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Making spirits bright

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The Dinsmore family home at 441 N. Miranda St. is decorated with an array of lights and luminarias bought from Las Cruces High School students. The lighting and outdoor decorations took two days of work to complete. See more photos on Page A16.

Downtown homes project on hold

Businesses decry plans to build on parking lot

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

Las Cruces Downtown business owners came to the City Council meeting in force Monday, Dec. 21, to object to a proposal to develop a low-income apartment complex on a city-owned parking lot.

Before the business owners could voice their concerns, Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas tried to rebuke their objections, saying the Downtown revitalization plan always included affordable housing. There is great need in the community for affordable housing, but little money for building more of it, she said.

She characterized the objections as coming from unrealistic expectations by the businesses that the only housing in the revitalization would be for high-income earners. But the retail-oriented vision of Downtown revitalization calls for more workers who don't make a lot of money, she said, and it would be of great value to them to have some place to live within walking distance from their jobs.

"I don't see any CEO jobs jumping out there soon," Thomas said.

A state organization called the Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico offered to find financing for an affordable housing complex Downtown if the city provided the land. The proposal called for using the city parking lot west of Water Street and south of El Paso Electric Co.

When the business owners did get to speak, they said they didn't object to affordable housing being a part of Downtown revitalization. They did

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Officials question session priorities

Tight state finances ignite debate over county lobbying

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

The forces of tight government finances and changing politics put a spotlight on a regional lobbying effort at meetings Monday, Dec. 21, of both the Doña Ana County Commission and Las Cruces City Council.

It started with a special commission meeting where commissioners originally sought to have one of its requests added to the list developed by the Doña Ana Legislative Coalition, an effort to identify projects of regional impact that will be supported by a variety of entities from the county.

Currently, this coalition year's list includes $20 million for creating a public policy institute at New Mexico State University, $7 million for another phase of construction at Doña Ana Community College's Gadsden Center, $3.6 million for a road to Las Cruces Public Schools' new high school, funding for the dual-credit program in which high school students get college credit, $100,000 for The Bridge program that aims to coordinate education with business needs, support for a

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NM companies land spaceport contracts

Discover Magazine ranks Spaceport America as world-changing project

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

With nearly all the major construction contracts awarded, "things are moving very fast" at Spaceport America, New Mexico Spaceport Authority Executive Director Steve Landeene reported to his board at a year-end review last week.

With the spaceport's 10,000-foot runway being constructed and work to start soon on the main 110,152-square-foot Terminal Hangar Facility, the only major jobs left to be awarded were for its apron and communications at the site in the desert 45 miles north of Las Cruces, he said.

At a special meeting of the spaceport authority held Tuesday, Dec. 22, David Montoya Construction's $6.8 million bid was accepted for the apron. The Albuquerque-based Montoya Construction is the same company building the runway. Besides communications, other contracts to be awarded include an aircraft rescue-fire-fighting facility and fencing.

With 427 jobs already created, Landeene said the construction will provide more than 600 jobs when all the construction project are under way. One thing he said should be noticed is that all the construction contracts have gone to New Mexico companies. The other-worldly shaped Terminal Hangar Facility, for example, will be built by Summit West of Albuquerque.

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Ags raise money for Jardin

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A recent fundraiser by the New Mexico State University Athletics Department raised $935 for Jardin de los Niños, which provides day care services to homeless and near-homeless children. Pictured from left are: women's basketball coach Darin Spence; football coach DeWayne Walker; Shirley Hitson, Bank of the West vice president; Tara Muñoz, Bank of the West customer service manager; Brenda Allred, Bank of the West vice president and area manager; Miriam Gutierrez, Jardin de los Niños family services coordinator; and NMSU Athletics Director McKinley Boston.

Anthony early voting begins

NM residents voting on incorporation

Early voting is under way at the Doña Ana County Government Center in advance of the Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, incorporation election for the community of Anthony, N.M.

Early voting will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each business day through Thursday, Dec. 31.

An early voting site has been set up at the offices of the Anthony Water and Sanitation District, 1155 N. 4th St. That location will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each business day through Dec. 31.

Both sites also will be open for early voting from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010.

Residents within the proposed municipal boundaries will go to the polls beginning at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, to determine whether to incorporate. Votes will be cast at the Anthony Elementary School, 609 Church St., and at the offices of the Anthony Water and Sanitation District.

Residents of the affected area who wish to vote must be registered voters within Doña Ana County.

NM ID travel issue resolved

Delegation reports extension granted

U.S. Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall and Rep. Ben Ray Luján announced that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has officially extended the Dec. 31 deadline for compliance with the REAL ID Act, ensuring that New Mexicans planning domestic air travel over the New Year won't face disruptions because of new identification requirements.

Bingaman, Udall and Luján received assurances from the DHS that New Mexico travelers planning to use a state-issued identification to travel after Dec. 31 will not encounter problems.

The three had previously asked DHS Secretary Janet Napalitano to extend the deadline and provide assurances that air travel would not be disrupted, saying that a large majority of states – including New Mexico – were not expected to be in compliance and that enforcing the deadline would cause a significant disruption in air travel. In their letters, they urged DHS to quickly clarify its plans regarding the implementation of the REAL ID Act.

"REAL ID had caused quite a bit of confusion and uncertainty for New Mexicans who have holiday plans that may require air travel. I am happy to report that the extension has been made official by the Department of Homeland Security just as we reported last week," Udall said.

"This decision makes it clear that New Mexicans' travel plans will not be interrupted by REAL ID," Bingaman said. "Now the important work of finding a long-term solution to this problem must get under way."

In 2005, Congress passed the REAL ID Act requiring states to tighten requirements related the issuance of drivers' licenses because they are used as a standard form of identification for a variety of federal purposes, including air travel. While Bingaman, Udall and Lujan support strengthening the standards governing IDs, they were concerned about a National Governors Association estimate that a majority of states would not be able to meet the Dec. 31, deadline to comply with the law.

In a statement, DHS reported that 46 of 56 states and territories have informed the agency that they will not be able to meet the Dec. 31 REAL ID deadline.

"In order to ensure that the millions of Americans traveling this holiday season are not disrupted, DHS is extending the Dec. 31 REAL ID material compliance deadline," said DHS spokesman Matt Chandler. "The May 10, 2011, deadline for full compliance remains in effect, and the department will continue to work closely with states to meet this deadline."

President Barack Obama has indicated his desire to modify the REAL ID Act through new legislation, called the PASS ID Act, but that proposal has not yet been passed.

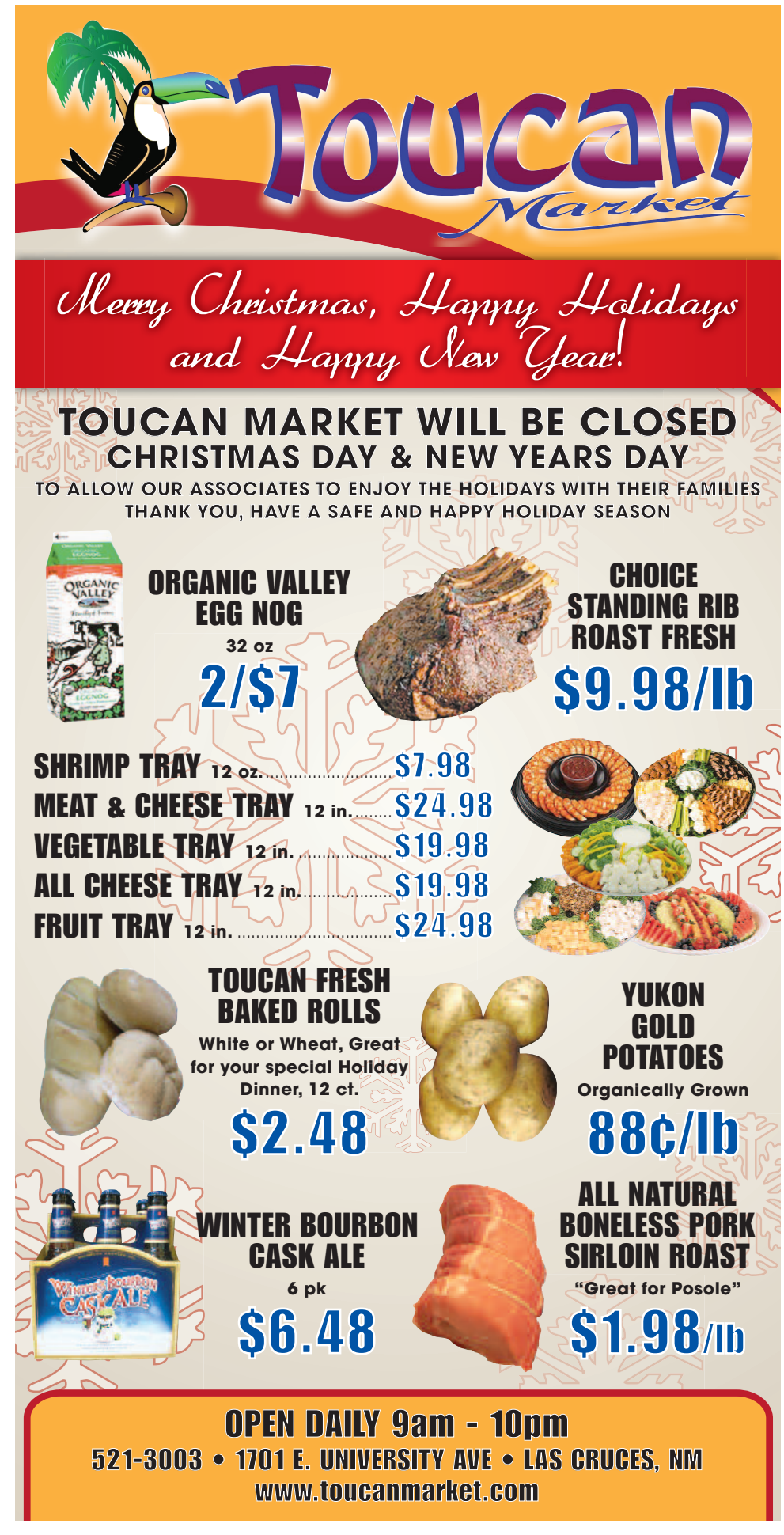
Use caution buying fuel wood

Make sure wood is properly measured

With cold weather at hand, there has been increasing consumer interest in purchasing fuel wood and the legal methods for its sale. The New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) Standards and Consumer Services Division is responsible for administering the weights and measures laws, ensuring that commercial transactions based on weight or measure are fair and accurate.

Fuel wood must be advertised and sold by the cord or fractional part of a cord. If the wood is sold by weight, the seller must declare the price per unit of weight and the equivalent price per cord. This does not apply to wood sold in packages of less than 100 pounds.

If a consumer discovers any fuel wood dealer offering wood for sale by an illegal method, he should contact NMDA Consumer Services Bureau at 646-1616 or visit http://nmdaweb.nmsu.edu.



Opinions

From the Publisher

The Christmas story

The timeless story of the birth of Jesus helps us reflect on love, peace and hope

By David McCollum
The Las Cruces Bulletin

McCOLLUM

The Christmas season is a wonderful time for families and friends to gather, share gifts and enjoy traditional celebrations. Many of us will be attending special Christmas church services where we will once again hear the wonderful story of the birth of Christ.

Because the story is so powerful and important in our local culture, we are pleased to take this opportunity to share with our readers the Christmas story as related in the New King James version of the Holy Bible.

Christ Born of Mary

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

So was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Glory in the Highest

Now there were shepherds living in the same country, shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told to them.

Luke 2:1-20

As we look forward to the New Year, Jaki and I, along with the entire Bulletin team, wish each of you and your family a safe and joyous Christmas holiday.

Letters to the Editor

Driving off the cliff

By raising the debt limit, the Congress guarantees the tyranny of higher taxes for future generations of young Americans. Rather than taking serious their responsibility of efficiently managing the largest employer in history, as well as taking serious their pledge to honor the Constitution of the United States, the Democratic-controlled Congress chooses to drive us off a financial cliff, shackling Americans with what amounts to indentured servitude.

Cap and Tax, Health Tax, TARP Tax. The current Congress is guaranteeing that we, the taxpayers, individuals and corporations alike, are not too big to fail.

DOUGLAS RAMSEY

Kiwanis thanks

Two weeks ago, the Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces held its annual Christmas CanTree drive and collected more than 2,200 pounds of food, which was distributed to the Gospel Rescue Mission, the El Caldito Soup Kitchen and Character Kids.

It is at this time, with the depressed economy on everyone's mind, that the spirit of giving truly shines through.

The Las Cruces community stepped up to the plate and unselfishly gave, hoping to brighten the Christmas holiday for those less fortunate. For that gift of altruism, we are truly grateful. Additionally, the Kiwanis would like to thank the Wal-Mart store on Walton Boulevard. for allowing us to collect food at their location.

A special thanks also to Lowe's Food Stores for a matching donation of canned goods which served as the base for the Can Tree. Without the help of these two businesses, and the community's spirit of giving, the holiday season would be just another day on the calendar for some very deserving people in Las Cruces. On their behalf, we thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts.

DEBRA MELCHER

End Iraq war

Within hours of kicking off his "At Last" dancing shoes, President Barack Obama's executive order to shut down the Guantanamo Bay detention center spoke to a swift and laudable attempt at righting the wrongs of his predecessor.

Operation Iraqi Freedom has raged on for more than seven years and nine months. Packaged and sold to the American people under the pretense of weapons of mass destruction and a 9/11 connection, a telling moment came during the looting of precious artifacts and national treasures as U.S. military troops secured the oil fields at all costs while disregarding other acts of destruction.

George W. Bush will never experience his children returning from battle in a coffin; Cheney's cronies at Halliburton continue to profit off the spoils of war; and countless Americans partake of another holiday feast with family members missing from their table.

This quagmire calls for a brilliant and workable exit strategy. The time is past due for our commander-in-chief to live up to his exalted status as a Nobel Peace Prize winner and find a means to an end of this unjustified war in Iraq.

CAROL HUNTER

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Two in a row

In his article "Abating GHG not the only warming solution" (The Las Cruces Bulletin, Dec. 11), Chris Erickson states: "Multiple lines of evidence point to the conclusion that global warming is a reality. The cause of this global warming is GHGs emitted as the by-product of industrial society."

But he does not then state any of this alleged evidence.

A week later, Vincent P. Gutschick states in a letter (Dec. 18) that says, "... the case for human-caused climate change is overwhelming ..."

Does he present any of the evidence that supports this "overwhelming" case? No, he does not.

If there is so much evidence, why is none ever presented? That's because there is none. At the heart of Erickson's "greenhouse gases are causing global warming" argument (or Gutschick's more vague and flaccid "human-caused climate change" argument), there is zero scientific evidence.

Instead there are allusions to "multiple lines of evidence" and "overwhelming" cases. But never any actual evidence.

LARRY YTUARTE

The insurance problem

I just heard of a great solution to the insurance nightmare. In some Scandinavian countries insurance is treated as a utility company and regulated by the federal government. Looks to me like that's the solution to our current problem. I object to the huge throttle they have on government no matter what state they are in.

I worked for a large insurance company in my college years and ended up as a life underwriter. While I was there, they were working out the rules for insurance premiums for group insurance policies. They used the underwriting information from several insurance companies with big group policies to work out the original rules.

My experience with them is they are all as illegal as they can arrange.

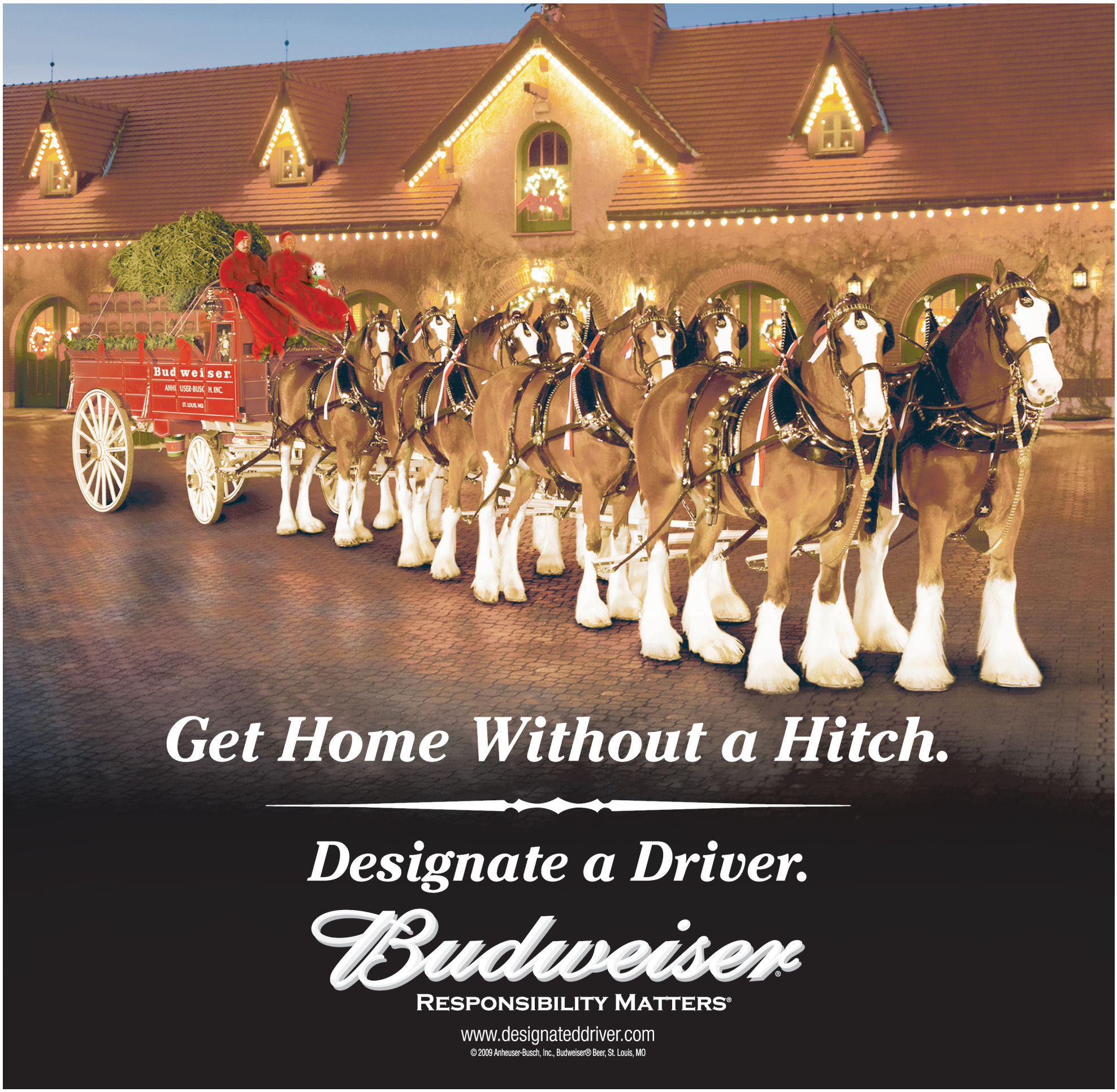
Anything they can do to wiggle out of paying a claim is OK.

Those are the reasons that our president is so involved in this issue. His mother died because an insurer would not care for her in her last days. He understands where people are coming from when they complain about a company. I doubt whether anyone in the Republican party understands this.

They are all millionaires who can afford anything they need to care for a family member.

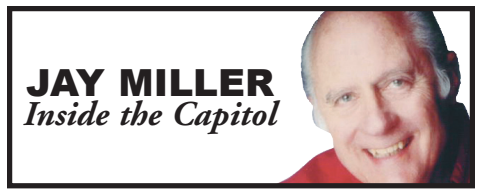
Goodbye Republicans. The day is coming when you will have to prove you are citizens of the United States. Kind of heard to believe at the moment.

PATRICIA GRAFF



Don't put focus on holiday language

Say 'Merry Christmas' or not, live by your own rules



Merry Christmas. I hope I haven't ruined anyone's day. I realize not all of you are Christians, but ours is a diverse society. We should all be willing to appreciate each other's traditions. A Jewish congregation down the street places a large menorah on its fence this time of year, which I always appreciate. Apparently the rest of the neighbors do too because it goes back up every year.

We have a sparkly crescent and star hanging prominently in our house. And we aren't bothered that to nearly all the world, it is thought of as a symbol of Islam.

To us, it is a reminder of a magical evening, sitting atop the Hotel Conrad on the Asian side of Istanbul, looking across the Bosporus at the European continent and seeing a crescent moon and star above us in almost the exact position as on the Turkish flag.

Actually, the crescent and star are not a Muslim symbol. If they were, they couldn't be on the Turkish flag. The crescent and star were a Turkish symbol long before Islam came into existence.

The Turks quickly became the great power of the Muslim world. When their legions conquered southern Europe, the sight of the Turkish flag they carried caused people to associate the crescent and star with Islam. Eventually, Muslims began to make the same association.

But it's no big deal to us. We have Santos and Bultos all over our house but we're not Catholic. We have them because we like them. We also have a large cross collection and more than 300 nativities for which we had to buy a storage shed to keep them in between Christmas seasons.

The point is that people get too serious about words and symbols. As Mike Huckabee said in explaining Mitt Romney's religious beliefs, it is an individual's relationship with God, not his church or religion, that defines what kind of person he is. Words and symbols shouldn't mean that much.

