Lot 6, Baylor Canyon Subdivision, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4015 on September 1, 2004 in Book 20 Page(s) 777-78 of Plat Records. The address of the real property is 15274 Space Murals Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 24, 2009, 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 $465,279.33 plus interest from June 30, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.5000% 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.

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State of New Mexico
County of Doña Ana Third Judicial District

Case No. D-0307-CV-200800269

HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation Home Equity Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-4, Plaintiff,

v.

Daniel Galvan; Elizabeth Galvan; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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Pamela Carmody
Special Master

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

Case No. D-307-CV-200900690

**NATIONAL CITY REAL
ESTATE SERVICES,
LLC SUCCESSOR BY
MERGER TO NATIONAL
CITY MORTGAGE INC.
FORMERLY KNOWN
AS NATIONAL CITY
MORTGAGE CO., Plaintiff,**

v.

**MARGARITA ZUNIGA;
JOSE DE JESUS ZUNIGA,
Defendants.**

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

Case No. D-307-CV-200900945

**Countrywide Home Loans
Servicing, L.P., Plaintiff,**

v.

**Mike Reid; Candace Reid;
Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc.
(solely as nominee for
lender and lender's suc-
cessors and assigns); occu-
pants, whose true names
are unknown, Defendants.**

**SECOND NOTICE OF
SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2010 at 10:00 AM, outside the front entrance of the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave, 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 13, Block M, Dos Suenos Estates, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County as plat no. 4230 on 9/28/2005 in Book 21 Page(s) 352-57 of plat records. also described as: Lot numbered 13 in Block numbered M of Dos Suenos Estates, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Dos Suenos Estates, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 23, 2004 in Plat Book 21, Folio 84-89. The address of the real property is 4847 Camino Dos Vidas, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on August 31, 2009, 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 $202,259.55 plus interest from July 15, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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

No. CV 2009-02481

**SUNRISE BANK OF
ALBUQUERQUE, Plaintiff,**

v.

**ESMAIL HAIDARI and
GHAMAR
ASGHARZARDEH,
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that on January 26, 2010, commencing at 10:00 a.m., in front of the Doña Ana County District Courthouse, 201 West Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico, pursuant to a Default Judgment entered on December 17, 2009 in the above-entitled cause (the "Judgment"), the Special Master, or his designee, will offer for sale and will sell, to the highest bidder, the following real property, together with all improvements thereon (the "Property"):
A tract of land situate west of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the Northeast ¼ of Section 30, T.23S., R.1E, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at point set north line of the tract herein described whence the northwest corner of the northeast one quarter of Section 30 bears S89deg59'W 891.72 feet;

Thence N89deg59'E 96.3 feet to the northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S0deg04'53"W 1000.90 feet to the southeast corner;

Thence along the north right of way line of the Interstate Highway 10 S86deg00'30"W 665.59 feet to the southwest corner;

Thence leaving the right of way N5deg09'05"W 571.65 feet to the northwest corner;

Thence along the south right of way line of the U S Highway 70-8- and along a curve to the left whose radius is 8303.53 feet and its arc length is 783.41 feet, a long chord distance of N52deg23'47" E 783.12 feet to the point and place of beginning and containing 13.01 acres of land more or less.

Pursuant to the Judgment, the Court foreclosed all mortgages and liens on the Property, including mortgages owned by plaintiff Sunrise Bank of Albuquerque ("Sunrise") and any interest of any defendants.

The Court further ordered that Sunrise is allowed to credit bid any portion of the Indebtedness (as defined in the Judgment), which as of December 11, 2009 totaled $4,108,105.39, on the Property, in Sunrise's sole discretion.

The sale of the Property will be for cash or cash equivalents, payable immediately. Sunrise may submit to the Special Master written credit bids prior to the sale. The Special Master is authorized to postpone the sale from time to time without further notice or publication, in his discretion.

Notice is further given that the purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall take title to the Property subject to a one-month right of redemption; any existing and prior patents, reservations, restrictions, easements, rights-of-way, and other such matters of record, if any; and accrued and unpaid ad valorem taxes, if any, owed on the Property. The sale described in this Notice is subject to the terms of the Judgment.

Damian Martinez,
Special Master
1660 Hickory Loop
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Submitted by, and inquiries should be directed, to:

THUMA & WALKER, P.C.

By /s/ David T. Thuma
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No. D-0307-
CV-200901017

**NATIONAL CITY
MORTGAGE, A DIVISION
OF NATIONAL CITY
BANK, Plaintiff,**

v.

**DAVID B. MITCHELL;
DIANE M. MITCHELL;
OCCUPANTS WHOSE
TRUE NAMES ARE
UNKNOWN, Defendants.**

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

Case No. D-307-CV-200803156

**U.S. Bank National
Association, as trustee
for the Structured Asset
Securities Corporation
Mortgage Pass-Through
Certificates, 2006-EQ1,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**Patricia Delfin; Mortgage
Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc. (solely
as nominee for Lender
and Lender's successors
and assigns); unknown
spouse of Patricia Delfin,
Defendants.**

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

Case No. D-0307-
CV-200901018

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

v.

**MICHAEL C.
MCCORMICK;
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE
TRUE NAMES ARE
UNKNOWN, Defendants.**

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No. D-0307-
CV-200602117

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE FOR
THE STRUCTURED
ASSET SECURITIES
CORPORATION
MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST
2006-BC1, PLAINTIFF,**

v.

**LUIS E. TERRAZAS,
JR.; BENEFICIAL NEW
MEXICO INC. D/B/A
BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE
CO.; AEGIS FUNDING
CORPORATION; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
LUIS E. TERRAZAS, JR.,
IF ANY, DEFENDANTS.**

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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Case No. D-0307-
CV-2008-03155

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.,

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Plaintiff,

v.

James Waterman; Occupants Whose True Names Are Unknown; Unknown Spouse of James Waterman, Defendants.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D0307CV200900802

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P, Plaintiff,

v.

PETER M. ESCALANTE AKA PEDRO M. ESCALANTE; CARMEN ESCALANTE; S-SI LAS CRUCES VENTURE, L.P.; THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant S-SI Las Cruces Venture, L.P. 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 809 South San Pedro Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: See Exhibit" A" Exhibit A Land Surveying September 19, 1989 Description of A G. 4396 Acre Tact A tract of Land situate within the corporate limits of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the SET of Section 18, T235., R2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S Surveys and being part of block 52 of the Original Townsite of Las Cruces, and more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at an Iron Rod found at the North line of Colorado Avenue for the Southeast corner of the tract herein described, thence the Northeast intersection of Mesquite and Colorado Avenue, identical to the Southwest corner of Original Townsite 93, bears N. 72º 51' 35"E., a distance of 337.13 feet; Thence from the point of beginning and along the North line of Colorado Avenue S. 73º 37' 00" U., 150.00 feet to an found for the Southwest corner of block 92. Original Townsite of Las Cruces. Identical to the Southwest corner of the tract herein described; Thence leaving Colorado Avenue and along the East line of San Pedro Street 12º25'00"W., 136.20 feet to an Iron Rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract; Thence leaving San Pedro Street M. 80º36'48"E., 152.19 feet to a bolt found for the Northeast corner of this tract; Thence partially along the West face of a Rock Wall S. 11º 16' 49"E., 117.80 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.4396 acre of land more or less. Subject. to a 5.00 foot wide utility easement parallel and adjacent to the West boundary. Field Notes by Not Surveying CO., License #5939. JON #89-537 COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO)) SS Assignment of Mortgage PAGES: 2 I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 27TH Day of March, 2009 at 02:46:25 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument #0908285 of the Records of Doña Ana County Witness My Hand And Seat Of Office Lynn J. Ellins County Clerk, Doña Ana, NM Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before February 22, 2010, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STA WIARSKI
By: Sharon Hankla
D. Renae Richards Charney
Keya Koul
LeNatria Holly
Kelley L Grosso
999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013;
(303) 285-2222
Attorneys for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A VALENTINE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, DOÑA ANA County, New Mexico, this day of 2009

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Deputy

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Pub #9277
Dates 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-200801398

Wells Fargo Bank, NA,
Plaintiff,

v.

James A. Sirlag; Citibank, N.A.; The Unknown Spouse Of James A. Sirlag, If Any; The James A. Sirlag Living Trust, Defendants.

SECOND NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 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 3 in block numbered a of Grey subdivision-phase I, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Grey subdivision-phase I, filed in the office of the county clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on 12-13-2005 in plat book 21, folio 449-451. The address of the real property is 5557 Redfox Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 9, 2008, 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 $323,304.02 plus interest from September 12, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.25% 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. Dated:, 2009.

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

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Pub #9278
Dates 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 2010

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-2009-1849
Judge: Martin

BANK OF THE RIO GRANDE, N.A., a Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

DESERT SAGE BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT, INC.; DAVID R. GORDON; MICHELLE M. GORDON; and KIERAN F. RYAN, Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee for Desert Sage Building & Development, Inc. and David R. Gordon and Michelle M. Gordon, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment and decree of foreclosure of a real estate mortgage issued out of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on or about the 7th day of December, 2009 in the above-entitled cause, in which judgment the Plaintiff, Bank of the Rio Grande, N.A., was awarded a judgment against the Defendants, Desert Sage Building & Development, Inc., David R.Gordon and Michelle M. Gordon, in the amount of $149,295.93, as of November 17, 2009, together with interest accrued to November 17, 2009 in the amount of $12,621.40, interest accruing after November 17, 2009 at the rate of 18% per annum, for a per diem interest of $73.63 per day, together with all costs of this action and attorneys fees previously charged to the loan and paid by Plaintiff, along with outstanding and estimated fees through sale, in the amount of $6,100.82 set forth in said judgment, and by which decree I am, among other things, commanded to sell the land and improvements thereon described in the real estate mortgage, which real estate is more particularly described in the judgment in said cause and as hereinafter described.

The subject matter of the above action is a suit brought by the Plaintiff upon a promissory note from the Defendants Desert Sage Building and Development, Inc., David R. Gordon and Michelle M. Gordon, and for foreclosure of the mortgage and security interest given to secure said note.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of January, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico, I will, in obedience to said judgment and decree of foreclosure, sell, the following-described real estate, to-wit:

Lot Numbered 77, 106, 107 of the Pueblos at Alameda Ranch, Phase 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said The Pueblos at Alameda Ranch, Phase 2, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on August 10, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 742-747.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging to said real estate in any way pertaining to said premises, to satisfy the Plaintiff's judgment in the amount of $161,917.33, together with interest thereon from November 17, 2009 to date of sale in the amount of $5,301.36, and outstanding and estimated fees through sale in the amount of $6,100.82.

Said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds; provided, however, that the Plaintiff Bank of the Rio Grande, N.A. shall be entitled to bid all or any part of its judgment. Said sale shall also be without warranty as to title, possession or quiet possession.

DATED this 28th day of December, 2009.

/s/ JOSEPH M. HOLMES,
Special Master

Pub #9281
Dates 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 2010

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

No. CV-2009-2027
Judge: Valentine

BANK OF THE RIO GRANDE, N.A., a Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

MARK L. PRUIT; KIMBERLEY K. PRUIT; PHILIP J. MONTOYA, Chapter 7 Trustee in the Bankruptcy Proceeding of KIMBERLEY K. PRUIT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment and decree of foreclosure of a real estate mortgage issued out of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on or about the 22nd day of December, 2009 in the above-entitled cause, in which judgment the Plaintiff, Bank of the Rio Grande, N.A., was awarded a judgment against the Defendants, Mark L. Pruit and Kimberley K. Pruit, in the principal amount of $43,408.53, as of December 2, 2009, together with interest accrued to December 2, 2009 in the amount of $3,766.62, interest accruing after December 2, 2009 at the rate of 18% per annum, for a per diem interest of $21.41 per day, together with all costs of this action and attorneys fees previously charged to the loan and paid by Plaintiff, along with outstanding and estimated fees through sale, in the amount of $4,753.19 set forth in said judgment, and by which decree I am, among other things, commanded to sell the land and improvements thereon described in the real estate mortgage, which real estate is more particularly described in the judgment in said cause and as hereinafter described.

The subject matter of the above action is a suit brought by the Plaintiff upon a promissory note from the Defendants Mark L. Pruit and Kimberley K. Pruit, and for foreclosure of the mortgage and security interest given to secure said note.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of January, 2010, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., at the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico, I will, in obedience to said judgment and decree of foreclosure, sell, the following-described real estate, to-wit:

Lot Numbered 6 in Block Numbered E of Sonoma Ranch East II - Phase 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Sonoma Ranch East II - Phase 1, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on 5/17/2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 632-633. Having a common street address of 4531 Maricopa Circle, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging to said real estate in any way pertaining to said premises, to satisfy the Plaintiff's judgment in the amount of $47,175.15, together with interest thereon from December 2, 2009 to date of sale in the amount of $1,220.37, and fees and costs through sale in the amount of $4,753.19, plus publication costs and special master's fees.

Said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds; provided, however, that the Plaintiff Bank of the Rio Grande, N.A. shall be entitled to bid all or any part of its judgment. Said sale shall also be without warranty as to title, possession or quiet possession.

DATED this 29th day of December, 2009.

/s/ JOSEPH M. HOLMES,
Special Master

Pub #9283
Dates 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB 2009-108
Judge Martin

In the Matter of the Estate of ETHEL CLEVEEN BARNHARD, a/k/a ETHEL CLEVEEN TOWNSEND BARNHARD, a/k/a CLEVE BARNHARD, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Karen Brownell, Harry Barnhard and Brad Barnhard have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. All persons having claims against the 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 Co-Personal Representatives at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the Co-Personal Representatives is William L. Lutz of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow & Eubanks, P.C. at the address shown below.

DATED this 29th day of December, 2009.

MARTIN, LUTZ, ROGGOW & EUBANKS, P.C.
/s/ William L. Lutz
By: William L. Lutz
Attorneys for Co-Personal Representatives
2110 N. Main St.
PO Drawer 1837
Las Cruces, NM 88004-1837

Pub #9287
Dates 1/8, 1/15, 2010

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

Case No: CV-2007- 205
Judge: James Martin

PETER J. WEITH, Plaintiff in Substitution for JURGEN G. RAHM, by and through his Attorney in Fact, Gilles Delisle, Plaintiff,

vs.

CAROL FERRI; JEROLD L. KAUFMAN; STEVAN DOUGLAS LOONEY, Defendants,

AND

PETER J. WEITH, as Crossclaimant in Substitution for Mesilla Valley Bank.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 2, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the main entrance to the court house of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005, the undersigned Special Master will sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The real property to be sold is situate in Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A. Property located at 1625 6th Street:

A tract of land situate within the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 12, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being U.S.R.S. Tracts 9A-116B2A2, 9A-116B2C & 9A-116A1A and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the concrete monument found for the Southwest corner of the tract herein described; whence the Northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 9A-116A bears S.71º40'30"W., 197.32 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning and along the East face of a block wall, N.18º09'23"W., 77.86 feet to an iron rod found for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence N.71º27'12"E., 190.09 feet to an iron rod found on the West line of Sixth Street for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the West line of Sixth Street the following three courses and distances: S.17º15'00"E., 5.71 feet to an iron rod found;

Thence S.08º00'03"E., 74.00 feet to a nail found;

Thence S.05º29'30"W., 74.93 feet to an iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the West line of Sixth Street and partially along a rockwall, N.83º18'30"W., 161.88 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.4693 acres of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

B. Property located at 1140 E. Idaho:

Part of Block 7, College Subdivision, according to the Plat filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, recorded in Plat Book 4 at page 6, and filed for record on May 6, 1910, and being the westerly 75 feet of lots 36, 37 & 38, and more particularly described as follows to wit: Beginning at the iron rod marking the northwest corner of this tract, identical with the northeast corner of Lot 38, Block 7, College Subdivision, Thence N. 76 deg. 00' E. 75.00 feet along the south line of Idaho Avenue to the northeast corner of this tract marked by an iron rod; Thence S. 31 deg. 48' E. 75.00 feet to the southeast corner of this tract marked by an iron rod; Thence S. 76 deg. 00' W. 75.00 feet along the south line of lot 36 to the southwest corner of this tract marked by an iron rod; Thence N. 31 deg. 48'W. 75.00 feet along the east line of a 15 foot alley to the place of beginning containing 5,355 square feet of land, more or less.

C. Property located at 330 E. May:

A tract of land situate in Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 18, T.23S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of the Block 49 of the Original Townsite of Las Cruces, filed September 15, 1853, in Plat Record 6, Page 1, Doña Ana County records and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a 5/8" iron rod found on the South line of May Avenue for the Northwest corner of the tract herein described; whence the Northeast corner of Block 39 of the Original Townsite of Las Cruces, bears N.53º08'45"W., 377.95 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning and along the South line of May Avenue the following two courses and distances: N.75º12'40"E., 48.13 feet to a nail set;

Thence N.75º08'35"E., 52.60 feet to a spindle found for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the South line of May Avenue, S.13º49'25"E., 108.44 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.71º39'40"W., 50.72 feet to a nail set;

Thence S.69º27'05"W., 47.27 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N.15º24'20"W., 116.27 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.255 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

1. This is an action by Plaintiffs upon indebtedness and foreclosure of mortgage, and the sale will be made to satisfy an Order for Summary Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered by the Court on September 7, 2007, in favor of Plaintiff Peter J. Weith, and a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered by the Court on June 3, 2008, in favor of Plaintiffs.

2. Plaintiff Peter J. Weith has a Judgment against Defendant Carol Ferri, excluding interest and costs, for $221,850.00, which continues to accrue interest at the rate of $60.78 per day from October 30, 2004, and which Judgment is secured by the properties at 1625 Sixth Street, 1140 East Idaho, and 330 East May.

3. Plaintiff Peter J. Weith also has a Judgment against Carol Ferri in the amount of $165,408.65, including costs and interest, which continues to accrue interest at the rate of $72.55 per day from August 2, 2007, and which Judgment is secured by the property at 1625 Sixth Street.

4. Plaintiff Peter J. Weith also has a Judgment against Carol Ferri in the amount of $166,391.98, including costs and interest, which continues to accrue interest at the rate of $73.54 per day from August 2, 2007, and which Judgment is secured by the property at 330 E. May Street.

5. Should any judgment holder, including Plaintiffs herein, bid and/or become the purchaser of said real estate and improvements at the foreclosure sale, it may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall be entitled to immediate possession of the real property and improvements more particularly described herein, subject to a one-month right of redemption.

6. The Special Master is

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empowered, without notice, to postpone the time and date of the Special Master's sale in the even the Special Master deems postponement advisable, and may accept any bid in person or by writing.

7. The Special Master is empowered to sell Properties A, B or C, above, either separately or as a unit, at his discretion.

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. Plaintiffs and their attorney disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser(s) at the sale take(s) the Tracts subject to, all liens of record not foreclosed in these proceedings, the valuation of the Tracts 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 Tracts, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the Tracts, if any, it being incumbent upon bidder to determine the nature of any title being conveyed under this sale.

SPECIAL MASTER:
/s/ Kelly P. Albers
650 E. Montana, Suite D
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88001
(575) 527-9064

Pub #9288
Dates 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2010

H I G H L A N D ENTERPRISES INC. is interested in receiving quotes from MBE/WBE/SBRA/DBE firms for the Leasburg MDWCA, Water System Improvements Phase I. Firms interested in subcontracting or suppliers may quote the various types of work such as pipe, base course, asphalt, construction staking, materials testing & SWPPP. Please furnish all quotes by or prior to Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Project bids January 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. If interested please contact Highland Enterprises Inc. by phone 575-524-3551, fax 575-526-0835 or e-mail hei@highlandnm.com.

Pub #9289
Dates 1/8, 1/15, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-2554

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders, CWALT, Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-16CB, Plaintiff,

vs.

GREGARY HARROD, and if married, JANE DOE HARROD, (true name unknown), his spouse; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
TO: Defendant(s) Gregary Harrod and Jane Doe Harrod (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Gregary Harrod

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 3492 Northpointe Drive, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:
Lot 1B, ROFFINELLA TRACTS REPLAT NO. 1, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on June 2, 1998, in Book 19 Page(s) 108 of Plat Records.

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

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

WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A. VALENTINE, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 22nd day of December, 2009.

GENEVIEVE BAUER
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Genevieve Bauer
(SEAL) Deputy

Pub #9290
Dates 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 2010

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Transfer of Ownership (Change in Corporate Structure Only) of Transmountain Oil Company, L.C. d/b/a Howdy's Food Mart Store #15, for Liquor License No. 0561, located at 2210 East Lohman, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 North Church, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the change.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 29th day of December 2009.

Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub #9292
Dates 1/8, 1/15, 2010

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Transfer of Ownership (Change in Corporate Structure Only) of Transmountain Oil Company, L.C. d/b/a Howdy's Food Mart Store #16, for Liquor License No. 0077, located at 1685 East University, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 North Church, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the change.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 29th day of December 2009.

Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub #9293
Dates 1/8, 1/15, 2010

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Issuance of a Restaurant Liquor License (Beer and Wine On-Premise Consumption Only) to High Desert Brewing Co., located at 1201 West Hadley Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held at a meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 North Church, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department, Alcohol and Gaming Division, may approve the issuance of the Restaurant Liquor License.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 29th day of December 2009.

Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub #9294
Dates 1/8, 1/15, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO in the PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

No. 2010-TBA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOIS JEAN BLAIR, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal rep resentative of this estate. All persons, heirs, or devisees 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 undersigned personal representative at the address listed below or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 251 W. Amador, Las Cruces, NM 88005

/s/ G. PATRICK GATES,
Personal Representative
2839 Graceland NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Pub #9295
Dates 1/8, 1/15, 2010

HIGHLAND ENTERPRISES INC. is interested in receiving quotes from MBE/WBE/SBRA/DBE firms for the Village of Tularosa Senior Citizen Center. CDBG Project No. 07-C-RS-I-03-G-31. Firms interested in subcontracting or suppliers may quote the various types of work. Please furnish all quotes by or prior to Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Project bids January 28, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. If interested please contact Highland Enterprises Inc. by phone 575-524-3551, fax 575-526-0835 or e-mail hei@highlandnm.com.

Pub #9297
Dates 1/8, 1/15, 2010

HIGHLAND ENTERPRISES INC. is interested in receiving quotes from MBE/WBE/SBRA/DBE firms for the Hidalgo County Detention Center. Firms interested in subcontracting or suppliers may quote the various types of work such as concrete, asphalt, base course, material testing, fencing, SWPPP. Please furnish all quotes by or prior to Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Project bids January 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. If interested please contact Highland Enterprises Inc. by phone 575-524-3551, fax 575-526-0835 or e-mail hei@highlandnm.com.

Pub #9298
Dates 1/8, 1/15, 2010

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

PB 2009-71
Judge Anieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALFONSO M. de LEON, Deceased.

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

Leticia Trejo, Personal Representative of the Estate of Alfonso M. de Leon, deceased, gives the following Notice:

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

Leticia Trejo
110-1 Fig Tree Lane
La Union, NM 88021

Ricardo Enriquez de Leon 765
Madison Way
Bennett, CO 80102

Esperanza Archuleta
40139 E. Florida Dr.
Bennett, CO 80102

Esther (aka Ester) S. Garcia P. O. Box 931
Anthony, NM 88021

Sylvia E. Ordonez
2001 Songbird Dr.
Forney, TX 75126

Graciela (aka Grace) d. Hinojosa
1161 Riley Way
Chaparral, NM 88081

Leticia Trejo filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Alfonso M. de Leon, deceased.

2. A hearing on the Petition of Leticia Trejo has been set for February 8, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the Third Judicial District Court Complex located at 201 W. Picacho Las Cruces, New Mexico before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta.

Leticia Trejo
110-1 Fig Tree Ln.
La Union, NM 88021

KENNETH L. BEAL, P.C.
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Pub #9301
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB-2009-56
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GUILLERMO VITOLAS CORRALES, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GUILLERMO VITOLAS CORRALES, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF GUILLERMO VITO LAS CORRALES, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing on the petition filed by the undersigned personal representative, which petition provides for a determination of heirship, approval of a proposal for distribution and the discharge of the personal representative will be held on the 1st day of February, 2010 at 9 :00 a.m. before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, Third Judicial District Judge, Las Cruces District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., #A, Courtroom 3, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Pursuant to 45-1-401 N.M.S.A. 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition is hereby given you by publications, once each week, for two consecutive weeks.

Date: December 30, 2009.
/s/ Sergio Corrales
Personal Representative
P.O. Box 211
Berino, NM 88024

Pub #9302
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 2010

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

NO: CV-10-62
Judge: Jerald A. Valentine

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF: NANCY ANN TAYLOR FOR CHANGE OF NAME

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

COMES NOW the Petitioner, NANCY ANN TAYLOR, and pursuant to Chapter 40-8-1, NMSA 1978, states:

1. Petitioner is a resident of Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico.

2. Petitioner is over the age of fourteen (14) years.

3. Petitioner desires to change her name from NANCY ANN TAYLOR to NANCY ANN WRIGHT.

4. There is no sufficient cause to the contrary why her name should not be changed to and established as NANCY ANN WRIGHT.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:

1. That the Court set a hearing in this matter; and

2. Following the time set for the hearing, the Court enter its Order changing and establishing Petitioner's name as NANCY ANN WRIGHT.