And if they do, don't sweat it. There's no law against public display of Christmas, even for government entities. Most choose not to do it for fear of hurting someone's feelings, but the Supreme Court never has agreed to hear the issue.

Government bodies seem to be moving toward the unwritten "one reindeer rule" by putting something secular in their Christmas display. If I were to move to a country where the predominant culture was other than Christian, I would not expect to see that culture adapt to me.

Some businesses like to play it safe and not lose any customers by mentioning Christmas. But many stores have discovered they can lose more customers by being politically correct.

The Christmas season is a great time to give thanks for the birth of our savior and to focus on peace and good will. But Dec. 25 isn't that sacred. We should give thanks year round.

It appears very likely that Christ was not born on Dec. 25 because shepherds would not have been in the fields tending their flocks in the middle of winter.

December was a common time for most cultures and religions to celebrate because they didn't have to be tending their fields at that time. So it was a good time for Christians to have their big celebration.

Nothing says birthdays have to be celebrated on the anniversary of one's birth. I know people born on Dec. 25, who celebrate their birthday in July.

And by the way, the use of X-mas isn't too un-Christian. In Greek, the language of many early Christian writings, X (Chi) was the first letter of Christ.

So don't feel intimidated about celebrating Christmas in exactly the way you want. You get to make the rules by which you live.

And don't let the blustering Bill O'Reillys of the world get you too worked up either. No one has declared war on Christmas and no one has won it for us.

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Letters to the Editor

La Casa thank you

I would like to thank St. Paul's Methodist Church, Alaska Structures, Mesilla Elementary School, El Caldito Soup Kitchen and the numerous men and women who came to La Casa with turkeys, hams, canned goods, bags of potatoes, pies and dinner rolls. Through this huge effort, La Casa was able to provide turkeys and big food boxes to 120 families this Thanksgiving holiday.

This outpouring of generosity completely shattered last year's record of 80 families receiving dinners. I would also like to thank the produce department at Wal-Mart on Walton Drive. On very short notice it disrupted their its schedule on one of its busiest shopping days to collect a huge amount of boxes when we ran short. That effort allowed our volunteers to keep sorting and distributing.

A group of fine young men from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints came in to help sort, pack and distribute all the food baskets. Without their brains and muscles, we would have been hard pressed to get all the food distributed.

Finally, I would like to thank the hard working La Casa counselors who quickly and efficiently made hundreds of calls to families to make sure the food was distributed in a timely manner and the La Casa staff who traveled throughout the county delivering food and picking up truck loads of donations. I have never seen a large operation like this go so perfectly and flawlessly due to the concerted effort of all

PATRICIA MCCLURE
La Casa resource development manager

Reasons to be thankful

As 2009 comes to a close – all too quickly, if you ask me – it's time to look both backwards and forward.

When we look back, we evaluate our mistakes and then we look forward and know we will have a chance to become better at our work, relationships, health or any other findings on which we need to improve.

Because of everything that is happening in the world around us, it is sometimes hard to remember to take a moment to think about all the things in life for which we are truly thankful.

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The majority commanded by a minority of people

America's identity is that of a Christian nation

By Michael Swickard
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

At times that are so Christian, such as Christmas, I wonder about our country, which is divided into the majority and minority. The majority of Americans are Christians. Our nation has all of the dressing of a Christian nation such as the Ten Commandments in the Supreme Court.

The problem I see is that in words this nation is quite Christian, though not in action. As much as I would like this issue to be simple, I can find no way to make it so. Our money says that we trust in God, yet our courts say, in essence, there is no God.

This nation, for better or worse is reflective of the majority letting the minority dictate to them how the nation is to be run. Christian ideals are being removed from our society bit-by-bit, but not by the majority of people, rather, by a small minority. And the majority stands by seemingly helpless as this is done.

One certainty is that no other nation is grappling with this issue like the U.S. Can you imagine a Muslim nation taking even the slightest step away from Islam because a minority of people in their country wished it to be so? This may give America the moral high ground from the Muslim nations, but is anyone noticing that the minority has such power in our country?

That raises an interesting question: Should we be a nation ruled by the majority or not? Or should we somehow cast off the majority and answer only to a minority of people? Perhaps we have to decide that since not all 300 million Americans are Christians, lacking 100 percent, we are not a Christian nation.

We are struggling with the issue of identity. Can we be a Christian nation if we have populations of Muslims, Jews, pagans and thousands of other belief systems spanning from believing there is nothing to believe to Americans who have no other thoughts than of their religion? What really establishes our core identity as a nation?

The America of my youth was without a doubt a Christian nation. While I was aware that not everyone believed as I did, nevertheless, I knew that most people had similar beliefs. I never wondered if my belief system was right since there was no indication to me that it was not.

This was even more so with the Pledge of Allegiance, which I said every school day when I was in public school. It seemed to me that every day we mentioned God, as in "under God …"

This was a relatively recent change to the pledge. It was on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, then President Dwight Eisenhower added those two most controversial words to the pledge of allegiance: under God. For 50 years those words were not in the pledge but on that day the pledge changed into: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United State of America, and to the republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Some people would just as soon throw away all of the pledge, not just the offending two words. This is the point where I find myself somewhat at odds with many people. I have no trouble with my own belief system; I have a problem having any enthusiasm for softly or more stringently trying to get other people to accept my beliefs as their own.

I do know that one of my recent columns asked if we could get our elected representatives to vote on our country being a Christian nation. Yes, I knew there was absolutely no chance to get our politicians to vote against the majority of citizens. If we Americans had a popular vote on our status as a Christian nation, that status would be overwhelmingly confirmed.

There will never be a vote. Instead, the attempt is always to change the status without voting. That is the question for the 2010 elections: Will you vote to uphold that our country is a Christian nation? Those who avoid the issue or vote against the Christian status may have trouble getting re-elected. Have a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

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Seizing an opportunity: Let's not waste the budget crisis

First step is to control spending

BY STATE REP. STEVE FISCHMANN
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The January legislative session is fast approaching, and it's time for both the governor and the Legislature to step up to the budget crisis.

Temporary federal aid, gauze and Band-Aids have gotten us this far, but the first aid kit is now empty. Projected general fund revenues for fiscal 2010 have declined more than 25 percent (from $6.4 billion to $4.7 billion) with no sign of significant revenue growth in sight. Little has been done to address the long-term structural problems we face. The tough decision-making still lies ahead.

It's no mystery how we got here: Big increases in state spending, $700 million in tax cuts since 2002 (largely to the highest income earners), "economic development" perks of dubious public benefit and questionable deals made in a "pay to play" political culture. All of this was financed by a bubble in natural gas severance tax revenue that is unlikely to return, and financial market shenanigans that fueled a bloated economy.

Tired posturing about indispensable government programs or no new taxes will not solve our problems. A combination of immediate measures and long-term policy shifts can. Successful businesses use tough times to reinvent themselves. That is exactly what New Mexico state government needs to do. It's painful, but it sure beats the alternative. Let's not waste this crisis.

Here are some ideas for moving forward this next legislative session.

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Reducing government spending

It's human nature to get sloppy about spending when there's lots of money around. The first step back to financial stability is controlling spending.

The governor has created a citizen panel to review potential tax increases; we should do the same to address potential budget cuts.

There has been much discussion about "across the board" cuts to "share the pain." This will only result in across the board mediocrity. Large bureaucracies tend to create new programs to solve each newly identified problem. Real solutions often lie in better delivery of core services rather than layers of new initiatives. Marginal and underfunded programs should be dropped as we refocus on more effective delivery of basic services.

Our public school classrooms are a perfect microcosm of this phenomenon. Between overcooked federal and state testing mandates, documentation-heavy programs to help struggling students and a bevy of "flavor of the month" programs, it is widely acknowledged that teachers no longer have enough time to actually teach. By streamlining and eliminating mandates while maintaining accountability we can improve instruction and save money at the same time.

Policy adjustments can also significantly reduce spending. It costs upward of $30,000 annually to house a prisoner in a state corrections institution. Taxpayers are punished as much as criminals every time we send someone to jail. Though we call them corrections institutions, the overwhelming evidence is that prisons are far more adept at teaching criminal behavior than correcting it. Do we really benefit by sending non-violent first time offenders to jail? Alternative forms of punishment not only save money, but promise fewer career criminals in our future.

Now might also be a good time to review the state procurement code. Many complain that it often adds significantly to cost. I don't pretend to know one way or the other, but given the claimed level of waste, review and possible adjustment of the procurement code seems reasonable.

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Restructuring taxes

Every year, egislators face many proposals for tax breaks for narrow interest groups. Far too many are approved and never reviewed again. More taxes are exempted in tax credits and deductions than is actually collected each year in state income and gross receipt taxes. The result is a tax system where tax break losers subsidize tax break winners.

We do not need to raise tax rates to increase revenues. We need only eliminate tax breaks that serve no broad public purpose. Is it really appropriate that New Mexico auto sales excise taxes are only about half as much as gross receipt taxes on other products? Other states don't give this tax break. Forty eight states have implemented "consolidated reporting" policies to prevent national corporations from avoiding local state taxes through accounting tricks. New Mexico has not. Correcting just these two inequities would increase revenues an estimated $60 to $100 million annually.

Legislation that requires annual review of tax breaks, and that imposes sunset clauses on all narrow tax and economic incentives deserves our support.

Curtailing pay to play

The impact of pay to play is much bigger than the criminal violations we regularly see in the news. Technically, legal transactions that violate the public trust probably cost us far more than illegal activity. Giveaway deals by the State Land Office, subsidies that give (not loan) hundreds of thousands of dollars to private speculators for every acre of private lots they create, and film incentives that give a cash rebate of 25 cents for every dollar production companies spend in New Mexico will cost more than $100 million this year. Total costs are much higher and are impossible to measure.

If we abhor pay to play as much as we let on, we should change the laws that encourage it. Contractors working for the state, and companies seeking publicly funded subsidies or tax breaks should be prohibited from making political contributions. There is no hope of curtailing corruption if we're too faint hearted to make it illegal. Legislation that addresses these "ethics" issues may well save taxpayers more money over the long term than any other change we implement.

Steve Fischmann is state Senator for District 37 and a retired Fortune 500 corporate executive.

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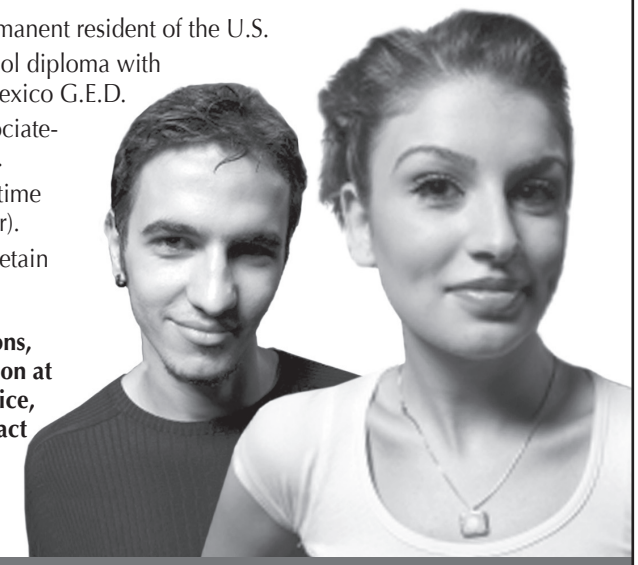

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GUEST COLUMN

Tax junk food, not fruits, vegetables and baby food

Tax on food is extremely regressive

BY FRED NATHAN AND ALLEN SANCHEZ
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce (GACC) recently proposed that New Mexico re-impose the tax on food. If the GACC wants to raise taxes, a wiser strategy would be a targeted tax on junk food, rather than making necessities such as fruits, vegetables and baby food more expensive for New Mexico families.

Gov. Bill Richardson and the Legislature thankfully abolished the food tax beginning in 2005. The tax had been enacted in 1933, as part of a "temporary" and "emergency" measure. But the food tax long outlasted the emergency of the Great Depression. In fact, between 1933 and 2005, it more than doubled from its original rate of 2.5 percent.

> "... the states have moved steadily toward exempting food from tax."

In 1958, 41 states taxed food. Since then, however, the states have moved steadily toward exempting food from tax. By the time New Mexico repealed its food tax, only seven states still fully taxed the sale of groceries.

Today, that number has dwindled to only two: Alabama and Mississippi.

A weak foundation

The trend toward repealing the tax on food has been accelerated in part by the recognition that the food tax is a weak foundation on which to base essential government services. This is because food tax revenue grows so much more slowly than state and local government spending.

In the decade before the repeal, for example, revenue from the food tax grew at only a 1.7 percent annual rate, according to the Taxation and Revenue Department, while state and local government spending grew at a rate of about 5 percent during the same period.

In addition, the food tax is an extremely regressive tax because those who are least able to afford it bear the greatest burden.

The GACC argues that re-imposing the food tax would not harm the poor because they receive food stamps. However, although the food stamp program has been around for nearly half a century, only 62 percent of eligible New Mexico families with children actually receive food stamps, according to an October 2008, study by the New Mexico Voices for Children. The other 38 percent, representing tens of thousands of families with children, would have to pay the entire tax if the food tax were re-imposed.

Moreover, the food stamp benefit formula is based on the expectation that families will pay a portion of their food budget with income other than food stamps. The average monthly benefit per person in New Mexico is approximately $93, or about $3 per day. Thus, even the 62 percent of eligible New Mexicans who receive food stamps continue to pay for many of their groceries and would therefore still be hit hard by a food tax.

Food stamps provide no relief to struggling middle class families. In the midst of the greatest economic downturn in seven decades, it is wrong to increase taxes on working middle income families who are living paycheck to paycheck. Reimposing the food tax would cost the average family of four approximately $250 annually.

An anti-stimulus

The money that would be spent on a new food tax is money that these families would otherwise be able to spend on other goods and services. In this sense, re-imposing the food tax would function as a sort of anti-stimulus, draining dollars out of the economy.

While a food tax does nothing but harm, a junk food tax would do some good. It would, for instance, help combat New Mexico's growing obesity crisis, which would reduce health care expenses over the long term. In 1986, fewer than 10 percent of New Mexicans were obese, according to data from the Centers on Disease Control and Prevention. By 2008, more than 25 percent of New Mexicans were obese.

In addition, according to a 2003 analysis by the Taxation and Revenue Department, a tax on candy and soft drinks would generate approximately $22.4 million annually.

> "... a tax on junk food makes sense for a state struggling with an obesity epidemic."

The health and economic benefits of a junk food tax explain why more and more states are enacting them. Thirty-three states tax soft drinks. Fifteen states tax candy. In addition, Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter proposed taxing junk food just last month.

The food tax is a regressive, anti-family tax on necessities, while a tax on junk food makes sense for a state struggling with an obesity epidemic. Please urge. Richardson and your legislators to tax junk food, not fruit, vegetables and baby food.

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The Texas thank-you tour

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I made the trip to Texas this fall and was able to revisit a couple of monumental memories, just to see if they were real.

When I was going to veterinary school in Colorado, I worked summers in the feedlots managed by Diamond A Cattle Co. The second year, I hired on at the 50,000 head yard in Thermal, Calif. Yes, thermal … a summer job.

I was batchin', eating greasy tacos and renting a room with no air conditioning. Occasionally one of the men on the doctor crew would take me home with him for lunch. I'm sure his wife thought of me as a stray dog … "Can't you feed him out on the porch, Simon!"

> "I sat at his little kitchen table with bowls of chile colorado using homemade tortillas ... as spoons."

But he and I sat at his little kitchen table with bowls of chile colorado, using homemade tortillas she handed hot from the stove, which we used as spoons. It is still one of my finest dining experiences.

He moved to Rockport, Texas. I went by to see him for the first time in 30 years. It was important to me to let him know that, to this day, I have never forgotten his kindness.

I also swung by the little town of Schroeder. Several years after working for Simon, I had fallen on hard times. Red Steagall, western singer and Texas treasure, invited me to go with him to play a dance at Schroeder Hall.

It was humbling for me. I was kinda star struck.

We loaded in his new Cadillac. During the five-hour drive from Ft. Worth, I soaked up his wisdom and companionship. When we arrived at Schroeder Hall, we could have been in Kenya, for all I knew. I'd not paid any attention to the road or the scenery.

Red said, "Bax, do me a favor."

I said, "Anything." It would give me a way to show my gratitude. He dug a ball of car keys out of his pocket bigger than a hippopotamus cud!

"Would you mind holding these while I'm singing? I hate to carry this big wad around."

"Of course," I said obsequiously. We walked off.

Well, I didn't want to go to the dance with that big wad of car keys in my pocket either! I peeled off the Cadillac key and threw the wad on the car's floor mat. At midnight I hooked up with another ride who was going to San Antonio. I went into the dance hall and said my goodbyes to Red and went to get my bag out of his car.

It was then I realized that Cadillacs had two keys; one for the door and one for the ignition. I had kept out the wrong one! It was 3 a.m. before the locksmith arrived from Victoria.

On my Texas tour I hunted up Schroeder Hall. It was still there and still had a dance hall.

I stared at the light pole in the gravel parking lot and had a nostalgic chill. I remember, in my embarrassment that I insisted on paying for the locksmith.

I also remember he said, "OK" just a little quicker than I'd expected!

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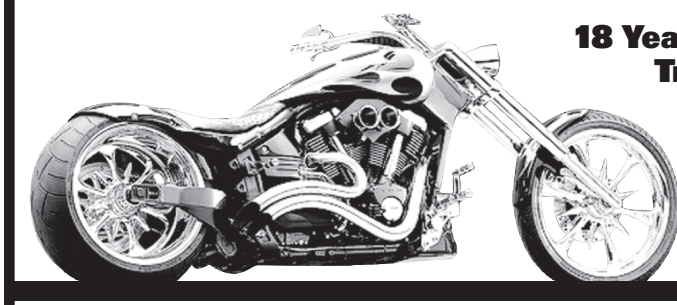

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The Friends of the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, at the park, 5000 Calle del Norte, west of Mesilla. All members and those who are interested in supporting the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park are invited to attend. An informational program will precede the business meeting. The park fee will be waived for those attending the meeting.

For more information, call 523-8009.

DACSAR meeting set

Doña Ana County Search & Rescue Inc. (DACSAR), a volunteer community service team, will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, in conference room No. 114 of the main building at Doña Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina St. Visitors are welcome and the group is looking for new members. For more information, visit www.dacsar.org or call 526-4918.

Ancestors tour Jan. 9

The Branigan Cultural Center series, "Visit Our Ancestors Cemetery Tours," has expanded to include neighborhoods and communities and has been renamed "Visit Our Ancestors Community Tours."

The programs are offered the second Saturday of every other month. Staff and guest speakers will lead participants to various locations around Las Cruces and surrounding areas to places of historical interest.

Staff, volunteers and representatives from Las Esperanzas will lead a walking tour of Las Cruces' oldest neighborhood, the Mesquite Historic District, on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010. Those interested in joining the tour should meet at 10 a.m. at Klein Park, 155 N. Mesquite St. The program is free and no registration is required. Participants should plan for a two hour walk and wear sturdy walking shoes.

The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., is located at the north end of the Downtown Mall. All programs are free and open to the public. Galleries are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call the Branigan Cultural Center at 541-2154 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

Lane closures planned

Las Cruces motorists are advised that Telshor Boulevard will have lane closures beginning at 6 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2010. The closures will be in effect for approximately four weeks. The outside northbound lane on Telshor Boulevard will be closed leaving one through lane open from Kentucky Fried Chicken to Nacho Drive.

Morrow Enterprises Inc. will be installing storm drain and roadway work on Telshor Boulevard. The closure will affect RoadRUNNER Transit Route No. 90 at stop location Telshor/Whataburger. Motorists wanting to avoid possible delays should seek an alternative route.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department, Contracts Administration section at 528-3098. The TTY number is 541-2182.

History discussion planned

"History Notes" is a new monthly program held from 1 to 2 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Branigan Cultural Center. The programs are informal discussions focusing on local and regional history lead by staff and volunteers. The first meeting is Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010, and the topic is the historic Camino Real through Doña Ana County. The discussion will be based on the book "Following the Royal Road" by Hal Jackson (University of New Mexico Press, 2006).

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Death March registration deadlines set

Memorial trek honors sacrifice of World War II veterans

The 2010 Bataan Memorial Death March will be Sunday, March 21, at White Sands Missile Range.

The Bataan Memorial Death March is a challenging trek through the high desert terrain conducted in honor of the heroic service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health and, in many cases, their lives. Participants may choose either the 26.2-mile route or the 15.2-mile route.

The 26.2-mile march starts on the Army installation's main post, crosses hilly terrain, winds around a small mountain and returns to the finish line through sandy desert trails and washes. Elevation varies from about 4,100 to 5,300 feet. The memorial march is not a sanctioned marathon.

The event is open to military (active duty, reserve, National Guard, ROTC, JROTC or retired) and civilian teams and individuals in either heavy or light divisions. Military personnel marching in any military category must wear full field gear. Civilian marchers in any category should wear attire appropriate for a road march through desert terrain. Marchers entered in a heavy division category must carry a 35-pound rucksack. Awards will be presented to the top two finishers in each age division in each category.

Teams must consist of five people. All five marchers must cross the finish line together. There are no age divisions within the team categories. The cost to register a team is $275.

Military team categories are: Male Military Light Team, Male Military Heavy Team, Female Military Light Team, Female Military Heavy Team, Coed Military Light Team, Coed Military Heavy Team, National Guard Light Team, National Guard Heavy Team, ROTC Light Team, ROTC Heavy Team and JROTC Light Team.

For those not in the military, team categories are: Civilian Male Light Team, Civilian Male Heavy Team, Civilian Female Light Team, Civilian Coed Light Team and Civilian Coed Heavy Team.

Cost to register as an individual is $65. There are multiple age divisions in both military and civilian divisions.

Categories for military members are: Male Military Light, Male Military Heavy, Female Military Light and Female Military Heavy.

Age divisions in each military category are 19 years of age and younger, 20 to 29 years of age, 30 to 39 years of age, 40 to 49 years of age and 50 years of age and older.

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Age divisions in each of the non-military individual categories are: 19 years and younger, 20 to 29 years of age, 30 to 39 years of age, 40 to 49 years of age, 50 to 59 years of age, 60 to 69 years of age and 70 years of age and older.

The 15-mile Bataan honorary march is for those who want to participate, but do not want to attempt the longer, more difficult route. The cost is $65.

The approximately 15.2-mile course starts on the Army installation's main post and returns to the finish line through sandy desert trails and washes.

Categories are male or female individual marcher. No awards are presented for the honorary march.

Deadline for online registration is midnight (MST) Sunday, March 14, 2010. Late online registration begins at 12:01 a.m. (MST) March 15 through midnight (MST) March 17, 2010. Cost for late online registration increases to $130 for individuals and $550 for teams.

Mail-in registration forms can be downloaded from the website at www.bataanmarch.com. All entry forms sent by mail must be postmarked no later than March 6, 2010.

All registered participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, dog tag, timing chip, a certificate, pre-event continental breakfast and post-event meal.

For more information about the march call the White Sands Missile Range Community Events Office at 678-1256 or 678-2887.

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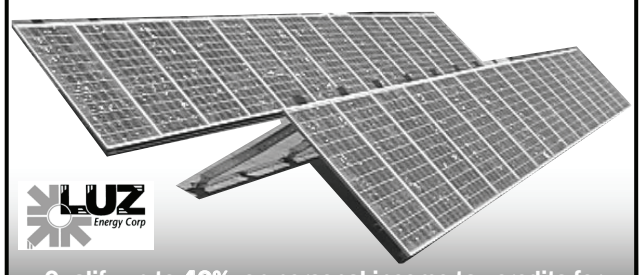

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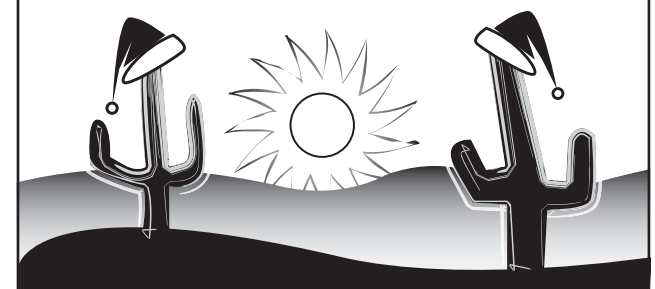

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Soldiers with the 2nd Engineer Battalion will use modern investigative techniques to locate and capture insurgents when they deploy next year.

Like something out of the popular crime scene investigation TV programs, members of the 2nd Engineer Battalion are analyzing evidence from enemy activities to determine their locations, motives and activities. At the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., intelligence officers such as 2nd Lt. Mathew Peterson practiced their skills at identifying and evaluating enemy activities by analyzing evidence found on the battlefield.

"What I'm looking for are things that can put me in the enemies shoes, so that I can figure out that they're eating this kind of food, or using this kind of stuff that comes from a store in (one specific town) rather than (another)," Peterson said as he examined a discarded battery he found near a road with IED activity. "That way we can know what routes they're using, what kind of cars to look for, which people, and what kind of IEDs they make."

Analyzing evidence like this can go a long way toward helping the battalion keep routes clear, as well as help U.S. and Allied forces as a whole identify who the enemy is and how to best combat them.

"If (our soldiers) bring in something like wires, that are a specialty to shops in (a certain town), then I can answer the question 'Where is the enemy coming from?'" Peterson said.

Part of what makes Peterson's investigations so effective is coordination with other units. This allows him to gather intelligence and forensic data about the larger operating environment.

One of Peterson's goals is to expand the soldiers' definition of what is considered valuable evidence. Currently soldiers tend to focus on the actual explosives found in the IEDs, Peterson wants them to learn to include other materials that could be useful to insurgents.

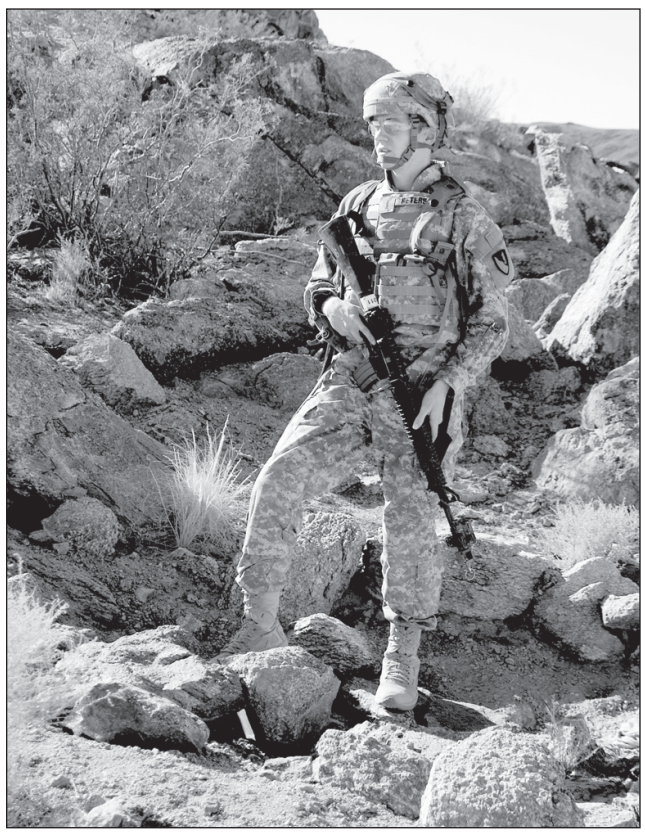
"I'm trying to expand the mindset to realize that even something as small as a nine-volt battery could have been in a detonator and for all we know there's a fingerprint on there that I can trace back to somebody," Peterson said.

Once he has access to evidence, Peterson and his team can start analyzing it or leveraging other resources outside the 2nd Engineer Battalion to help determine its value as a source of information.

"One of my guys is battlefield forensics trained and he knows how to handle these things. He makes sure they get to the teams that can do the right laboratory analysis," Peterson said.

Taking part in the deployment readiness exercise at NTC has given Peterson a chance to make use of the wide range of materials that might not be available when conducting training exercises on White Sands Missile Range.

"At White Sands I can do things in theory, but I don't actually have someone calling (me) up with real enemy network set up with connected personalities and things where they're actually setting up IEDs," Peterson said.



Second Lt. Matthew Peterson, an intelligence and security officer with the 2nd Engineer Battalion, scans for enemy activity while taking part in full spectrum operations exercises at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. Peterson plans to collect and analyze physical evidence of enemy activity to help him locate and identify individual insurgents when he deploys.

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regional economic development effort, passage of the state's portion for tax increment development district in Downtown Las Cruces and support for an interstate compact to ease the educational transition for children of those serving in the military.

It is a good list, said Commissioner Oscar Vasquez Butler, but he questioned why some of the county's flood control projects weren't on it.

Commissioner Karen Perez countered that the projects mentioned weren't of a regional scope and said there is a great issue with Las Cruces Public Schools building a new middle school and elementary school on the East Mesa where road improvements also are needed.

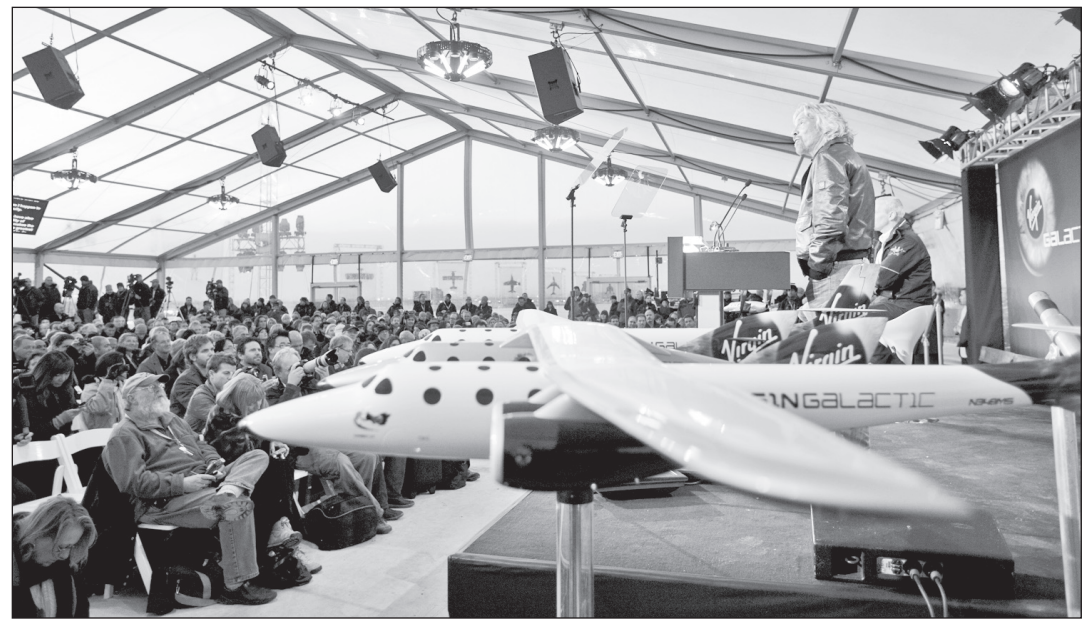
Commissioners said they also felt that the proposed crisis triage center at the Doña Ana County Detention Center also was critical, though it has $1.6 million price tag. Though that costly proposal may be too much for lawmakers to support this year, it's important enough for the project to be on the list to send a consistent message with past years when it was a priority on the coalition list, said Commissioner Scott Krahling.

The county's detention center staff is burdened with taking care of mentally ill people, which the crisis triage center would help, Butler said. The lack of such a facility at the detention center not only impacts its staff and detainees, but also the families and loved ones of the jailed mentally ill, he said. That makes the need for a crisis triage center something that affects many lives in the county, he said.

At the end of the debate, commissioners asked Bill Connor representing the coalition to bring both the other East Mesa school roads and the crisis triage center before the coalition for a vote. The next coalition meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 29.

When Connor later brought the list before the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas criticized the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's influence over the coalition and how its list is the primary lobbying focus of Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, a day at the Legislature that features the Las Cruces community.

Thomas said she felt neither city officials nor the Metropolitan Planning Organization were adequately involved in the process of selecting the lobbying priorities. "I don't feel like it's really our day in Santa Fe," she said.



British billionaire Richard Branson talks to reporters and guests in Mojave, Calif., before the Dec. 7 rollout of the Virgin Galactic spaceliner rocket, called Enterprise.

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Spaceport

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The spaceport's $198 million construction budget comes from state bond money with a portion of gross receipts taxes collected in Sierra and Doña Ana counties helping pay off those loans. Spaceport America is just north of the Doña Ana County line in Sierra County.

"What the Legislature created is having a positive impact," Landeene said.

While the spaceport is keeping the construction workforce local, the first purpose-built spaceport is quickly gaining national and international attention, Landeene said. Besides an article in Time magazine, the latest issue of Discover magazine ranked Spaceport America 44th among "100 Discoveries that are Changing the World."

Along with being home to new systems of cost-effective launch systems, Spaceport America – especially the Terminal Hangar Facility – is being built with a strong focus of more efficient and renewable energy use, making it a showcase for sustainable design and technology, he said.

Even the development of the Virgin Galactic spaceliner being constructed in California is shining attention to the state, Landeene noted. When it was rolled out earlier this month, there was a larger contingency from New Mexico and Virgin Galactic officials spoke frequently of Spaceport America, which will be the main home for the spaceliner fleet.

Initially, Virgin Galactic's spaceliner will take tourists to suborbital space, but Landeene said traditional space researchers, the military and private industry are looking at the innovative and comparatively cost-effective mid-air launch system for other uses. He said this is a development that also is happening more quickly than he expected.

To develop the system, Virgin Galactic and Aabar investors are spending about $400 million, he said.

"What we have here is reality," Landeene said. "We are very close now."

Virgin Galactic aims to begin taking its first tourists to suborbital space in 2011.

Meanwhile, the new spaceport has the challenge of making its operations self-sufficient on the local committed gross receipts taxes, leases and user fees and tourism, he said. Landeene said his office began getting its first taste of that tourism potential by offering tours of the spaceport construction site.

Another challenge is access to the spaceport. Currently, there is one paved access road from Elephant Butte. There is a southern unpaved road to the spaceport that is more than 20 miles from Interstate Highway 25.

Landeene was recently quoted in the media as saying paving the southern was essential to the project's success. With even a basic paving costing more than $7 million at a time when the state is hurting to fund any capital outlay, "we stepped out too far" with the statements, cautioned Fred Mondragón, state economic development secretary who chairs the spaceport authority board. "We are backing off."

Mondragón urged Landeene to keep looking to find savings in the existing budget and other solutions to making the southern access road more viable. ," he said.

However, Landeene said he would like to see the Legislature pass a bill to limit liability for private spaceflights, as have done the states of Texas, Virginia and Florida, all with private spaceports in the works. State Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Las Cruces, has agreed to carry the bill.

The legislation calls for the passengers to acknowledge that they are taking a risk flying in the new spaceflight systems.

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object to the lot being considered and the lack of notice about the project. The business owners said they learned of the City Council voting on a resolution to approve the project late last week and were astonished to find it on the meeting's consent agenda.

Gary Ebert, whose new restaurant Zeffiro Pizzeria Napoletana and Popular Artisan Bread Bakery has been a success in its first year, said he and his wife put their life savings into the restaurant and need the parking lot for their customers.

Mike White of White's Music Box, one of the lone surviving businesses from when Main Street used to run through Downtown, said this use for the lot is not what was envisioned by the revitalization plan's reference to the need for affordable housing. The plan's main focus is to make business return to Downtown, not make it harder for the businesses, he said.

Like the other business owners, Edgar Lopez, who owns a number of Downtown properties, said that besides the loss of parking, city officials made no effort to contact him or other property owners.

When asked about the question of notification, officials said it wasn't required for city-owned property. Councillor Dolores Connor characterized that response as "pretty lousy" justification for the poor notice and contrary to the promises of transparency and increased public input in city decision-making that voters have responded to in recent elections.

"Let's be transparent about this for crying out loud," Connor said. "What concerns me is we are moving too quickly on something we don't know enough about."

Mark Allison, executive director of the Albuquerque-based Supportive Housing Coalition, said the fast track was necessary to apply for tax credits to make the development attractive to investors. The proposed apartments would charge rent ranging from a low of $10 a month to a high of $100 a month.

Mike Beckett, a Downtown business owner active in the revitalization effort, said the way the proposal was handled flew in the face of the spirit behind Downtown revitalization.

"I thought this was public-private partnership," Beckett said.

Thomas remained skeptical about retail businesses returning to Downtown, but acknowledged that she did run for office on the need for greater transparency in city government.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said he felt the proposal was being pushed through too quickly and in a manner that didn't include the neighboring businesses. In new development, elected city officials are pushing for better notification to neighboring residents, but the city officials involved in this project didn't make the process inclusive.

"It's their livelihood that's being affected, and they were not told," Miyagishima said. "Don't bring it here in the 11th hour and expect us to pass it."

The council agreed to table the proposal to a meeting next month to give the backers of the proposal a chance to reach out to the businesses and hold public hearings.

Ruben Smith, former mayor who has a business Downtown, said the Downtown revitalization effort won't succeed without bringing together as many people as possible into the decision-making process. Two weeks in the midst of the holidays is not enough time to pull people together behind the project, he said.

School supporters organize

Bond and mill levee election Feb. 2

TODD

A citizens group of 50 residents have organized a "blue ribbon committee" to create awareness about the Las Cruces Public Schools' 2010 School Bond and Mill Levy Election.

Long-time community volunteer Norman Todd chairs the committee. The election will be Feb. 2, 2010, and voters will consider two ballot items: approval of a $65 million school bond issue and renewal of a two-mill capital improvements tax levy.

"This group of volunteers is working in all segments of the community to make sure people are informed about the bond issue and mill levy," Todd said. "Passing the bond and continuing the mill levy – without any increase in the school tax rate – are critically important to our schools and the more than 24,000 students who attend them."

Todd is a member (and former president of) the LCPS Foundation, a member of the Las Cruces High School SAC (School Advisory Committee) and former president of the Zia Middle School Parent Teacher Organization.

"These volunteers are, for example, parents, business owners and retired educators, and all of them are committed to our school system," said Superintendent Stan Rounds. "It's gratifying so many people care about the condition of our schools which has a direct impact on the education of our children."

Rounds said he understands how people are concerned about their taxes because of the economy.

"But bad economic times serve to remind us that the most important thing anyone can possess is a good education," he said. "That's why it is so important to have our schools continue to grow with our community so we can continue to graduate students who can compete and thrive locally and globally."

Todd said the blue ribbon bond committee is organized into seven subcommittees, including a speakers' bureau.

"If there are any groups or organizations in Las Cruces who would like to have a short presentation on the bond issue and mill levy, we would be very pleased to provide it for them," he said.

To schedule a presentation on the bond and mill levy, contact Todd at 523-5083 or normanetodd@aol.com. Additional information about the election is available on the LCPS website www.lcps.k12.nm.us. The election will have consolidated precincts, meaning that several precincts will vote at one location. Residents can contact the Doña Ana County Elections Bureau at 647-7428 or bobba@donaanacounty.org.

Bond Facts

- Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010: Last day to register to vote in the election. Voters must be at least 18 years old and be a resident of the school district, which includes the city and the middle third of Doña Ana County.
- Friday, Jan. 8 to Friday, Jan. 29, 2010: Absentee and in-person voting, which takes place at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 W. Motel Blvd.
- Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010: Election day. Voting will take place in 28 consolidated precincts throughout the school district.
- Passing the bond and mil levy will not raise the local property tax rate. The LCPS portion will remain at $9.807 per $1,000 of taxable property value. (Taxable value is one third of the assessed value of the property.)
- Funds generated by the bond issue and mil levy will: Benefit all schools; improve safety; provide more and better technology; fund major construction and renovations (including $10 million for Las Cruces High School), new and improved athletic facilities and many repairs, ranging from remodeled restrooms and roofs to improved air-conditioning and heating systems; and help the school district plan for long-range growth.
- Las Cruces Public Schools has had community support for building new schools. Each bond issue on the ballot since the 1950s has passed by with a comfortable majority. The district has opened 12 schools since 1982 because of growing enrollment.
- 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. Bond funds also have been used for new technology at all schools, to address the Americans with Disabilities Act and for school safety.

Udall co-sponsors DWI bill requiring interlocks

NM ground-breaking law inspires national legislation

U.S. Sens. Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Tom Udall (D-NM) have introduced new legislation that would withold federal transportation funding to states that don't require ignition interlocks for all convicted drunk driving offenders.

The ignition interlock is an electronic breath testing system connected to a vehicle's ignition system that prevents a vehicle from starting if the driver's blood alcohol content exceeds a pre-set limit.

"Far too many people die from alcohol-related auto accidents each year," Lautenberg said. "This week is an especially dangerous time as drunk driving tragedies spike during the holiday season. Our legislation would help keep roads and communities safe by preventing people with a history of drunk driving from repeating that bad decision. It would prevent thousands of tragic accidents and save countless lives every year."

"New Mexico was the first state to attack the epidemic of drunk driving by implementing an aggressive ignition interlock penalty program for all offenders," Udall said. "The strategy has helped take drunk drivers off the roads and save lives. I believe enacting it nationwide would have the same positive and resounding effect."

"We know that 50 to 75 percent of drunk drivers continue to drive on a suspended license because they can," said Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) National Board member Jan Withers. "With an ignition interlock, DUI offenders can still go to work, school, or anywhere else they need to go. They just can't drive drunk."

A study by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) found that re-arrest rates decreased by 73 percent when an ignition interlock device was installed.

A 2007 National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) study found that alcohol-related crashes increase dramatically during the holidays. From 2001 to 2005, about 40 percent of fatalities during the Christmas and New Year's holidays were alcohol-related, as compared to 28 percent during the rest of December.

The Lautenberg/Udall measure mandates states to require an ignition interlock for a minimum of six months for all drunk driving offenders. Ten states currently have laws that require an ignition interlock for all drunk driving offenders: Alaska, Arkansas, Hawaii, Louisiana, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nebraska, Washington and New York.

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Middle-schoolers visit NMSU

Vista kids learn about campus recycling

New Mexico State University's Las Cruces campus hosted a younger-than-usual group of students Dec. 3, as pupils from Vista Middle School spent the day touring the land of the Aggies.

No, this wasn't some new attempt at early admissions; the kids were on campus to get a look at the day-to-day, behind-the-scenes workings of the university, with a little fun and science thrown in for good measure.

Four groups of Vista students hit NMSU's campus for tours of the central utility plant and recycling facility. Additionally, Laura Lomas-Tomlinson and Ligia Ford, from NMSU's Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aeronautics Academy, taught students how to use global positioning systems via a campus scavenger hunt. It was the third such field trip of the semester hosted by the university's Office of Facilities and Services.