Respectfully submitted,
NANCY ANN TAYLOR
964 Majestic Shadow Loop
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011
(575) 650-0480

Pub #9303
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

No. PB-2009-0169
Judge: Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARCILIA S. NUNEZ, DECEDENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at his attorney's office, Daniel A. Dolan, P.A., 1310 Picacho Hills Dr., Ste. 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88007 or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County at 845 North Motel Boulevard. Room 1-200; Las Cruces. NM 88007.

Dated this 28th day of December 2009.

/s/ Benjamin Alfred Nunez

DANIEL A. DOLAN, P.A.
/s/ Daniel A. Dolan
Attorney for Personal Representative
1310 Picacho Hills Dr., Ste. 2
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007
(575) 525-0077

Pub #9304
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT

Cause No. 09-0162
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS R. HOSKINS

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 Darden Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-0578, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2009.

/s/ Earl C. Hoskins,
Personal Representative

THE DARDEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
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Pub #9305
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 2010

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

No. PB-09-93
Judge Manuel Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FREDRIC W. DABNEY, 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 Darden Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-0578, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2009.

/s/ Mark Milliorn,
Personal Representative

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Pub #9306
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 09-0144
Judge Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEANNE LABERGE, 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 Darden Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-0578, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2009.

/s/ Barbara Lovell,
Personal Representative

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Pub #9307
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 10-003
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLEMENS FREDERICK WEINDORF, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Ronald C. Weindorf was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Clemens Frederick Weindorf, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Clemens Frederick Weindorf, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2010.

/s/ Ronald C. Weindorf,
Personal Representative

Prepared by:
LAW OFFICE OF
KATHERINE N. BLACKETT, P.C.

/s/ Katherine N. Blackett
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Pub #9308
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 2010

DOÑA ANA COUNTY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D-307-CV-2008-02901

Western Bank n/k/a Bank of the West, Plaintiffs

v.

Frank Barrera and Melissa Barrera AND JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE (WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN) TENANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 10, 2010, at 10:00am, located at the Third District Court Judicial Complex, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005, 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:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

EXHIBIT A
A tract of land situate south of Fort Selden, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in Section 24, T.21S., R.1W., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as part of U.S.R.S. Tract 1-9A1A and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:
BEGINNING at a point in the center of a concrete lined irrigation ditch for the southeast corner of the tract herein described, whence the northeast corner of Section 24, T.21S., R.1W., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys bears N. 64°07' 19"E., a distance of 3341.59 feet;
THENCE from the place of beginning and following along the center of said irrigation ditch S. 65°16'30"W., 238.31 feet to the southwest corner of this tract;
THENCE leaving the irrigation ditch N.29°22'00"W., 357.13 feet to the northwest corner of this tract;
THENCE N. 60°38'00"E., 237.53 feet to the northeast corner of this tract, a point on the east line of a 5.000 acre tract previously conveyed;
THENCE S. 29°22'00"E., 376.41 feet to the place of beginning, containing 2.000 acres of land, more or less. Subject to a 5 foot wide irrigation ditch easement parallel and immediately adjacent to the southerly property line, a 10 foot wide irrigation ditch parallel and immediately adjacent to the westerly property line and other easements of record together with a 20 foot wide road and utility entry easement lying north of this tract and being described as follows:
BEGINNING at the southeast corner of said road easement identical to the northeast corner of the abovedescribed 1.000 acre tract;
THENCE from the place of beginning S. 60°38'00"W., 20.00 feet to the southwest corner of this easement;
THENCE N. 29°22'00"W., 516.18 feet to a point on the south line of Doña Ana County Road D-058 for the northwest corner of this easement;
THENCE following the county road around the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 120.00 feet, an arc length of 20.87 feet, through a central angle of 9°57'56" and whose long chord bears N.77°00'27"E., 20.85 feet to the northeast corner of this easement;
THENCE leaving the county road S. 29°22'00"E., 510.31 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.236 acres of land, more or less. Field notes by Botsford Land Surveying, Inc.,

The address of the real property is 517 Hayride, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Said Sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 18, 2009, in the

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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 $88,192.81, plus interest from June 30, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.0000% 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 to the above- described real property subject to the rights of redemption.

Dated: 2010.

Pamela A. Carmody
Special Master
c/o Robert J. Hopp & Associates, LLC
333 West Colfax, Suite 200
Denver, CO 80204
(303) 225-0800

Pub #9309
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

H I G H L A N D ENTERPRISES INC. is interested in receiving quotes from MBE/WBE/SBRA/DBE firms for the Peachtree Hills Rd-Jornada Rd Ext. and Improvements Bid # 09-10-14. Firms interested in subcontracting or suppliers may quote the various types of work such as concrete, asphalt, base course, material testing, temporary fencing, construction staking, construction signing, permanent signing, SWPPP. Please furnish all quotes by or prior to Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Project bids January 28, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. If interested please contact Highland Enterprises Inc. by phone 575-524-3551, fax 575-526-0835 or e-mail hei@highlandnm.com.

Pub #9310
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-2495

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

vs.

DAWN C. MIRANDA and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 10, 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 3057 Executive Hills Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot A4, Block 11, MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, REPLAT OF PART OF TRACT A, BLOCK 10, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 934 thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on May 24, 1978, and recorded in Book 12, Pages 191-192, 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 January 4, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $167,501.70 and the same bears interest at 7.250% per annum from January 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,364.11. 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
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Pub #9311
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

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

No. D-0307-CV-2008-02027

NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO., Plaintiff,

v.

GEORGE CORRALES; STATE NATIONAL BANK; OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GEORGE CORRALES, IF ANY; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED LIENHOLDERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 10, 2010 at 10:00 AM, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 7, Rinconcito subdivision, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on April 9, 2003, recorded in book 20, page 306, plat records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico The address of the real property is 150 Rinconcito Court, Rincon, NM 87940. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 29, 2009, 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 $82,183.06 plus interest from September 30, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.750% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: , 2010.

Pamela Carmody
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Pub #9312
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D-307-CV-200801949

BANK OF THE WEST a/k/a COMMUNITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiffs

v.

Molina, Carlos and Cathy M. AND JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE (WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN) TENANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 10, 2010, at 10:00am, Third District Court Judicial Complex, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005, 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 4, BLOCK A, WOODBURN SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 23, 1976 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 12, AT PAGES 84-85, OF THE PLAT RECORDS. SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.
The address of the real property is 9030 Tammy Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said Sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 11, 2009, 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 $17,850.74, plus interest from May 14, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.0000% 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 the rights of redemption.

Dated: 2010.

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Pub #9313
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-200900268

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

v.

LISA M. PEREZ; MARIANNE H. RYAN; DAVID W. SHOEMAKER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LISA M. PEREZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 10, 2010 at 10:00 AM, outside the 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 46, block 5, Sunrise Terrace addition phase II, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filedin the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 29, 1978, in book 12 page(s) 170-172 of plat records. The address of the real property is 1798 Webster Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 27, 2009, 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 $160,298.35 plus interest from August 27, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.0% 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:, 2009.

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Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-798
Judge Gary M. Jeffreys

COMPASS BANK, formerly known as State National Bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH K. NEVAREZ, MICHELE R. NEVAREZ, ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., and any and all unknown claimants, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 11, 2010, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the offices of Holt Babington Mynatt, P.C., 1660 Hickory Loop, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, Joseph K. Nevarez and Michele R. Nevarez, in and to the below described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The properties to be sold are situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as follows:

1. 2750 Monte Bello, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 10, Block A, Rancho Lomas Subdivision Phase 2, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on April 22, 2004, in book page(s) of plat records.

2. 2490 Suncrest Arc., Las Cruces, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 6, Block 5, The Ridge at Northrise Phase III, in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 21, 2001, recorded in Book 19, Page(s) 612-613, plat records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a Corrected Order Granting Summary Judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 2, 2009 against Defendants Joseph K. Nevarez and Michele R. Nevarez, being a Complaint for debt and money due and to foreclose real estate mortgages under which Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first and prior lien against the above-described real estate at 2750 Monte Bello, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and a subordinate lien to a mortgage held by ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. against the real estate at 2490 Suncrest Arc., Las Cruces, New Mexico, securing payment of its Judgment in the principal sum of $630,808.90 with interest continuing at the rate of 8% per annum from August 5, 2009, until paid, plus attorney fees and costs of $ 4,675.00. 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 property at 2490 Suncrest Arc. shall be sold subject to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.'s mortgage. 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 property will be sold separately or en masse and that the purchaser, or purchasers, at such sale shall take title to the above described real property, or properties, subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

The attorney for the Plaintiff is Matthew P. Holt of Holt Babington Mynatt P.C., P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2699.

DOUG BOBERG
Special Master

Pub #9315
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-200901313

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff,

v.

ALBERT R. POLANCO; CINDY A POLANCO; IRENE C, POLANCO; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF IRENE C. POLANCO, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 10, 2010 at 10:00 AM, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: A tract of land situate in the City of Los Cruces, being Lot 8, Block 58, Original Townsite of Las Cruces, (O.T.S. Block 58), Plat filed September 15, 1853. in Nat Book 6, Page 1, Doña Ma County records and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod set on the West line of North San Pedro Street for the Northeast corner of the tract herein described, whence the Southwest corner of Block 204 County Assessor's Plat No. 2 bears the following two courses and distances, N. 17º57'55"W, 75.51 feet; Thence N69º53'51"E., 700.04 feet; Thence from the point of beginning and along the West line of North San Pedro Street, S.17º57'55"E., 41.10 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract; Thence leaving the West line of North San Pedro Street, S.72º51'20"W., 117.25 feet to a cross set for the Southwest corner of this tract; Thence N. 16º19'13"W., 42.00 feet to a cross set for the Northwest corner of this tract; Thence N, 73º18'32"E., 116.06 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.1113 acre of land, more or less The address of the real property is 823 North San Pedro Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 14, 2009, 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 $63,399.39 plus interest from July 24, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: , 2010.

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

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Pub # 9316 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

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

No. CV-09-2379

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

VICTOR HERNANDEZ and LIDIA HERNANDEZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, has appointed me Special Master in this matter with the power to sell the following described real property in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico:
LOT 3, BLOCK 5, RIO VISTA SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

The street address of this property is 205 Nueces St., Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063 (here-

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after "Subject Property").

The Default and Stipulated Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure (hereafter "Judgment") was entered on December 31, 2009.

The sale is to begin at 10:05 a.m. on February 23, 2010, at the front door of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, free and clear of all liens of the parties hereto and all persons claiming under and through the parties or any persons claiming an interest by an instrument filed for record after the date of Plaintiff's filing of the Notice of Lis Pendens in the records of Doña Ana County, New Mexico. Every bid made shall be deemed an irrevocable offer until the sale has been completed, and the sale is completed when confirmed by the court. In the event the purchaser fails to pay the purchase price at sale, or make satisfactory arrangements with the Special Master for such payment, the Special Master may accept the next highest bid or proceed with the sale of the Property to the highest bidder. The Special Master may postpone or continue the sale by public declaration at the time and place originally scheduled for such sale. No other notice of the postponed or continued sale need be given.

The purchaser of the Subject Property will take it subject to any unpaid property taxes, municipal charges, assessments, or liens not identified and foreclosed in this action. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at the sale all of its judgment amount or any portion thereof. The proceeds of the sale shall first be applied to pay the expenses of the sale, including special master's fee, then for any costs incurred for the maintenance and protection of the property, then to satisfy the Judgment in favor of Plaintiff, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

As of December 31, 2009, the sum necessary to satisfy the judgment is as follows:
1. The remaining principal balance $110,890.13
2. Accrued interest $9,141.91
3. BPO/appraisal fees $384.51
4. Late charges $162.23
5. Reconveyance fee $9.00
6. Preservation charges $60.00
7. Reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses $1,575.59

TOTAL $122,223.37

Interest shall continue to accrue at the rate of $29.62 per day thereafter until the judgment is satisfied. In addition, reasonable attorneys' fees and any additional costs of collection and suit (to include the cost of publication of this notice, recording fees, and special master fees) may be awarded by the Court and satisfied from the proceeds of the sale. Any additional proceeds remaining after the satisfaction of the above will be held in trust by the Special Master, paid into the Court Registry by the Special Master, or applied as determined by the Court.

/s/ John A Darden, Esq.
200 W. Las Cruces Ave. #B
Las Cruces, NM 88004
Telephone: 575.541.6655

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Pub #9317
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

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

Cause No. CV 2009 - 1979
Judge James T. Martin

SR CHASE, Plaintiff,

v.

ALBERT VILLASENOR and ALICE M. VILLASENOR, husband and wife, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 20th day of January, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at the east entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 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 and personalty located in said County and State:
A 0.25 acre tract of land situate in Section 6, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM of the USRS Surveys, being part of USRS Tract 13-10A1, south of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows to wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the north line of a 20 foot wide entrance road (a.k.a. Santa Cruz Rd.) for the southeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by a set iron rod, WHENCE the northwest corner of Rancho Campana as filed November 18, 1968 in Plat Book 10, Page 37 of the Doña Ana County Records bears the following two courses and distances: N 51 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds E, 100.94 feet and S 18 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds W 1018.36 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning a long the north line of the 20 foot wide road S 51 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds W, 100.33 feet to the southwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a set "X";

THENCE leaving Santa Cruz Road N 37 degrees 20 minutes 25 seconds W 108.60 feet to the northwest corner of tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod;

THENCE N 51 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds E, 100.33 feet to the northeast corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE S 37 degrees 20 minutes 25 seconds E 108.60 feet to the place and point of beginning containing 0.25 acres of land, more or less. Subject to a 12 foot wide road easement parallel immediately adjacent to the easterly boundary of the above described tract and also subject to any other easements of record, and such as may exist on the ground.

with a street address of 1560 Santa Cruz Rd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 9, 2009, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which, among other things, was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage against all secured real property by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $44,008.41. Subsequent payments and charges in the total amount of $10,608.98 were received and credited, lowering the lien against the above-described real estate to the sum of $33,399.43, plus per annum interest, $11.895687 per diem from November 1, 2009, until the date of the Special Master's sale (the "Sale"), together with attorney fees incurred and costs of sale to the date of sale, and a reasonable Special Master's fee. The 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 sale.

The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master. The above lien amounts do not include property taxes due, or any other tax, fee, assessment, or claim that might constitute a claim on, or interest in the property. Each bidder must establish to that bidder's satisfaction, the nature of such outstanding claims or interests, and bid accordingly.

Bidders, to the extent that they do not have a judgment permitted to be bid in lieu of cash, must bid cash at the sale. The successful bidder will be given until the close of the second business day following the determination of the winning bidder to supply to the Special Master cash, certified check, or cashier's check in the amount of the bid. Failure to do so will void that bid, and the Special Master shall either accept the next highest bid, or the Special Master may, in her sole discretion, telephone each bidder who attended the sale, using the telephone number each bidder submits at the sale, and communicate a new date and time for a subsequent sale, without republication of any further notice. Responsibility for reception of notice of any subsequent sale is on the bidder submitting the telephone number. All prospective bidders are notified that they are responsible for making their own determination as to the extent and nature of the title being conveyed by purchase at the Special Master's sale.

Notice is further given that the above-described real estate and improvements located on such real estate will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein and all recorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, this 22nd day of December, 2009.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004
Telephone (575) 642-5567

Submitted by:

Kelly P. Albers
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Pub #9246
Dates 12/25, 2009, 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-2465
Judge James T. Martin

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

EDWARD CHAPMAN AKA EDWARD D. CHAPMAN AND ANGELINA CHAPMAN AKA ANGELINA B. CHAPMAN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on February 23, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, 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 Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
Lot numbered 8 in Block numbered 2 of Desert Wind Estates, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Desert Wind Estates, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 3, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 606-607.

The address of the real estate is 5929 Leaping Lizard Loop, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 4, 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 $195,553.38 (including interest 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 any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time of the sale, the Special Master is empowered to postpone the time and date of the sale if he deems such postponement advisable by appearing at the time, date and place advertised and announcing to all present that the sale is postponed to a new time, date and place. The Special Master shall not be required to publish any notice of the new time, date and place of the postponed sale.

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 January 11, 2010.

/s/John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
PO Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
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(575) 541-6655

Submitted by:
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Pub #9319
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

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

No. CV-09-321

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSE ALEJANDRO JUAREZ; MARIA ENFANTE JUAREZ; and MELISSA C. JUAREZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, has appointed me Special Master in this matter with the power to sell the following described real property in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico:
A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS PART OF LOT 22, BLOCK 9 OF ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST COMPANY SUBDIVISION 'C' PLAT FILED JULY 18, 1911 IN PLAT RECORD 4, PAGE 43, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 22, BLOCK 9 OF THE ABOVEMENTIONED SUBDIVISION; THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING S. 64 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 33 SECONDS W., 87.67 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE N. 25 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 00 SECONDS W., 322.50 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE N. 64 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 33 SECONDS E., 197.74 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET ON THE EAST LINE OF THE DOÑA ANA BEND COLONY GRANT FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE ALONG SAID GRANT LINE S. 27 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 40 SECONDS E., 77.48 FEET TO A BRASS CAP FOUND FOR AN ANGLE POINT (A.P. 58); THENCE S. 1 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E., 269.53 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.1625 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SAID TRACT SUBJECT TO A 7.5 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE AND A 15 FOOT WIDE ROAD EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE.

The street address of this property is 2920 Benito Juarez Rd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012 (hereafter "Subject Property").

The Amended Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure (hereafter "Judgment") was entered on December 21, 2009.

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on February 23, 2010, in front of the main door of the Third Judicial District Court, located at 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, free and clear of all liens of the parties hereto and all persons claiming under and through the parties or any persons claiming an interest by an instrument filed for record after the date of Plaintiff's filing of the Notice of Lis Pendens in the records of Doña Ana County, New Mexico. Every bid made shall be deemed an irrevocable offer until the sale has been completed, and the sale is completed when confirmed by the court. In the event the purchaser fails to pay the purchase price at sale, or make satisfactory arrangements with the Special Master for such payment, the Special Master may accept the next highest bid or proceed with the sale of the Property to the highest bidder. The Special Master may postpone or continue the sale by public declaration at the time and place originally scheduled for such sale. No other notice of the postponed or continued sale need be given.

The purchaser of the Subject Property will take it subject to any unpaid property taxes, municipal charges, assessments, or liens not identified and foreclosed in this action, including the senior mortgage. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at the sale all of its judgment amount or any portion thereof. The proceeds of the sale shall first be applied to pay the expenses of the sale, including special master's fee and the cost of publishing this notice, then for any costs incurred for the maintenance and protection of the property, then to satisfy the judgment in favor of Plaintiff, and any excess proceeds will be held pending further court order or deposited in the court registry.

As of December 21, 2009, the sum necessary to satisfy the judgment is as follows:

1. The remaining principal balance $71,079.29
2. Accrued interest $7,526.59
3.BPO/appraisal fees $342.50
4. Late charges $10.00
5. Reconveyance fee $9.00
6. Property preservation fee $105.00
7. Reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses $3,833.81
TOTAL $82,906.19

Interest shall continue to accrue from December 21, 2009 until the judgment is satisfied at the rate of $13.58 per day. In addition, reasonable attorneys' fees and any additional costs of collection and suit incurred after the judgment may be awarded by the Court and satisfied from the proceeds of the sale.

/s/ John A. Darden, III, Esq.
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Pub #9320
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2010

New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold Bids at 4 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management of the following:

Bid Invitation:
10084460-F Vehicle Sale
NMSU Biology Department

Bid Opening Date:
02/15/10

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

Pub #9321
Dates 1/15, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA IN THE DISTRICT COURT

No.
Judge

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF SHANTE REVAE HERNANDEZ TO REVAE KING

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE NAME

You are hereby notified that a Petition for an Order changing the name of Shante Revae Hernandez, who is over the age of fourteen (14) years, to Revae King has been submitted to the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico. A hearing has been set and is scheduled to occur on the 10th day of February, 2010, at 1:30 o'clock in the p.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2010.

WITNESS the Honorable James T. Martin, Judge of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and the seal of said District Court this 11th day of January, 2010.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By Mary E. Apodaca
Deputy

Pub #9323
Dates 1/15, 1/22, 2010

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinances at The Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on February 2, 2010:

1. Council Bill No. 10-029; Ordinance No. 2558: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2548, Which Concerns the Use of a Mobile (Cell) Telephone While Driving, to Add Penalties, Sentencing, and Fines for First, Second, Third and Subsequent Convictions Under the Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 27-12-6-12.18(F).

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

Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 13th day of January 2010.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #9324
Dates 1/15, 2010

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INVITATION
B/P/RFQ (BID/PROPOSAL/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION)

Description	Number	Informational Meeting	Opening
2 Pump Sludge Transfer Pumping System www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/ bids/downloads/B09-10-188/	RFP 09-10-188	None	January 28, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m.
El Molino Phase V Reconstruction www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/ construction_bids/downloads/B09-10-468/	Bid 09-10-468	MANDATORY January 28, 2010 @ 3:00 p.m.	February 11, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m.
Utilities Sewer Rehab 2010 www.las-cruces.org/ financial_srvs/Purchasing/ construction_bids/downloads/B09-10-164/	Bid 09-10-164	MANDATORY January 29, 2010 @ 3:30 p.m.	February 9, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m.

Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Department, at 1501 E. Hadley, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Copies of bid documents and additional information/clarifications regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Department by mail at P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004; by phone at (575)-541-2525; by fax at (575)-541-2515, by email at bidclerk@las-cruces.org; or physical address at 1501 E. Hadley, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Pub #9322
Dates 1/15, 2010

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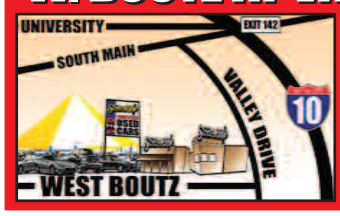

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2008 Chrysler Sebring Was $10,985* — Best Test Certified, Automatic, AC, AM/FM Stereo, Cassette, CD player, Cruise Control, Tilt Wheel, All Power! Used #P9137.	NOW $7,985*
2006 Chevrolet HHR Was $10,993* — Best Test Certified, Automatic,4Dr, AC, AM/FM Stereo, CD Player, Cruise Control, Tilt Wheel, All Power! Used #P9052A.	NOW $7,993*
2003 Buick Park Ave Was $10,995* — V6, 4Dr, Automatic, AM/FM Stereo, CD Player, Cruise Control, Tilt Wheel, All Power! Used #P9093.	NOW $7,995*
2007 Kia Rio Was $11,905* — Best Test Certified, Automatic, AC, AM/FM Stereo, CD player, Cruise Control, Tilt Wheel, All Power! Used #P9091A.	NOW $8,905*
2006 Pontiac Grand Prix Was $13,733* — Best Test Certified, 4Dr, Automatic, AC, AM/FM Stereo, Cassette, CD player, Cruise Control, Tilt Wheel, All Power! Used #P9070.	NOW $10,733*

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2006 Ford Fusion Was $14,999* — Best Test Certified, 4Dr, Automatic, AC, AM/FM Stereo, CD Player, Cruise Control, Tilt Wheel, All Power! Used #P8999.	NOW $11,999*
2008 Hyundai Sonata Was $15,323* — Best Test Certified, 4Dr, Automatic, AC, AM/FM Stereo, Cassette, CD player, Cruise Control, Tilt Wheel, All Power! Used #P9044.	NOW $12,323*
2007 Buick LaCrosse Was $15,999* — Best Test Certified, V6, Automatic,4Dr, AC, AM/FM Stereo, CD Player, Cruise Control, Tilt Wheel, All Power! Used #PBK1091A.	NOW $12,999*
2006 Honda Accord Was $16,975* — Best Test Certified, Automatic, 4Dr, AC, AM/FM Stereo, CD Player, Cruise Control, Tilt Wheel, All Power! Used #P9048.	NOW $13,975*

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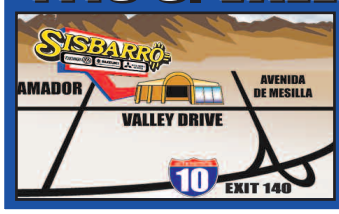

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NEXT WEEK

Dust off those dancing shoes!
Let's go ballroom dancing

Friends, neighbors perform at LCCT

Community theater stages festival over two weekends

By Kristine Sandrick
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Community theater is a gift. It's an outlet for regular folks – friends, neighbors and coworkers – to express their creativity. Whether they prefer to write, direct or act, the community is the beneficiary of their public display of talent. Their words, stories and characters come to life before our eyes.

Since 1963, the Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) has staged more than 250 plays, giving community writers, directors and actors a venue to perform for local audiences. Five more plays are being added to the roster Friday, Jan. 15 through Sunday, Jan. 24, as the LCCT presents a festival of one-act performances at its Downtown Mall location.

Directors were invited to submit published or unpublished one-act plays.