Some physical education was in order as well, as Activity Center staff showed off the school's climbing wall and gave students instruction in climbing while giving them a chance to scale the wall.

"I was contacted by Josh Wisner, who teaches science at Vista, to arrange for the utility plant tours," explained Stephen Self, utilities maintenance manager at NMSU. "Josh worked at the central utility plant as a student employee while he was going to school here. We have always supported academia through the student employment program and have many success stories from past student employees – Josh happens to be one of them."

Wisner's colleague Michele Ramsey arranged the field trip to the Aggie Recycling Center because of a speech given by Art Lucero, recycling/solid waste supervisor at NMSU, during the university's Scientifically Connected Communities (SC2) Summer Institute. SC2 is dedicated to improving the scientific literacy of southern New Mexico students by providing professional development to fourth- through eighth-grade teachers that emphasizes critical thinking strategies and teaching instruction to enhance scientific inquiry for all students.

"SC2 arranges, schedules and coordinates these field trips to support teachers by providing students with enriched learning experiences," said Terri Hansen, science field specialist with NMSU's College of Education. "We want the students to learn from all the great resources here at NMSU and be comfortable on campus, so that they can see themselves as students here too."

These campus tours, frequented by Las Cruces elementary and middle schools, serve the students – and the community – on many different levels. The kids get to experience a unique day outside of their normal classroom environment while gaining first-hand knowledge of what it takes to operate a large endeavor like a university on a day-to-day basis. The tours not only show what happens during a normal workday at the utility plant and recycling center, but also demonstrate real application of mathematic and scientific principles.

"The kids are encouraged to ask questions on the tours, and our employees ask them questions as well," said Hansen, who joined one group of students at the recycling center. "Just seeing the volume of material that goes through the recycling center engages them and serves as an excellent accompaniment to what they're studying in the classroom. We also give the teachers lab sheets to be used in the classroom after the trip, so the students have an opportunity to show and apply what they've learned."

Omar Moreno of New Mexico State University's Solid Waste and Recycling Center gives middle school students a tour of the recycling facility on campus.

Also a campus visit is an effective recruiting tool.

"Our intent and hope in doing the utility plant tours for these schools is that just maybe it will spark an interest in one of our academic programs, like engineering," Self said. "One day of our time is a small price to pay for gaining even one future student."

Over the long term, the tours hope to provide students with the knowledge to improve their surroundings through conservation and recycling practices, as OFS employees guiding the tours remind them of the benefits of sustainability.

"Any interaction with the community is time well spent and a valuable investment for the university," Self said. "You can tell that they are just soaking it all in and will have a load of questions when they get back to class. The more time these kids spend on campus getting to know the atmosphere, the more comfortable they will be when they return, we hope, as students."

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At Breakfast with Santa

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Reylie Legarreta won the grand prize of Santa's bag full of toys during Breakfast with Santa held on Saturday, Dec. 19, at Mesilla Valley Mall.

Eric Sanchez won a singing reindeer in the door prize drawing.

Adrian Parra and his daughters Ariana and Halene get some breakfast pizza.

Alejandra Lopez explores the contents of her goodie bag.

Kaleb and Cody Lamb say "hello" to Santa Claus.

Malya Garcia and Serenity Parra read Christmas books from their goodie bags.

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It took Dan Wasser two weeks to decorate his home at 703 City View Drive. Though the lights add about $500 a month to his electric bill, Wasser isn't complaining because of the joy the display brings to neighbors and residents.

The home of Bob and Susan Heyser at 3201 Missouri Ave. took about three weeks to decorate.

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Holiday closings announced

Most City of Las Cruces offices will be closed several days in order to observe upcoming national holidays. Offices will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 24, Friday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Jan. 1, 2010. Services such as fire and police will not be affected.

The following is a list of closures for the holidays:

- Solid Waste offices are closed all three days, however, trash scheduled for normal pickup on Christmas Day and New Year's Day will be picked up Saturday.
- The Foothills Landfill will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25. It will be open on Saturday, Dec. 26.
- Branigan Library and Books-By-Mail are closed all three days.
- RoadRUNNER Transit offices are closed for the holidays and there will be no bus service on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Bus routes on Christmas Eve will shut down at 3 p.m.
- All recreation centers and Frenger Pool will be closed for the three holidays. However, they will only be open until 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31.
- Senior Programs, including the Munson Senior Center, are closed all three days.

Most Doña Ana County offices will be closed Fridays, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1, 2010.

Emergency services and law enforcement in the field will not be affected, but the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed.

Incumbents win EBID election

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Ramon "Dosi" Alvarez won his second full-term to the Elephant Butte Irrigation District Board of Directors to represent Position 8 by outpolling his opponent, Gerald Smith 201 to 28, the EBID office reported.

Position 8 is in the southern end of the district. This year, the EBID board conducted the elections for the even-numbered positions.

The board appointed Alvarez to the position in 2004 to replace Rudy Provencio, who died. He won his first election for the four-year position in 2005.

Alvarez is known for his organic cotton production. A group of Japanese textile customers visited his farm last summer and the Calcot warehouse in Las Cruces. He also is president of the Mesa Farmers Co-op Cotton Gin board of directors.

The ballot tallies for the four even-numbered positions are:

- Position 2 – Scott Adams, who took over after Bill Gary recently stepped down, 144.
- Position 4 – Tom Simpson, 139
- Position 6 – Robert Sloan, 151
- Position 8 – Ramon Alvarez, 201; Gerald Smith, 28

Levee work ahead of schedule

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Thanks to an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus package, the Rio Grande levee renovation project is ahead of schedule, an International Boundary and Water Commission engineer told a citizens forum Tuesday night.

"The levee improvement project from Percha Dam to El Paso had been scheduled over a 20-year period," Gabriel Duran, engineer planner told the forum. "But with the stimulus money, we can accomplish it in two years."

President Barak Oboma and Congress had granted $220 million for the levee project. The IBWC has scheduled improvement on 130 miles of levees that will increase the free-board height to 3 feet above a possible flood level and repairs for 100-year flood standards to meet Federal Emergency Management Administration insurance standards.

The levee work, which has already has started, is being contracted to local companies and should help with employment needs.

"We hold quarterly forums to report progress on projects of citizens' concerns," Duran said.

Here is a list of levee projects:

- Hatch West levee, siphon to Bignell Arroyo, 14 miles, January 2010 to January 2011.
- Mesilla levee, Shalam Bridge to Vado Bridge, 32 miles, January 2010 to February 2011.
- Mesilla levee, Mesilla Dam to end of levee near Radium Springs, 20 miles, expected completion June 2011.
- Anthony/El Paso levees, Vado Bridge to Borderland Bridge, 32 miles, January 2010 to January 2011.
- Upper Valley/Sunland Park levee, Borderland Bridge to Rio Grande Power Plant, 12 miles, expected completion June 2011.
- Fabens/Tornillo and Fort Hancock levee improvements, 15 miles, March 2010 to March 2011.

Spreading some cheer

Art Sanchez, an employee of El Paso Electric Company, dressed as Santa Claus, and handed out free toys to children at MacArthur Elementary School Wednesday, Dec. 16, as part of the Toys for Tots program.

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A superintendent so merry

Las Cruces Public Schools Superindendent Stan Rounds paid a visit to MacArthur Elementary School early Friday, Dec. 18, for the last day of the fall semester, which doubled as a "Christmas morning" party for staff and students. Rounds read stories to students.

TODD DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

LCPD K-9s awarded

For the second straight year, a Las Cruces Police Department K-9 team has won top honors at the Southwest Regional Police K-9 Trials held in Albuquerque.

LCPD officer Mike Rickards and Back, his 6-year-old Belgian Malinois, captured the event's Top Patrol Dog award after placing in four of the seven competitive trials held Dec. 5 and 6 in Albuquerque. Rickards and Back placed first in Obedience, first in Open Area Search, second in Tactical Obedience and third in Apprehension.

LCPD officer Todd Froats and his dog Zicko, also a Belgian Malinois, placed second in the Explosives Detection category, one of the toughest groups considering they competed against K-9 teams from the U.S. Border Patrol and the Transportation Security Administration.

The Las Cruces Police Department's K-9 Unit includes a sergeant, six officers and their K-9 companions.

Crime Stoppers: 1983 death

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a $1,000 reward for information that helps solve the 1983 death of Maria Dolores Molina.

The Cold Case Unit from the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office is investigating the Sunday, Aug. 14, 1983, death of Molina, who was 17 years old at the time. Molina's body was discovered on the railroad tracks off state Highway 478, near mile marker 7, in Berino, N.M.

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The New Mexico medical investigator's office ruled that Molina died of head injuries.

Doña Ana County Sheriff's investigators learned that Molina had been at a party in Berino on the previous evening and was last seen by some of her friends outside the Berino dance hall where the party had taken place.

If you have any information regarding the Aug. 14, 1983, death of Maria Dolores Molina, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 800-897-2746.

The Crime Stoppers number is operational 24 hours a day and you do not have to give your name to collect a reward.

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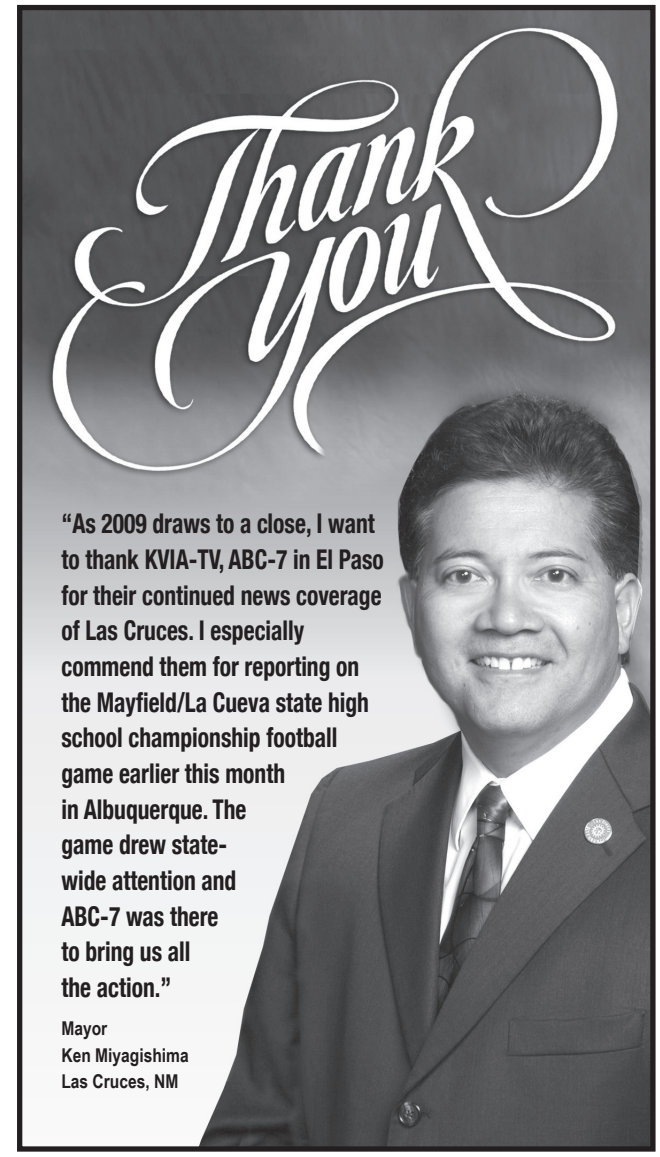

Whiners rampant

JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor

More than a few Aggie men's basketball fans are yelling for the undertaker.

Already.

It's time, they believe, to hold the funeral.

New Mexico State is only 11 games into the schedule, but the doubters are convinced it's over.

The Aggies' 5-6 record, following its 97-72 victory over Alcorn State Monday, ain't, many believe, good enough.

Menzies can't coach, they say. His players lack passion. Marvin can't motivate 'em.

If the Aggies were 12-0, the whiners would find something else to criticize. The popcorn at the Pan Am Center is cold. The PA system is too loud. So is the band. On and on.

Marvelous Marv, however, remains upbeat. A little hoarse in the voice, but coaches yell during games.

"We have a good team," he insists. "We don't always play well, but I always thought you judged a team at the end of the season."

Losing to 12th-ranked New Mexico was not the point, apparently. Getting blown out 97-87 here and 75-58 at the Pit, left major scars.

When UTEP hung a 79-58 defeat on Menzies' squad in the Pan Am Center, the natives threw their hands in the air. Never mind that NMSU returned the favor, 87-80, in El Paso a week later.

When NMSU went up in flames 100-68 at UCLA, Menzies was heavily attacked.

"We just didn't play very well there," he said. "So I thought I'd play a lot of the younger guys. Get them some experience for the future."

There was good news Monday. Junior forward Wendell McKines was academically cleared to play, just prior to NMSU's victory over Alcorn State. He answered with eight points, eight rebounds, one blocked shot, two steals and six assists.

Troy Gillenwater, the Aggies' other stud, has until Jan. 10 to regain his eligibility.

Get used to watching freshmen forwards Tyrone Watson and B. J. West, just recently cleared by the NCAA. Kelly Merker, a senior walk-on from Santa Fe, is playing often. Freshmen Bandja Sy and Abdoulaye N'doye are playing occasionally.

Menzies hopes to blend the aforementioned with regulars in time to meet the WAC schedule. The Ags open against Utah State here, Jan. 2, and follow with Nevada, Jan. 4. Both games will be nationally televised on ESPNU.

Menzies has dealt well with the criticism. "Hey," he said, "in a way I'm happy we have fans who care about our program."

That's one way of looking at it.

Getting into the swim of things

Eickerman key in Ags' progress

By John Keith
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Victoria Eickerman learned to swim very suddenly.

She had no choice.

"My dad threw me into the pool in our back yard when I was a little over a year old," she said. "I've been swimming ever since."

That was in Houston, Texas, before Eickerman's family moved to Spokane, Wash., where she eventually developed into a top swimmer on the West Valley High School team. Good, but not heavily recruited.

"She wasn't even on our recruiting radar," recalls Rick Pratt, New Mexico State's swim coach. "When we'd heard about her, we sent Stefanie Williams, my assistant coach and a former swimmer there, to check her out.

"Stefanie came back and said, 'I think just met our future team captain.'"

Although Eickerman swims the freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke events, the butterfly is her specialty. She is a part of Pratt's first class at NMSU. All are seniors and closing in on graduation.

"It took her a couple of years to develop here," Pratt said. "She broke out in her third year. Last year, she just missed the school record in the 100-yard fly (56.5 seconds).

Eickerman and the Aggies close out their home schedule at noon, Saturday, Jan. 2, hosting Idaho at the NMSU pool.

The Aggies have progressed steadily since Pratt's arrival in 2004. "My first year here we finished sixth in the WAC," Eickerman said. "The next year we were fifth, and last year we jumped up to third.

"Coach Pratt has made me a better swimmer. It's the way he trains us. He balances our workouts well, in and out of the water."

Under Pratt's coaching, Eickerman's time in the 200-yard individual medley dropped from 2:12 to 2:07. She has clocked 2:05 in the 200 butterfly, trimming her previous best mark of 2:08. In the 200 backstroke, she's gone from 2:12 to 2:06 and has clipped two seconds off her time in the 100 butterfly, from 58 to 56 seconds.

NMSU's team is seldom out of the water. "All but one senior stayed on board and worked out last summer," Eickerman said. "We started swimming here together, and we're a pretty tight bunch."

Pratt agrees. "Our team is a group of loyal and hard-working ladies," he said. "The original team members all stayed here to train in the summer.

"Swimming is a tough sport. When a lot of swimmers get to be seniors, they count the days until they can leave. These girls make every day count."

Victoria Eickerman's specialty is the butterfly stroke.

RICHARD DAVIS
The Las Cruces Bulletin

All girls Hoop-La tourney nears

Eight teams to compete for title

RICHARD DAVIS I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Jade Brown is a force inside for Las Cruces High School.

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Thanks to a group effort, the annual Las Cruces Public Schools Holiday Hoop-La Basketball Tournament is back after a one-year hiatus.

After being held at the Pan American Center for several years – and featuring a boys and girls bracket – the tournament wasn't held last year because of a variety of reasons, including scheduling conflicts.

It's back this year, but in a different form and at a different location. The tournament will feature eight girls teams, with all games being played at the Las Cruces High gym. The event is Dec. 28 to 30, with games starting at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. each day.

Last year, with the Hoop-La on the shelf, the girls teams at LCHS and Mayfield competed in an El Paso tournament during the holidays, and the coaches – Matt Abney and George Maya – weren't impressed. They decided to try to bring back the Hoop-La tourney in Las Cruces.

"George and I really wanted to have a tournament here and make it a good tournament," Abney said. "We wanted to get three good games out of it. We all worked together."

"Matt, Rick (Viramontes of Oñate), and George really wanted to have something here," said Michele Ponce, LCPS assistant athletics director. "They did a lot of the leg work, using all their connections. It was a group effort."

There will be no boys holiday tournament in Las Cruces (the local teams will compete in an event in Rio Rancho), but Ponce hasn't ruled out having a boys tournament in Las Cruces next year.

"We have talked about possibly having a boys tournament here at the beginning of December," she said. "If we have it early in the month, then it won't conflict with the other tournaments."

The girls' field this year includes four teams that are in the state rankings. The opening games are: No. 1 Eldorado (6-0) vs. No. 11 Hobbs (8-2) at 1 p.m. on Dec. 28; Oñate vs. El Paso Jefferson at 3 p.m. on Dec. 28; Mayfield (6-4) vs. Rio Rancho (2-6) at 5 p.m. on Dec. 28; and No. 3 Las Cruces High (9-1) vs. No. 8 Rio Rancho Cleveland

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Hoop-La

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(6-3) at 7 p.m. on Dec. 28. Winners and consolation bracket games continue at the same times on Dec. 29 and 30.

"What I really want is for us to have three good games," Abney said. "That will help get us going for district. We didn't have that last year. Hopefully, we can have a 16-team tournament next year and make it the best girls tournament in the state."

Abney, whose team is playing outstanding defense this year, said he likes the fact that his team's side of the bracket is loaded with ranked teams.

"We're not looking past Cleveland," he said. "But we would like to play Eldorado. They're very athletic. They press very well and have a great point guard."

Las Cruces' only loss this season was to No. 2 Sandia.

NMAA votes to keep schedules

Cheerleading, dance now considered sports

The New Mexico Activities Association's Board of Directors met in emergency session in regard to the referenda that was issued to member schools on Dec. 3.

The NMAA member schools voted in favor of having no game reductions at this time and also favored making Spirit (Cheer and Dance/Drill) a sport. Spirit is currently considered an activity.

Of the 163 NMAA member schools, 116, or 71 percent, voted on the referenda.

In regard to the game reduction proposal, 52 schools, or 45 percent, voted in favor of proposal one (no reduction of games), while 38 schools, 33 percent voted for proposal two (game reductions is some sports), and proposal three (10 percent reduction in all sports, except football) drew 26 votes, or 22 percent.

The NMAA membership overwhelmingly favored making cheer and dance/drill a sport by a vote of 82 to 32.

For additional information pertaining to this announcement, contact Robert Zayas, NMAA assistant director and director of communications at 505-977-5386 or rzayas@nmact.org.

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DeVries named all-American

Aggie setter garners honorable mention

Sophomore setter Jennah DeVries of the New Mexico State volleyball team was recently named to the 2009 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division I All-American honorable mention team as selected by members of the AVCA.

DeVries (Denver, Colo.) is the first setter at New Mexico State to earn all-American honors and the sixth player in Aggie volleyball history to gain the accolade. DeVries is also the third player at New Mexico State to earn the honor during their sophomore season as former Aggies Kim Oguh and Amber Simpson were named all-Americans in 2005 and 2006, respectively. Coach Mike Jordan knew he got an outstanding student-athlete when DeVries signed to play with the Aggies two years ago.

"Jennah is a tremendous athlete, has a great work ethic and she is very deserving of this," Jordan said. "I'm pretty sure she could become a first or second team all-American selection before her career is over, because she is already doing things 99 percent of the setters in our country can't do."

DeVries, who led the Aggies to its eighth straight 20-win season, was second in the Western Athletic Conference in assists marking 10.14 per set, behind Dani Mafua of Hawai'i. Mafua and the Rainbow Wahine ultimately made it to the national semifinals before losing to the eventual champion, Penn State.

"To be in the same category with other Aggie greats such as Stevi (Adams) and Amber (Simpson) is a great feeling," DeVries said. "I had great teammates to set, and they made it seem easy for me at times. There is no way that I could have gotten this honor without them, and for that, I am grateful."

As the Aggie quarterback for the volleyball team, DeVries led the way to a 13-3 record in conference and a 20-9 record overall. She marked a career-high 66 assists against Idaho, Nov. 7, in the Pan American Center while also tallying 11 digs in a crucial 3-2 victory. She notched a total of eight double-doubles on the year with her last coming in a 3-1 win over No. 23 Colorado State when she had 49 assists and a career-high 15 digs to go along with a career-high five kills.

No one has marked at least 60 assists in a match since former Aggie setter Jackie Choi marked 61 assists against Louisiana Tech on Oct. 6, 2006. DeVries recorded at least 20 assists in match 27 times. Since 2003, the Aggies have had at least one player earn all-American honors except after the 2007 season.

Baseball writers honor Sodders

Aggie 2nd baseman makes all-American team

The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association recently released its 10th annual NCBWA Preseason All-American teams, which featured New Mexico State second baseman Mike Sodders.