"We are looking for the opportunity to see the work of new directors," said Nikka Zeimer, a long-time theatrical person who is on the LCCT board and produced the one-act plays in 2008.

The theater group made a departure from the one-act scene in 2009, hosting a statewide one-act competition instead. Theater companies from the four corners of New Mexico came to Las Cruces to perform. The LCCT won with "I Remember You" and went on to the regional competition in Kerrville, Texas.

"It's a real plus to get original plays and this year we are fortunate in that we have new directors," Ziemer said.

James Jensen, retired from the Air Force, is premiering his own original one-act work.

"We get to see his work as a playwright and as a director," Ziemer said.

The two met last year when she was directing "Look Homeward Angels" for the LCCT and Jensen, who has a background in theater, was the stage manager.

"He did a great job. Now, we get to see him in his original play and his directorial debut," she said.

Ziemer said audiences also will be able to see Marshall Vickers directing for the first time. Vickers is directing the published play, "Nobody Sleeps."

Some of the cast from the one-act play titled "Confessions," Jacob Garcia, Shilo Sherman, Bekah Riley, Evan Hadfield and Austin Tucker

Shawn Hatfield, LCCT board member and house and stage manager, is also making his directorial debut with Madelyn Browning's first play, "Confessions."

"We also have Les Boyce directing his own original one act spoof on Shakespear's 'Hamlet,'" Ziemer said.

Boyce is not a new director, but the play is all his.

"Basically, what we'll be seeing for two weekends is the work of new directors and new one-act plays," Ziemer said.

Ziemer is no rookie to the stage, having been involved with high school and college productions. She's been in Las Cruces for 25 years and has been active with the community theater.

"I got involved with the community theater in 2004 … I helped Phil and Ceil Herman at the Black Box and have acted at Hershel Zohn," she said.

Ziemer said the LCCT has been planning these shows since the fall, with auditions being held over two Sunday evenings in mid-December.

"One of the big challenges is the rehearsal time over the holidays," she said.

By definition, everyone one involved is from, well, the community.

"It goes from students at the university to retired people," Ziemer said, "and gives people the opportunity to see new talent emerging in our community, whether its people who have moved here or students who are coming of age to direct. It also exposes the community to one-act plays."

The LCCT doesn't produce one-act plays during its regular season.

When the LCCT was launched in the '60s, the first play was produced in the churchyard at St. Genevieve's Catholic church, which at the time was across from the Rio Grande Theatre. Since then, the theater has found its home on the Downtown Mall and has staged everything from original works to Broadway hits.

More than 20 members of the community are involved in the one-act plays including extras, stagehands and the production team. It all takes place over the next two weekends at the LCCT, 313 N. Downtown Mall. The five plays take about the same amount of time as one traditional play with intermission.

Cost is $5 for general admission and free for season ticket holders. Call 532-1200 or visit www.lcctnm.org.

Photos by Steve MacIntyre.

One-Act Play Festival

"Confessions"
By Mandolynn Browing
Directed by Shaun Hadfield
A look at how four prison inmates view and tell their stories.
Cast:
Buddy: Joe Pfeiffer
Howard: Robert Senecal
Jay: Norman Duttweiler
Nick: Michael Riley
Also featuring Heather Pfeiffer, Melissa Chambers, Austin Tucker, Rebekah Riley and Nancy Clein

"The End, of All Thing"
By James Jensen
Directed by James Jensen
Everything is much, much deeper than it seems. The two main characters, who appear to meet in their own graveyard, explore their universe from opposite perspectives.
Cast:
Old: Norman Duttweiler
New: James Boberg
Another/Pastor: Joe Pfeiffer
Girlfriend: Jade Diaz
Boyfriend: James Jensen

"Hamlet in the Hood"
By Les Boyse
Directed by Les Boyse
An updated spoof of one of Shakespeare's greatest works. Picture the great bard born and (barely) educated in the inner city.

"They're Made Out of Meat"
From a short story by Terry Bisson
When Robert Burns wrote of the need to see ourselves as others see us, I doubt he had this in mind. An unusual perspective on human life.
Cast:
Right: Michael Riley
Left: Shaun Hadfield

"Nobody Sleeps"
By Guernsey Le Pelley
Directed by Marcus Vickers
Daisy, 16, comes upon Spike, a burglar, rifling a desk drawer. "You'll never find anything in that desk. We never can."
Cast:
Burglar: Dylan Sweet
Daisy: Veronica Taleon
Ava: Tiffany Anastashia
Glory: Jade Diaz
Mrs. Busby: Nancy Clein

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At the Downtown Arts Ramble

Ellen Young looks at interactive art titled "Ladder Man's Wheel of Fortune" by Margi Weir now on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

Stephanie Long and her mother Susan Long look at paintings by Lyn E. Briggs and Emil Wennerwald at the M. Phillips Gallery.

Sandie Thorkildson and her husband Ed Thorkildson look at the large collection of art by Margi Weir now on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

Callie Barker and Jeri Desrochers look at "Times Square Curtain" by Margi Weir at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

Laura Humphreys and her daughter Allison Humphreys, 1, look at an untitled seagull sculpture at the Southwest Environmental Center (SWEC) art gallery.

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Paul Heiberger, SWEC outreach program coordinator, stands infront of the entries for the Middle School Mexican Wolf Art Contest.

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

LAST CHANCE 1.18

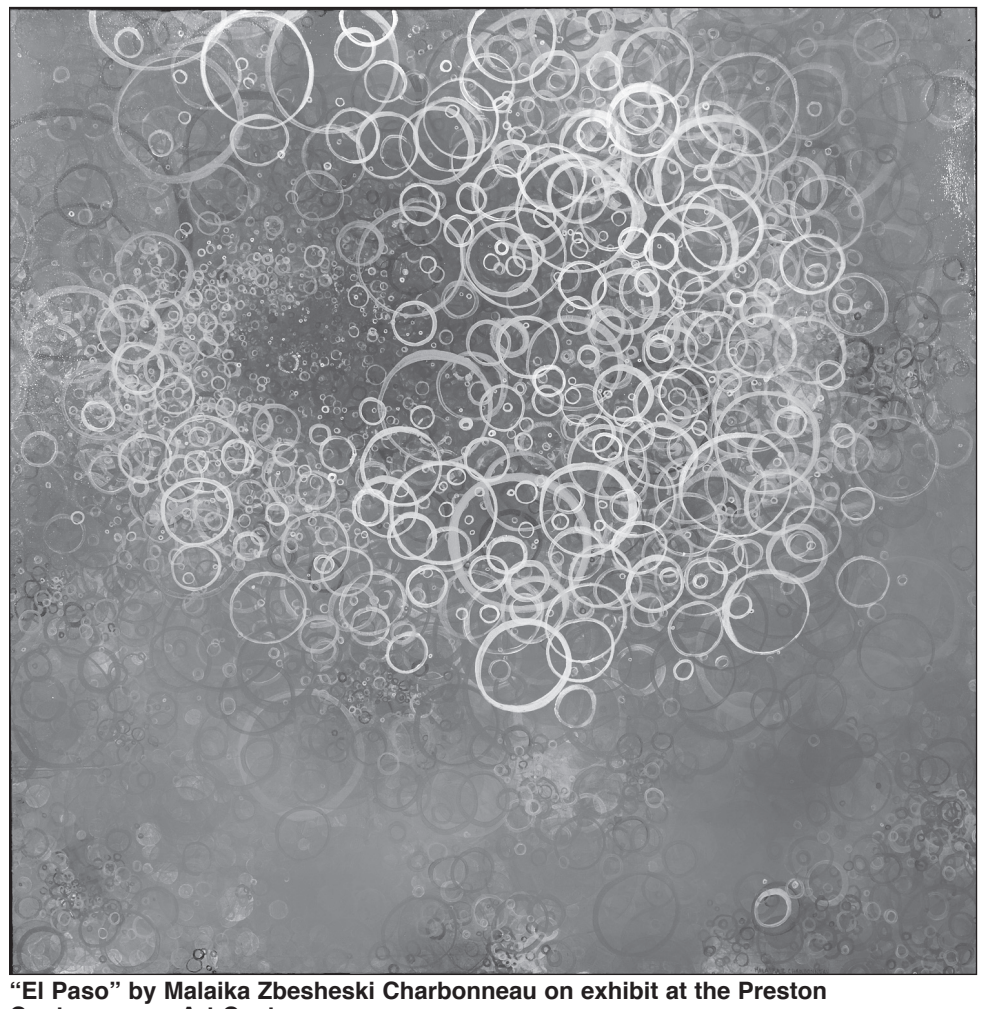
NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

"Bracero Memories," is on display through Jan. 18. Mainly through historic photographs, the exhibit tells the story of the Bracero Program, a temporary guest worker program for millions of Mexican laborers between 1942 and 1964. The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Cost: $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and $2 for children ages 5 to 17. Children 4 and under are admitted free. Call 522-4100.

OPENING 1.15

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

The center is showcasing five artists of various media in the gallery's 2010 Winter Exhibition opening with a reception for the artists from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, and running through Sunday, March 28. The show, which has an international flavor, includes works by Malaika Zbesheski Charbonneau, mixed media on canvas; Dan Davidson, painting and drawing; Amy M. Lam Wai Man, mixed media; Alan Weinstein, painting; and Peter Zelle, glass sculpture. An Artists' Dialogue presentation featuring Zbesheski Charbonneau, Weinstein and Zelle will be held at the gallery at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. PCAC is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado, in Mesilla. Call 523-8713 or visit www.prestoncontemporaryart.com.



"El Paso" by Malaika Zbesheski Charbonneau on exhibit at the Preston Contemporary Art Center

CONTINUING THIS WEEK

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

Explore the world of pattern and abstraction in three exhibits showing through Saturday, Jan. 23. Margi Weir presents "Three Decades of Inquiry," a retrospective of her work in multiple media. "Swarm" is the work of local artist and associate professor at New Mexico State University Julia Barello. She works with discarded X-ray film that is dyed and intricately cut into shapes inspired by nature. "Mirage," the work of jewelry artist Rachelle Thiewes, is also on display. The museum is located at 491 N. Downtown Mall. Call 541-2137 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, features two artists – Rayma Claessen noted for her beautiful Organ Mountains, and Bobbie Widner, who expresses her talent in subject matters from abroad, mainly France and Italy, rendered in the old master's style. Claessen will be exhibiting a new collection of Organ Mountain miniatures as well as small paintings of New Mexico ghost towns. Guests are invited to visit with the artists Jan. 24 at the gallery. In February, the gallery celebrates the "Love of Art" month by hosting a "My Masterpiece" contest, with the artists working in the style of various famous artists, such as Georgia O'Keeffe, Charles Russell, R.C. Gorman, Claude Monét and many others. Door prizes will be awarded to the winners who match the painting to the famous artist. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Call 522-2933.

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Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau, 211 N. Water St., features a collection of Barbara Howe's throughout the month of January. Howe is a signature member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society, and paints watercolors and acrylics of the American Southwest and of her world-travels. Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Call 541-2150,

BRANIGAN LIBRARY

The Las Cruces Artists Association presents "A Touch of the Orient" at the Terrace Gallery, located on the second floor of the Branigan Library, through Jan. 29. Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery continues its one-man show for Las Cruces artist Michael Poncé through January. M. Phillip's is located at 221 N. Main St. Call 525-1367.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive, presents art by the students of Alma d'arte Charter High School, Las Cruces' only arts-based public high school. The show runs through Feb. 5. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281.

UNSETTLED GALLERY

Georjeanna Feltha's "Transitions" gathers Feltha's sculpture, collage and multi-media work incorporating handmade paper, clay and a variety of found objects. Of special note are "paper painting" collaborations with long-time paper maker and Las Crucen Martha Duran. Daniel Lauterbach opens an exhibit of his large, abstract work. Lauterbach, a senior at Alma d'arte Charter High School, where his emphasis has been visual arts, has worked under the guidance of instructor Raul Dorn, an artist known for his highly abstract work. The exhibit continues through Saturday, Jan. 30. The gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St., one block south of Spruce Avenue. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and by appointment. Call 635-2285.

MAIN STREET GALLERY

Watercolorist Marie Siegrist is exhibiting her original watercolors at the Main Street Gallery, 311 N. Downtown Mall, through February. Siegrist's realistic style encompasses a wide variety of subjects including close nature studies. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Call 647-0508.

GALERÍA TEPÍN

Galería Tepín, located at 2220 Calle de Parian, across from the Cultural Center de Mesilla, continues with "Guadalupe/Lupe/Lupita: Vision and Revision: Images of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Transmutation/Transformation and Transcendence." Call 523-3988, email bbf@borderbookfestival.com or visit www.borderbookfestival.org.

TIERRA MONTANA GALLERY

The gallery is displaying work by Akira and Larry Blount. The energy and beauty of nature has always sustained Akira Blount and her husband/collaborator, Larry Blount. Woodlands, in particular, are compelling to the pair. The gallery is located at 535 N. Main St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The center presents two quilt exhibits: "Living Colour" and "A Moment in Time," on display throughout January.The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., is located at the north end of the Downtown Mall. Galleries are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Free. Call 541-2154 or visit http://las-cruces.org/museums.

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The art of Las Cruces Public Schools middle school students is now on display in the gallery lobby of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Center, Suite 249. The middle school art show will hang through February 2010. Call 527-5860 or email bhosie@lcps.k12.nm.us.

CUTTER GALLERY

Cutter Gallery presents Susi and Richard Bergquist in an exhibit. The Bergquists are ceramic artists and each does a special category of folk art.

Cutter Gallery is located at the corner of El Paseo Road and University Avenue. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

"Building for the Future: Rural Schoolhouses of New Mexico: 1880-1965," takes visitors on a tour of the state where they will encounter more than 30 schoolhouses from various small communities. The exhibit will be on display through July 18. From the Goodson Memorial School in remote northeastern New Mexico, all the way to the Lake Valley School near Hillsboro, Lundy logged more than 2,500 miles photographing surviving structures across the state. Some are ruins and some are still intact, but all are witnesses to a unique part of New Mexico history. The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Cost: $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and $2 for children ages 5 to 17. Children 4 and under are admitted free. Call 522-410o0

ONO GRINDZ

Kurt Van Wagner's digitally exotic display of the Hawaiian Islands is on exhibit at the restaurant Ono Grindz (Hawaiian restaurant), 300 N. Downtown Mall. Van Wagner's tropical-themed show features his new Aloha creations. Call 541-7492.

CALENDAR

FRIDAY 1.15

10 a.m. Storytime, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-4728.

10 a.m. to noon Sit and Stitch, St. Paul's Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Free to all handcrafts. Call 922-2984 or email susana50@comcast.net.

7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Event features acoustic musicians, poets and storytellers on a lighted stage with professional sound. Sign up beginning at 6:30 p.m. Light snacks, coffee provided. Free. Call 525-9333 or 915-799-5684.

7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Community Contra Dance, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla. Lonnie Ludeman and Lewis Land will call the dances to live old-time music by the Muletones from Dell City/Hillsboro, N.M. Sponsored by the Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society. Lessons for beginners at 7:30 p.m. Cost $5; $2 for 17 and under. Call 522-1691.

8 p.m. "Godspell," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets $10, $9 and $7. Reservations strongly recommended. Call 523-1223.

SATURDAY 1.16

8 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 fruit and vegetables and unique fine art, along with much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

9 a.m. to noon, Quilting Demonstrations and Guided Tours, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. in conjunction with the quilt exhibits "Living Colour" and "A Moment in Time" on display throughout January. Free. Call 541-2154 or visit www.las-cruces.org.

10:30 a.m. Children's Stories, Coas Bookstores, 317 S. Main St. and 669 S. Solano Drive. Louise O'Donnell will be the storyteller at the downtown location and Sonya Weiner will be the storyteller at the Solano Coas store. Coas will give coupons for free books to all children who attend.

1 p.m. Artists' Dialogue, Preston Contemporary Art Center, 1755 Avenida de Mercado, Mesilla. Presentations by Malaika Zbesheski Charbonneau, mixed media on canvas; Dan Davidson, painting and drawing; Amy M. Lam Wai Man, mixed media; Alan Weinstein, painting; and Peter Zelle, glass sculpture. Free. Call 523-8713 or visit www.prestoncontemporaryart.com.

1 to 4 p.m. Colcha Embroidery Workshop, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Learn the basics of Colcha embroidery stitching and complete a small in-class project. Bring a 6-inch embroidery hoop and scissors. Cost $25 ($20 for museum volunteers and members). Pre-registration is required. Call 522-1400.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Middle Eastern ethnic drum class, My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. $2 donation. Call 526-9509.

6 to 9 p.m. Live Jazz, The Player's Grill, NMSU Golf Course Clubhouse, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. Featuring Jim Shearer. Purchase tickets in advance or at the door. Cost $10. Call 646-2457.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center, Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples and singles ages 50 and older are invited to dance to the music of Jim Corrons. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost $6. Call 528-3000.

8 p.m. "Godspell," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets $10, $9 and $7. Reservations strongly recommended. Call 523-1223.

The Doña Ana Arts Council presents internationally renowned concert pianist, Frederick Moyer, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the Rio Grande Theatre.

SUNDAY 1.17

1:30 to 5 p.m. Continuous Strand Weaving, Tea Cup Garden Studio, 1955 Ricon de Amigos. Work on triangular looms, equipment provided. One time fee, $60. Call 680-0791.

2 p.m. Jazz Unlimited Big Band, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Free.

2 to 4 p.m. Bluegrass, Country, Folk Music Jam, Doña Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina St., Room 129. Held the first and third Sundays of the month. Park in the back of the building on Gregg St. Free. Call 526-5174.

6:30 p.m. The Big Band on the Rio Grande and Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society meeting, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. The band plays the styles of Stan Kenton and Don Ellis with arrangements of "Stompin' at the Savoy," "All the Things You Are" and "Yesterdays." Social time begins at 6:30 p.m. with jazz at 7 p.m. Cost $1 students, $5 members and $8 non-members. Call 525-9333.

TUESDAY 1.19

10 a.m. to noon, Sit and Stitch, St. Paul's Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Free to all handcrafts. Call 922-2984 or email susana50@comcast.net.

7 p.m. Southern New Mexico Gourd Artists, Doña Ana Extension Office, 530 N. Church St. Call 523-1740.

7 to 9 p.m. Continuous Strand Weaving, My Place, 140-A Wyatt. Work on triangular looms, equipment provided. One time fee, $60. Call 680-0791.

7:30 p.m. Frederick Moyer, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. Concert pianist known for his delightful commentary from the stage. Tickets $25. Call 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

WEDNESDAY 1.20

8 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 fruit and vegetables and unique fine art, along with much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

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6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Drum Class for Women, Mikey's Place – A Workshop for the Arts, 3100 Harrelson St., at Conway, Mesilla Park. Hand drums, all levels. Cost $5. Email mvalverde@zianet.com.

6:30 p.m. Stitch 'n' Visit, Hastings, 2350 Lohman Ave. The focus of the group is sharing creative ideas and good conversation. To participate, bring a portable craft such as knitting, crochet, cross-stitch or embroidery. Free. Call 525-1625 or email meadows@zianet.com

THURSDAY 1.21

9 a.m. to noon, Continuous Strand Weaving, My Place, 140-A Wyatt. Work on triangular looms, equipment provided. One time fee, $60. Call 680-0791.

7 to 9 p.m. The Big Band Dance Club, dance ballroom, swing and Latin styles to the music of the High Society Orchestra, Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Singles and couples over 21 are welcome. There is a dress code. Cost is $7 for members, $9 for guests. Call 523-1076 or 525-9227, or email bigbanddanceclub.org.

FRIDAY 1.22

5:30 p.m. Guided Quilt Tours, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Tours of the Association of Pacific West Quilters: traveling exhibit "Living Colour," including critique of the quilts and techniques used. Call 541-2154 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums

8 p.m. "Godspell," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets $10, $9 and $7. Reservations strongly recommended. Call 523-1223.

SATURDAY 1.23

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10:30 a.m. Children's Stories, Coas Bookstores, 317 S. Main St. and 669 S. Solano Drive. Pat Gill will be the storyteller at the downtown location, and Florence Hamilton will be the storyteller at the Solano Coas store.

6 to 9 p.m. Live Jazz, The Player's Grill, NMSU Golf Course Clubhouse, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. Featuring Jim Shearer. Cost $10. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Player's Grill or at the door. Call 646-2457.

SUNDAY 1.24

1:30 to 5 p.m. Continuous Strand Weaving, Tea Cup Garden Studio, 1955 Rincon de Amigos. One time fee, $60. Call 680-0791.

2:30 p.m. "Godspell," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets $10, $9 and $7. Reservations strongly recommended. Call 523-1223.

TUESDAY 1.26

10 a.m. to noon, Sit and Stitch, St. Paul's Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Free to all handcrafts. Call 922-2984 or email susana50@comcast.net.

5:30 p.m. La Cella Bella, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. Doña Ana Arts Council heralds the return of the popular cello quartet made up of four Las Cruces area women: Alison Reynolds, Tatiana Dickens, Debbie Eckles and Alicia Dolan. Call 523-6403 or visit www.RioGrandeTheatre.com.

7 to 9 p.m. Continuous Strand Weaving, My Place, 140-A Wyatt. Work on triangular looms, equipment provided. One time fee, $60. Call 680-0791.

WEDNESDAY 1.27

8 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 fruit and vegetables and unique fine art, along with much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

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THURSDAY 1.28

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. La Cella Bella Cello Quartet, St. Clair Bistro, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla. The group plays a mix of popular songs for all ages and tastes. Call 649-5135.

7 p.m. "Godspell," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets $10, $9 and $7. Reservations strongly recommended. Call 523-1223.

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THEATRE

Diven: 'Happy to Be Here'

Boba Cabaret presents winter concerts

Boba Café Cabaret presents Las Cruces singer-songwriter Bob Diven in another weekend of original songs about life, love, road-killed animals and dinosaurs.

The National Public Radio website writes: "A singer-songwriter with a comic twist, Bob Diven writes songs that take a lighter look at relationships, the nature of men and women, his father and ridiculous signs."

Performances will be twice nightly, Friday, Jan. 15 and Saturday, Jan. 16.

The cabaret winter series continues Jan. 22 and 23 with popular oldies trio "Chain of Fools," and concludes Jan. 29 and 30 with saxophone quartet "Diffusion."

Dinner seats at 6 p.m. with show time at 7 p.m. Cocktail show seats at 8:15 p.m. with show time at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner shows are $25, which includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner entree, gratuity and one complementary house beverage (beer and wine included). The 8:30 p.m. cocktail show tickets are $10. Tickets for students and seniors are $8. For reservations call 647-5900. Boba Café is located at 1900 S. Espina St.

Hard Road CDs available

Steve Smith, Chris Sanders and Hard Road announce their new CD "Signs Along the Way." The CD is comprised of 11 original works featuring Bill Evans on banjo, Megan Lynch on fiddle, Bill Amatneek on bass, Aaron McCloskey on guitar, Chris Sanders on vocals and guitar and Steve Smith on vocals and mandolin. Making special appearances are Nate Lee on fiddle, Ruben Galvan on percussion and Erik Unsworth, Erin Youngberg and Ashleigh Caudill on bass. CDs are available at their shows, at Milagro Coffee y Espresso, 1733 E. University Ave. and at www.desertnight.com.

Smith performs at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, in a solo show at Brigid's Cross, 1338 Picacho Hills Drive.

ACT presents theater classes

A Children's Theatre (ACT) of the Mesilla Valley presents its spring production class beginning Tuesday, Jan 19.

Kindergarten through second grade meets from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Third through fifth and sixth grade and up meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The group is working on the play, "The Birds" by Aristophanes and will cast all participants. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuition is $110.

Film classes meet from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Jan. 25. Tuition is $110.

Pre-school classes will meet from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays from Jan. 26 to Feb. 23. Tuition is $35.

All classes are held at Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., Mesilla Park. Call 571-1413 or visit www.zianet.com/act.

'Godspell' rocks the Black Box Theatre

No Strings Theatre Company presents "Godspell" by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Teblak and directed by Dale Pawley. The rock musical production opens on Friday, Jan. 15 and runs through Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Pawley has directed musicals at Black Box Theatre – "Always Patsy Cline" and "Tell Me On A Sunday" – and Las Cruces Community Theatre, most recently "Hello Dolly" and "Crazy for You."

Walter Carr plays Judas and Joshua Taulbee plays JC in the Black Box Theatre's production of "Godspell."

Acting, singing and dancing in "Godspell" are Julian Alexander, Margie Brouhard, Walter Carr, Linda Cowan, Matthew Esqueda, Rebecca MacCallum, Janet Mazdra, Michele Nishiguchi, Mark Hammersmith, Kim Wollard, Amy Upshaw and Joshua Taulbee as "JC." The SonShine Band includes Danny Wade, Clif Warren, Karen Warren and Tom Warren.

"Godspell" is one of the biggest off-Broadway and Broadway musicals of all time, primarily based on the Gospel according to Matthew and the musical score includes "Day by Day," "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord" and "Save The People."