Sodders (Moreno Valley, Calif.) returns to New Mexico State for the 2010 season after earning second team all-WAC honors in 2009. He looks to accomplish the types of feats he did last season as he was only the 23rd Aggie to ever finish a season hitting .400 or above. All-American shortstop Bryan Marquez also hit above .400 last season.

"I'm just happy for the recognition to the university and this well deserved recognition for our team," Sodders said. "I am very thankful for this and it is good for our team because everyone, including players and coaches, has been working very hard."

Sodders led the way with the bat last season as his team broke the school record for home runs in a season with 119. Sodders finished the year with a .422 batting average while coming up with 68 RBI, 19 doubles and 13 home runs.

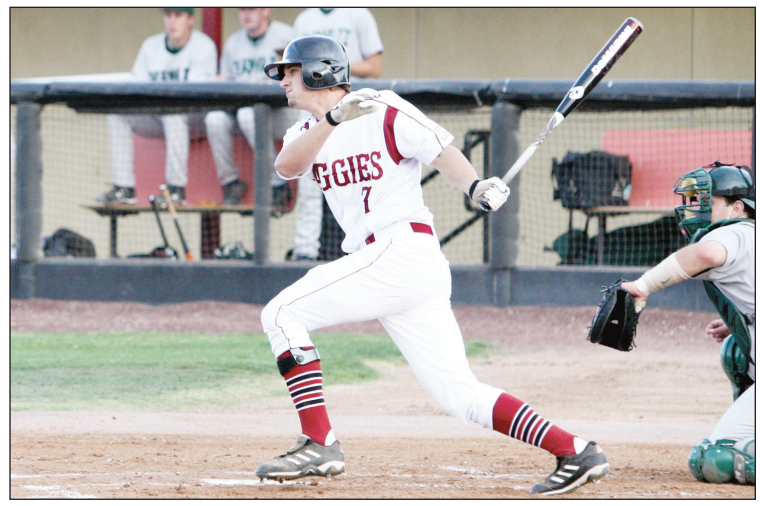
Although Sodders played over half the season with a knee brace because of a torn ligament, he came back to lead the team and the league in batting average last season.

Sodders is one of several returnees from an Aggie baseball team that finished last season as not only the best offensive ballclub in the program's history but also one of the best overall at New Mexico State. The team broke the school records for hits in a season (772), home runs in a season (119), extra base hits in a season (285), RBI in a season (628), total bases in a season (1,310), on-base percentage (.469) and slugging percentage (.599).

"He finished the last 20 games hitting well over .450 and did that as a guy that really couldn't run at all. It was pretty amazing what he did late in the season," head coach Rocky Ward said. "We're really looking forward to what he'll do as a player with his health back. He had a really good fall and played most of the fall without a brace which is good news for him and for us."

The Aggies open their season with the Annual Alumni game Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, at Presley Askew Field before opening the regular season at the Cactus Classic Tournament in Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 19-21, 2010. That tournament features the Aggies going up against Washington, Gonzaga and Missouri.

For more information on Sodders and the 2010 Aggie baseball team, visit www.nmstatesports.com.



Aggie second baseman Mike Sodders was named to the NCBWA preseason all-American team.

High School Events Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Boys Basketball	Mon.-Wed., Dec. 28-30	at Rio Rancho Basketball Tournament	TBA
Girls Basketball	Mon.-Wed., Dec. 28-30	LCPS Basketball Tournament	TBA
Wrestling	Tuesday, Dec. 29	Silver Wrestling Tournament	10 a.m.
	Wednesday, Dec. 30	Silver Wrestling Tournament	8 a.m.

Mayfield High School

Boys Basketball	Mon.-Wed., Dec. 28-30	at Rio Rancho Basketball Tournament	TBA
Girls Basketball	Mon.-Wed., Dec. 28-30	LCPS Basketball Tournament	TBA
Wrestling	Tuesday, Dec. 29	Silver Wrestling Tournament	10 a.m.
	Wednesday, Dec. 30	Silver Wrestling Tournament	8 a.m.

Oñate High School

Boys Basketball	Mon.-Wed., Dec. 28-30	at Rio Rancho Basketball Tournament	TBA
Girls Basketball	Mon.-Wed., Dec. 28-30	LCPS Basketball Tournament	TBA
Wrestling	Tuesday, Dec. 29	Silver Wrestling Tournament	10 a.m.
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NM State University Athlete of the Week

Madison Spence

Junior, Women's Basketball

Junior guard Madison Spence scored a season-high 22 points against UTEP to lead the Aggies in a 67-55 win at home. The junior was the leading scorer for NM State over two games averaging 17 points while connecting on 71 percent (5-of-7) of her shots from long range and shooting 65 percent (11-of-17) from the floor overall. Her two makes from the free throw line after a UTEP technical foul late in the second half sparked a 17-5 run to put the game away for the Aggies.

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Ags begin home stand

New Mexico State's senior guard Jonathan Gibson had 23 points in the Aggies' 25-point win over Alcorn State in the Pan American Center Monday, Dec. 21. After the Aggies play Texas Southern Wednesday, Dec. 23, they remain at home to face Prairie View A&M Monday, Dec. 28, and conference foes Nevada on Saturday, Jan. 2, and Utah State, Monday, Jan. 4.

Hamidu Rahman rejects JaMarkus Holt's scoring attempt.

Hamidu Rahman gets the double handed jam.

Wendell McKines returned to the court after missing 10 games.

PHOTOS BY RICHARD DAVIS

Jonathan Gibson looks for his teammates.

Hernst LaRoche tallied 11 points and six rebounds.

Jahmar Young scored 22 points in the Aggies' victory.

When ol' man winter visits the links

Winning golf in the cold means you have to be smart

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

Most of us who love to play golf and live in this temperate, high-desert climate, love to play golf all year round. Heck, that's exactly why some of us live here, period. Even though we've had an abundance of mighty nice sunny days leading up to the winter solstice, it's going to get cold, and the playing conditions are going to test your patience.

Greenskeeping folks are trying their best to make our golf courses as playable as possible, but still we need to make some adjustments for conditions that are now becoming "different."

Let's start with the fairways – what the USGA refers to as the "closely mown areas." Grass is harder to grow in the bleak mid-winter. What may look green and wonderful on the surface often hides the fact that there are mostly thin and tight lies, where your ball is sitting up on grass, but there is very little cushion of soft turf underneath.

I prefer the ball to be sitting on top of about 2 inches of cushy, dense grass for my best results. Ain't gonna happen now.

Just under the light veneer of sparse grass lurks damp, dark compacted dirt that will deaden your clubhead instantly – if you don't adjust. Play the ball slightly back in your stance, with a setup for most middle iron shots much like the ball is on hardpan. Conditions urge you to pick it more than taking a big "toupee" divot.

> My first piece of advice, coming from first-hand experience, is to brace yourself for some bad luck.

Three of our golf courses – White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico State University and Las Cruces Country Club – have Bermuda grass that is now dormant, tan and dry. The ball in the fairway usually sits up, but underneath is a dense matt of wiry grass that makes it hard to swing down through.

Again, the idea is to swing so that you are sweeping the ball off the grass, more than trapping it. Do this by keeping your hands ahead of the clubhead, and if necessary gripping down a bit to avoid digging into the turf too deep. Think "ball first," not ground first.

Physics

In case you haven't noticed, you don't hit the ball as far in cold weather. When temperatures drop into the 30s, 40s and 50s, the air seems to be denser, and there is usually more humidity. I can't explain all the thermodynamics, but one of my golfer friends who has a bunch of pens clipped to a plastic shirt liner gave me a simple two-word answer: "Just physics."

No matter, the ball flight is different than in summer, the carry is shorter and the reaction off the clubface is often tricky. You have to do some practicing to determine what swing and club selection adjustments should be made.

The greens in winter are spotty and can be different from day to day. Hole locations sometimes can't be changed for days and cups can get pretty ragged. Putts must be pure to go in. Often crews are not able to mow for several days at a time. Then the grass can get longer, and the roll is slow. At other times, especially when the grass is not growing much, the roll can be lightning fast. Add to that a cycle of freeze-and-thaw, that will be with us for the next few months, and you have uneven greens that can be challenging to putt on.

During my 21 years here in Las Cruces, I've noticed that there is more grain on the greens in winter. For one thing, that means when a ball loses speed as it approaches the hole. The grain will grab it and move it in the sideways direction the grass is growing.

Naturally, uphill putts into the grain must be struck with authority. And, what is really scary is how fast putts can get that are downhill, down wind and down grain. Take some extra time on the practice green warming up with your putter and start to get a sense of what the grass feels like. It will pay off out on the golf course.

Dress for the weather

Even though I have discussed how to dress on cold, inclement days in this space before, here are a few tips just to keep you up to speed. You kids who head to school on 29-degree mornings in T-shirts, and you guys playing in shorts on 35-degree afternoons – the tips don't apply to you. But for the rest of us without any of the walrus DNA tend to get cold if not attired properly.

Be aware that a 45-degree day with a 20-mph wind is going to feel like 28 or 30. You first layer should be a "compression" shirt, which is one that is light and fits close to the skin to trap your body heat. Next comes your "thermal" layer, which is a sweater or a fleece pullover or something similar. The outer layer is a wind and rain resistant garment of nylon or Gore-tex.

Nylon rain pants can add to your comfort immeasurably. You can always take off clothes, but if you don't have them to begin with you'll probably be uncomfortable when the temperature drops.

Don't forget mitts, small chemical hand-warmers, and a ski cap. If you are really one of those more-or-less compulsive golfers who insists on riding in a cart on the coldest and nastiest of days, consider a portable Coleman cart heater, and maybe even a portable cart cover that you can take with you. Your cart will feel toasty.

To be sure there are some mental challenges when we're playing golf in cold, damp and sometimes unfavorable weather. My first piece of advice, coming from first-hand experience, is to brace yourself for some bad luck. I mean bad bounces, quirky rolls, tough lies, goofy positions and unpredictable results.

Green surrounds are often the most affected by spotty grass growth, making chipping a real adventure. Beware of the double hit with your wedge, especially when you don't realize the grass underneath your ball is dense with sticky turf. It will grab your club like a vice and then as you follow through you catch the ball as it stays suspended a foot above the ground. Penalty. It's all about awareness and adjustment.

Be prepared for frequent frost delays, since greens must thaw after a cold night before they can accept foot traffic. Be patient when you must wait. Count on abrupt changes in weather and carry the right stuff so that you're ready.

Walking these days is often a way to warm yourself and stay in the rhythm of a round. Realize that your ball isn't going as far so you'll inevitably need to make adjustments in club selection, which means taking your ego out of play and being smart by hitting more club.

Lastly, get ready to hit your final approach shot to the last green, when all the money is on the line, in very dim light. Days are short. Playing golf in the low light of wintertime is an acquired taste.

And putting in the dark, for all the chips, is not for the faint of heart.

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Andrea Reiff is a seventeen-year-old senior at Oñate High School. She is on both the Oñate Knight's track and basketball teams. Reiff plays point guard for the girl's varsity basketball team averaging 19.3 points, seven assists and four steals per game.

She is straight forward, genuine and strong in her convictions. Reiff strives to be the best on the court, track or in the classroom. She has a 3.0 GPA. Her interests outside of sports include swimming and spending time with friends and family.

AGGIE INSIDER

Pete's Christmas wishes for Ag coaches and staff

A bowl game for DeWayne Walker?

PETE
Pete's Ponderings

The Christmas weekend is here and old Pete is ready to play Santa for the Aggies and their fans. It's always better to give than receive, so here is what I hope the holiday season might bring this year.

Football head coach DeWayne Walker and his staff get a roadmap. Pete has a special map that shows a clear path to the bright future they have set up. It may seem like a long journey to you, but the football program plans to travel from the basement to a bowl, and Walker has put down a solid start for the journey. Pete's Christmas map takes the football team on a route through rivals junction with two wins and points to its ultimate destination in a bowl game. This map has several routes, since you usually need more than one approach when you're looking to prospect a gold mine.

For volleyball coach Mike Jordan, some extra tape and liniment. Injuries were just too frequent last year and that is how it goes sometimes, but maybe a little extra in the volleyball athletic training kit might come in handy next year.

For baseball coach Rocky Ward, Pete has a gift certificate for some Omaha steaks. They are the best on Earth, and this gift coupon can only be redeemed in person at the new stadium by the Missouri River being built for the College World Series.

There is something in Pete's Christmas saddle bags for women's basketball coach Darin Spence, too. Pete has noticed Spence is wearing glasses a little bit more as time goes by. I gift wrapped a second pair of spectacles with a rose-colored tint. With the good start his team has going, these should come in handy when the conference tournament rolls around in March.

The newlyweds in the cross country department, Meaghan Gregory and Paul Harkins, don't need to go to Jared or have a kiss begin with Kay. They have plenty of jewelry in the beautiful WAC Championship trophy the Aggies won earlier this year.

Women's golf coach Paul Brilliant gets an air-conditioned golf cart to keep him cool when the spring winds blow around the NM State golf course, while swimming and diving head coach Rick Pratt gets some silver polish. Pete thinks he will need it when he becomes the next Aggie coach to bring home a WAC title.

For all the good folks who work hard all year for the good of the department, a big thank you and a little bit of the spotlight. For the Beccas and Connies, the Janets, Marthas, Carries and Nancys, a much-deserved thank you and a Christmas wish that their dedication stays just as strong in helping with the day-to-day activities of the athletic department.

That's Pete's Christmas gift list that includes a wish for you that your holidays are the happiest they can be.

Pete

Waiting on the WAC

Conference race wide open

JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

We are on the eve of the start of the WAC basketball schedule, and what looked like a golden year in men's hoops is looking more bronze as we roll into the New Year. The team picked in the preseason to roll through the pre-conference has suffered four losses in ten games.

Utah State has split games with in-state rivals beating BYU but the Navy-clad Aggies were dropped in a November game versus Utah. Northeastern, Long Beach State and Saint Mary's also got the better of USU. That is the same Saint Mary's team that stopped NM State in the season opener.

Nevada was tabbed for second in the preseason, but a short bench, as expected, has put the Wolf Pack at 6-4 as well, its only quality win coming at home over Houston. Armon Johnson and Luke Babbitt remain the stars on the marquee but new coach David Carter is working with fewer players than expected with the defection of recruits and returning letterman Malik Cooke in the off-season.

The other preseason first division pick, Idaho is 6-3 with wins over Utah and Portland in the quality category. Texas Southern did knock the Vandals off in Houston, and Cal State Northridge and Eastern Washington both upset the Vandals who have a hot shooting perimeter tandem in Mac Hopson and Steffond Johnson.

The squad with the best pre-conference record so far was not supposed to be in the first division – Louisiana Tech. The Bulldogs are 10-2 falling only to New Mexico and Arizona.

Coach Kerry Rupp has been getting consistent play from his shooting guard Kyle Gibson and 6-11 center Magnum Rolle. Rupp has added a junior college point guard named DeAndre Brown, who has been effective in running the show. The Bulldogs have beaten TCU, Miami (Ohio) and Murray State along with some lesser lights.

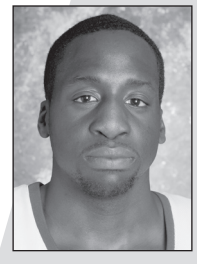
A team that I thought had better talent than its recent record seems to have a little momentum. San Jose State is getting points from Adrian Oliver and strong play inside from C.J. Webster and Chris Oakes as it has assembled a 5-4 mark. A home court win over Pacific is the brightest mark on the Spartans report card, they also have trimmed UC-Irvine on the road.

No one has a losing record at this point but back in March the talk was that the WAC was going to be moving up in the power ratings. Utah State's coach Stew Morrill lost some glue as well as stats with Gary Wilkinson's departure and the absence of Wendell McKines and Troy Gillenwater from NM State's first semester has affected things locally. Even if there are no national headlines chasing WAC hoops teams this year, the parity should make for a juicy conference race.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight

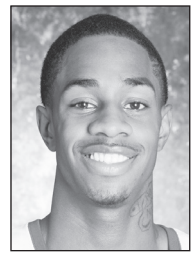
Crystal Boyd
Senior
Women's Basketball

Senior guard Crystal Boyd scored in double-figures in both NM State rivalry games. The senior posted her second double-double of the season in the win against UTEP with 16 points and 15 rebounds. Boyd shot 50 percent (6-of-12) from beyond the 3-points arc through both games, sinking three 3-point baskets in each game.



Hamidu Rahman
Sophomore
Men's Basketball

Sophomore center Hamidu Rahman recorded a career-high 17 rebounds in the win at Pepperdine, Dec. 18. He also had eight points and two blocks against the Waves. Rahman scored nine points and grabbed five boards at UCLA, Dec. 15. He leads the team in rebounding (9.5) and blocked shots (13).



Jahmar Young
Junior
Men's Basketball

Junior guard Jahmar Young led the Aggie men's basketball team in the win at Pepperdine, when he scored a season-high 27 points. He also grabbed three rebounds, dished two assists and blocked a shot. At UCLA, Young had a team-high 13 points with three 3-pointers, which helped the Aggies to a season-high 11 3-point field goals.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

Monday, Dec. 28
Men's Basketball
Prairie View A&M
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball
UTEP
El Paso
7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Women's Basketball
New Mexico Highlands
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Did You Know...

This season, the Aggie men's basketball team won two non-conference road games for the first time since the 2006-07 season.

Trivia Question

Q: Where does the NM State women's basketball team rank in the NCAA in free throw percentage?

A: The Aggies are No. 20 in the country with a 76 percent performance at the line.

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LOOKING BACK

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

75 years ago 1934

• W.T. Scoggin urged the Elephant Butte Irrigation Board of Directors to engage engineers to make a feasibility study of the possibility of drilling wells to pump water from sub-surface aquifers to supplement irrigation water from the Elephant Butte Reservoir. He suggested that some funds might be available from the federal Public Works Administration and that the balance of the cost could be paid off by placing liens on farmers' property.

• The federal government approved financing to open a sewing project in the former Walters Garage to employ women. The women were to sew sheets, pillow cases and towels at first and eventually add overalls, dresses and aprons.

• The Santa Fe Railroad was offering special holiday fares, including $6.33 for coach and $8.45 for first class to Albuquerque.

• Schenks Bakery was advertising mincemeat pies, 25 cents, and fruit cakes, 50 cents a pound, for the holidays.

50 years ago 1959

• City crews were drilling holes on Water Street sidewalks to install more than 40 parking meters. They were to be placed one block north and two blocks south of Griggs Avenue.

• The Gray Ladies Corps of the Doña Ana County Red Cross gave a Christmas party for homebound children. The Junior Red Cross Girls and Girl Scout Troop 57 presented a puppet show, and Girl Scout Troop 55 sang Christmas carols.

25 years ago 1984

• The Mesilla Valley received rain that boosted the total to 13.53 inches compared with the average of 8.31, keeping harvesting machines out of orchards. The extra moisture also interrupted lettuce harvest, reduced alfalfa mowing to three cuts and left wilt in the chile fields.

• Thirty-four St. Paul's Methodist Bell Choir youths presented a Christmas program at Memorial General Hospital. Rosie Lieurance, Billy Wolle and Janie Matson were the instructors.

• James and John Ikard and John Williams bought the Loretto Shopping Center from Dartforth Corp.

• The Aggie basketball team lost two in a row, 62-56 to Weber State and 55-51 to the University of Oregon.

10 years ago 1999

• A light snow on Christmas Eve left icy street conditions that caused 30 fender-benders.

• The Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded Doña Ana County $109,670 for food and shelter programs. The United Way was to be the administrator.

• The UNM Lobos found Coach Lou Henson's defense too tough to break, and the Aggies prevailed 63-60.