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 24 and 31 and a Thursday performance at 7 p.m. on Jan. 28. General admissiong tickets are $10; students and seniors over $65 are $9. All seats on Thursday are $7.

Reservations are recommended. Call 523-1223 or visit www.no-strings.org.

CALL TO ARTISTS

ASTC AUDITIONS

The American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC) at New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department is holding auditions for its spring 2010 productions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Hershel Zohn Theatre. Needed are men and women ages 18 to 60. Sign up for an audition slot on the callboard in the Hershel Zohn Theatre lobby until Friday, Jan. 15. Actors must prepare one contemporary comic monologue running no longer than 60 seconds. NMSU Theatre Arts majors only are asked to prepare an additional contrasting monologue running no longer than 60 seconds. Performances begin with "The Eurydice Project," Feb. 19 through March 7, followed by "The Government Inspector," April 16 through May 2. Call 646-5418.

NO STRINGS THEATRE COMPANY

The theater announces auditions for "Rabbit Hole," written by David Lindsay-Abaire and directed by No Strings Theatre Company's Artistic Director Ceil Herman. Auditions will be held at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 18 and 19. Needed are two women (20s to 30s) and two men (one to play 17, and one 30s to 40s). The role of Nat is precast. A perusal script is on reserve at the Reference Desk at Branigan Library. The show runs from Feb. 26 through March 14, with an option to extend to March 21. Email nstcbbt@zianet.com.

LAS COLCHERAS QUILT SHOW

Entries are now being accepted for the 2010 Las Colcheras Quilt Guild 10th Judged Quilt Show to be held Feb. 6 and 7, at the New Mexico State University Corbett Center Student Union. Deadline is Jan. 23. Call 522-4902 or visit www.lcqg.org.

FOR THE LOVE OF ART CELEBRATION

The Town of Mesilla seeks artists to participate in For the Love of Art Celebration on the Mesilla Plaza from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. Work must be original and created by the displaying artist. Artists must be present during the event. No imported, kit or commercial objects accepted. Artist must have, or obtain, a business license in the Town of Mesilla effective for the year March 15, 2009, through March 14, 2010.

Deadline is 5 p.m. Jan. 27. Call 524-3262 ext. 116 or email kmedina_tom@comcast.net.

MASTERWORKS OF NEW MEXICO

MasterWorks is looking for entries for its 12th annual premier show of fine art, open to all New Mexico artists in four divisions – miniatures, pastel, water media and oil/acrylic. An artist may enter one or all of the divisions. The show will take place April 10 through April 30, at Expo New Mexico Hispanic Arts Building in Albuquerque. Deadline for digital entries and larger works is Jan. 30. Deadline for miniatures, shipped works is March 20. Deadline for miniatures, hand-delivered works is March 28. Call 505-260-9977, visit www.masterworksnm.org or email bardean@aol.com.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO/ EL PASO JURIED EXHIBITION

Submissions will be accepted from artists ages 18 and over producing artwork in Doña Ana, Hidalgo, Grant, Luna, Sierra, Otero, Eddy, Lincoln, Chaves, Roosevelt and Lea counties, N.M.; and El Paso. All media will be considered. This will be the first of a series of regional juried exhibitions to be hosted by the PCAC. Deadline is Monday, Feb. 1, for the exhibition scheduled March 5 through 28. New Mexico State University art professor emeritus Joshua Rose will jury the exhibition. A prospectus is available at www.prestoncontemporaryart.com, at the PCAC, or by request. Call 523-8713 or email bschranz@prestoncontemporaryart.com.

LOS ARTESANOS GALERIA

Artists are invited to submit their work for jury consideration in Los Artesanos Galeria. All media will be considered. Work must be original and created by the submitting artist. Submission by email is preferred. Deadline is Feb. 28. Send artist's information name, media, address, email and phone number plus three to five images to losartesanoslc@aol.com. If using the postal service, send artist's information plus a CD containing three to five images of artist's work to Los Artesanos, 8621 Charro St., Las Cruces, NM 88011. CD's will not be returned. Call 526-1144 or email losartesanoslc@aol.com.

NEW DESERT HARMONY SINGERS

New Desert Harmony Singers, a mixed community chorus, auditions singers at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday prior to beginning rehearsals at 7 p.m. for the annual summer concert. The group meets at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Call 526-9618 or visit www.newdesertharmonysingers.blogspot.com.

CELESTIAL SOUNDS

Celestial Sounds, a community women's choir, is looking for women who enjoy singing. Singers should be a least 16 years old. Rehearsals will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan.18, at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. The group meets on Mondays leading up to performances in May. The music ranges from classical to contemporary and popular selections. Call 524-0930.

NEW HORIZONS SYMPHONY

The New Horizons Symphony, under the direction of Oscar Butler, is an amateur now in its fourth season. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Las Cruces High School, 1755 El Paseo Road, Orchestra Room. Call 526-8053.

CALL FOR POETS

An Andy Warhol exhibit is coming to the Las Cruces Museum of Art, and a reading to celebrate it will occur at the Museum from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. The theme of this reading is "popular culture," including any of the pop icons Warhol painted, printed or photographed. If you have poems about celebrities – Elvis, Marilyn, Mick, Einstein, Freud, Campbell's Soup, etc. – join us. Call 541-8073.

OUTDOOR ART SUBMISSIONS

Outdoor large art submissions are being accepted for display at the Frame and Art Center on the intersection of South Main Street and Idaho Avenue/Avenida de Mesilla. There is a concrete pad available that measures 4-by-4-feet and can hold about 1,000 pounds. The art may or may not be for sale and would be on display for a limited time. Set up and take down will be the artist s responsibility. Submit photos of the art to be juried to the Frame and Art Center, 1100 S. Main St. Call 526-2808.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

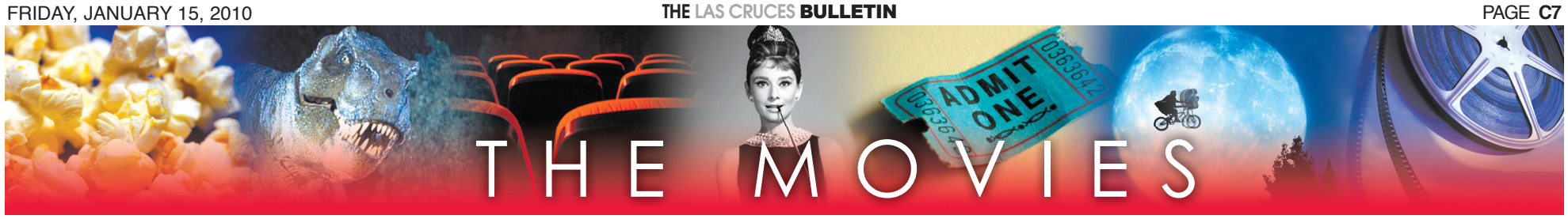
The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, has openings for interested fine art artists. Call 522-2933, or stop by the gallery to pick up an application.

CITY OF ARTISTS

City of Artists Promotional Association was formed to promote the arts in the Las Cruces, Mesilla and surrounding areas. Through a website, local venues, association with galleries and other business groups that are actively building an interest in the arts, CAPA works to create a nationally-known arts community in Las Cruces. Anyone interested in joining City of Artists should log on to www.cityofartists.org, for a membership form.

MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is looking for volunteers to help educate visitors about farming, ranching and rural life in New Mexico. The museum is also looking for volunteers who can demonstrate crafts such as leather tooling, quilting, weaving, wool spinning, sewing, candle making, embroidery and storytelling. Tour guides also are needed. The museum offers a free training program for volunteers. Call 522-4100, ext. 116.



It's good 'The Boys are Back'

But someone else will have to do the cooking

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

With schmaltz opportunities abounding, director Scott Hicks ("Shine" and "Snow Falling on Cedars") carefully negotiates the minefield of emotions with only a few stumbles in this quietly moving and humorous film, which stars the heartthrob of many, Clive Owen.

Owen, whom I saw at a glance when he appeared at a special screening of the film at the Mill Valley Film Festival in October, 2009, did not acknowledge my presence or help revive my wife who swooned as he walked by to get into his waiting vehicle.

But that's OK, he makes up for that by turning in a nice performance as suddenly single dad, Joe Warr, an Australian newspaper sportswriter.

When his wife suddenly dies of cancer, Warr is completely unprepared to take on the duty of both parents, but nonetheless does so, in a kind of well meaning but sometimes dangerous method of what might be called "primal" parenting.

Most anything goes for Artie, his younger son from this marriage, and things change dramatically when his slightly older son, Harry, decides to join the fray, known as the Warr household. Driving on the beach while sitting on the hood of the Range Rover is all part of a day's schedule, along with complete disregard for good eating habits, as cold cereal becomes the seven major food groups by proxy.

For the most part, Warr is overwhelmed and reticent about giving up the lifestyle he shared with his wife, which mostly included weekend fathering as he loped around the (beautifully shot) Australian countryside, covering his favorite sports, players and teams for a metro daily paper.

The women that happen into the film, except for the ghostly appearance of his wife, Katy, who offers great maternally-based advise when Warr is about to come apart, all fall into pretty much the same category – annoying. The nosy mother-in-law and ex-wife all object wholeheartedly to what is going on, even though Warr's parenting skills work well for what he is doing with his two sons.

A neighbor woman comes onto Warr as a possible love interest, only to find that she is soon relegated to the role of housekeeper in the decidedly (as time goes by) more settled Warr household.

"The Boys are Back" turns in terrific performances by Owen and young Nicholas McNulty, and this combined with a refreshed version of an old story beautifully photographed, help to make the film something that appeals to all, while escaping the "chick flick" label.

Skip the silly title of this film, which makes it sound like a gangster reunion piece, and enjoy the acting provided by Owen and the mostly believable story of fatherhood discovered.

Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. These reviews reflect his opinion of the movie only, not that of anyone else connected with the film society. Jeff Berg was raised in a single parent household for which he is glad. Write me at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com

Theron sizzles in 'The Burning Plain'

Two screenings set for complex film shot in and around Las Cruces

The CineMatinee for Saturday, Jan. 16, is "The Burning Plain," much of which was filmed in and around Las Cruces (2009, 110 minutes, rated R).

The Mexican screenplay writer Guillermo Arriaga has an impressive record of well-received, multi-narrative dramas: "Babel," "21 Grams" and "Amores Perros." He has a gift for revealing the mystery of human personality and the consequences of the choices we make in our lives. In his debut as a director, he takes a multidimensional look at the reasons behind the self-destructive behavior of Sylvia (Charlize Theron), a restaurant manager in Portland, Ore.

The back-story strands include the love affair between Mexican-American Nick Martinez (Joaquim Almeida) and Gina (Kim Basinger). They are both married, but get involved in a passionate relationship in New Mexico. They die in bed together when a fire sweeps through the place in the desert where they have been having sex. At his father's funeral, Nick's teenage son Santiago (J. D. Pardo) sees Gina's daughter Mariana (Jennifer Lawrence). Out of mutual curiosity, they begin a relationship that is fraught with danger and strangeness.

The other back-story deals with Santiago (Danny Pino) who is a single parent of 12-year-old daughter, Maria. He works as a crop-duster. Her life is upended when he is involved in an accident and decides to take some drastic action.

Theron gives a searing performance as Sylvia, the woman with a dark past of pain, loneliness and anger. She has turned into a person who casually has sex with strangers but does not enjoy it. When Carlos (Jose Maria Yazpik), Santiago's best friend, shows up in Portland, she knows that he has something important to tell her.

In "The Burning Plain," Arriaga again demonstrates the skill and ease in his mastery of the multi-narrative medium. We find ourselves bonding with Sylvia as she faces a challenge familiar to most of us: the need to come to grips with the past and put it behind us.

The Fountain Theatre will screen this movie twice – at 1:30 and 4:15 p.m. – on Saturday, Jan. 16. 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. Call 524-8287.

ACADEMY FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

January
Culture & Society of India
Presented by Dr. Chris Erickson,
Dr. Grace Ann Roslie and Dr. David Boje, NMSU
Home of Jains, Hindus, and Sikhs, India in the last decade has transformed itself from a traditional society to a dynamic country.

Date & Time.....Mondays and Wednesdays, January 18, 20, 25, 27
Coffee.....10:00-10:30 a.m.
Program.....10:30-12:00 p.m.
Location.....Good Samaritan Auditorium • 3011 Buena Vida Circle
Fee.....$4 per day - members • $5 per day - non-members

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FEATURED ARTIST

George Mendoza:

Conquering the world from his backyard

Internationally renown artist's Mulberry Tree painting inspires design for fabric collection

By Jeff Barnet
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Years ago, George Mendoza painted a mulberry tree in his backyard at 1830 Baldwin Drive. The tree – and Mendoza – have now gone worldwide.

Mendoza's "Wise Tree" painting is the inspiration for a collection of fabrics that began international distribution in the fall of 2009 via Westminster Fibers, Inc., an England-based company with a division in North Carolina. Westminster bought the rights to 37 of Mendoza's painting designs for its Free Spirit brand of clothing, bedding, quilts, table clothes and more.

A second collection will be out in May. The collection is currently ranked No. 7 in sales in the international quilt market. Mendoza's designs are in North America, Europe, Great Britain, Asia and Australia.

"It's a fluke that has gone worldwide," he said. "It's like blind guy gone wild."

Mendoza, who is legally blind, is something of a legend. He has been the subject of two PBS documentaries. He has published novels, shown his paintings worldwide and ran in the Olympic games for people with disabilities in 1980 and 1984, posting a 4:17 mile. He has traveled the world as a motivational speaker.

At age 15, he became legally blind due to a rare form of macular degeneration. After living in limbo for several years, Mendoza said he first found solace in running, then later in painting, writing and filmmaking.

"It's the power of imagination," he said. "There are no limitations to the mind's eye."

The artist in his "studio" at 1830 Baldwin Drive.

> "The backyard is where the imagination flows."

What color is the wind?

Mendoza said his vision is approximately 20/800.

"I live in a world of gray mist with colors on top of it," he said.

The colors and shapes – dazzling, whirling, bright – are with him all day. When he was 15, a girl who was born blind asked him, "What color is the wind?"

A Franciscan friar also encouraged him to paint his visions, and by the early 1990s, Mendoza had taken up painting seriously.

"The art came out of the tragedy," he said. "Adversity can crush people, but it can also bring greatness. I'm lucky to be blessed with many gifts. Painting is a gift, I think."

He has created more than 250 paintings, most of them done at his home studio.

"The backyard is where the imagination flows. The sunlight is so beautiful, so powerful. I put up my easel, pop open a can of Coca-Cola. My neighbors think I'm insane," he said with a laugh.

He said his images, which are bright and cheerful, seem to have hit a chord during a time of recession.

"My art is free and full of spirit," he said. "I guess that is something people need at this time."

Quilters in particular have been taken by his designs, he said. His work will be the theme of next year's Las Cocheras' President's Quilting Challenge: "By George."

When his agent, Ketra Oberlander of the Art of Possibility Studios in California, called him in the summer of 2009 to tell him that he had a cotton fabric deal, he didn't think much about it.

"I didn't plan this at all," he said. "I worked hard and got lucky. My art hit the digital age. The strange thing is that what I've really been working on is the script."

Mendoza and collaborator James Nathan Post are hoping to finish the script of "Touching the Sun," a feature film about Mendoza's life as a runner, speaker and artist, by the spring.

"I want Hollywood to meet the art world and be razzle-dazzled," he said.

'It's OK to see different'

Mendoza has lived in Las Cruces for 37 years.

"I could never live anywhere else," he said. "What would I do in New York?"

The warmth and support of family and friends and the people of Las Cruces has been tremendous, he said. He gives special credit to Thomas Kindig, who designed his website, and Frank Castillo, friend of 35 years. His art is so deeply influenced by the desert, he said, that not only must he be in Las Cruces, but he must stay at 1830 Baldwin Drive.

"I'm kind of superstitious," he said. "As though the creativity comes from 1830 Baldwin. If I left, would it stop?"

Though he loves "being the messenger with the message," he put aside motivational speaking after air travel became too cumbersome. He wrote 10 fantasy novels, which he describes as "the 'Wizard of Oz' meets 'Braveheart,'" and published three of them.

"Right now, it's the feature film," he said. "After that, who knows? I just roll with it."

His message, he said, has been the same. "Dream big and take risks," he said. "My mother taught me that. The imagination is powerful. Maybe blindness isn't such a bad thing. It's OK to see different in this world."

George Mendoza
Painter, writer

Fabrics:
- Showing at Organ Mountain Quilt Shop and Bernina Sewing and Design Center

Paintings:
- Rio Grande Theatre Galleries "Love of Art" month, Feb. 5
- Ellen Noel Art Museum, Odessa, Texas, 2010
- "Vision of the Soul," Smith Kramer Traveling Exhibitions, worldwide, 2009-2011

Films:
- "Vision of the Soul," PBS, 2006
- "The George Mendoza Story," PBS, 1989

Books:
- "Spirit Man," George Mendoza and James Nathan Post, 2008
- "A Vision of Courage," George Mendoza and James Nathan Post, 2001
- "Running Toward the Light," biography by William Buchanan, 1994

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- www.georgemendoza.com
- www.visionofthesoul.org

Mendoza displays one of the fabrics his art inspired.

Bulletin Restaurant Guide

Down a daily dose of goodness

Fruit, sherbet concoctions are good for what ails you

By Kristine Sandrick
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Cold and flu season is upon us but you can help keep germs at bay by enjoying a healthful smoothie from Keva Juice.

Located across from New Mexico State University and a toss-of-an-apple west of Kinkos, Keva Juice is one of a dozen such shops in the state. Robin Jenkins manages this store.

"We make the best-tasting smoothie and offer nutrition in the tastiest form we can," she said.

Smoothies are blended concoctions loaded with fruit, juice and sherbet, and can be jazzed up with supplements to help cure what ails you. There are also non-dairy choices, which are made with honey rather than sherbet.

Jenkins said there are many different flavors and combinations, with the recipe options listed on a menu board. Customers can order a smoothie by name or create their own drinks.

The most popular smoothies, Jenkins said, are Passion Paradise – made with mango and guava juice, peaches, strawberries and pineapple sherbet; Lime Me – raspberry juice, strawberries, raspberries and lime sherbet; and Mellow Mango – strawberries, peaches, mango juice and pineapple sherbet.

Smoothies come in 12, 24 and 32 ounces. Prices range from $1.63 for a shot to just over $4 for a large smoothie.

While the drinks come in a variety of flavors and sizes, things get more interesting when you add a supplement.

Consider adding vitamins, chromigizer – which controls metabolism, protein, fiber, immunigizer – with Echinacea or Kevagizer – ginseng and bee pollen, a natural stimulant for the brain "that helps you receive energy without the effects of an energy drink," Jenkins said. There are also supplements for stress relief, which are some of the shop's most popular.

"With any size smoothie, you get one free supplement and every additional supplement is 47 cents," Jenkins said. "The most popular supplements are Keva and the stress relief."

Keva is made from wheat grass.

For just $1.63, including tax, you can down antioxidants in a shot of wheat grass or acai. The benefits are amazing, Jenkins said.

"One shot of wheat grass equals 2-and-a half pound of vegetables, which is half the daily suggested serving.

STEVE MACINTYRE I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Keva Juice is open seven days a week and offers blended, healthful beverages and supplements.

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"We cut it off while its growing so it's as fresh as possible. You get the most amount of nutrients as possible – the moment it's cut it starts losing nutrients," Jenkins said.

Custom smoothies can be conjured up on the spot, so if you feel like an apple you can have apple.

"We can do whatever you want," she said.

What about calories?

The calorie count varies among Keva Juice's offerings because the sherbets have different calorie counts, Jenkins said. The Liquid Olympian has the highest number of calories with 271 per serving. Made from orange juice, honey, bananas, strawberries and peaches, the Olympian probably gets its calories and carbs from the fruit and honey.

"The lowest is Berry Berry Good," Jenkins said.

It's made with raspberry juice, raspberries, blueberries and yogurt for approximately 140 calories.

She suggests that people have a Keva meal a day instead of a piece of pizza because the fruit, supplements and juice in a smoothie are much more healthful with the protein and nutrients it contains.

"It's better for you than a cheeseburger that has empty calories," she said. "Plus, Keva juice is really good when you're sick because the amount of nutrients in the vegetable content is a massive immune boost and is good to fight off colds."

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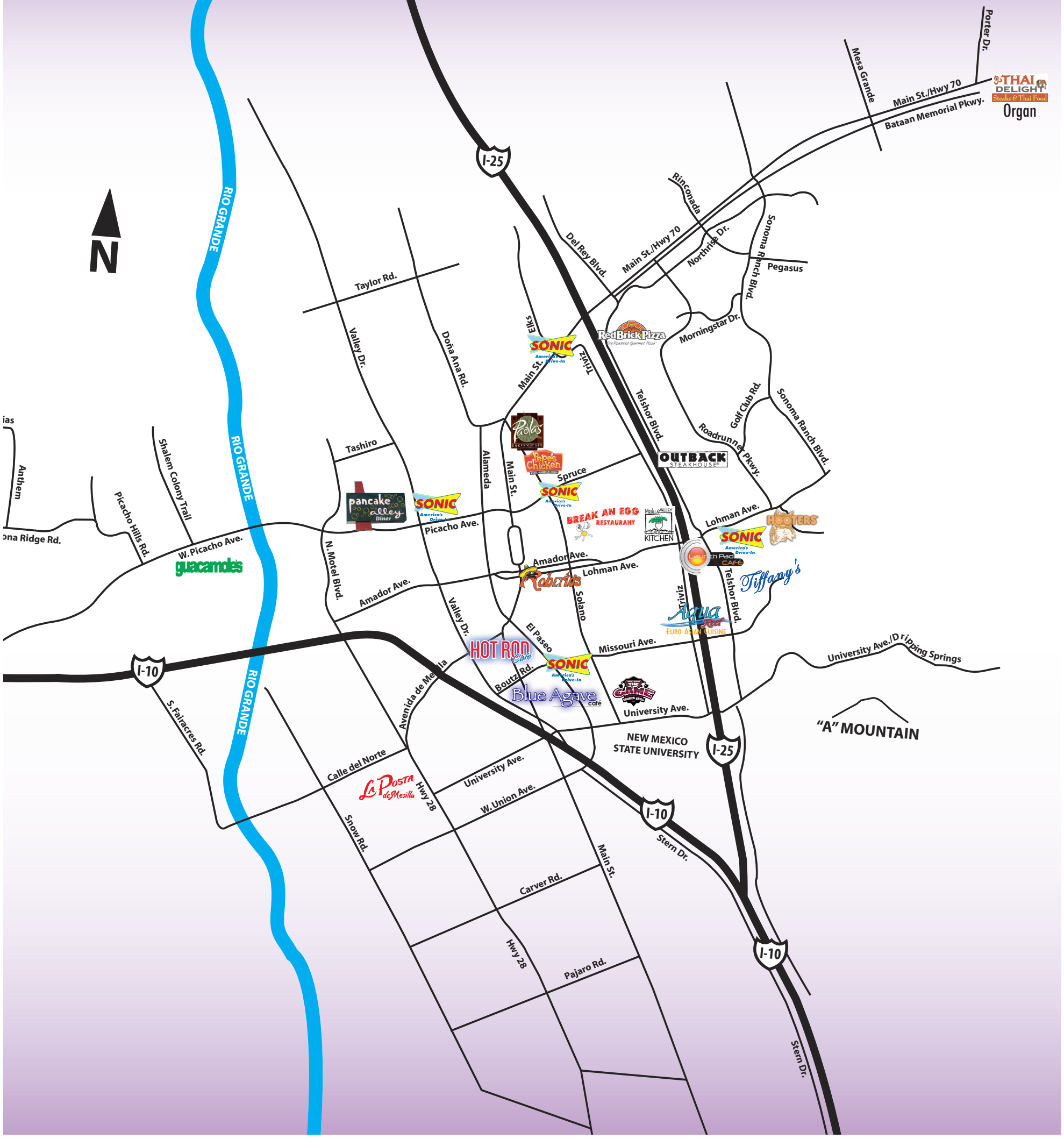