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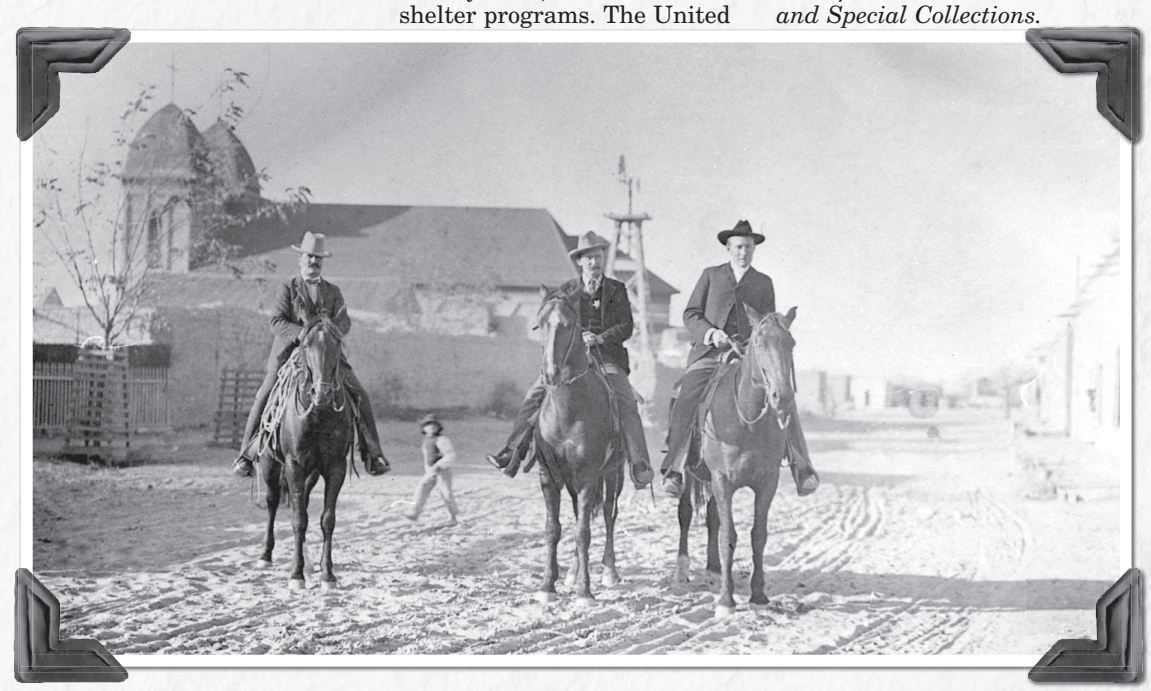

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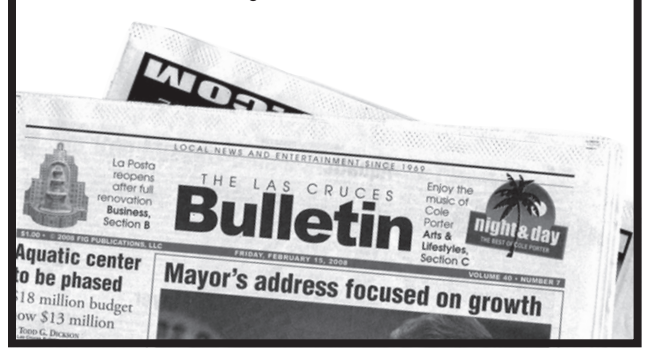

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CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST

St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 102 St. James St., will host a Holy Eucharist service Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 25. Father Scott Ruthven will officiate the service while Father Nicholas Funk from St. James Episcopal Church in Mesilla Park will preach.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive, will hold a Christmas Day communion worship service at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 25. All are invited to attend.

BURNING BOWL CELEBRATION

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will hold a Burning Bowl Celebration at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

WHITE STONE CELEBRATION

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will hold a White Stone Celebration at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

ACTS MEN'S RETREAT

Men ages 21 and up are invited to join the ACTS Retreat held by Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral Jan. 14 through 17, 2010. The retreat is an opportunity for men to deepen their relationship with

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Interested in being on our worship services page? Call 524-8061 for details.

First Presbyterian Church choir concert

STEVE MACINTYRE I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Chancel Choir members Dinah Jentgen, Alison Hammond, Mary Odenbach and Barbara Kewley prepare for their performance Sunday, Dec. 20, at First Presbyterian Church.

Chancel Choir member Esther Smolleck looks over her music before the choir's performance.

Audience member Carol Goss sings along to the hymns.

The Chancel Choir of the First Presbyterian Church performs to church attendants and members during the Sunday morning service.

Keep Christmas traditions alive after the holidays

It's common, but dangerous, to compare faults, talents

Once Christmas Day has arrived and the presents have been opened, my children always seem to be disappointed. They're not ungrateful or bratty, but I'm curious if you have any suggestions on how to beat the "post-holiday blues?"

For children and many adults, anticipation is all too often greater than realization. Our kids were no different. The happy days of Christmas came and went so quickly that my wife and I always sought a way to hold on to the pleasure a while longer.

We developed a custom of saving our Christmas cards that came from friends and loved ones far and wide, and after New Year's Day, we'd put them on a tray near the dinner table. Every night we selected four cards, one for each family member, and we read them and the enclosed letters. We then prayed for those families around our table. This tradition can take months to complete, depending on the number of cards received. With the busy days of Christmas behind us, we could better enjoy the beauty of the cards, and absorb the meaningful verses and personal notes.

> Mental and spiritual health begin with an acceptance of life as it is.

The Christmas traditions that we developed through the years were not unique to the Dobson household, but they were extremely meaningful to each member of our family. These activities served to emphasize the two vitally important themes that embody the Christmas spirit: celebration of Jesus' birth and life, and celebration of love for one another and for the entire human family.

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I am 19 years old, and I have struggled with a bad self-concept all my life. It seems that everyone I know has more to offer than I do. I envy the girls who are better looking, more athletic or smarter than I am. I just don't measure up to my own expectations. How can I deal with my own insecurities?

Someone said, "Comparison is the root of all inferiority." It is true. When you look at another person's strengths and compare them to your own weaknesses, there is no way to come out feeling good about yourself. That is what you are doing when you pit yourself against the "best and brightest" around you.

This destructive game begins in elementary school when we begin to evaluate ourselves critically. Even at that young age, our self-image is shaped by how we stack up against our peers. It's not how tall we are that matters – it's who is tallest. It's not how fast we can run – it's who runs fastest. It's not how smart we are – it's who is smartest. It's not how pretty or handsome we are – it's who is most gorgeous.

Thus begins a pattern of self-doubt that often becomes all-consuming during adolescence. For some people it continues well into adult life. This is why millions of women buy fashion magazines and then envy the beauty of the models. It's why we watch Miss America contests and why some men read about successful and powerful businessmen. When we do that, we're weighing ourselves against the most admired assets of others. It is an exercise that brings us nothing but pain, and yet we continue to engage in it.

It appears that you are caught up in this destructive pattern. Perhaps a wise counselor or pastor can help you see that you are a worthy human being exactly the way you are and that God has designed you for a specific purpose. Mental and spiritual health begin with an acceptance of life as it is and a willingness to make the most of what has been given. When that is achieved, comparison with others is no longer an important issue.

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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Jesus Christ, renew themselves spiritually, build lasting relationships and become more active in their church. There will be good food, male bonding and a break from the household chores. The cost of the retreat is $50, and scholarships are available. For more information, call the parish office at 524-8563.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

The Family Life Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las 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, 2010. For more information, call Martha at 523-6923 or email at bslmrvls@aol.com or Elizabeth at 526-9225.

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, 2010, at the Masonic Lodge Hall, 180 East Boutz Road. The dinner will consist of red enchilada, beans, rice, cole slaw, dessert and a drink and costs $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.

FERTILITY AWARENESS AND CHASTITY PROGRAM

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces will offer a new program titled "The Mother & Daughter Fertility Awareness and Chastity Program," from 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 7, 2010, at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. The program, for girls 10 to 12 years old, offers mothers and daughters the opportunity to be together in a comfortable environment as they learn about respect and appreciation for God's gifts of human fertility and sexuality. Pre-registration is required by Jan. 23, 2010. For more information or to register, contact Martha Beasley at 523-6923 or bslmrvls@aol.com.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve
5:30 PM - Christmas Pageant
All children are invited to participate in the Christmas program. This beautiful pageant will be followed by the first Eucharist of Christmas.

10:30 PM - Caroling
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11:00 PM - Candelight Vespers and High Holy Communion with Incense
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Christmas Day - 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist
Fr. Scott Ruthven, St. Andrews Episcopal, Officiating
Fr. Nicholas Funk, St. James Episcopal, Mesilla Park, preaching

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on ongoing programs. **The center will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday.**

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-served basis from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

LINE DANCING CLASSES
Beginning line dancing with Sherrill Patterson and Cheryl Lither is from 1:45 to 3 p.m. Mondays at the Munson Senior Center, 975. S. Mesquite St. Intermediate line dancing class is from 1:45 to 3 p.m. Fridays.

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.

During December, Bailey is also leading a Hatha yoga class at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Class size is from 15 to 35 participants. Cost is $24 for 12 classes.

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.

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.

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.

CHINA PAINTERS
China Painters meet from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays in the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., in the Art Studio.

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.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING
A watercolor painting class meets from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays in the Art/Quilting Room at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

PINOCHLE
Pinochle players meet from noon to 5 p.m. Fridays at 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.

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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.

POTLUCK BRUNCH
Enjoy a potluck brunch at 12:45 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish and their own plates, cups and silverware.

MEN'S POOL TOURNAMENT
A men's 8-ball pool tournament is held the last Wednesday of every month at Munson Senior Center, 975. S. Mesquite St., is open to men 50 and older and is free. Sign-up is from 8 to 9 a.m. and the tournament starts around 9:15 a.m. Gift cards are awarded for first- and second-place winners. For more information, contact Dan Carrillo at 528-3111.

LADIES POOL TOURNAMENT
A free ladies pool tournament open to ladies 50 and older is held the first Monday of each month at Munson Senior Center, 975. S. Mesquite St. The tournament starts around 8:30 a.m. Gift cards are awarded for first- and second-place winners.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS
Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are held at various locations in Las Cruces on a weekly basis.

The clinic is from 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, at Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road; from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.; from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays, in the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.; and from 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, at the Eastside Senior Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. A 25-cent donation is requested. For more information, call 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS
Area drivers age 50 and older can take the AARP Driver Safety Program, a four-hour course. The cost is $12 per person for AARP members and $14 per person for non-members. Fees must be paid at the door and participants must bring a valid driver's license and a pen or pencil. AARP members must bring their membership cards to receive a discount. The next class will be from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7 2010, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 1240 S. Espina St. For more information, call Dave Smelzer at 541-5753 or visit www.aarp.com.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE
Information and assistance on benefits for seniors are available at the Munson Senior Center as well as the Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. Assistance is also available from a state help center by calling 800-432-2080.

Primary benefits covered are: Medicare A, B, C and D, Medicaid, low-cost housing, low-income assistance, Social Security, transportation, meals on wheels and assistance to disabled on Medicare/Medicaid, etc.

Assistance is available as follows:

- Resource Center at Munson Senior Center: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 528-3301 or 528-3307.
- Representatives of the State Aging Department are at Munson Senior Center: 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 541-2451.
- Local representative from the state Aging and Long Term Services and Assistance are available. Appointments can be made by calling 647-2049.

RSVP SENIOR CONNECTIONS
Join the Retired/Senior Volunteer Program by donating a few hours a week to help with activities, such as:

- Assistant pianist for a group that performs weekly at nursing homes
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- Clerical help doing office tasks at many types of programs
- Be an advocate for those who need someone to speak on their behalf
- Make items that can be donated to community programs
- Teach others a trade
- Deliver a hot meal to homebound elderly

All volunteer activities have flexible times. For more information, contact Senior Programs at 528-3000 or TTY 528-3217.

'Look, Daddy, it's snowing'

A tale of two Christmases

By Bob Nosbisch
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

December 1976. I was 20 years old, working in a military personnel office at Bitburg Air Base, West Germany. After a tour of duty in Utah, this was my first overseas assignment. Like many other young guys in the military, I wore the mask of bravado, showing that I could get through Christmas without getting emotional or homesick even though my family was on the other side of the world.

Many of my fellow airmen had returned to the U.S. to celebrate Christmas or other holidays with their families. Others had taken off for the German or Swiss Alps for some great skiing. Since I had just arrived in Germany two months ago, my savings of annual leave and money were quite depleted, so I wasn't going anywhere.

A kindness

A few days before Dec. 25, one of my colleagues, Joe Kindler, asked me what I was doing for Christmas. Before I could answer, Joe said, "Aleta and I would like to invite you and Andy over for Christmas. We'll pick you up." Aleta was Joe's wife; "Andy" Anderson was a work colleague.

Something pierced my veil of bravado and instead of pretending I had plans, I said, "That's very nice of you and Aleta, Joe. I'll be happy to share Christmas at your house."

Now that 33 years have passed, I still do not remember what we ate, but I do fondly recall Joe and Aleta's kindness by taking two guys out of the barracks and sharing a Christmas meal with them, asking for nothing in return.

Fast forward to December 1999. After attending Christmas Eve church services, some friends and their children came to our house. While Daniel, Kelli and Erica played with our children, Laura and Dylan, in one of the rooms, the adults visited in another.

Suddenly, our adult laughter was interrupted.

"Mr. Nosbisch! Mrs. Nosbisch! Laura doesn't feel good! We think she's sick!"

The six adults looked down into the faces of four grim-faced elementary school children who were concerned that one of their friends was sick.

We went back to check on Laura. With flushed cheeks and sad eyes, she obviously looked as if she did not feel well.

After taking her temperature, I told our friends they were welcome to stay, but I was taking Laura to Prompt Care.

The waiting room

By the time Laura and I arrived at Prompt Care, several other sick children and their parents or other caretakers were already there. After signing in and taking care of paperwork, we waited.

As we waited, I thought, "What a

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Anemia: an energy killer

Iron deficiency a common blood condition

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It's one of the most common mineral deficiencies in women and children, and often can be diagnosed and treated with no adverse effects. But if left untreated for a long period of time, anemia can cause several complications that can interfere with a person's health and quality of life.

What is anemia?

There are hundreds of types of anemia, a condition that develops when your blood lacks enough healthy red blood cells. These red blood cells, which transport oxygen from the lungs to all parts of the body, contain hemoglobin, an iron-rich protein responsible for the red color of the cells.

When the body lacks healthy red blood cells, it could also lack hemoglobin, which leads to the common iron-deficiency anemia. Anemia also can be caused by a lack of folate, a B vitamin found in beans and leafy green vegetables, as well as B12, which aids in the formation of red blood cells.

Since growing fetuses require a high demand for iron, pregnant women are at a higher risk of developing anemia. Women of childbearing age are another group at risk, since they can develop an excessive need for iron because of blood loss during menstruation. However, anemia can affect almost anyone – infants who don't get enough iron in their diets, children who go through rapid growth spurts and senior citizens who may develop health problems in their later years. Because B12 is found in animal products such as meat, dairy, eggs, fish and shellfish, strict vegans who do not take a B12 supplement also may develop anemia.

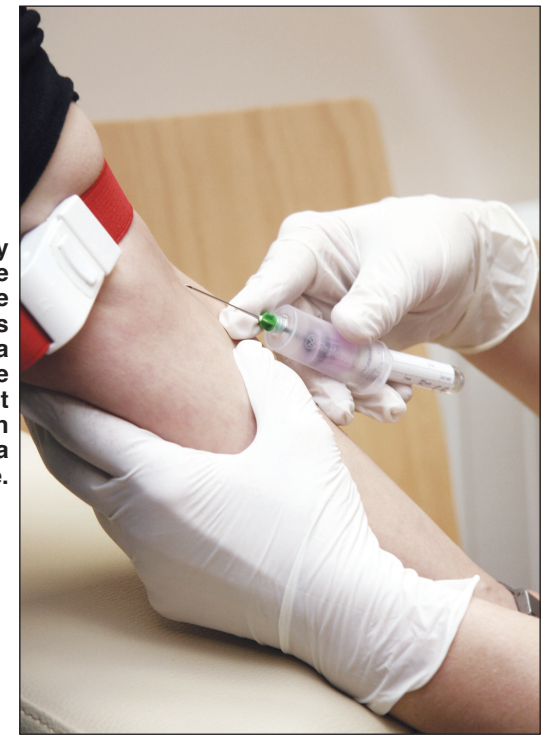
Symptoms and risk factors

According to the National Anemia Action Council, anemia can make a person feel tired, weak, dizzy, irritable, depressed or have difficulty concentrating and performing mental tasks. Physical symptoms include shortness of breath, pale skin, brittle nails, chest pain, coldness in hands or feet and an irregular heartbeat.

Those with anemia also can develop pica, a condition that causes cravings for non-traditional foods, such as ice. If you're looking to donate blood during the winter season, you may be turned away if your blood has low levels of hemoglobin.

These symptoms may increase as the condition worsens, or people may be unaware that they even have anemia because they don't experience symptoms at all. However, the NAAC reports that anemia symptoms also can develop slowly because the body adapts to the condition and reduces the effect of the symptoms. As anemia reduces the amount of oxygen transported by the blood, the heart pumps harder to distribute enough oxygen throughout the body. As the condition worsens, however, the body can no longer compensate and the symptoms can become more noticeable.

If you have anemia, it may be more difficult to donate blood.



The only way to determine if you are anemic is through a complete blood count test, which requires a blood sample.

Although symptoms may be present, it is not safe to assume that they are caused directly by anemia. The only way to be diagnosed is by making a visit to the doctor, where a health care professional will need to determine your hemoglobin level by performing a complete blood count (CBC) test.

The CBC test provides levels for hemoglobin and hematocrit, the percentage of red blood cells in a blood sample. Depending on a person's age, the World Health Organization provides some guidelines to determine the levels of hemoglobin and hematocrit that indicate anemia. For example, a person with less than 8 grams per deciliter is considered to have severe anemia that would need immediate attention.

If you're not sure that you are at an increased risk for developing anemia, the Mayo Clinic outlines several risk factors that can contribute to the condition.

- Poor diet. The body needs iron, protein and vitamins to produce sufficient numbers of red blood cells. Anyone whose diet is lacking in those three items is at risk of anemia.
- Intestinal disorders. Chrohn's disease and celiac disease, intestinal disorders that affect the absorption of nutrients in the small intestine, put a person at a higher risk.
- Menstruation. Each month, women lose iron and blood during the menstrual cycle. Women who develop uterine fibroids also are at an increased risk because their menstrual cycles tend to have a heavier flow than normal.

Treatment

In most mild cases of anemia, a doctor will recommend eating a balanced diet that includes iron, folate and vitamin B12. Even if you haven't gone to the doctor yet, this diet should be followed anyway. Foods that are rich in iron – although they're not as tasty as, say, French fries – are pork, chicken and beef liver; blackstrap molasses;

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Finding the rhythm of breast cancer

University toxicologist investigating altered sleep patterns and increased risk of cancer

New Mexico State University toxicologist Aaron Rowland uses the Kronos Dio machine in his research on finding circadian rhythms in breast tissue cells. The machine measures the rhythms by monitoring the radiance of cells.

After new epidemiological research found an increased risk of breast cancer associated with altered sleep patterns, a New Mexico State University researcher decided to further investigate the 24-hour biological rhythm in breast cells.

Although he has submitted three different grant proposals for continued research on this pattern, known as a circadian rhythm, and its influence on hormone levels within cells, Aaron Rowland, assistant professor of toxicology in the NMSU Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, said he has high hopes for the latest one, submitted to the U.S. Department of Defense in November for $75,000.

"Research suggests that each cell type exhibits a roughly 24-hour cycle which regulates important cellular functions like controlling hormone levels and cell fate," Rowland said. "So, far, these rhythms have been demonstrated in a small number of isolated populations of human cells derived from peripheral tissues like bone, fat, skin and liver cells. But no one has yet demonstrated the circadian rhythm in cultured breast cells, those grown in a laboratory dish."

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> AARON ROWLAND, toxicologist

Through the research, Rowland said he and his team hope to determine if disrupting these rhythms in cells plays a role in carcinogenesis, or the process of normal cells transforming into cancerous ones.

So, Rowland said, when women alter their sleep pattern and the circadian rhythm, like when working a night shift for example, it can put them at higher risk of breast cancer. This disruption was recently acknowledged by the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as potentially carcinogenic to humans.

"It is possible that cellular changes in these rhythms alter the hormonal balance within cells, making them vulnerable," Rowland said. "There is some indication already that a hormone involved in regulating circadian rhythms, Melatonin, influences estrogen signaling. And, changes in estrogen signaling have been linked to some forms of breast cancer."

One aim of the research is to understand the signaling processes involved in the start and spread of these rhythms in cultured breast tissue cells. If Rowland can determine the basic processes that influence these rhythms, he will be able to understand the environmental factors that may influence them as well. This could lead to the development of pharmaceuticals to re-establish a healthy normal rhythm. Another aim is to examine the disruption and then determine if it is even related to carcinogenesis.

"If the process works in cultured cells, then there is the potential use of a rat model," Rowland said.

That rat model belongs to co-investigator Todd Thompson, a researcher from the University of New Mexico. Rowland and Thompson submitted a grant proposal in October to the Cowboys for Cancer Selection Committee at the UNM Cancer Research and Treatment Center.

Rowland is preparing another grant proposal in collaboration with former NMSU computer science department head Desh Ranjan, to continue their work to understand and model circadian rhythms in human cell cultures. This collaborative effort is being prepared as one of the projects in the NMSU CREST Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology proposal. That proposal will be due in February 2010. The $150,000 to $200,000-a-year grant will support circadian rhythm-related research conducted over a five-year period.

An important tool Rowland uses to conduct this research is called the Kronos Dio, a real-time luminescence machine that indirectly measures circadian rhythms by monitoring the radiance of uniquely tagged human cells in a culture dish.

"It's invaluable in examining circadian rhythms in cultured cells," Rowland said.

Rowland's background is in lung toxicology, so he describes these preliminary research efforts on breast cancer as his "branching out project." He said he should hear back from the Department of Defense in May 2010 on the proposal. That program is a congressionally directed medical research program that focuses on funding unique approaches and new avenues for understanding breast cancer.

Bingaman pushing for improvements to VA clinics

Veterans Affairs pledges to take action

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman recently met with a top Veterans Affairs official to discuss the need to improve VA clinics throughout the state, and assures that action will be taken.

Last month, Bingaman wrote to VA Secretary Eric Shinseki highlighting problems with several of New Mexico's 13 Community Based Outpatient Clinics. Bingaman told the VA the clinic facilities in Raton, Silver City, Santa Fe, Gallup and Artesia, N.M., are too small and need to be upgraded, and that the process for leasing new, more suitable space takes too long. He also said a long-planned clinic in Rio Rancho, N.M., has yet to be opened.

Bingaman met with Dr. Randy Petzel, the VA's acting deputy under secretary for the Veterans Health Administration. Petzel assured Bingaman that the VA has hired a top level official to oversee contracting, and will continue hiring contractors charged with negotiating new leases.