Television Listings

Sports News Movies

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FRIDAY EVENING — JANUARY 15, 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	2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC	Wash Wk	McL'ghlin	NOW	Wash	Bill Moyers Journal		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium (N) cc		NUMB3RS cc		News	Letterman		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent. Ton.	Supernanny (N)		Shark Tank (N)		20/20 cc		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil (N) cc		News	Two Men	Bones cc		Dollhouse (N) cc		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Law & Order (N)		Dateline NBC cc		The Jay Leno Show		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show (N)		Smallville "Kandor"		Smallville cc		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	Home Videos		★★ "Blown Away" (1994) Jeff Bridges.				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	SportsCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Atlanta Hawks.					NBA Basketball: Magic at Trail Blazers					SportsCenter cc	
ESPN2	27	NFL Live	NFL's Greatest Game (N)			Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) cc				SportsCenter cc		NFL Live	SportsNation cc		Baseball
USA	31	NCIS	NCIS "Iced" cc		★★★ "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007) George Clooney.					(:03) ★★ "The Game Plan" (2007, Comedy) cc					Aces
TNT	32	Bones cc		★★ "Madea's Family Reunion" (2006)				★★ "I Think I Love My Wife" (2007) cc				CSI: NY cc		"Deliver Us-Eva"	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★ "Miss Congeniality" (2000) Sandra Bullock.					Funny	(9:55) ★★ "The Mexican" (2001) cc			
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Comedy	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	John Oliver		Presents	Presents	Giant	Giant
LIFE	39	Project Runway		Project Runway: All Star Challenge cc				Project Runway		Models	Will	Frasier	Medium cc		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge		Chopped		Diners	Diners	Best	Best	Good	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Best	Best
HGTV	41	House	House	Property	Property	House	Buck	House	House	Unsella	First Pla.	House	Buck	House	House
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds	
HIST	44	Gangland cc		Gangland Phoenix.		Gangland (N) cc		Madhouse cc		Jobsite cc		(:01) Gangland		(:01) Gangland	
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear	
DISC	47	Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers (N)		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers	
ANPL	50	Untamed and Uncut		I'm Alive cc		I Shouldn't Be Alive		The Haunted (N)		I Shouldn't Be Alive		The Haunted		Untamed and Uncut	
FAM	51	Funny Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club cc		'70s	70s Show	Acne	Paid
DISN	52	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Wizards	Deck	I'm-Band	Phineas	Wizards	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	Fanboy	The	The	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"The Fugitive" cc		★★ "Volcano" (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones.				★★ "Escape From L.A." (1996) cc				"Bram Stoker's Dracula" cc			
SYFY	59	Sanctuary cc		Sanctuary cc		Sanctuary Will falls ill and disappears.				Sanctuary Will falls ill and disappears.				Stargate Atlantis	
CNN	62	CNN Tonight (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 cc				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report (Live)		Iraq	Options	Big Mac: Inside		Swoosh! Inside Nike		Mad Money		Big Mac: Inside		Swoosh! Inside Nike	
MSNBC	64	Hardball cc		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Why Planes		Stripper/Steel	

SATURDAY MORNING — JANUARY 16, 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
PBS	2 22	(Off Air)				Painting	Fine Art	Sews	Creative	Garden	Garden	Cultivating	Hometime
CBS	3 3	Reshape	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo) cc				Busytown	Noonbory-7	Busytown	Sabrina	Busytown	Noonbory-7
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Reporter	Good Morning El Paso		Good Morning America		Good Morning El Paso		School	Replace	So Raven	So Raven
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	House	Paid Prog.	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend	Weekend
NBC	9 9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Today (N) (In Stereo) cc				Turbo	Shelldon	Penguins	Babar (El)	Willa's	Jane
CW	14	(2:30) Storm Track Weather 24/7				Winx Club	Winx Club	Rollbots	Dinosaur	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Sonic X	Sonic X
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	People	Jillian 2wk	Rosetta	Heat Surge	Lifestyle	Pocket	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Humana	Law Order: CI	
ESPN	26	SportsCtr.	NFL	SportsCenter cc		SportsCenter cc		College GameDay (Live)		NFL Countdwn		College Basketball	
ESPN2	27	Fishing	English Premier League Soccer Stoke City vs. Liverpool.					SportsCenter cc		College Basketball Dayton at Xavier. (Live)			
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	White Collar Vicious counterfeiter.			White Collar "Threads"		White Collar cc		Collar
TNT	32	Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Leverage cc		The Closer cc		"Deliver Us From Eva"	
TBS	33	Harvey	Harvey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	(6:55) ★★ "Laws of Attraction" (2004)				(8:55) ★ "Bring It On Again" (2004) Bree Turner			
COM	35	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Presents	★★ "Police Academy 3: Back in Training" cc				★ "Screwed" (2000) Norm Macdonald. cc				Scrubs
LIFE	39	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★ "New Best Friend" (2002) Mia Kirshner. cc			
FOOD	40	Simply	Nigella	Sandra Lee	Krieger	Tyler's Ult.	Ask Aida	30-Minutes	Chef	Home	Paula	Cooking	Ingred. Fix
HGTV	41	House	Sweat	Amazing	Amazing	Holmes on Homes		Sweat	Hammer	Over Head	Carter Can	To Sell	Curb
A&E	43	★★★ "Keeping the Faith" (2000) Ben Stiller. cc					Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House cc		Flip This House cc	
HIST	44	Heavy Metal "PT Boat"		Modern Marvels cc		Modern Marvels cc		Modern Marvels "Milk"		Modern Marvels cc		Modern Marvels cc	
TLC	45	Designing	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder cc		Property Ladder cc		Property Ladder cc		Home Made Simple	
DISC	47	Paid Prog.	Tammy	Money	Insanity	Dirty Jobs cc		Dirty Jobs cc		Howe & Howe Tech		Mega-Excavators cc	
ANPL	50	Dog Show: AKC National Championship				SuperFetch	SuperFetch	It's Me or the Dog		Dogs 101 Traits. cc		Cats 101 cc	
FAM	51	Sabrina	Sabrina	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	8 Rules	8 Rules	8 Rules	★ "What a Girl Wants" (2003) cc		
DISN	52	"Zenon: Girl"		Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Einsteins	Charlie	Tigger	Einsteins	Agent Oso	Handy	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Fanboy	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★ "Blood on the Arrow" (1964) Dale Robertson.				★★★ "Support Your Local Sheriff!" (1969)			
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★ "Darklight" (2004, Horror) Shiri Appleby.				"Reign of the Gargoyles" (2007) Joe Penny.			
CNN	62	Saturday	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning			Bottom	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Profit-Town	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		Muscle Women	

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — JANUARY 16, 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	Wdwright	MotorWeek	NMSU	This Old House Hr	Gourmet	Mexico	Taste This	Julia	New York		Lawrence Welk Show	
CBS	3 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	High School Basketball	College Basketball Illinois at Michigan State. (Live) cc						Paid Prog.	CBS News
ABC	7 7	Paid Prog.	Slim Down	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Profit-Town	Mint	Shark Tank cc		Paid Prog.	At-Movies
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	Kfox	Paid Prog.	Fox NFL Pregame		NFL Football: NFC Divisional Playoff -- Cardinals at Saints				
NBC	9 9	Action Sports From Snowbasin, Utah. cc				Bull Riding PBR Tour. (Taped) cc			Figure Skating			Paid Prog.	Raymond
CW	14	Turtles	Chaotic	J Hanna	Wild Amer	Degrassi	Degrassi	Adventures	Adventures	WHAD	Degrassi	Degrassi	Degrassi
WGN	15	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Legend of the Seeker		Legend of the Seeker		Bones (In Stereo) cc	
ESPN	26	College Basketball		College Basketball				High School Basketball			Who's Number 1?		SportsCtr.
ESPN2	27	College Basketball Missouri at Oklahoma. (Live)				College Basketball Georgia at Mississippi State.				College Basketball Wichita State at Creighton.			
USA	31	Collar	White Collar cc		White Collar "All In"		White Collar "Free Fall"		★★ "The Pacifier" (2005) Vin Diesel. cc				Game Plan
TNT	32	"Deliver Us From Eva"		★★ "The Honeymooners" (2005, Comedy) cc				★★ "Pride" (2007) Terrence Howard. cc				"Love My Wife"	
TBS	33	★★ "The Mexican" (2001) Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts. cc					Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Jim	King	King	The Office
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	★★ "Men at Work" (1990) Emilio Estevez. cc				★★ "Stripes" (1981) Bill Murray, Harold Ramis. cc				
LIFE	39	"Abducted" (2007, Drama) Sarah Wynter. cc				★★ "A Perfect Murder" (1998) Michael Douglas.				"Live Once, Die Twice" (2006) Kellie Martin. cc			
FOOD	40	Giada	Contessa	Worst Cooks		Chopped		Dinner: Impossible		Iron Chef America		Challenge	
HGTV	41	Curb/Block	Outdoor	Outside	Design	Design	Colour	Div. Design	Color	Design Interns cc		To Sell	To Sell
A&E	43	Flip This House cc		★★★ "Little Miss Sunshine" (2006) Greg Kinnear. Premiere.					Dog	Bounty	Dog	Dog	Bounty
HIST	44	Modern Marvels "Nuts"		Modern Marvels "Corn"		Modern Marvels cc		Modern Marvels cc		Modern Marvels cc		Modern Marvels cc	
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	Untold Stories		Emergency Level One		Emergency Level One	
DISC	47	Mega Engineering		Mega Engineering		Impossible City cc		The Ice Hotel cc		Area 51 Military base.		Ghost Lab cc	
ANPL	50	Animal Cops Phoenix		Animal Cops Phoenix		Animals	Animals	Weird	Weird	Lost Tapes	Lost Tapes	The Haunted cc	
FAM	51	★ "What a Girl Wants"		"Another Cinderella Story" (2008) Selena Gomez.				★★ "Bring It On" (2000) Kirsten Dunst. cc				"Bring It On"	
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	"Cow Belles" (2006) (In Stereo) cc			Phineas	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	The Fairly OddParents		Penguins	Penguins	Fanboy	Fanboy	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	(:15) ★★★ "Support Your Local Gunfighter" (1971, Western)					★★ "Escape From L.A." (1996) Kurt Russell.				★★ "Volcano" (1997) Anne Heche		
SYFY	59	"The Dunwich Horror" (2009) Jeffrey Combs.				★ "Joy Ride 2: Dead Ahead" (2008) cc				"Thor: Hammer of the Gods" (2009) cc			
CNN	62	Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Situation Room	
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	Born in the Wrong Body		Born in the Wrong Body		The Vanishing		Inv: Murdered		Chasing the Devil			

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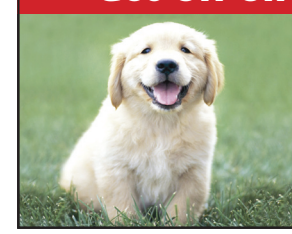

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SATURDAY EVENING — JANUARY 16, 2010

			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	2	22	News	America	Chroni	World	Monarch of the Glen		Wait God	Red	Austin City Limits		Legends & Lyrics		New	Life
CBS	3	3	News	NFL	NFL Football: AFC Divisional Playoff -- Ravens at Colts						Jeopardy	Fortune	News	CSI: NY CC		Cold
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		Castle CC		News (N)	(:35) Cheaters CC		Wired
FOX	8	14	Football	Post	House "Alone"		Cops	Cops (N)	Amer. Most Wanted		News	Seinfeld	Wanda Sykes		Sit Down	Office
NBC	9	9	Paid	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Mercy CC		Law & Order CC		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	(:35) Saturday Night Live (N)		
CW	14		★ "Jury Duty" (1995) Pauly Shore.				"Desperate Hours" (2008) Tom Berenger.				The Hills	The Hills	Payne	Chris	Eye Eye	Eye Eye
WGN	15		Bones CC		★★★ "Unfaithful" (2002) Richard Gere. (In Stereo)					Fun Vi	Scrubs	Scrubs	"Sky Captain-World"			
ESPN	26		(4:30) SportsCenter		College GameDay		Women's College Basketball				SportsCenter (Live) CC			NFL	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27		College Basketball				College Basketball				NBA 10	NBA	Final	Fast	NFL's Greatest	
USA	31		(4:30) ★★ "The Game Plan"		★★★ "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007) George Clooney.						Law Order: CI		Action Sports (N)		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32		"Love My Wife"		★★ "Daddy's Little Girls" (2007) CC				★★ "Last Holiday" (2006) Queen Latifah.				★★★ "The Legend of Bagger Vance"			
TBS	33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	"Miss Congeniality 2"				"Miss Congeniality 2"				"Laws-Attraction"	
COM	35		John Caparulo		Ralphie May		Dave Chappelle		Dane Cook		Nick Swardson		Daniel Tosh		"American Pie" (PA)	
LIFE	39		★★ "Trapped" (2002) Charlize Theron.				★ "Karla" (2006) Laura Prepon. CC				Project Runway		★ "Karla" (2006) Laura Prepon.			
FOOD	40		Flay	Flay	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Iron Chef America		Chopped		Chopped	
HGTV	41		For Rent	House	Divine	Sarah	Outdoor	Block	Design Interns		House	House	Outdoor	Block	Design Interns	
A&E	43		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		(:01) CSI: Miami		(:01) CSI: Miami	
HIST	44		Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest Great white sharks. CC				MonsterQuest "Abominable Snowman"				(:01) MonsterQuest Great white sharks.			
TLC	45		Emergency		Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family
DISC	47		Ghost Lab CC		Ghost Lab CC		Ghost Lab CC		Meteorite Men		Ghost Lab CC		Ghost Lab CC		Ghost Lab CC	
ANPL	50		Pet Psychic		It's Me or the Dog		Underdog		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		Underdog		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		It's Me or the Dog	
FAM	51		"Bring It On"		"Bring It On: All or Nothing" (2006) CC				★★ "Bring It On" (2000) Kirsten Dunst.				★★ "Sleepover" (2004) Alexa Vega. CC			
DISN	52		Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	★★★ "The Incredibles" (2004) CC				"Up, Up and Away" (2000)			Montana
NICK	54		iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Jackson	The	iCarly	Lopez	George	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm
AMC	57		(3:30) "Volcano"		★ "Catwoman" (2004) Halle Berry. CC				★★ "Pitch Black" (2000) Radha Mitchell. CC					★ "The Fan" (1996)		
SYFY	59		"Ghost Town" (2009) Jessica Rose.				"House of Bones" (2010) Premiere.				"Open Graves" (2009) Eliza Dushku. CC				"House of Bones"	
CNN	62		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom	
CNBC	63		Detroit Auto		American Greed		Suze Orman Show		Debt Part	Debt Part	American Greed		Suze Orman Show		Debt Part	Debt Part
MSNBC	64		Rampage Killrs		Lockup "Louisiana"		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup "Riverbend"	

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PBS	2	22	(Off Air)				Dinosaur	Mr Rogers	Sid	Santa Fe	Wash Wk	Legislature	Religion	McLaughlin
CBS	3	3	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Copeland	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Nation	Foods	Paid Prog.	To Be Announced	
ABC	7	7	Rangers	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso		Good Morning America		Good Morning El Paso		This Week (N) CC		Montana	Suite Life
FOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Faith	Paid Prog.	FOX News Sunday		Paid Prog.	Cowboys	Fox NFL Sunday CC	
NBC	9	9	Wine	Old House	Today (N) CC		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Travel NM	Meet the Press (N)		Matthews	Hockey
CW	14		(2:00) Storm Track Weather 24/7				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
WGN	15		Paid Prog.	Facts	Key-David	Jillian 2wk	Jimmy Swaggart CC		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hollywood	Cultivating	WWE Superstars CC	
ESPN	26		NFL	NFL	SportsCenter CC		Outside	Reporters	SportsCenter CC		Sunday NFL Countdown (Live) CC			
ESPN2	27		Saltwater	Fishing	Fishing	Coastal	Pirates	Span. Fly	Fishing	Beat	Final	Fastbreak	30 for 30 CC	
USA	31		Paid Prog.	Creflo Doll	In Touch-Dr		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC	
TNT	32		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order "Remand"		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order "Trophy"		Law & Order "Custody"		Law & Order "Encore"	
TBS	33		S. Harvey	★★ "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" (2003) CC				★★ "Stealth" (2005, Action) Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel.					★★ "Into the Blue"	
COM	35		Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Presents	Giant	Giant	Giant	Giant	Giant	Giant	Giant	Giant	Scrubs
LIFE	39		Ever Increasing Faith		Hour of Power CC		Paid Prog.	Health	Project Runway CC		★★ "Another Woman's Husband" (2000) CC			
FOOD	40		Emeril	Rescue	Secrets of	Ingred. Fix	Cooking	Italian	Contessa	Grill It-Flay	Guy's, Bite	Minute	Money	Dinners
HGTV	41		Yard	Get Out	Curb	Dig In (N)	Yard	Holmes on Homes		Unsellable	Designed	Get It Sold	My House	House
A&E	43		Biography CC		Biography CC		Private Sessions CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC	
HIST	44		Worst Jobs		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC	
TLC	45		Fat Loss	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC	
DISC	47		Fat Loss	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Killer Bees		Killer Crocs		Man vs. Wild CC		Nature's Most Amazing	
ANPL	50		Me or Dog	Me or Dog	Bark Mad	Animals	Me or Dog	Me or Dog	It's Me or the Dog		Wild Kingdom CC		Wild Kingdom CC	
FAM	51		Sabrina	Sabrina	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	★ "What a Girl Wants" (2003) Amanda Bynes. CC					"Another Cinderella"	
DISN	52		Jett	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Einsteins	Charlie	Tigger	Einsteins	Agent Oso	Handy	M. Mouse	Mickey
NICK	54		Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Fanboy	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57		Hellfighters	(:45) ★★ "Eddie and the Cruisers" (1983) Tom Berenger.					★★ "The Astronaut Farmer" (2007) Billy Bob Thornton. CC					The Fan
SYFY	59		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Twilight Zone		★★ "The Crow: Salvation" (2000) Kirsten Dunst.				★★★ "The Crow"	
CNN	62		Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Sunday Morning		State of the Union		King: Sources		State of the Union		State of the Union	
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		Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		Unlocking the Past	

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			11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	2	22	News	NOW	Bill Moyers Journal		Wider	Second	Spirit-Wine	Bird	Travel	Tracks	Antiques Roadshow (N)	
CBS	3	3	TBA	College Basketball Connecticut at Michigan. (Live) CC					NFL	NFL Football: AFC Divisional Playoff -- Jets at Chargers				
ABC	7	7	Paid Prog.	Foods	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Different Books		Paid Prog.	Shaq Vs. CC		Entertainment Tonight	
FOX	8	14	NFL Football: NFC Divisional Playoff -- Cowboys at Vikings						Postgame	Paid Prog.	Extreme	Paid Prog.	Donate	Paid Prog.
NBC	9	9	NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Red Wings				Action Sports (In Stereo Live) CC			Figure Skating			Paid Prog.	NBC News
CW	14		Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Scrubs	Punk'd	Chris	Payne	American Chopper		Latino	LatiNation	Smash Cut	Smash Cut
WGN	15		Jerry&Bill	Coach	★★ "Spies Like Us" (1985) Chevy Chase. CC				★★ "Oh God! You Devil" (1984) George Burns.				Boston Legal CC	
ESPN	26		PBA Bowling			Strongman	Strongman	Strongman	Strongman	Strongman	Strongman	Strongman	World's Strongest Man	
ESPN2	27		Spanish Primera Division Soccer Teams TBA.				Spanish Primera Division Soccer Teams TBA.				Women's College Basketball			
USA	31		★★ "The Pacifier" (2005) Vin Diesel. CC				★★★ "Casino Royale" (2006, Action) Daniel Craig, Eva Green. CC						★★ "Bad Boys II"	
TNT	32		★★★ "The Legend of Bagger Vance" (2000) Will Smith.					★★★ "The Pursuit of Happyness" (2006) Will Smith. CC					★★ "Last Holiday"	
TBS	33		(10:00) "Into the Blue"		"Into the Blue 2: The Reef" (2009, Suspense)				★★★ "Die Hard 2" (1990) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia. CC					Walking
COM	35		Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	★★ "Stripes" (1981) Bill Murray, Harold Ramis. CC					★★★ "American Pie" (1999) Jason Biggs. CC			
LIFE	39		"Joy Fielding's The Other Woman" (2008) CC				★★ "Sex, Lies & Obsession" (2001) CC				"Unstable" (2009, Suspense) Shiri Appleby. CC			
FOOD	40		Home	Big Daddy	Challenge		Diners	Diners	Best Thing	Best Thing	Cakes	Cakes	Worst Cooks	
HGTV	41		First Place	What Get	Bang, Buck	Potential	Estate	Property	House	House	Keys to Castle		To Sell	To Sell
A&E	43		Celebrity Ghost Stories		Celebrity Ghost Stories		Psychic Kids		Psychic Kids		Psychic Kids		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST	44		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest CC		MonsterQuest "Abominable Snowman" CC				MonsterQuest Great white sharks. CC			
TLC	45		BBQ Pitmasters CC		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline: Real Life	
DISC	47		Nature's Most Amazing		Wild Pacific CC		Wild Pacific CC		Wild Pacific "Survivors"		Wild Pacific CC		Wild Pacific CC	
ANPL	50		Natural World CC		Raw Nature CC		Raw Nature CC		Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls and Parolees	
FAM	51		"Another Cinderella"		★★ "Bring It On" (2000) Kirsten Dunst. CC				"Bring It On: In It to Win It" (2007, Comedy) CC				"Bring It On: All"	
DISN	52		Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	★★★ "The Incredibles" (2004) (In Stereo) CC				Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas
NICK	54		iCarly	iCarly	BrainSurge	BrainSurge	Penguins	Penguins	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	iCarly (In Stereo) CC	
AMC	57		(10:30) ★ "The Fan" (1996) Robert De Niro.				★★ "Pitch Black" (2000) Radha Mitchell, Vin Diesel. CC					"League of Extra. Gentlemen"		
SYFY	59		(10:00) "The Crow"		★★ "Saw" (2004, Horror) Cary Elwes, Danny Glover.					★★ "Dominion: A Prequel to the Exorcist" (2005, Horror)				
CNN	62		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Amanpour.		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hair	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ab Secrets	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64		Mississippi Cold Case		Meet the Press CC		Hamptons		Bill. Banker		Deadly Suspicion		Dead Men Talk	

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PBS	2 22	Globe Trekker		Nova (N) CC		Nature (N)		Masterpiece Classic (N) CC		Classical		Inside CC		Rudy	(Off Air)
CBS	3 3	NFL Football		To Be Announced		60 Minutes CC		Cold Case (N) CC		NCIS "Reunion"		News	CSI: NY CC		Paid
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos		Extreme-Home		Desperate House.		Brothers & Sisters		News (N)	News	Movies	Desper
FOX	8 14	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	24 CC		Human Target (N)		24 Negotiating international security. CC				Seinfeld	Office	Deadliest Catch	
NBC	9 9	Red Carpet		The 67th Annual Golden Globe Awards (In Stereo Live) CC						Wrap Party		News (N)	Lopez	Paid	CSI Mi
CW	14	★★ "Blown Away" (1994) Jeff Bridges.				★★★ "In America" (2002, Drama)				Housewives		Access Hollywood		Stargate Atlantis	
WGN	15	Cosby	Cosby	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM	News	Replay	Cheers	Cheers	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM
ESPN	26	SportsCenter (Live) CC		NFL		NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Denver Nuggets. (Live)					SportsCenter (Live) CC			NFL	SportsCtr
ESPN2	27	Tennis Australian Open, First Round. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live) CC													
USA	31	(4:00) ★★ "Bad Boys II" CC				★★★ "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007) George Clooney.				(:03) House CC		(:03) ★★★ "16 Blocks" (2006) CC			
TNT	32	★★ "Last Holiday"		★★★ "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith. CC				(:15) ★★★ "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith. CC					"The Pursuit of Happyness"		
TBS	33	★★ "Walking Tall"		★★★ "The Rock" (1996, Action) Sean Connery.					(:28) ★★★ "The Rock" (1996) Sean Connery.					★★ "Walking Tall"	
COM	35	Daniel Tosh		Demetri Martin		Nick Swardson		Aziz Ansari		Russell Peters		Com. Cen. Hot		Aziz Ansari	
LIFE	39	★★ "Mini's First Time" (2006) CC				★★★ "Gia" (1998, Docudrama) Angelina Jolie. CC					Project Runway		Frasier	Mother	Mother
FOOD	40	Challenge		Challenge (N)		Iron Chef America		Worst Cooks		Flay	Flay	Iron Chef America		Worst Cooks	
HGTV	41	Income	House	Outdoor	Block	House	House	Holmes on Homes		For Rent	Income	House	House	Holmes on Homes	
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Jackson Family		Jackson Family		(:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds	
HIST	44	Madhouse CC		Ax Men CC		Ax Men (N) CC		Madhouse (N) CC		MonsterQuest CC		(:01) Ax Men CC		(:01) Ax Men CC	
TLC	45	48 Hr-Evidence		48 Hr-Evidence		TV Murders		Holloway-Lost		48 Hr-Evidence		TV Murders		Holloway-Lost	
DISC	47	Wild Pacific CC		Planet Earth Extremes "Summit to Abyss"				Planet Earth Extremes "Summit to Abyss"				Planet Earth Extremes "Summit to Abyss"			
ANPL	50	Pit Boss (In Stereo)		I'm Alive CC		I Shouldn't Be Alive		The Haunted		I'm Alive CC		I Shouldn't Be Alive		The Haunted	
FAM	51	"Bring It On: All"		"Bring It On: Fight to the Finish" (2009)				"Bring It On: Fight to the Finish" (2009)				J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Total
DISN	52	Phineas	Phineas	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	"Skyrunners" (2009)			I'm-Band	Phineas	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	Jackson	★★ "Good Burger" (1997) Kel Mitchell.				George	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm
AMC	57	"League-Gentle."		★★★ "Superman Returns" (2006) Brandon Routh. Premiere. CC							★★★ "Superman Returns" (2006) Brandon Routh.				
SYFY	59	★★ "The Skeleton Key" (2005) CC				★★★ "The Prestige" (2006, Drama) Hugh Jackman.					"Dead Like Me: Life After Death" (2009)				Twilight
CNN	62	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		State of the Union	
CNBC	63	Diabetes	Wall St.	The Bubble Decade		Detroit Auto		Biography on CNBC		10 Yrs.-Making		American Greed		Porn: Business	
MSNBC	64	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Why Planes Crash		To Catch a Predator		To Catch a Predator		To Catch a Predator	

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PBS	2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC	Antiques Roadshow		Amer. Experience		Latrobe-First		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Purpose	Two Men	Big Bang	CSI: Miami (N)		News	Letterman		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent. Ton.	The Bachelor: On the Wings of Love (N)				Castle (N) CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	24 Jack and Renee Walker are reunited.				KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Chuck (N) CC		Heroes "Pass/Fail"		The Jay Leno Show		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show		One Tree Hill (N)		Life Unexpected		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	College Basketball				College Basketball Texas at Kansas State.				SportsCenter CC		NFL Live	Fast	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	Women's College Basketball				Tennis Australian Open, First Round. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live) CC									
USA	31	NCIS "Bait" CC		Tom Brokaw		WWE Monday Night Raw CC				(:05) White Collar CC			Law Order: CI		Aces
TNT	32	NBA Basketball		NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Boston Celtics.					NBA Basketball: Magic at Lakers					Inside the NBA	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight (N)		Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	RENO	RENO	RENO	RENO	Futurama	Futurama	Goode	S. Park	Daily	Colbert	Goode	Tosh.0	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		"Held Hostage" (2009) Julie Benz. CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium CC		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge		Good	Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners
HGTV	41	House	House	Property	Property	House	First	House	For Rent	Estate	First	House	First	House	For Rent
A&E	43	Intervention "Janet"		Intervention CC		Intervention (N)		Hoarders (N) CC		Paranor	Paranor	(:01) Intervention		(:01) Intervention	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	
TLC	45	People	People	People	Little	Cake	Cake	BBQ Pitmasters		People	Little	Cake	Cake	BBQ Pitmasters	
DISC	47	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		Motor City Motors		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		Motor City Motors	
ANPL	50	Untamed and Uncut		L.A. Taskforce		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		The Haunted CC		Pit Boss (In Stereo)		The Haunted CC		L.A. Taskforce	
FAM	51	Secret-Teen		Secret-Teen		Make It or Break It		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club CC		Make It or Break It		Thin	Paid
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah Montana		"Princess Protection Program"			Phineas	Phineas	Montana
NICK	54	Sponge	Fanboy	iCarly (N)	Big Time	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	(3:30) "Daylight"		★★★ "Superman Returns" (2006) Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth. CC							★★ "Daylight" (1996, Action) Sylvester Stallone.				
SYFY	59	Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Monster	Monster	Darkness	Darkness	Highlander CC	
CNN	62	CNN Tonight (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper	
CNBC	63	MacHEADS		Biography on CNBC		Big Mac: Inside		The Oprah Effect		Biography on CNBC		Big Mac: Inside		The Oprah Effect	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Obama's America: 2010 and Beyond				Hardball CC		Obama Amer.	

TUESDAY EVENING — JANUARY 19, 2010

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PBS	2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC	Nova (N) (In Stereo)		Frontline (N) CC		Independent Lens		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS CC		NCIS: Los Angeles		The Good Wife		News	Letterman		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent. Ton.	Scrubs	Better Off	Scrubs	Better Off	the forgotten CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	American Idol (N)		Human Target		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	The Biggest Loser (N) (In Stereo) CC				The Jay Leno Show		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show		90210 CC		Melrose Place		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	Home Videos		★★★ "Untamed Heart" (1993) CC				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	College Basketball				College Basketball Purdue at Illinois.				SportsCenter CC		NFL Live	Fast	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball				Tennis Australian Open, Second Round. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live) CC									
USA	31	Law SVU	★★★ "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007) Matt Damon.					White Collar (N)		Law & Order: SVU		Psych CC		White Collar CC	
TNT	32	Bones CC		Bones CC		Bones CC		Southland CC		CSI: NY CC		CSI: NY "Pay Up"		Southland CC	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Lopez Tonight (N)		Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		★★ "Speak" (2004) Kristen Stewart. CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium CC		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge		Cakes	Cakes	Unwrap	Best	Chopped (N)		Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Best	Chopped	
HGTV	41	House	House	First Pla.	First	House	Buck	House	House	Property	First	House	Buck	House	House
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Psychic Kids		Paranor	Paranormal Cops		Paranor	(:01) Criminal Minds		Psychic Kids	
HIST	44	How the Earth		Earth-Made		How the Earth		Life After People (N)		Life After People		Earth-Made		How the Earth	
TLC	45	Little	Little	Cake	Cake	20 Duggars		Little	Little	Cake	Cake	20 Duggars		Little	Little
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs (N) CC		Howe & Howe Tech		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Howe & Howe Tech	
ANPL	50	Raw Nature CC		Weird	Weird	Wild Recon (N)		Maneaters "Bears"		Wild Recon		Weird	Weird	Maneaters "Bears"	
FAM	51	Home Videos		Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos				The 700 Club CC		Secret-Teen		Acne	Thin
DISN	52	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Phineas	Deck	Wizards	Montana	★ "Catch That Kid" (2004)			Phineas	Phineas	Montana
NICK	54	OddPar	Fanboy	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Alien Resurrect"		★★★ "The Matrix" (1999, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves. CC						★★★ "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991) CC					
SYFY	59	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		ECW (Live)		Mass Eff.		"Battlestar Galactica: The Plan" (2009)			Highlan
CNN	62	CNN Tonight (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report (Live)		Biography on CNBC		Buffett-Gates		Mind of Google		Mad Money		Buffett-Gates		Mind of Google	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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PBS	2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC	The Human Spark		Great Performances at the Met (N) CC				Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds (N)		CSI: NY (N) CC		News	Letterman		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent. Ton.	Family	Middle	Family	Cougar	(:01) Ugly Betty (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	American Idol CC		Human Target		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Mercy (N) CC		Law & Order: SVU		The Jay Leno Show		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show		Life Unexpected		Gossip Girl CC		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	Home Videos		★★ "Spies Like Us" (1985, Comedy)				News	Fun Vi	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	College Basketball				NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at San Antonio Spurs.				SportsCenter (Live) CC				SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball				College Basketball Baylor at Kansas.				Tennis Australian Open, Second Round. (Live) CC					
USA	31	NCIS "Jeopardy"		NCIS CC		NCIS "Sea Dog"		NCIS "Sub Rosa"		★ "License to Wed" (2007) CC				Psych CC	
TNT	32	Bones CC		Bones CC		Bones CC		Leverage (N) CC		CSI: NY "Blink"		CSI: NY CC		Leverage CC	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Lopez Tonight (N)		Earl	Earl	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Chap	Chap	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	South Pk	Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		★★ "In the Land of Women" (2007) CC				Project Runway		Frasier	Medium CC		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge		Challenge		B. Flay	Flay	Worst Cooks		Good	Unwrap	B. Flay	Flay	Worst Cooks	
HGTV	41	House	House	Property	Property	House	Income	House	Holmes on Homes		First	House	Income	House	Holmes
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		Dog	Bounty Hunter		Bounty	Seagal	Seagal	Seagal	Seagal	Dog	Bounty Hunter		Bounty
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		The Presidents		MonsterQuest (N)		Madhouse CC		Jobsite CC		(:01) The Presidents		(:01) MonsterQuest	
TLC	45	Holloway-Lost		TV Murders		Hoarders: Buried		Toddlers & Tiaras		TV Murders		Hoarders: Buried		Toddlers & Tiaras	
DISC	47	Man vs. Wild CC		Man vs. Wild CC		Man vs. Wild (N)		Solv.History		Man vs. Wild CC		Solv.History		Man vs. Wild CC	
ANPL	50	Venom 911 CC		Wild Recon		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Wild Recon		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive	
FAM	51	70s Show	'70s	Pixar Short Films CC				Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Phineas	Deck	Wizards	Montana	"Dadnapped" (2009, Comedy)			Phineas	Phineas	Montana
NICK	54	Barnyard	Fanboy	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	(3:00) "The Matrix"		★★ "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001) Owen Wilson.					★★★ "True Lies" (1994, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger. CC						True Lies
SYFY	59	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Scariest Places		Highlander CC	
CNN	62	CNN Tonight (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report (Live)		Biography on CNBC		NEW Wal-Mart		Biography on CNBC		Mad Money		NEW Wal-Mart		Biography on CNBC	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

THURSDAY EVENING — JANUARY 21, 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	2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC	News	Wildlife	Globe Trekker		Roadtrip	Make	Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Big Bang	CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist (N)		News	Letterman		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent. Ton.	The Deep End		Grey's Anatomy (N)		Private Practice (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	Bones (N) CC		Fringe (N) CC		News	Simpsons	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Commun	Parks	Office	30 Rock	The Jay Leno Show		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show		The Vampire Diaries		Supernatural (N)		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	Home Videos		WWE Superstars		Funny Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars		Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				SportsCenter CC		NFL Live	Final	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				Tennis Australian Open, Third Round. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live) CC									
USA	31	Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice (N)		White Collar CC		Psych CC		Burn Notice CC	
TNT	32	NBA Pregame (Live)		NBA Basketball: Lakers at Cavaliers					NBA Basketball: Clippers at Nuggets					Inside the NBA	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	"Without a Paddle: Nature's Calling"				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight (N)		Earl	Name	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	Daily	Colbert	Dunham	Tosh.0	Gabriel Iglesias: Fat		Martin	Silverman	Daily	Colbert	John Oliver		Futurama	Daily
LIFE	39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Project Runway		Project Runway (N)		Models	Project Runway		Models	Project Runway	
FOOD	40	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes
HGTV	41	House	House	First Pla.	First	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House
A&E	43	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 (N)		Manhun	Manhun	Manhun	Manhun	(:01) The First 48		(:01) The First 48	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels (N)		Food Tech (N)		Pawn	Pawn	Food Tech CC		Modern Marvels		(:01) Food Tech	
TLC	45	BBQ Pitmasters		American Chopper		American Chopper		BBQ Pitmasters (N)		American Chopper		BBQ Pitmasters		American Chopper	
DISC	47	Weapons-World		Destroy	Destroy	Explosion Gone		Secret Service		Destroy	Destroy	Explosion Gone		Secret Service	
ANPL	50	Lion Christian		Amazon Abyss (In Stereo)				Piranhas CC		Amazon Abyss (In Stereo)				Lion Christian	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	★★ "Major Payne" (1995, Comedy) CC				Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Phineas	Deck	Wizards	Montana	"Wendy Wu: Warrior"			Phineas	Phineas	Montana
NICK	54	OddPar	Fanboy	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Behind Enemy"		★★★ "Philadelphia" (1993, Drama) Tom Hanks. CC						★★★ "Philadelphia" (1993, Drama) Tom Hanks. CC					
SYFY	59	Star Trek: Next Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		★★★ "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996)					"Stargate: The Ark of Truth" (2008) CC				Stargate
CNN	62	CNN Tonight (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper	
CNBC	63	Kudlow Report (Live)		Biography on CNBC		Scam: Madoff		Biography on CNBC		Mad Money		Scam: Madoff		Biography on CNBC	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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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.

BEGINNER

		5		6			4	
7	1		8			3		
	9	6	3				5	2
		2		1	8			3
	5		4		3		8	
6			5	9		2		
2	3				9	6	7	
		1			5		2	8
	4			8		9		

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

	5						4	
	7			9	1	6		
		4	5			8	3	
9								
			6	8	4			
								6
	9	6			7	2		
		1	8	5			6	
	2						8	

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

	9					7		
				5	7		4	
			8				3	
6		5				4		9
	1						6	
4		2				8		5
	6				9			
	2		6	8				
		3					2	

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

4	8	1	6	7	9	2	3	5
5	3	7	4	1	2	9	6	8
2	6	9	8	3	5	7	1	4
6	9	3	1	4	7	5	8	2
8	7	4	2	5	6	3	9	1
1	5	2	3	9	8	6	4	7
3	4	6	7	2	1	8	5	9
7	1	5	9	8	3	4	2	6
9	2	8	5	6	4	1	7	3

CHALLENGER

4	5	8	1	3	6	2	9	7
1	7	6	9	2	8	5	4	3
2	9	3	5	4	7	6	8	1
7	2	5	3	1	9	4	6	8
3	8	9	2	6	4	1	7	5
6	1	4	8	7	5	9	3	2
5	3	7	4	9	1	8	2	6
8	4	2	6	5	3	7	1	9
9	6	1	7	8	2	3	5	4

EXPERT

3	9	6	5	7	2	1	8	4
8	2	1	9	6	4	3	5	7
7	4	5	8	3	1	6	9	2
2	3	4	1	9	8	5	7	6
1	6	9	7	5	3	4	2	8
5	7	8	4	2	6	9	3	1
9	5	2	6	1	7	8	4	3
6	8	7	3	4	9	2	1	5
4	1	3	2	8	5	7	6	9

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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.

LOOK WAY UP THERE

ENGLISH	SPANISH
ABOVE	ARRIBA
BALCONY	BALCÓN
CEILING	TECHO
CHIMNEY	CHIMENEA
HORIZON	HORIZONTE
NORTH STAR	ESTRELLA POLAR
OVERHEAD	ENCIMA
PEAK	CIMA
ROOF	TEJADO
SKYLINE	HORIZONTE
STAIRCASE	ESCALERA
TERRACE	TERRAZA

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J	N	I	E	A	B	C	Ó	Y	N	A	J	S	C	O
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CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

ACROSS
1 Heavy tread
6 Girls of Sp.
11 Secular
12 Avalanche of lies and flattery
14 Cleric's cap
15 Skin ailment
17 Symbolic story
18 Barely managed
19 Hebrew letter
21 Arts grp.
22 Collection of ancient poetry
23 Guys' partners
24 Pay tribute to
27 Moses' mount
29 Fiery hot spot
31 Lenin's first name
33 Best or Buchanan
35 Transparent wrap
36 Sound suppressors
37 Italian seven
39 Elec. switch in a car
40 Angler's gear
41 Take in text
42 Aussie lefty of tennis
44 Certain NCO
46 Skipjacks
48 Art Carney movie
52 Displays a painting again
53 Actress Sommer
55 Dismissal notice
58 One from Bonn
60 Legendary Cub
66 Serpent tail?
67 Standing by
69 Very tiny particles
70 Old World snake
72 Flashy outfit
74 State of partial disability
75 Proposition
77 Pro __
78 Tarzan wannabes
79 Brit. prince
80 Hydroxyl compound
82 Incidentally, in brief
83 End of cash?
84 Filler piece
86 Plants reputed to have healing powers
88 Separates
92 Sweetened
93 Digestive malady
94 Verdugo and Firsova
95 Slacken
96 Woven hat fiber

DOWN
1 TLC part
2 Feudal lord
3 Squid kin
4 Female monitors
5 Follows rules
6 Prig
7 Actor Calhoun
8 Light starter?
9 Steely Dan album
10 Distress signal
11 Capp character
12 Mach toppers
13 Tar component
14 Runs, like colors
15 Explorer Marco
16 Sarcastic humor
17 Frank or Bronte
18 Novelist Ernest
20 Russian measure
23 Shoals off Newfoundland
24 Persian poet
25 Yemeni seaport
26 Cod cousin
28 "Them" author
30 Cogito __ sum
31 Via ___ (Rome thoroughfare)
32 Spanish marauder
34 Secret supply
36 Nautical crane
38 Artist Degas
40 Decisive victories
43 Nia and Shelley
45 Rock-boring tools
47 U. near Tampa
49 Horned beasts
50 Tugs abruptly
51 Authorizing
54 Keyboard key
56 Of India: pref.
57 Noblewomen
59 Food
60 China's Zhou __
61 Harvested
62 Of figures
63 List element
64 White-tailed eagle
65 Well in France
68 Tried to sink a birdie
70 Pequod skipper
71 French car maker
73 Puppy feet
75 The nearer one
76 Dealer's add-on?
79 Pool sticks
81 Woody vine
84 In __ (undisturbed)
85 Swab brand
87 Goose's gullet
89 Scale note
90 Glob ending?
91 Future louse

AND ANOTHER THING...

ACROSS
1 VIP in a monastery
6 Watercolors on a wall
12 Facade
20 Kevin of "Hercules"
21 Episcopal cleric
22 Certain spray cans
23 Start of a quip
25 Makes certain of
26 Former leader of Nicaragua
27 Vietnamese holiday
28 Former draft letters
29 Old piece of a pound
30 Fan or lymph ending
33 Vend
35 Former Egyptian leader
36 Suffixes for philosophies
40 To be in Toulouse
42 Thumbs down on both
45 Part 2 of quip
52 Convincing
53 Tennis do-over
54 Rope loop
55 New York state canal
56 Firefighter's equipment
57 "Casablanca" character
58 Tolkien's tree creatures
59 Stewart of "Swing Shift"
60 Treatment for edema
63 More unattractive
64 E-I connection
67 Part 3 of quip
72 Very heavy weight
73 Detest
75 Crown a king
77 Like wet cement
78 Neeson of 48D
82 Crow's cousin
83 Edible tubers
87 Pickled cheese
88 Horn-shaped structure
89 Mary of "Where Eagles Dare"
90 Goaders
91 Part 4 of quip
95 A long time in the past
96 Some vaccines
97 Greek god of love
98 Mentally disordered
102 Harplike instrument
104 "Atlas Shrugged" author Ayn
106 Existence
107 Natl. television network
109 Menlo Park inventor's initials
111 Treat with a certain antiseptic
116 Island west of Italy
118 End of quip
121 Forever
122 "The Iceman Cometh" dramatist
123 Of long ago
124 Bouquets
125 In every quarter
126 Basmati and brown

DOWN
1 Regarding
2 Physicist Niels
3 One Maverick
4 Orchestra member
5 Country near Fiji
6 Saute
7 AARP part
8 For real: Ger.
9 Pigs' pads
10 Satisfied
11 PLO part
12 Football play
13 Roger of "Cheers"
14 Before, before
15 Extra
16 Adlai's slate-mate
17 Midday times
18 Piece of pizza
19 Acid salt
24 Right up-to-date
28 Easily donned garment
31 Part of TGIF
32 Twisted donut
34 Director of spaghetti westerns
35 Actress Campbell
36 Irritating tingle
37 Get outta here!
38 Time and Life, briefly
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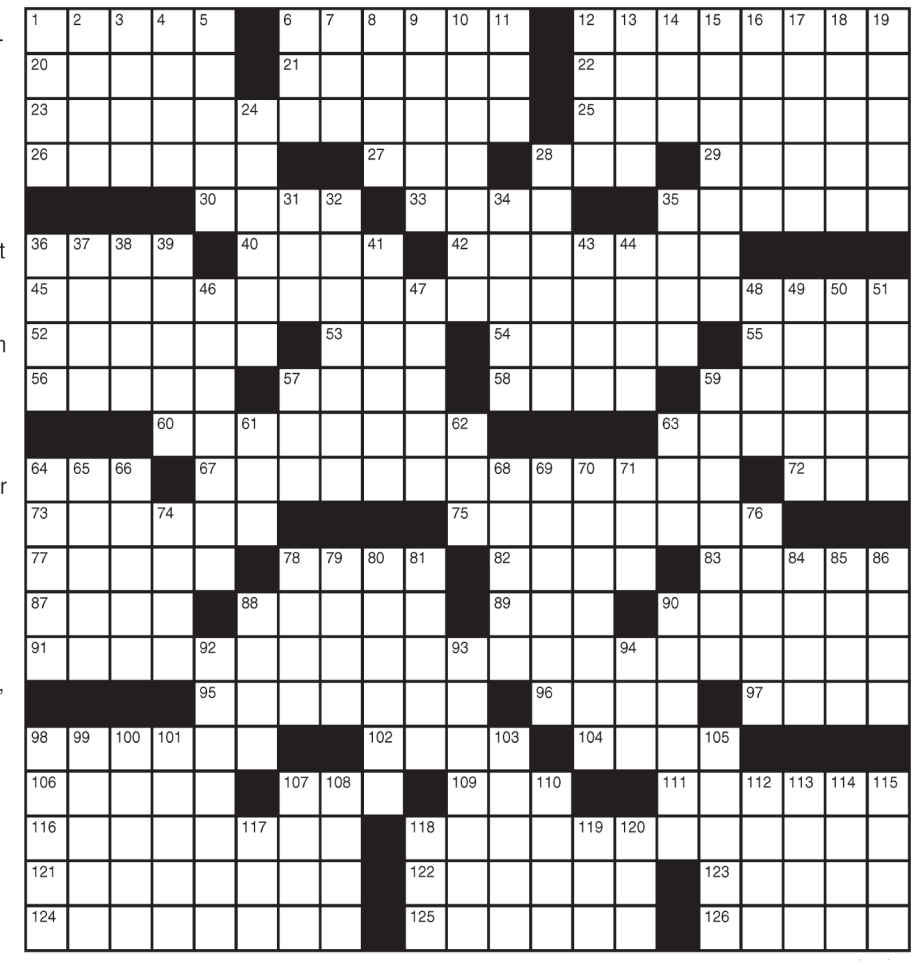

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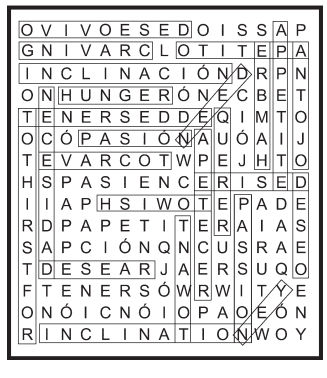

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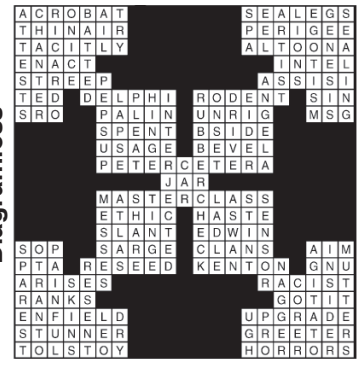

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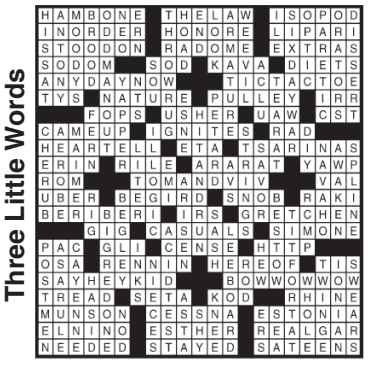

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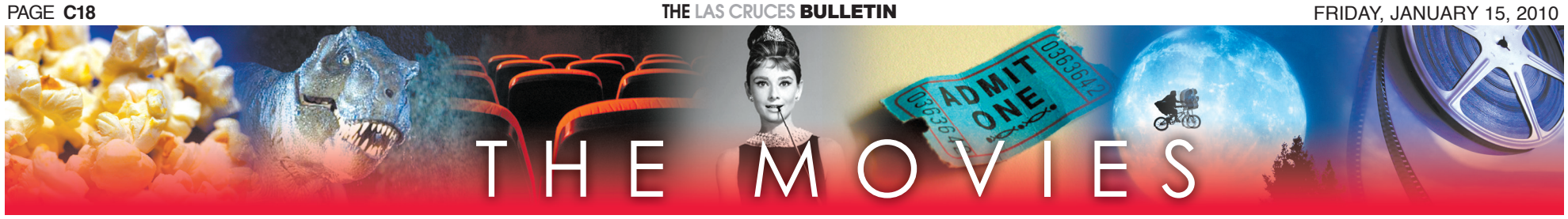

‘Daybreakers’ doesn’t have much bite

Stylish film not going to set the world on fire

By Jim Hilley
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When I was given the assignment to review “Daybreakers,” I wasn’t all that excited about it. I am not a fan of the horror genre, with terrified victims walking foolishly into ambush after ambush by whatever nasty and evil creatures that inhabit the world of that particular movie. You want to scream at the characters “Hey, your in a horror flick, maybe you shouldn’t be walking backwards in the woods at night!” I can definitely live without movies like that.

But “Daybreakers” actually edges a little closer to the sci-fi realm than just being a horror flick, though it does have its startling moments and enough blood and mayhem to keep horror aficionados happy.

In “Daybreakers,” a vampire epidemic caused by a bat-bite in Central America has turned almost everyone into bloodsuckers and the few humans left are on the run. When they are caught, they are hooked up to huge machines that farm their blood.

Unfortunately for the vampires, the supply of human blood is dwindling quickly. When the vampires face blood deprivation they rapidly transform from still humanlike vampires into subsiders – more animalish and batlike than human and desperate for blood. As the blood supply dwindles, more and more vampires descend into subsiderdom, causing a rapidly escalating security problem. Not a pretty sight.

> “Daybreakers” has enough ... to keep horror aficianados happy.

The creatures in the movie are the work of special effects powerhouse Weta, and are well done, but vampires that explode in flames when shot by an arrow are a little silly.