"In our meeting, I was assured the VA is now focused on this issue. It's not the overnight improvement veterans deserve, but it's definitely a step in the right direction," Bingaman said.

In his letter to Shinseki, Bingaman cited waiting room space restrictions as a particularly serious problem at the Raton clinic. Petzel said after receiving the letter, the VA made room for an additional waiting room.

"I'm grateful the VA moved quickly to fix the problem in Raton, even as it seeks a larger facility to meet the long-term needs of veterans," Bingaman said.

Finally, the VA assured Bingaman that steps are underway to move forward on new lease agreements across the state, and that many of the contracts should be awarded by the middle of next year.

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way to spend Christmas Eve – father and daughter in Prompt Care. This is special."

After a nurse checked out Laura, a doctor briefly examined her and then wrote a prescription. As Laura and I left the building, she looked up, smiled weakly, and said, "Look, Daddy. It's snowing."

Sure enough, a light snow was falling on Las Cruces. I looked at my watch. It was 12:10 a.m. Dec. 25.

As we drove to a local pharmacy, I thought, "What a way to welcome Christmas Day. Here I am with my sick 9-year-old daughter and snow is falling in Las Cruces. This is truly memorable."

The kindness of Joe and Aleta Kindler in 1976 and the doctor and nurse 33 years later brightened up two of my Christmases in different ways.

To those of you who brighten up your communities by giving of yourselves and making your communities better places in which to live, thank you.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a prosperous 2010!

Bob Nosbisch is the Educational Outreach Coordinator for the College of Health and Social Services at New Mexico State University.

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and clams, oysters and mussels. In some cases, an iron supplement may also be recommended in addition to a diet rich in iron.

The amount of time to reduce symptoms depends, of course, on the severity of the anemia. To correct anemia, the body must create new red blood cells to replace those that were lost, which takes about five to seven days, according to the NAAC.

Long-term effects

If anemia continues to go untreated, the condition can lead to several complications.

- Severe fatigue. When anemia is severe enough, you may be too tired to complete everyday tasks.
- Heart problems. Because the heart is working harder to get oxygen throughout the body, those who are anemic can develop an arrhythmia, a rapid or irregular heartbeat. If anemia goes untreated, it can lead to congestive heart failure.
- Nerve damage. Those who develop anemia from a B-12 deficiency may develop nerve damage, since the vitamin is essential for healthy nerve function.
- Impaired mental function. A B12 deficiency also can affect mental abilities.
- Death. According to the Mayo Clinic, some inherited anemias, such as sickle-cell anemia, can be serious and lead to life-threatening complications. Losing a lot of blood quickly results in acute, severe anemia and can be fatal.

No matter the symptoms experienced or the risk factors to which we are exposed, it is best to see your doctor. Sometimes, anemia can itself serve as a symptom of another complication that only your doctor can diagnose.

Dog owners: Put a leash on foul-smelling dog breath

A dog's halitosis could be a sign of serious dental or internal health problems

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

They're not exactly known for having the best odors, but when a dog's breath smells worse than usual, it could actually be an indicator of something much deeper. In fact, dogs shouldn't normally have bad breath, so if they do, an appointment with the veterinarian should be made as soon as possible to correctly diagnose the problem.

There are several common causes that can lead to a foul mouth, and there are, of course, solutions to go along.

Dental problems

A very common – and easily treated – reason for bad breath is dental problems. Just like humans, dogs can develop gingivitis and halitosis. Periodontal disease is most common in young dogs, usually 2 or 3 years old, whose teeth have not received proper care. When the dog reaches this stage of gum disease, its root attachment has started to deteriorate and part of the bone structure providing the tooth with support is gone, making it more difficult to chew, which actually worsens the problem.

Healthy canine gums are a coral pink color. When gingivitis is present, the dog will most likely have brownish deposits on the back of its teeth, a thin red line running along its gums and bad breath. Though these symptoms are signs of moderate gingivitis, if it goes untreated long term, irreversible damage can occur, so it is best to schedule an appointment with the vet.

The veterinarian can provided the dog's mouth with a thorough cleaning and can apply a special antibiotic gel to kill the bacteria that have made a cozy home in its mouth. It may take several treatments, but help is still available. If gingivitis worsens, it becomes more painful and the canine's teeth will eventually fall out. And the breath – it will be pretty offensive.

Broken, decayed or abscessed teeth also will cause breath to smell worse than usual. Symptoms of these problems, besides the breath, include dropping food after putting in his mouth or excessive drooling. These problems need vet attention right away.

Keep your pet's mouth – and your nose – happy with regular visits to the vet that include thorough dental examinations.

Internal problems

Sometimes the food – or whatever the dog puts in its mouth – can be the cause of temporary bad breath, but usually the odor subsides after digestion. However, persistent foul or unusual breath with no sign of dental problems could be a sign that something is not quite right in the belly or other organs.

If your dog has unusually sweet or fruity breath, he or she may have diabetes. If the breath is included with symptoms of frequent drinking and urination, this could very well be the cause. Breath that smells like urine can be a sign of kidney disease, and an unusually foul odor accompanied by vomiting, lack of appetite and yellow-tinged corneas and gums could signal a liver problem.

All of these problems require immediate attention from a professional, and treatment can range from a change in diet to medication to surgery.

What you can do at home

After ruling out all underlying medical issues, it's important to keep your dog's mouth fresh. Here are some steps to take your dog's mouth – and your nose – happier.

Brush your dog's teeth. Toothpaste and toothbrushes designed specifically for your dog are available at pet specialty stores, and brushing the puppy's teeth at least once a day will deter many dental issues that could occur in the future. It doesn't have to be an unpleasant experience for your doggie – some yummy toothpaste flavors include chicken and beef. To take it even a step further, dog mints and mouthwash also are available to prevent tartar build-up.

Monitor your puppy's diet. Adding variety to your pet's diet – such as veggies and rice in addition to meat – can help your dog's tummy balance itself. Do not feed your dog old or spoiled food. It not only will make its breath smell badly, but it could cause health problems. If your pet eats more of the soft canned food, this can make breath worsen. Try mixing it with dry dog food, unless the vet calls for an exclusively soft food diet.

Get regular check-ups that include teeth cleaning. One of the best ways to keep the dog's mouth fresh is by taking him to a professional who understands the dog – and his or her behavior and health – much better than we do.

Buy doggie treats specifically formulated to freshen breath and improve dental health. Rawhide chews and dog biscuits can help maintain a healthy mouth. Make sure they are large and have to be chewed. Small treats can be swallowed quickly and require very little chewing, which defeats the purpose.

Get your dog hard, safe chew toys. These toys are specifically designed to be chewed and chewed and chewed without breaking or causing harm to the dog. They are the best to encourage dental health, and some are even made for use with dog toothpaste and will entertain your pup for hours.

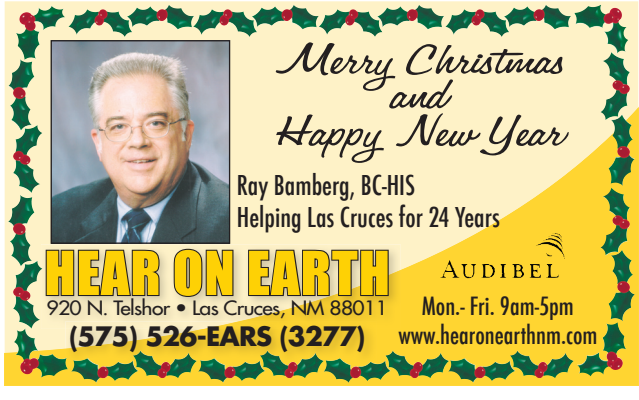
How to brush a dog's teeth

1. If you haven't done it yet, get your dog used to your looking into his or her mouth. After each time, reward the pup with a treat or praise.

2. Buy a pet dental kit, including toothpaste (made for dogs) and a toothbrush, at a pet store or from your vet. Follow the kit's instructions for use. Research alternatives, such as a finger toothbrush, if your pet refuses to let you brush his teeth with a toothbrush. Ask your veterinarian for suggestions. Finger brushes may be a better option because they allow you to get the hard-to-reach places that a toothbrush can miss.

3. Brush your dog's teeth with a gentle, massaging motion.

4. Reward your baby with a tartar-control treat after the procedure.



HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

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, or you can purchase a 30-day punch pass for $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.

Zumba combines the moves of Latin dance and hip-hop with cardiovascular exercise. In the one-hour class, participants burn fat and firm their entire bodies by using moves that incorporate both interval training and resistance training.

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

T'AI CHI CHIH DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Learn how to activate the Chi (vital force) with T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement, a moving discipline comprised of 19 movements and one pose. T'ai Chi Chih may be done by almost anyone, in any physical condition, and also sitting down. No special clothing or equipment is required.

No further classes are scheduled in December, but classes will be offered each week in January. To register, call Sonya Rue at 556-7665. For more information, call Alvarez-Diosdado at 526-3016.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Las Cruces, a group for breastfeeding mothers and mothers-to-be interested in breastfeeding, has two monthly meetings. The daytime meeting is at 10 a.m. the first Friday of each month at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Downtown Mall. The evening meeting is at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. The meetings are currently held at the home of leader Renee Beltran.

Contact Beltran at 635-6683 or reneebeltran1@comcast.net for directions or any other inquiries specific to this meeting.

APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP

Experiencing difficulty with communication due to aphasia? The Southern New Mexico Aphasia Support Group is a community group for social conversation and education about aphasia and also offers support for those who have aphasia. The group meets at 4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, contact Teresa Brobeck, speech and language pathologist, at 521-6475 or brobeckt@ernestheath.com.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GOUP

The Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter has the following support group meetings each month:

- 11:30 a.m. each Thursday in the Stan Fulton Center, third floor, on the New Mexico State University campus. For more information, contact Jan at 522-7133.
- Noon each second Thursday of the month, potluck lunch at the Mira Vista Apartments, 2141 N. Solano Drive, in the Community Room. For more information, contact Nicky at 647-3868.
- 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Village at Northrise, 2884 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Desert Willow Building. For more information, contact Donna at 556-6117.
- 11 a.m. the third Saturday of each month, potluck lunch at Casa de Oro, 1005 Lujan Hill Road. For more information, contact Tim at 650-0241.
- The Last Friday of each month at Villa del Sol Senior Center, 575 S. Mesquite St., in the Computer Room. For meeting times or more information, call Maria at 915-637-9337 or 589-0821.

The Alzheimer's Association – New Mexico Chapter, has offices in the Richardson Building, 101 N. Alameda Blvd., Suite 7. For more information on Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association, call the organization's 24-hour hotline at 800-272-3900, or at the Southwest Regional Office at 647-3868.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are held at various locations in Las Cruces on a weekly basis.

The clinic is held from 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, at Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Rd.; from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.; from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays, in the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite. St.; and from 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, at the Eastside Senior Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. A 25-cent donation is requested. For more information, call 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

LOST VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Psychologist Cheryl Black is facilitating a group therapy for adults who have lost vision. Two sessions are held on the first Tuesday of each month. The first session is from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Mesilla Park Community Center, 504 W. Bell Ave. The second session if from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up either in person or by phone with Angelica at the Munson Senior Center or by calling 528-3000.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

A Stroke Support group, is held at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month inside the Doña Ana Room at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

SISTERS BY CHANCE

Sisters by Chance, a support group for women living with cancer, meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month, in the Juniper Conference Room of Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. This professionally facilitated group helps guide and support women after the diagnosis of cancer.

For more information, contact Pamela Schultz at 646-2208 or pschultz@nmsu.edu.

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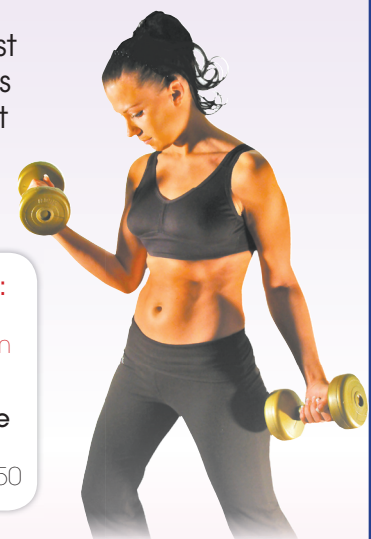

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Go easy on the treats

Simple rules can help avoid extra calories

With the abundance of parties this time of year – from the holidays to Mardi Gras – it can be easy to over-indulge and see the result in your waistline. Even so, it's possible to enjoy party favorites with the right approach.

Mitzi Dulan, registered dietician, author and nutritionist for NFL and Major League Baseball teams, offers a party game plan everyone can follow that emphasizes moderation, avoiding hunger extremes and eating real foods like avocado, shrimp and all-natural honey.

"Some people think they cannot enjoy the food at parties and maintain their figure," Dulan says. "This isn't true. I encourage people to eat the foods they love, but do so in moderation. It is easy to over-eat at parties, which is why I created this guide to avoid extra calories."

Mitzi Dulan's party game plan includes obeying five simple rules:

1. Portions, portions, portions: The No. 1 rule of the party game plan is one of the easiest steps, yet most often violated. Eat foods in smaller amounts. It's when you go back for seconds and thirds that the pounds accumulate. The first bites are always the tastiest anyway.

2. Avoid the chemistry test: Xanthan Gum. Sodium Alginate. Erythorbic Acid. What may seem like questions on an annoying high school science quiz are actual ingredients found in party dips, marinades and appetizers. Stick to foods with short ingredient lists like chicken, vegetables and cheese.

3. Drink in moderation: Alcoholic beverages are full of empty calories. If you drink, stick to light beers and avoid sugary beverages like margaritas.

4. Bring an appetizer: Hosts and hostesses will not mind – some may even find it helpful – if you bring your own appetizer. This will ensure there are smart alternatives at the party. Dulan has designed several recipes with this idea in mind including honey guacamole and honey-glazed shrimp.

5. Steer clear of extremes: Don't come to a party ravenous or leave stuffed; stay somewhere in the middle. Have a snack or appetizer before the party, like a chicken lettuce wrap, to curb hunger. At the party, stop eating before you feel full or sick. Eat until satisfied, regardless of how much food is left on your plate.

The following recipes, created by Dulan for the National Honey Board, are all designed with the party game plan in mind. For more recipes, visit honey.com.

Honey Guacamole

2 ripe avocados, peeled, pitted and mashed
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon honey
1/4 cup fresh cilantro, finely chopped
Sea salt

Mash avocados. Stir in lemon juice, honey and cilantro. Add sea salt to taste. Serve immediately with multigrain tortilla chips.

Nutrition facts: 80 calories, 1 gram of protein, 6 grams of carbohydrates, 7 grams of fat. Makes 8 servings.

Chicken Lettuce Wraps

1 tablespoon walnut oil
1 1/4 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into bite size pieces
2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
2 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce
2 tablespoons honey
1 cup shredded carrots
1/3 cup sliced almonds
12 leaves of Boston Bibb or butter lettuce leaves

Rinse whole lettuce leaves and pat dry. Add 2 teaspoons oil to a large skillet over medium heat, then sautée the chicken until cooked thoroughly, about seven to 10 minutes. In a medium bowl, whisk together remaining oil, rice wine vinegar, soy sauce and honey until thoroughly mixed. Add chicken, carrots and almonds. To serve, allow guests to scoop chicken mixture onto a lettuce leaf. Wrap the lettuce around the meat like a burrito.

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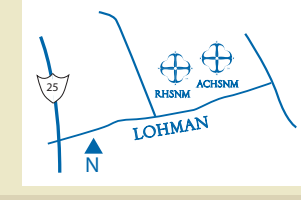

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40 years later, jewelers give up the gems

Jones & Co. closes, liquidating inventory

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

HAL AND SALLY JONES

Forty years into the jewelry business, Hal and Sally Jones have decided to go out on a sparkling note. The couple plans to retire and close their El Paseo Road store, Jones & Co. Jewelers in January, after their best year ever.

"This is the best year we've ever had and we decided to go out with flags flying," Hal Jones said.

The store, which opened in Las Cruces in 1992, has performed well through the years, but this Christmas shopping season has been especially hectic for the couple as they prepare to clean house.

"It is unbelievable," Hal Jones said. "We're getting as many as 200 people at a time in this little store. Everyone's packed like sardines in here."

An extraordinary retail year wasn't enough to keep the Jones' from retiring. They said they will stay in Las Cruces and enjoy "the things we never got to do working in the retail business."

"We wouldn't think of going anywhere else," Hal Jones said.

Jones & Co. Jewelers has for years sold diamonds and estate jewelry, as well as art and other estate items such as European, Asian and American Art.

The couple was recently featured in "Instore" Magazine, an industry publication, as one of the top five successful independent jewelry stores in America.

Hal Jones said he was thankful for the loyal patronage from customers and regrets that the store will soon close its doors.

"We've been overwhelmed at the response that we've had," Hal Jones said. "We are really appreciative of all the support that everyone has given us through the years. We're going to miss everybody, especially those that come on a regular basis. We think of everybody not so much as our customers, but our friends."

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UP rep: 'We'll come back'

Union Pacific delays Santa Teresa transfer station

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Union Pacific Railroad last month acquired more than 2,000 acres in Santa Teresa to build a new intermodal, train-to-truck transfer facility, but won't be moving dirt in the foreseeable future, said Zoe Gisela Richmond, director of New Mexico public affairs for Union Pacific.

The much-talked-about transfer station, which the state has openly supported since 2006, is on hold until the economy regains its strength, Gisela Richmond said during an "Insider's Breakfast" held Wednesday, Dec. 16, hosted by the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Association at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

"With the economy slowing down we've had to slow down as well," Gisela Richmond said. "We're going to come back to the community and let you know when we're ready to build."

Also put on hold is installation of a second set of Union Pacific tracks across Arizona.

Union Pacific's original plans for the Santa Teresa transfer station were to move its core operations from El Paso, including fueling, switching and maintenance, to New Mexico, and to finish construction on the facility by 2015, which company officials said would carry a $150 million price tag. The transfer station would create more than 280 jobs and be able to process up to 100,000 containers per year, Union Pacific officials said.

"We're still interested in this area," Gisela Richmond said. "But there really isn't a certain date or projection that we can use to say 'this is when we're going to come back.'"

On Nov. 12, Union Pacific and the State of New Mexico agreed on a land trade – 2,219 acres of state trust lands to build a transfer station in exchange for the 60,000-acre Lucy Ranch owned by Union Pacific, which is 100 miles southeast of Albuquerque and has an appraised value of $11.1 million.

"When we did acquire the land we let people know that at that time we didn't have a timeline for construction," Gisela Richmond said. "We've got the land and support from the community. My commitment to you is to keep you up to date on when we make that decision."

Gisela Richmond said the company's freight service just didn't have the increased demand to justify building the station, but could see it becoming an important commercial hub once the station is built and the economy picks up.

"In years past when everything was booming we couldn't run another train through El Paso because it was so crowded," she said. "We

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Zoe Gisela Richmond, director of New Mexico public affairs for Union Pacific Railroad, told business owners, residents and legislators that construction of the planned Santa Teresa transfer station has been delayed, with no timetable to move forward on the project in the foreseeable future.

Raising the bar for all things digital

Media experts push to make Las Cruces tech-friendly

By Gabriel Vasquez
The Las Cruces Bulletin

If Las Cruces is to make the vision of going digital a reality, the business and legislative community must be steadfast in its commitment to make technology more accessible and promote the digital industry within its schools.

That was the message tech experts from across the state delivered to an audience of about two dozen Thursday, Dec. 17, at the third annual Digital Media Summit, sponsored by the High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico.

Educators, business representatives, media experts and community members gathered at the City Council Chambers to discuss the progress southern New Mexico had made thus far to "go digital," and to talk about new initiatives to boost the digital industry locally.

"We need to develop a strategic plan," said HTC president Gary Gomes. "We need a strong marketing program and a comprehensive ecosystem. We must identify where we, as a community, have the resources to participate and leverage our assets to accomplish this goal."

In particular, community members and panelists were interested in integrating more digital media into classrooms, both for teachers and students.

"I've had a long interest in how educational technology helps reduce barriers to educational opportunities," said Brian Ormand, director for Strategic Relations at New Mexico State University's

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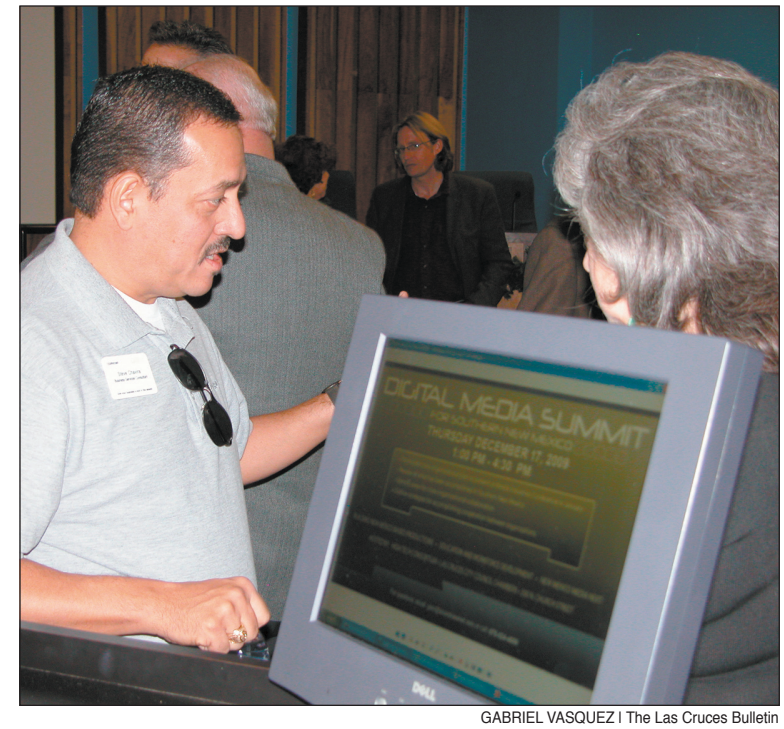

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Steve Chavira, business account executive for Comcast Cable Corp., discusses digital media with Denise Welsh during the third annual Digital Media Summit held Thursday, Dec. 17, at the City Council Chambers.