Edward Dalton (Ethan Hawke) is a hematologist working for the preeminent blood-producing corporation. That company is headed by the greedy Charles Bromley, juicily played by Sam Neill of “Jurassic Park” fame. Dalton and his team of scientists are under tremendous pressure to come up with a blood substitute before a lack of blood turns everyone into a subsider.

Despite being a vampire, Dalton is uncomfortable living off human blood and even shows a few signs of turning into a subsider.

As Dalton is traveling home from work in the pre-dawn hours an accidental meeting with some humans in the wild leads him to a rendezvous with Lionel “Elvis” Cormac (Willem Defoe), a leader of the human guerilla movement.

It turns out Cormac was once a vampire, but due to some unusual circumstances he has been cured of the vampire disease and he has regained his human nature.

The plot of this movie is fairly predictable, but directors Michael and Peter Spierig pull the film off with a lot of style. Neill and Defoe do a great job with their roles and Defoe is able to deliver some great one-liners. Hawke does well in his role, but it just doesn’t have a lot of meat to it. In fact, almost all of the characters in “Daybreakers” could have used a little more character development.

One of the better aspects of “Daybreakers” is the fun the movie has at the upside down world of vampires. Pay attention to the little background details of life in the movie and you’ll get a couple of good chuckles out of it.

There are better movies to see right now at the theater. Still, “Daybreakers” is entertaining, but it probably won’t set the world on fire.

“DAYBREAKERS”
Rated: R
Running Time: 98 minutes
Director: Spierig Brothers
Starring: Ethan Hawke, Sam Neill and Willem Defoe
Special effects are well done, but there are better movies right now.

Grade C+

Ethan Hawke plays a hematologist and Willem Defoe leads the human guerilla movement in “Daybreakers,” now playing at the Allen Theatres.

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Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

The Princess and the Frog

Rated: G
Plot Overview: A fairy tale centered on a young girl naned Princess Tiana who lives in New Orleans' French Quarter during the Jazz Age.
Starring: Anika Noni Rose, Bruno Campos, Oprah Winfrey
Director: Ron Clements, John Musker

Leap Year

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A romantic comedy that follows one woman's determined quest to marry the perfect guy despite what fate has in store for her.
Starring: Amy Adams, Matthew Goode
Director: Anand Tucker

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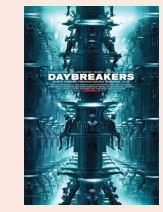


Rated: R
Plot Overview: It's 2017 and the undead far outnumber the living. A virus has spread across the Earth, turning its inhabitants into vampires.
Starring: Ethan Hawke, Willem Dafoe
Director: Michael Spierig, Peter Spierig

Invictus

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Nelson Mandela, in his first term as the South African president, initiates a unique venture to unite the apartheid-torn land: enlist the national rugby team on a mission to win the 1995 Rugby World Cup.
Starring: Morgan Freeman, Matt Damon
Director: Clint Eastwood

Youth in Revolt

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Teenage antihero Nick Twisp moves from the pages of the novel to the screen. Nick is a teenager who may be wise beyond his years, but that doesn't stop him from getting into all sorts of trouble.
Starring: Michael Cera, Portia Doubleday
Director: Miguel Arteta

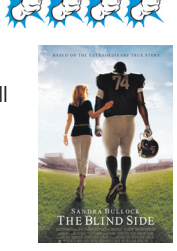
Up in the Air

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Clooney is a businessman on the verge of reaching 5 million frequent flyer miles when his company cuts back on travel. But his goal isn't the only thing just out of reach.
Starring: George Clooney, Vera Farmiga
Director: Jason Reitman

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Starring the Chipmunks and the Chipettes, this movie follows in the footsteps of the original's blockbuster holiday 2007 release.
Starring: Zachary Levi
Director: Betty Thomas

The Blind Side



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A poor, oversized and under-educated teenager is recruited by a major college football program where he is groomed into an athletically and academically successful NFL prospect.
Starring: Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw
Director: John Lee Hancock

Precious

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Lee Daniels' "Precious: Based on the novel 'Push' by Sapphire" is a vibrant, honest and resoundingly hopeful film about the human capacity to grow and overcome.
Starring: Gabourey Sidibe, Mo'Nique
Director: Lee Daniels

It's Complicated

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A comedy about love, divorce and everything in between. When Jane and Jake find themselves out of town for their son's college graduation, things start to get complicated.
Starring: Meryl Streep, Alec Baldwin
Director: Nancy Meyers

Avatar

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An ex-Marine finds himself thrust into hostilities on an alien planet filled with exotic life forms. As an Avatar, a human mind in an alien body, he finds himself torn between two worlds.
Starring: Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana
Director: James Cameron

Sherlock Holmes

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Revealing fighting skills as lethal as his legendary intellect, Holmes will battle as never before to bring down a new nemesis and unravel a deadly plot that could destroy the country.
Starring: Robert Downey, Jude Law
Director: Guy Ritchie

Lovely Bones

Opening Jan. 15

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Oscar winner Peter Jackson directs this adaptation of Alice Sebold's beloved novel. After she is killed, young Susie Salmon looks down from heaven on both her parents and her murderer.
Starring: Mark Wahlbert, Rachel Weisz
Director: Peter Jackson

Book of Eli

Opening Jan. 15

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Some 30 years after the final war, a solitary man walks across the wasteland that was once America. The roads belong to gangs that would murder a man for his shoes, an ounce of water ... or for nothing at all.
Starring: Gary Oldham, Denzel Washington
Director: Albert Hughes

Spy Next Door

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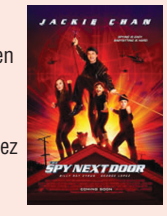

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A man is forced to defend some neighborhood children who have been put in his care against spies looking for a stolen secret code.
Starring: Jackie Chan, George Lopez
Director: Brian Levant

New this week ON DVD

• Tuesday, Jan 19 •

Gamer
Rated: R
Genre: Drama, Musical
Starring: Gerard Butler, Michael Hall
Director: Mark Neveldine

Whiteout
Rated: R
Genre: Action, Suspense
Starring: Kate Beckinsale, Columbus Short
Director: Dominic Sena

Pandorum
Rated: R
Genre: Science Fiction, Suspense
Starring: Dennis Quaid, Ben Foster
Director: Christian Alvart

TOP GROSSING

• Jan. 8-10 •

Rank **Movie Title** (Week No.) Weekend Gross

1. **Avatar** (4) $50,306,217
2. **Sherlock Holmes** (3) $16,585,327
3. **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (3) $16,566,489
4. **Daybreakers** (1) $15,146,692
5. **It's Complicated** (3) $11,007,875
6. **Leap Year** (1) $9,202,815
7. **The Blind Side** (8) $7,531,467
8. **Up in the Air** (6) $7,159,294
9. **Youth in Revolt** (1) $6,888,334
10. **The Princess and the Frog** (7) $4,651,156

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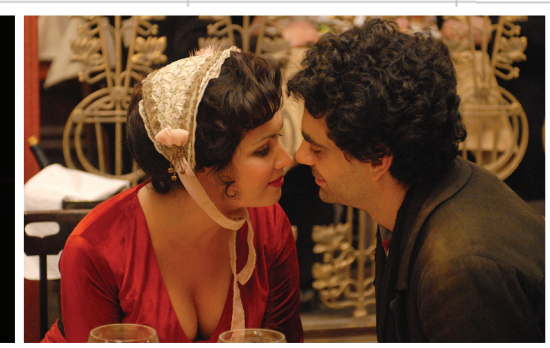

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Strictly SOUTHWEST

Las Alturas home stays true to the local architecture

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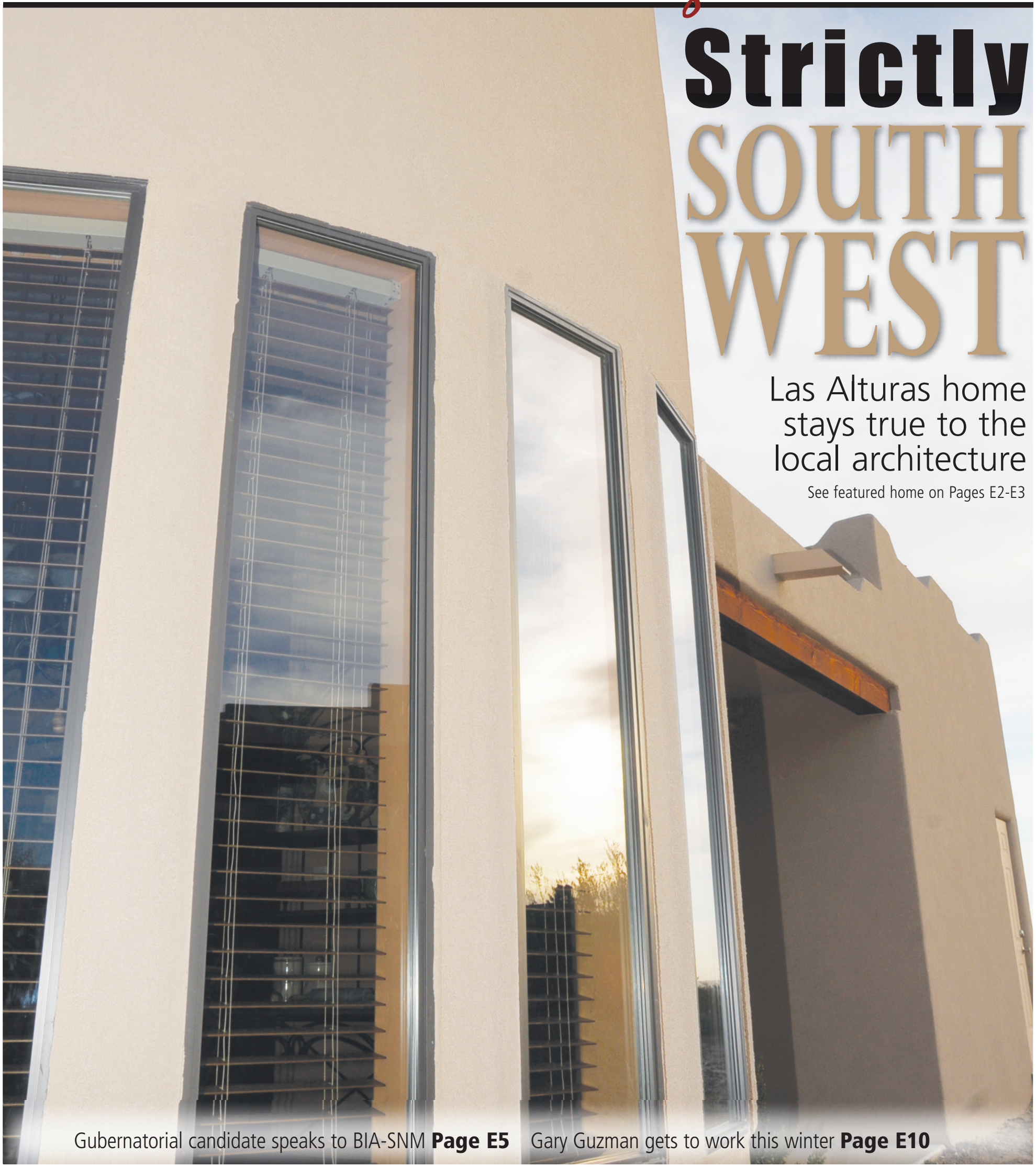
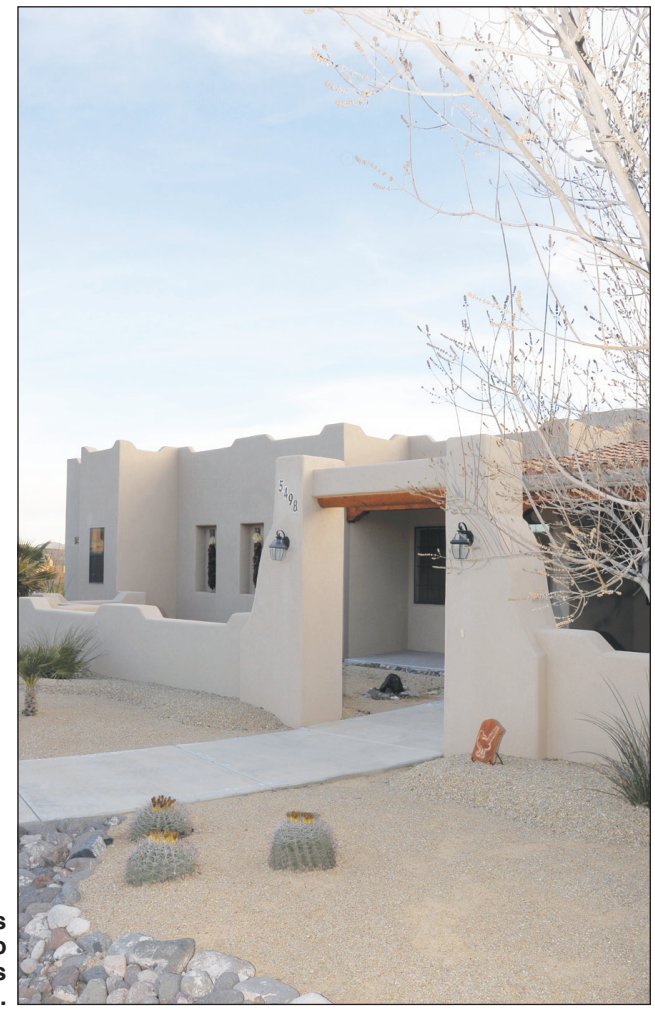


Gubernatorial candidate speaks to BIA-SNM **Page E5**

Gary Guzman gets to work this winter **Page E10**

Featured home:
5498 Saddle Ridge Court

The home at 5498 Saddle Ridge Court features a natural landscape.



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The home was designed to showcase the area's unique architecture.

The dining room, which is surrounded by beams, features red walls to distinguish it from the rest of the home and to bring out the Southwestern architecture.

Nichos, vigas and turquoise trim are found throughout the home.

Stairs lead visitors to the home's viewing deck.

Tile and travertine marble accent a fireplace found in the home's kitchen.

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Southeast meets Southwest architecture

Mississippi family's home reflects the local culture

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When Gene and Amy Ramsey moved to Las Cruces from Mississippi, they wanted their new home to reflect the one-of-a-kind architectural style of the Southwest.

"We came from the Southeast and this style was very unique to us," Amy Ramsey said. "We wanted to stay true to that style."

With the help of Ray Franich Construction in 2004, the Ramseys did just that when they built their home at 5498 Saddle Ridge Court, which features kiva fireplaces, tile floors, nichos, Santa Fe wall texture, vigas and beams.

"I love the nichos," Ramsey said. "We tried not to waste any space at all."

To enhance the architectural features of the home, Ramsey said about three years ago she painted several walls, shelves and nichos various Southwestern colors.

"I had seen the local area and had seen my friends' homes and I noticed recurring colors that went with the Southwest style. It complemented our architecture," she said. "I wanted it to be colorful. I used the same colors but in different variations."

Located on a cul-de-sac in the Summit Chase subdivision, Ramsey said they chose the corner lot for its view of the Organ Mountains and privacy.

"My husband grew up in the country, so we wanted to live in an area that didn't have any road noise," she said. "We also wanted a view of the mountains since we're from Mississippi and that is unique to us."

When guests drive up the gravel driveway to the home, they are surrounded by native plants, including multiple varieties of cacti from Sal "The Cactus Man" out of El Paso.

"We tried to keep all of the colors natural," she said. "We wanted the natural desert to go with the adobe style of our home."

Once guests are past the courtyard and through the large wooden door, they are greeted with ceramic tile floors, splashes of turquoise and red and tall ceilings.

"It's a really special home," Ramsey said. "A lot of thought and planning went into the design and landscaping of it."

While the family chose to use ceramic tile for the home's flooring, they used travertine marble to decorate the walls and two fireplaces.

"Ceramic is the best surface," Ramsey said of the durable material.

Using a split-floor plan design with the shared living areas at the center of the home, the master bedroom is located away from the three other bedrooms.

"You can have privacy and fellowship," Ramsey said. "It's a great family home and a great entertaining home. We tried to have fewer and bigger rooms so the home was open and spacious."

The master bedroom, located next to the study, features a door to the patio. The bathroom consists of a Jacuzzi bathtub, walk-in closet, separate granite sinks and a large walk-in shower.

While two of the bedrooms feature soft, earth-tone colors, their daughter's room has bright turquoise, orange, fuchsia, lime green and purple walls.

> "We came from the Southeast and this style was very unique to us."
>
> AMY RAMSEY
> Homeowner

Ramsey said her favorite areas of the home are the kitchen and great room, which features vigas in a spoke pattern extending from the fireplace.

"We have an absolutely fabulous kitchen," she said. "It has a galley-style working area, a baking area, a nook and an elevated bar."

To help achieve the best kitchen, the Ramseys consulted a chef friend who told them how to arrange their appliances for the most convenient use.

"It's a very efficient kitchen," she said. "I thought it was a very unique kitchen."

As with the front yard, the backyard also features a variety of native plants. With the help of a landscaper, the Ramseys designed a backyard that is both functional and ornate.

"We put in a lot of planning into the backyard," Ramsey said. "We didn't put any cactuses in the backyard because that is where we spend most of our time."

Instead of using the prickly plant, the family used drought-tolerant trees in the backyard, such as crepe myrtle and decorative plum and ash trees, all of which are connected to a drip system for easy care.

The family also brought a piece of the Southeast to their Southwest backyard by planting a magnolia tree, which is the Mississippi state tree.

"We took a trip to Tucson, to the University of Arizona," Ramsey said. "It's a beautiful campus and I was surprised to see the magnolia tree everywhere. I wouldn't have thought, but the magnolia tree is very drought-resistant. It has very fragrant blossoms with a lemony scent."

The Ramseys also created a decorative and functional arroyo in the backyard as well as a fish pond and fountain.

A flagstone walkway leads guests from the circular patio to the Jacuzzi while stairs lead to the viewing deck, great for enjoying the Las Alturas area.

Since putting their home on the market, Ramsey said they have received positive feedback from visitors.

"Everyone loves the color, the layout, the backyard," she said, adding that she hopes the home's new owners will love the home as much as they have. "We really enjoyed living there. It's a very comfortable, private, quiet place to be."

Details

Featured home
5498 Saddle Ridge Court

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After consulting a professional chef, the kitchen was designed for efficiency as well as comfort.

Along with a magnolia tree, the backyard features a fish pond and waterfall as well as flagstone and drought-resistant plants.

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Cleaning beyond the windows

Household product can repel bugs, treat pimples

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Smudges, spots, dirt and grime around the house don't stand a chance against the spraying power of window cleaner.

Window and glass cleaners were invented in 1933 by Erich Drafahl, the founding father of Windex. The product was first stored in a tin container until the creation of the spray bottle in the mid-20th century.

Designed to clean a plethora of surfaces, including glass and tile, the product originally contained detergent, ammonia, fragrance and blue dye. Nowadays, the solution can be found in a variety of fragrances and colors and can include a number of additives, such as vinegar and lemon, lime or orange juices.

The cleaning product became a pop culture icon thanks to the 2002 film "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," in which the spray was used to cure all ailments.

While some may have been surprised by Gus Portokalos' excessive use of the spray product in the hit movie, window cleaner does have several uses in addition to making glass sparkle.

1. Remove clothing stains: As hard as removing an ink stain from fabric can be, there is a solution. Spray the spot with window cleaner and let it dry. After the cleaner has fully dried, spray the area again and wash the garment with cold water. Don't put the item in the dryer until the stain is completely gone and don't try this on silk, wool or their blends. Be sure to do a test on a seam or hardly-seen area of the clothing before treating a large portion to make sure the color doesn't run. If the garment's color changes, moisten the fabric with white vinegar and rinse with cold water. The acid in the vinegar will neutralize the alkaline ammonia in the cleaner.

2. Reduce a pimple: It may seem strange to think of window cleaner as a beauty product, but the ammonia in the liquid can help reduce pimples. Wet a cotton ball with the solution and dab the area. Let it sit for a few minutes before washing it off with soap. Make sure you're not allergic to the ingredients in the cleaner before trying this trick.

3. Slip off a stuck ring: If a ring has become stuck on your finger, removing it will be a breeze with window cleaner. Just spray the cleaner on your finger and gently pull off the ring. The spray will work as a lubricant, allowing the jewelry to slide off with ease.

4. Relieve a bee sting: If you have a close encounter with a bee, reduce the swelling and pain of the sting by squirting the spot with a small amount of window cleaner. This trick will only work with window cleaners that contain ammonia and aren't concentrated. Also, if the stinger is attached to the skin, be sure to flick it away before spraying.

Homemade Window Cleaner

1/2 cup ammonia
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup rubbing alcohol

Combine the three ingredients and pour the mixture into a spray bottle. Use the homemade cleaner on glass, tile countertops, stainless steel, linoleum floors and car windows and windshield. Wipe up the cleaner in a circular motion with either a soft cloth or crumpled newspaper.

5. Make your gold shine: Window cleaner makes a great cleanser for metal jewelry and crystalline gemstones, such as diamonds and rubies. Spray the piece and gently scrub it with an old toothbrush. Don't try this with opaque stones, such as opal or turquoise, or organic gems, such as coral or pearl, since the ammonia and detergents can discolor these porous items.

6. Rid your home of bugs: It can be a nuisance to rid your home of infiltrating insects such as ants and gnats. One way to get the job done is to use window cleaner. Repel gnats by spraying the cleaner into their vicinity. The spray will also kill ants and keep them away.

7. Clean your floor: If you want to clean your linoleum flooring and don't have time to use a soapy bucket of water, grab your window cleaner. After sweeping the floor, spray a small area with the cleaner and rub it with either a paper towel or Swiffer sheet. This method allows you to clean a big or small area in no time and because the spray dries quickly, you won't have to wait to walk on the floor.

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DA discusses changes to the state if elected

Susana Martinez speaks to BIA-SNM about running for governor

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Doña Ana County District Attorney Susana Martinez, who is running for governor, spoke to the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico (BIA-SNM) during its monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 12, and said big government is hurting business in the state.

Martinez, who was named Heart Magazine's Woman of the Year in 2007 and ran unopposed for the DA post in 2008, said she has proven herself as a leader through her work in the District Attorney's Office.

"We do the people's work," she said of her prosecution team. "What we're delivering is what the community wants."

Martinez said she will continue to do the people's work if elected to the governor's office and will work to "take back New Mexico."

"We need to bring in a new kind of leadership or we will have four more years like the last seven," she said. "I will challenge the status quo."

Martinez told BIA-SNM members that her plan as governor will focus on three areas – the economy, education and ridding the state's government of corruption.

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Economy, small businesses

Since Gov. Bill Richardson was elected into office seven years ago, the state government has grown by almost 50 percent, Martinez said.

"A large government equals a small economy," she said. "That is exactly where we are in the next legislative session."

She said careless spending by Richardson and Lt. Gov. Diane Denish has contributed to the growing deficit.

"They want taxpayers to bail them out," she said of possible tax increases. "Our current government has put us in this position because of overspending, waste and fraud."

Martinez said the District Attorney's Office has also felt the effects of the deficit and has drastically reduced its spending in several ways, including not filling five vacant positions and even going as far as to keep its computer paper under lock and key.

Martinez said the current government also hasn't been business friendly and has in fact pushed industries, such as oil and gas, out of the state to other areas, including Texas.

"The state isn't competitive anymore," she said. "It's not business friendly."

She said there is too much red tape for small business owners to cut through and not enough license and regulation transparency, which can be discouraging and detrimental to a business.

"What the government doesn't understand is red tape is money," she said. "Delays are costing small businesses money.

"The government doesn't create jobs, small businesses create jobs. The government creates the environment for the small business."

Martinez said as governor she will reduce the size of the state government and will surround herself with a team of experts to create fact-based regulations.

"I know how to make evidence-based decisions," she said. "If they aren't evidence-based, they falter."

The state of education

Along with the economy, Martinez said the current government has failed in the area of education.

"Some of our children are still passing the third grade to the fourth grade and can't read at that level," she said. "Fifty percent of our kids don't graduate. We have got to revamp our educational system."

Through her office, Martinez said she and her staff are fighting truancy by working with the Las Cruces, Gadsden and Hatch school districts and prosecuting parents of children who miss excessive amounts of school.

"We started to hold parents responsible," she said. "After the first parents were prosecuted, attendance shot up overnight."

Along with prosecuting parents, which Martinez said hasn't occurred often, her office is also holding classes for at-risk high school students in the Doña Ana County Government Center on Motel Boulevard.

"We make kids see the light," she said. "We have to think outside the box to make sure our kids graduate. We don't want to fail another generation."

In her plan, Martinez said children will have a say in where they attend school and can use the money allotted to them by the state to attend any school.

"The tax credit will follow the child to a school the parents feel will benefit the child," she said. "This will create competition for their money."

Martinez said education is very important to her and will be her top priority if she is elected to office.

Ethics reform

As a district attorney, Martinez said she has worked hard to fight corruption, and has even taken on public officials, such as convicting the Doña Ana County Clerk of five felony charges.

"My work is certainly something that speaks for itself," she said. "I usually tell people not to listen to what I say, but to look at what I do."

Martinez said she will take this dedication to the state level and will rid the government of "pay-to-play" procedures while maintaining the state's safe environment, especially along the border.

"We're doing a good job at this point," she said of border security, "but we've got to keep that going."

Martinez said it will be a challenge to reform the state government and tackle the important issues, but it's a challenge she is willing to face with the support of the community.

"I can't do it alone. I have got to do it with you," she said.

Helping the first-time homebuyer

Realtor Angela McMillan focuses on educating the client

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As the oldest of seven children, Realtor Angela McMillan knows the importance of hard work and self-reliance.

"If you expect a lot from your child, then they will expect a lot from themselves," she said. "I appreciate that now that I'm older."

Born in Las Cruces, McMillan's parents lived in student housing on the New Mexico State University campus. Her father, a professor, got a job at the University of New Mexico and moved the family to the Albuquerque area.

"I grew up in Bosque Farms," she said. "It was a great place to live."

McMillan said her family had a wide range of animals on their land including dogs, chickens and even a bull.

"We had a pet bull. We rode him around," she said.

After graduating from high school, McMillan came back to Las Cruces to attend NMSU, where she earned a bachelor's degree in economics. After graduating, McMillan decided to stay in the City of the Crosses and began exploring the world of real estate.

"I've always been in the profession in some way," she said.

After working as an assistant for a commercial broker, McMillan became an assistant for a Realtor friend in the residential sector.

"I was her assistant for a year or two then I became my own agent," she said. "She was a great Realtor. She jump started my career."

Seven years ago, after working as an assistant, McMillan decided to take the next step in her real estate career.

"I was attracted to the flexibility," she said of her decision to become a Realtor. "It's a lot of fun. It's a job you're excited to go to. You get to meet a lot of people."

Working one-on-one

Having experiences with both commercial and residential real estate, the mother of two said she chose to stick to residential for the personal connection she develops with her clients.

"I realized commercial wasn't for me," she said. "It's a male-dominant business and you don't work with individuals, you work with corporations. There is no one-on-one contact.

"When you work with a first-time homebuyer, they get excited and their face lights up when you find them just what they're looking for. I don't think anyone in the corporation gets that same feeling."

McMillan represents this Southwest-inspired listing at 1831 Lone Tree Lane in the Sonoma Ranch area.

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Angela McMillan became a Realtor seven years ago, after working as an assistant for a commercial broker.

It's that feeling of helping someone accomplish their goals on which McMillan thrives.

"You help them explore their dreams and help find them a home that meets their needs and expectations," she said. "I enjoy the good feeling that comes from helping people find their home.

"I've always wanted to help people and real estate is a wonderful way to do that."

While McMillan works with everyone, she said she especially enjoys working with first-time homebuyers.

"It's a whole new experience for them," she said. "You help them through the entire process and they're very grateful. It's very rewarding."

To better help her clients understand what they are looking for, McMillan sits down with them and thoroughly discusses everything from features and location to price.

"It's not the same for every person," she said. "For some, their highest priority is having a brand new home. For others, it's the area. A lot of times they don't even know what it is.

"I really care about my clients as people, not just as clients. I like to educate people who have never been through – or have not recently been through – the home buying process."

Even after discussing wants, needs and prices, McMillan said some clients have a harder time than others making a decision.

"I have people that just freeze up because it's terrifying in some ways to become an owner of your own home," she said. "But there are so many rewards.

"I know it's scary. I've been there and I remember what it is like. It's very exciting too. It's worth it when you buy your own home."

A boost to the economy

Currently on everyone's mind is the state of the housing market, which is recovering from a national downturn.

"Compared to the rest of the nation, we're doing very well," McMillan said. "We could be better, but we could be worse. Fortunately, we haven't seen plunging home prices. We're counting our blessings."

While McMillan said homes in the high-end price range have seen a decline and are staying on the market longer than before, home sales in the $100,000 range are thriving, thanks to first-time homebuyers.

"There is a lot in that market," she said. "First-time homebuyers are in a good position right now. Buyers are lucky because they can find a great piece of property. There is a lot to choose from."

Also great for first-time homebuyers is the federal housing tax credit, an area that McMillan said she has had a lot of experience with.

"I've taken classes designed to meet their needs," she said. "A lot of things about the tax credit have to be understood before hand."

One thing, McMillan said, many might not know about the $8,000 tax credit, which was extended to June, is that tax recipients have to stay in their home for nine years. If they move before the nine years have passed, McMillan said they will have to pay back a portion of the tax credit.

"The percentage lessens the longer they've been in the home," she said.

Despite any stipulations attached to the tax credit, McMillan encourages all first-time homebuyers to take advantage of it while they can.

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"It really is a great deal. You're given $8,000 to start out with," she said, adding that one of her clients bought a new stove with part of the tax credit.

McMillan said she also attends other classes on real estate to stay up to date and educated about the field she has recently broken into.

"I'm in a place where I have learned a lot about real estate, but I still have room to grow," she said.

As she continues to expand her real estate horizons, McMillan is also attending NMSU to earn a master's degree in speech language pathology, another way she hopes to help the community.

"I would like to be able to continue to serve people in real estate and other areas," she said. "The future holds a lot of opportunities for me to help people in the area of real estate."

Whatever the future holds, McMillan said she is enjoying where her real estate experiences are taking her.

"Ultimately, if I look back on my real estate career, I hope that I helped people. I've made friendships, and that is more important than numbers," she said. "Success isn't necessarily measured in numbers, but in the happiness of the client."

More than just the stove's hood, the ornate tile turns this everyday appliance into a decorative fixture.

Vigas, corbels and a kiva fireplace add a local flair to McMillan's listing.

Along with granite and dark wood accents, the kitchen features a skylight.

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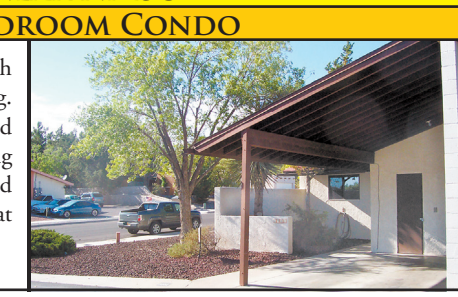

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At 'The Pathfinder' open house

State Sen. Steve Fischmann welcomes guests to an open house for Don and Beatriz Rudisill, 4367 Isleta Court, Saturday, Jan. 9. Called "The Pathfinder," the Rudisill home is designed to be the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Platinum Certified home in the region.

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Don Rudisill discusses his home's green features with Dan and Pricilla Williams.

Jim Graham, owner of Sun & Earth and the home's builder, explains to interested guests how solar panels on the roof generate energy for the water heater.

John Hummer, on behalf of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors and the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, says a few words as City Councillor Gill Sorg listens.

State Rep. Joe Campos speaks to the crowd about turning New Mexico into the nation's producer of renewable energy.

Graciela Utech of Solid Surface Unlimited speaks to Vittal Pai about the home's countertops. Utech and other vendors involved in the building of the home were present to answer questions about green building practices and products.

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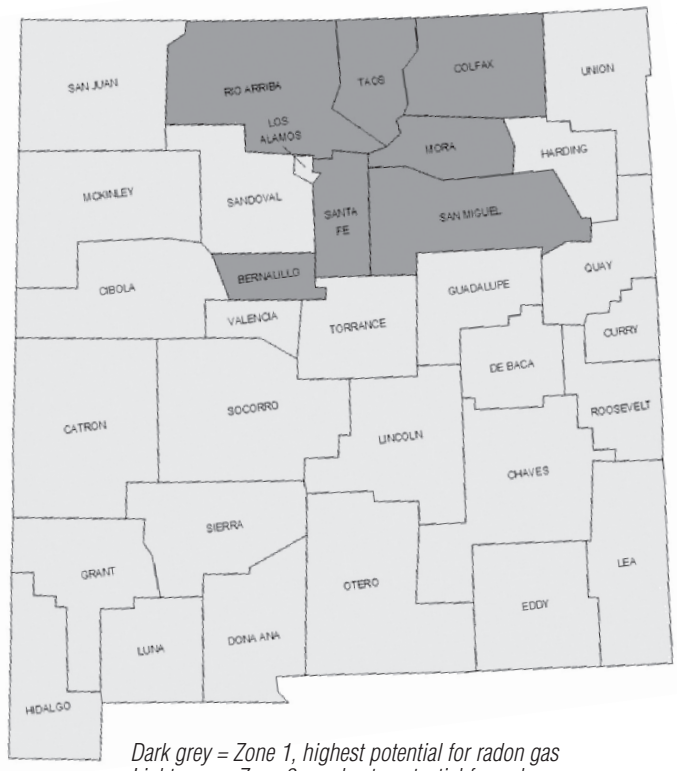

Dark grey = Zone 1, highest potential for radon gas
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For two weeks straight, Stanley Watras set off the radiation alarms as he entered his workplace at the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant in Pennsylvania. Authorities at the plant were stunned to learn that the source of the radiation was astoundingly high levels of radon gas in the basement of the Watras family home and not from the nuclear plant itself. That was in 1984.

Since then, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Surgeon General have determined that exposure to radon gas is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the No. 1 cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

Radon, which has been found in all 50 states, is a naturally occurring radioactive gas released in rock, soil and water from the natural decay of uranium. Radon typically moves up through the ground to the air above and into homes through cracks and other holes in the foundation. It can also be introduced in small amounts through water from private wells. The gas is released into the air when the water is used for showering and other household uses.

The EPA assigns one of three "zones" to each of the 3,141 counties in the U.S., rating the average short-term radon measurement that can be expected in a building without the implementation of radon control methods. Zones are assigned numerical ratings of one, two or three, indicating whether the designated areas are considered to be areas of (1) "high," (2) "low" or (3) "moderate" risk.

According to EPA's Map of Radon Zones, nearly three-quarters of New Mexico is considered to have "moderate" levels of radon emissions, while the remaining one-quarter of the state (seven counties in northern New Mexico to be exact) is coded as being at high risk of experiencing radon emissions. Although Doña Ana County is designated as having moderate levels of radon emissions, actionable levels of radon (more than four picocuries per liter of air, pCi/L) or higher have been found in Las Cruces.

As part of the EPA's National Radon Action Month's activities, homeowners and prospective purchasers are encouraged to test for radon by conducting an easy and inexpensive do-it-yourself test. The New Mexico Environmental Department has free radon test kits available for people who share their test results with the department and participate in a statewide radon survey. Residents can also purchase those test kits for less than $25 at local hardware and home improvement stores. The price of the test includes the cost of the mail-in laboratory analysis by an EPA-approved lab.

If elevated radon levels are present, simple abatement solutions for the average home can be employed at a cost of about $800 to $2,500, with $1,200 being the nationwide average, according to the EPA. A popular remedy for preventing the gas from entering the home includes sealing cracks and other openings in foundations along with using a system with pipes and fans called "subslab depressurization." The remedy prevents radon from entering the house by rerouting the outside atmosphere gasses that would normally radiate into the structure from beneath the slab.

If remedial work is necessary, Michael Taylor of the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) points out that it is against New Mexico law for anyone other than EPA- or state-certified or qualified radon mitigation contractors to legally install radon mitigation systems that meet state requirements.

If you're building a new home, radon mitigation systems can be integrated with construction at a nominal cost. Since radon is such a hot topic across the country, there's plenty of information available on the subject. The booklets "Homebuyer's and Seller's Guide to Radon," "Reducing Radon Risks," "A Citizen's Guide to Radon" and "Radon, A Physician's Guide" are available by calling EPA's National Hotline at 800-SOS-RADON or by logging on to www.epa.gov/radon.

State radon information and free testing kits may be obtained from the NMED by phoning Taylor at 505-827-1093.

Should you have your home tested? Doing so is like chicken soup … it certainly couldn't hurt.

See you at closing!

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Snowy weather watch

Spot the jumping snow flea in winter

BARRY MURRAY
The Bug Guy

The snowy weather might give you a better glimpse of one tiny creature – the snow flea. Although it's not really a flea or even an insect.

Snow fleas, a kind of springtail easily seen jumping around on the snow, are small – measuring about 1 to 2 millimeters. They are wingless and jump around propelled by tail-like appendages, moving as much as 4 inches in one jump, or 100 times their size, according to the University of Missouri extension service.

Measuring 1 to 2 millimeters, the snow flea is a jumping Collembola that can survive is sub-zero temperatures.

The creatures, which dine on decaying matter, lay eggs in the Earth after mating in the spring. The resultant nymphs molt several times before maturing to adults come winter.

Winter is one of the more common months to witness these little bug-like creatures. Snow fleas aren't alone in their winter survival mechanism, which is to form a sort of anti-freeze in the body that helps keep them from freezing in sub-zero temperatures.

There are about 6,000 species of springtails worldwide. Scientists have excluded them from the Insecta order, categorizing them in a class called Collembola, according to UM. They're not limited solely to the cold. They exist wherever there is moisture, in habitats such as leaf litter, firewood and logs. Inside the house, they can be brought in on houseplants and may be found in wet areas such as the bathroom and kitchen.

They won't harm the plants, so there is really no need to do anything about them. And the best way to keep springtails out of other areas of the house is to clean the areas and keep them dry.

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Winter work

Prune and plant now for a better spring garden, yard

GARY GUZMAN
The Gardening Guru

Happy new year to all. Another year has already gone by. That was much too quick. Well now we are in the middle of winter, although some days it does not feel like it. On the days that "it does not feel like winter" you can take advantage of the extra prep time for spring.

I'm sure by now you have seen what old man winter can do to some plants during the freezing temperatures. You can begin to remove any dead tissue on just about any plant that has been killed by the cold.

Your lantana probably needs to be removed by now. I don't mean to dig it out of the ground – just remove the dead material that is above the ground.

> If you have leaves still lingering around, consider a compost bin or work them back into the ground.

You can plant pansies, stock or snapdragons around the area from where you just removed the lantana. These plants will provide color even in the sub-freezing temps. This will also keep the area from looking unsightly and act as a reminder of where your lantana will come back later this spring. Be patient as the lantana needs warm soil to re-emerge for the upcoming season. This could be as late as April or May.

Now is the time to do a majority of your pruning. Most dormant trees and shrubs should be pruned now. Keep in mind the natural shape of the plant when pruning. All plant material should still have an attractive silhouette after pruning. Look for dominant branches that may have to be removed. These are branches that grow the fastest and may make the rest of a tree or shrub look out of balance. Remove any criss-crossed, dead or severely damaged limbs. Remove any branches that are directly above or below each other. Leave the one that will give the best balance.

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When pruning, keep the natural shape of the tree or bush in mind to retain an attractive silhouette and balance. Remove any criss-crossed, dead or severely damaged limbs.

When pruning, don't go cutting away at random. The best rule of thumb is to have a reason for every cut that you make. Always use sharp pruners and do not leave any nubs. Also when pruning always make sure the cutting blade is closest toward the main trunk.

After pruning, you may apply dormant oil to the rest of the plant to help get a jump on insect prevention. There are also some systemic insecticides that will work for up to one year from the date of application, which will help eliminate the need for spraying all together.

Oleander, especially newly planted ones, may have some winter damage. Since we are in our coldest month, I have found it best not to cut these back until March. Do not be tempted to remove them as in most cases it is just the top that has winter die back and not the crown or roots. These plants will come back and grow to the same size, or close to it, by the time mid-summer comes around.

Again, just like the lantana, these plants will need some heat to begin their new growth. Larger, more established oleander should not have this problem other than just some winter damage on the outer most tips. Dwarf oleander are not as cold hardy as regular oleander and may need to be cut back drastically every year, depending on how much damage was incurred.

Most palms should not be cleaned or pruned until late March. Some of the dead fronds may help act as insulation and keep new growth from late spring freeze damage. Sago palms may look completely dead at this time of year. In most cases, these will come back if you remove the yellowing or dead fronds off in late spring. Yes, you can cut these all the way back until they look like a pineapple.

These will also need considerable heat before they begin their slow come back. Mediterranean fan palms and windmill palms should not have any winter damage, although they may have a "winter foliage look." Do not be tempted to fertilize palms too early in the season. Late March and after should be the earliest time to feed these plants.

If you have leaves still lingering around, consider a compost bin or work them back into the ground. If you have any leaves that may have had insect infestation or diseases last season, it is best not to reuse them as it may re-infest your plants this season.

Of course, you can still plant just about any type of plant currently available. The list includes fruit trees, shade trees, flowering trees, roses, grapes, evergreens and so on.

If you still have those old pots from various nurseries, please recycle them. Do not take them to the landfill or dispose of them. Most nurseries will take back 1 gallon or larger pots and reuse them. Please call before dropping them off to make sure your location takes them back.

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Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	0	7	1
Homes Sold Existing	8	12	9
Pending Home Sales (All)	147	139	127
Average Days on Market (All)	123	146	102

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	n/a	$163,500	$145,200
Median Price Existing	$184,500	$127,500	$175,000
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,195	1,165	1,339
Real Estate Agents	462	510	551

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 1/4/10 - 1/10/10
* MLS is wholly owned by the Las Cruces Association of Realtors
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Adventures in homemade salsa

Refreshing condiment can be served with fish, vegetables

Salsa – I love it, especially the homemade variety. Its aroma and snappy taste are delicious and so refreshing.

A favorite of mine is cantaloupe salsa prepared with sweetened dried cranberries. I can eat it straight from the bowl. It's that tasty. Equally good is fresh orange basil salsa underscored with a buzz of serrano chile pepper. Spoon it over vegetarian black bean cakes or a veggie frittata for the ultimate taste bud pleaser. Salsa is low-cal, so indulge guilt free.

Red Jalapeño Veggie Frittata

1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 1/2 cups (4 ounces) presliced button mushrooms
1/2 cup green bell pepper, diced
1 red jalapeño, seeded, stemmed and minced
1/2 teaspoon garlic, minced
2 cups (2 ounces) packed arugula leaves
6 eggs
Salt and pepper to taste
2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
12 cup Gruyere cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Heat a 9-inch ovenproof skillet over medium heat, then add 1 tablespoon oil. Add mushrooms, bell pepper, jalapeño and garlic. Sauté until vegetables are tender, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add arugula and stir until wilted, about 1 to 2 minutes. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste, then transfer to a plate.

In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs, salt and cilantro. Add remaining 1/2 tablespoon olive oil to skillet, swirling to coat bottom and sides. Pour in egg mixture. Evenly distribute vegetables over eggs, and then sprinkle with cheese. Cook over medium-low heat until edges are set, about 3 to 4 minutes, then transfer to oven and cook until eggs are set, about 7 to 10 minutes. If some spots remain soft, finish under broiler for 1 to 2 minutes. Loosen edges of frittata with rubber spatula and transfer to a serving plate. Serve with fresh orange-basil salsa (see recipe below). Makes 6 servings.

Fresh Orange-Basil Salsa

2 navel oranges, separated and cut into small pieces
1 large tomato, cored and diced finely
1 scallion, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon fresh basil, minced
1 garlic clove, minced
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
2 teaspoons olive oil
1 serrano pepper seeded, stemmed and minced
1 dash salt

Combine all the salsa ingredients in a bowl. Let sit for at least 1 hour.

Serrano-Soy Halibut

1/3 cup toasted sesame seeds
3 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
3 tablespoons mirin (Japanese rice cooking wine)
3 tablespoons toasted sesame oil
2 cloves garlic
2 teaspoons serrano chile pepper, seeded and minced
1 tablespoon honey
2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
5 (4-ounce) halibut fillets, about 1-inch thick
Olive oil, for brushing
2 scallions, thinly sliced

In a food processor, coarsely grind sesame seeds. Add soy sauce, mirin, sesame oil, garlic, serrano chile, honey, orange juice and lemon juice. Process for another 30 seconds.

Preheat grill to medium. Brush fish lightly with olive oil. Apply sesame-soy mixture thickly on each fillet. Grill fish until just opaque in center, about 7 minutes, turning occasionally and basting with additional sesame mixture. Transfer to a platter and sprinkle with chopped scallions. Makes 6 servings. (Recipe adapted from Sprouts Farmers Market magazine 2009.)

Turkey-Feta Burgers with Cantaloupe Salsa

Cantaloupe Salsa
2 cups fresh cantaloupe (1/2 medium cantaloupe), cut into 1/4-inch cubes
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped
1/2 red bell pepper, cut into 1/4-inch cubes
1 serrano chile pepper, stemmed, seeded and minced
1/4 cup sweetened dried cranberries
Juice of 1 lime
1 tablespoon rice vinegar
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

Turkey burgers
1 pound ground turkey meat (a mixture of white and dark meat)
2 large cloves garlic, pressed
1/2 cup feta cheese, finely crumbled
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Combine all salsa ingredients in a bowl and stir to combine. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes about 2 cups.

Combine turkey, garlic, cheese, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Mix gently, just until combined. From into 4 patties. Preheat grill to medium-hot and brush with vegetable oil. Grill burgers, turning once, until opaque throughout, about 4 to 5 minutes per side. Serve with salsa. Makes 4 servings. (Recipe adapted from Sprouts Farmers Market magazine 2009.)

Grilled Chicken with Cuban Salsa

Cuban Salsa
1 can (15 1/2-ounces) black beans, drained and rinsed
1 ripe mango, peeled and finely chopped
3 tablespoons red onion, chopped
3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped
1 medium size jalapeño chile pepper, minced

Grilled Chicken
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
2 teaspoons grated lime peel
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
2 teaspoons canola oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Homemade salsa is a refreshing alternative to commercially prepared varieties.

In a medium bowl, stir together the beans, mango, onion, lime juice, cilantro and jalapeño. Set the salsa aside while grilling the chicken.

Place the chicken in a shallow dish. Add the lime peel, lime juice, oil, salt and pepper, and rub the mixture into the chicken. Cover and let stand for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, preheat the grill or broiler. If using the broiler, coat a broiler-pan rack with cooking spray. Place the chicken on the grill rack or broiler pan. Cook 4 inches from the heat, turning once, until the chicken is no longer pink in the thickest part, about 10 to 12 minutes. Serve the chicken with the salsa. If desired, slice the chicken into strips to serve.

Vegetarian Black Bean Cakes

4 cups cooked black beans, rinsed and drained if canned
2 eggs
1/2 cup bread crumbs
1 tablespoon olive oil, plus oil for greasing pan
1 medium onion, finely diced
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 celery rib, sliced thin
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon salt
Liberal seasoning of freshly ground pepper

Place 3 cups of the black beans in a large bowl. Process the remaining cup of beans with the eggs until smooth. Stir this mixture into the whole beans along with the breadcrumbs.

Heat the oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic and celery and sauté until very tender and beginning to brown. Sprinkle on the cumin and cook 1 more minute. Scrape the vegetables into the bean mixture and add the salt and pepper. Stir to mix well.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly oil a baking sheet. Using a 1/3-cup measuring cup, scoop up 12 portions of the bean mixture and place on the baking sheet. Flatten out with the scoop or your hand. Bake 10 minutes, flip and bake 10 more minutes. Serve the bean cakes with a spoonful of orange-basil salsa on each. (Recipe adapted from www.sparkspeople.com.)

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Where's the tender beef?

Break tough fibers with this spring-loaded gadget

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

You can find a wide variety of food products every Wednesday and Saturday, during the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on the Downtown Mall, including fresh vegetables, homemade breads and locally raised and butchered beef from Maynard Cattle Co., near Mountainair, N.M.

Beef is a popular dinnertime meal. In 2005, more than 63 pounds of beef were consumed per capita in the United States.

With more than 10 different American primal cuts of beef, there is a piece of meat perfect for every occasion. Chuck, the upper shoulder section, is used for roasts as well as hamburger meat, while the short loin supplies T-bone steaks.

The tenderness of a piece of meat depends on its cut. Some cuts are tough because they come from a muscular part of the cow. These cuts are usually great for slow-cooked recipes, including brisket.

If you have a tough cut of meat, however, there are ways to make it tender, including marinades.

While chemical tenderizers do exist, get soft, delectable meat without extra fat and additives by using the spring-loaded meat tenderizer.

What is it?

Most home chefs are familiar with the meat mallet, but the meat tenderizer is a spring-loaded gadget that has multiple rows of needles that are inserted into any piece of meat before being cooked.

There are several benefits to tenderizing meat before cooking. When meat is heated, the internal fibers bunch and shrink, making the meat tough. Tenderizing breaks down those fibers so they are short and don't become hard when they shrink.

How does it work?

The spring-loaded meat tenderizer is very easy to use. Simply press the spikes into a piece of raw meat.

The tool will break meat fibers without loss of the meat's juices. It will also allow for a quicker cook time.

The meat tenderizer can be used on every type of meat, including beef, chicken, duck, lamb, buffalo, pork and even jerky meat.

Where can it be found?

The spring-loaded meat tenderizer can be found at various kitchen specialty stores including Las Cosas de Mesilla Kitchen Shoppe. It can also be found on several websites such as www.amazon.com and www.williams-sonoma.com.

How much does it cost?

Depending on its size and brand, the spring-loaded meat tenderizer can cost as little as $6 and as much as $21.

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