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were literally turning away business."

The transfer station would help unburden that traffic and create a major commercial and industrial zone in Santa Teresa, allowing manufacturers and other businesses to set up shop near the station.

In 2006 when Union Pacific first announced its partnership with the state, Gov. Bill Richardson said, "This project not only builds industry and creates good jobs, but also lays the groundwork to attract light manufacturing, warehousing and distribution facilities, which could potentially reshape the economy in southern New Mexico."

> "... they're going to need our support as well. It's all about job creation."
>
> DAVIN LOPEZ, MVEDA

Although Union Pacific has decided not to move forward on several "big" projects, it opened two new transfer facilities in San Antonio, Texas, and Portland Ore., and broke ground on a facility in Joliet, Ill., this year.

But Gisela Richmond expressed more optimism than doubt about the Santa Teresa project, saying that she expects more investment in the rail industry as it regains importance as one of the most carbon-conscious ways of transporting goods in the U.S.

"One train takes up to 300 trucks off a congested highway," she said. "Rail is almost four times more fuel efficient than trucks. Union Pacific can haul one ton for 830 miles on one gallon of diesel fuel."

Just last month, mega-investor Warren Buffet bought Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp., the nation's second largest railroad, for $34 billion. Experts speculate that as the economy recovers and in particular the construction and manufacturing industries improve, rail will be first out of the gate to make big gains, Gisela Richmond said.

"Railroads are key indicators of the economy," Gisela Richmond said. "We're going to be at the front when things start to come back."

MVEDA CEO Davin Lopez expressed optimism about the future of the transfer station but asked Gisela Richmond to keep MVEDA and the community updated.

"I think it's important that they came down and now we're all informed about what's happening down there," he said. "We need to stay involved in what's happening with Union Pacific, they're going to need our support as well. It's all about job creation."

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima asked Gisela Richmond about the possibility of adding Amtrak's passenger rail service in southern New Mexico, to which she responded, "We are talking, discussing those options for different facilities. There are open talks about this."

Through an agreement, Amtrak already uses many Union Pacific tracks to transport customers.

JIM HILLEY I The Las Cruces Bulletin

A Union Pacific freight carrier travels across the Santa Teresa desert.

Protect yourself, kids this X-mas

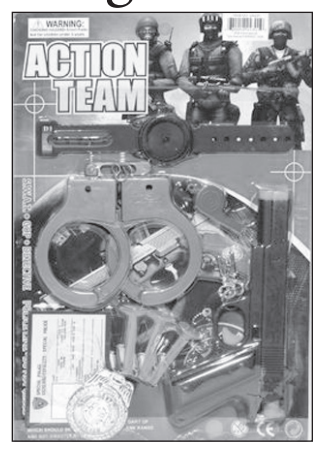
CPSC: Recalls numerous during this holiday season

Bulletin Staff Report

Forget the soggy fruitcake or same ol' tie you got last year. Among the worst gifts to give or get this year are those that are being recalled.

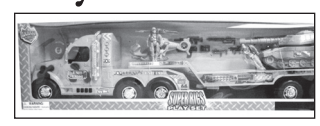
Every year, dozens of toys, appliances and housewares make the list of items that should be returned immediately – many due in part to cost-cutting manufacturers, and others simply due to engineering or design errors.

Following is a list of the most popular items that have been recalled or could pose a hazard to their users, as determined by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.



OKK Trading Toy Dart Gun – "Action Team" toy dart gun sets – 22,000 units – are being recalled due to a choking hazard. If a child places the soft rubber dart in his or her mouth, he or she is likely to choke. The toys were sold at discount department stores.

Variety Wholesalers Super Rigs – "Super Rig Transport" toy trucks and vehicles – 700 units – have been recalled for containing high levels of lead, violating the federal lead paint standard. The toys were sold at discount department stores.



Evenflo Cake Toys – "Evenflow ExerSaucer 1-2-3 Tea For Me" activity learning centers – 66,000 units – were recalled in December because the candle flame attached to the top of the cake toy can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. The toys were sold at Toys "R" Us and other toy stores.

Hampton Bay Dehumidifiers – Hampton Bay brand dehumidifiers – 2,000 units – were recalled in December because an internal component can fail causing the dehumidifier to overheat, posing fire and burn hazards. The product was sold at Home Depot stores.

Whole Foods Market hazelnuts – Whole food markets is recalling bulk organic raw hazelnuts bought through its stores in California, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington because the nuts were part of a batch contaminated with salmonella.

Precious Moments Tree Toppers – Precious Moments Angel Tree Toppers – 4,300 units – were recalled because undersized wiring can cause the tree topper's switch assembly to overheat and melt, posing a fire hazard. The recalled tree toppers are 10-inch tall vinyl angels with LED lighted wings.

Children's hooded sweatshirts – Boys fleece and flannel zip hooded sweatshirts – 18,300 made – manufactured by DMF Sales and sold by Burlington Coat Factory, pose a strangulation hazard to children. The drawstrings can entangle children around the neck and cause injury or death.

Timberland children's boots – Timberland Co. brand children's classic "Scuffproof" boots – 21,000 units – contain excessive levels of lead inside the boot's insoles, violating the federal lead paint standard.

Window coverings, roman shades and roll-up blinds – The CPSC announced that multiple firms are recalling millions of units of window coverings, including Roman shades and roll-up blinds. These window coverings present a serious risk of strangulation to young children. CPSC has received reports of five deaths and 16 near strangulations in Roman shades since 2006 and three deaths in roll-up blinds since 2001. Recalled brands of window coverings include, but are not limited to, Wal-Mart, J.C. Penney, Lotus and Windoware, All Strong Industry, Pottery Barn, International Merchandise and American Vintage. For more information, call CPSC's hotline at 800-638-2772.

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department of Information & Communication Technologies and statewide director for the New Mexico Learning Network. "In the K-12 environment, we're seeing a lot of growth in terms of mobile and media learning."

Ormand's focus is on distance learning. He said because of the large rural population in the state, educators should be focused on providing quality over-the-net educational resources to prepare students for college or the workforce.

"We're seeing not only 2-dimensional textbooks as being the source of knowledge," he said, "but multimedia-rich elements that provide opportunities."

Marcy Oxford, technology integration specialist for Las Cruces Public Schools, said she works closely with teachers to help improve their abilities to boost student achievement using technology.

"In our district, we have a couple of middle schools that already have really marvelous digital media programs," she said. "And we have a robust dual-credit program between our schools and the New Mexico State University system."

LCPS students have the option of earning dual-credit for taking courses within NMSU's Creative Media Institute and Doña Ana Community College's Creative Media Technologies program. But because of CMI's popularity and demand from incoming students, for now, students are only participating in the CMT program at DACC, she said, adding that she hopes to see that change as the program grows.

"The potential for online learning or even hybrid learning, where a teacher will provide resources and a virtual classroom to extend her own classroom in an online environment is great," she said. "We're seeing more and more interest in that."

The challenge, Oxford said, is getting teachers accustomed to the new technology and getting them to "buy in" to the idea that technology based learning is just as effective, if not more, than traditional learning.

"Once you get a teacher interested in using technology in their personal lives, they naturally extend that into their classrooms," she said. "I know a lot of teachers who are still technophobic. And we still have an access problem and a problem in the amount of money it takes to hook up the classrooms with technology."

The ultimate goal, Gomes reminded listeners, was to produce a quality workforce in southern New Mexico that could transition between the various applications of digital media to create a "digital hub" for high-tech companies.

"It's not just film that provides employment opportunities for our graduates in these programs," he said, "but small businesses too."

Scott Krahling, Doña Ana County commissioner and marketing consultant for Digital Solutions, said digital media and the marketing industry have become almost synonymous.

"I'm constantly looking at trends in online marketing," he said. "And like digital media in education, the evolution of online marketing is going in the same direction."

Website advertisement, web page building and mobile applications represent the next wave of advertising and marketing, he said.

"And it's not as difficult to create as some people think," he added.

Barry Eldridge of IBM and Rachel Nicoll of Sony Pictures Imageworks talked about the importance of telecommuting and explained how the development of infrastructure has attracted major companies to set up operations in New Mexico.

> "Obviously, we came out here because of the film incentives."
>
> RACHEL NICOLL, Sony Pictures Imageworks

"We work in (Albuquerque) as if we were in the building next door to (Los Angeles)," Nicoll said. "I was part of the first wave of 12 people who came out here about a year ago. Now our office in Albuquerque has just under 50 people."

Sony Imageworks provides production assistance to Sony's California production facilities and uses state-of-the-art teleconferencing systems to talk, manipulate data and interact in real-time.

"Obviously, we came out here because of the film incentives," she said. "We like being out here. A lot of us, like myself, wanted to get away from the burn of L.A."

Eldridge said he's one of about four other IBM employees in Las Cruces, "which I've never even met," he said, adding that IBM employees no longer have to work at "home-base" to be productive.

"If you're watching CNN and you see these guys talking back and forth on satellite – we're taking the same technology and compressing it so we can use it on the web," he said. "Ultimately it all comes down to bandwidth, but this is very cool stuff."

Steve Chavira of Comcast Cable Corp. said his company has been actively improving broadband infrastructure in southern New Mexico, with the ultimate goal of connecting rural communities to "the world" using high-speed Internet.

"People have to buy into what we're doing in order to improve what we have here," he said. "When people are looking at this area and trying to spend money here, the technology has to be here for those people to effectively do their work. It's a bit of an expense, but we as a company are trying really hard to bring that technology in."

In cities such as Chaska, Minn., Anderson, Ind., Binghamton, N.Y., Clearwater Beach, Fla., and Mountain View, Calif., residents enjoy access to municipal wireless networks, free Wi-Fi offered by the respective cities designed to encourage high-tech industries and affordable access to the Internet.

But Las Cruces probably won't see such a system any time soon, in fact, educators interested in bringing technology here are having a hard enough time getting funding for training and equipment, Gomes said.

When asked if it was possible that a Sony Imageworks satellite office could be set up in Las Cruces, Nicoll said, "I don't really have an answer to that. I can't tell you what the next five years will bring, but it is possible."

Resources for digital media, film

High Tech Consortium of Southern NM
What: A volunteer, grassroots organization that provides leadership and fosters the retention and growth of digital media, film and high technology in southern New Mexico.
Where: Southern New Mexico
Contact: ggomes@soundviewnet.com or www.htcnm.com

Creative Media Institute
What: New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute offers a bachelor's degee in creative media. CMI is a dynamic cross-disciplinary program that prepares students for digital filmmaking, animation and visual effects.
Where: Milton Hall, NMSU campus
Contact: 646-5671 or http://cmi.nmsu.edu

Creative Media Technologies
What: The Creative Media Technology program at Doña Ana Community College provides a specialized foundation for students who are looking for professional opportunities in filmmaking, computer animation digital video production and multimedia.
Where: Doña Ana Community College
Contact: 527-7500 or http://dabcc.nmsu.edu/programs/cmt.asp

Film Las Cruces
What: The City of Las Cruces Film Commission office works to bring films to Las Cruces by providing filmmakers with crew resources, film incentive information, insurance and labor law information, permit approval and other general assistance.
Where: Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau
Contact: bmccamey@las-cruces.org, 202-5604, or www.las-cruces-film.org

White Sands International Film Festival
What: The White Sands International Film Festival is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the creation of opportunities for independent filmmakers, directors, producers, distributors, backers and the filmgoing community.
Where: The 2010 festival will be held from April 15 to 18 in Las Cruces
Contact: info@wsiff.com or www.wsiff.com

Mesilla Valley Film Society
What: The Mesilla Valley Film Society is a nonprofit organization that presents alternative, foreign and independent film and video to southern New Mexico.
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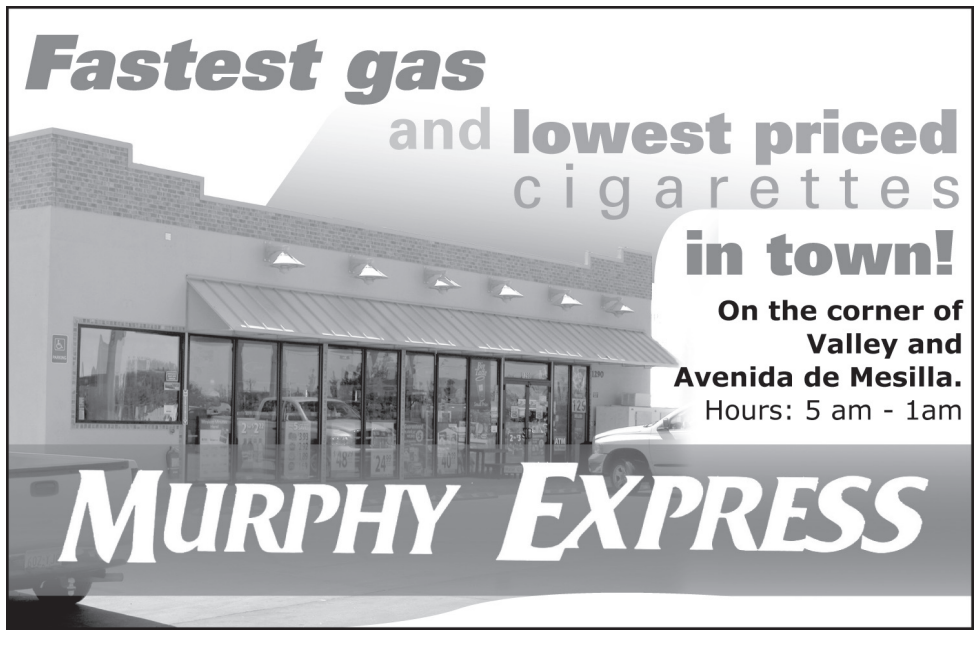

Seasons are social phenomena

Holidays determine the ebb and flow of the economy

CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

You often hear people complain that Christmas is the busiest time of the year, with all the shopping, gift giving and holiday cooking. And people are right; it is the busiest time of the year.

For many retailers, Christmas can mean more than half their revenues. The entire business year – ordering, stocking, store openings – focuses on the holidays. Working backwards, wholesaling, manufacturing and transportation all revolve around the season of joy and giving.

But when the wrapping paper is put away and all the toys are exchanged for what the kids really want, the economic boom that is Christmas comes the recession that is January. And the let down is more powerful than many realize.

The seasonal decline in employment each January is greater on average than any of the recessions in the post-world war period. That is, the economy goes into a slump each January and the losses are more extreme than the slump associated with business cycle recession.

The decline in employment in January is shocking, averaging more than 25.3 percent on an annualized basis. By comparison, the rate of decline of employment in the current recession from the peak in December 2007 to now is only 2.8 percent (annualized). That is, the average decline in employment in January is at a pace nearly three times that of the worst recession in a generation.

Part of the annual January slump is due to winter. Agricultural production is at a minimum and harsh weather can interfere with manufacturing and transportation. But the major reason for the fall off in economic activity is the end of the Christmas season. The social phenomenon of the holidays artificially inflates economic activities in December, which is then followed by a drop off in January.

Other societies that have different holiday schedules see different periods of accelerated economic activity. Thus, the busiest time of the year for the Chinese is Spring Festival, usually in late January. In India, the peak in economic activity happens during Diwali, which occurs in October or November.

So given the sharp drop off in economic activity after the holidays, why don't politicians and businesspersons show the same sort of concern for seasonal cycles that they do for the business cycle? The answer, of course, is straight forward. Seasonal cycles come and go in a predictable sequence. Each January sees a sharp fall off in employment followed by several months of hiring. But business cycles are unpredictable, coming and going in a random manner. The Christmas season is easy to plan for whether you are a business or a consumer. Business cycles are much harder to plan for and consequently can seriously disrupt plans.

Few businesses fail due to seasonal fluctuations, but many fail from more mild, but less predicable, business cycles.

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'Over the Rainbow' brings hope

Scholarship helps underprivileged women succeed

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When Nancy Baker was growing up, she knew two things were certain – she would earn her college degree and her mother, Dorothy Baker, would be proud.

Dorothy Baker grew up a coal miner's daughter in Appalachia and always had a strong desire to get college degree. With that dream came many obstacles, including how to finance her education. As the oldest in a large family of working poor, Dorothy Baker did not receive financial help from her parents. In addition to the financial barrier, women's colleges in Virginia in the 1940s did not permit their students to work and take classes.

Even if Dorothy Baker had managed to find the money to attend school, she would have been unable to study her greatest interest, which was architecture.

"The second obstacle was gender bias," Nancy Baker said. "She really wanted to study architecture at the University of Virginia, but both the field of study and the university were closed to women."

Nancy Baker, department head of government at New Mexico State University and Ph.D., grew to admire her mother's appreciation of education and her desire to see the underprivileged have the same opportunity to succeed in higher education. When her mother passed away in 2004, Nancy Baker created the Over the Rainbow Scholarship with the help of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico.

"Throughout her life, she fervently believed in the power of education to transform women's lives," Nancy Baker said. "This passionate commitment to helping women achieve their educational dreams is the foundation of the Over the Rainbow Scholarship. The name of the scholarship comes from the fact that Dorothy's mother Pearl, who only was allowed to attend school through the third grade, named her after a book Pearl remembered as a child. It was, of course, 'The Wizard of Oz.'"

Dorothy Baker

The scholarship provides $500 each semester to a woman facing financial need who is committed to higher education. The money can be used toward the cost of books, day care or other expenses not covered by regular tuition scholarships, and is awarded specifically to undergraduate women students who enroll at either Doña Ana Community College or NMSU. Five women have been honored since 2007, four of them in conjunction with SpringBoard! Scholarships administered through the CFSNM.

Scholarships created through the foundation allow community members such as Nancy Baker to make an impact without focusing on logistics. The foundation is able to award funding and keep accurate records for tax purposes and the scholarship committees are able to make recommendation to the CFNSM before it awards the money.

With that kind of help, Nancy Baker is able to continue on a mission her mother helped her realize.

"She taught me that we can't assume we can control things in our lives, because accidents do happen. They can either provide opportunities or create obstacles," Nancy Baker said. "She believed women had to have the ability to take care of themselves and their families, and she knew an education would give options that simply would not be available otherwise."

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

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Mortgage lending rules tighten guidelines

Reducing debt, raising credit scores more important than ever

GARY SANDLER'S
Real Estate Connection

It's no secret that lenders have been systematically tightening the credit standards buyers must meet in order to qualify for a mortgage loan.

As of last week, Fannie Mae (FNMA), which along with Freddie Mac (FHLMC) own approximately 90 percent of all U.S. mortgage loans, began requiring borrowers with a 20 percent down payment to have a credit score of at least 620. That's up 40 points from the previous minimum score of 580. Given the fact that Fannie and Freddie's guidelines are considered the gold standard for mortgage loans, other secondary-market investors are expected to follow suit.

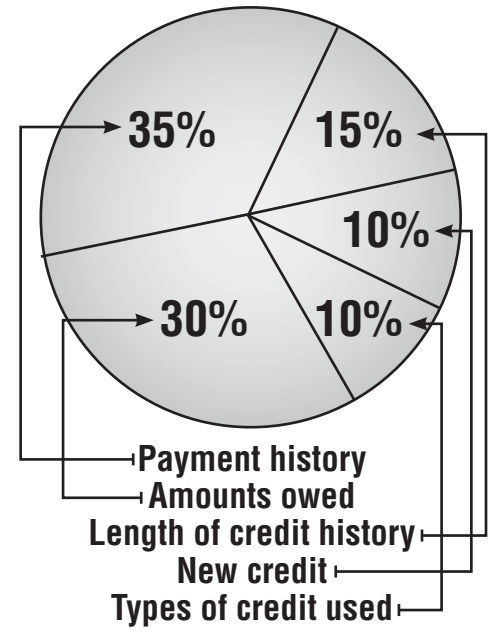
In a related move, FNMA now limits borrowers' total debts, including house payments and other installment and revolving credit obligations, to 45 percent of their gross income. In light of the new rules, it is more important than ever for borrowers to reduce debt and raise their individual credit scores.

While making behavioral changes to curb spending habits can be challenging, the task in not impossible. Here are a few tips that will make getting the job done a little easier.

- **Reduce debt.** Your "credit utilization ratio," which measures your outstanding debt in relation to your available credit, accounts for 30 percent of your credit score. Paying down your credit cards and other debts, or paying them off completely will bolster this important slice of your credit score pie. Don't close your accounts, however. Eliminating an account reduces the amount of your available credit, which could harm your utilization ratio.
- **Avoid opening new accounts.** Each time a new account is opened, a few points are deducted from your credit score.
- **Review your credit report.** Every consumer is entitled to an annual "free" look at their credit files. By logging on to www.annualcreditreport.com, you can order a free copy of your report from each of the three main credit reporting agencies: Equifax, TransUnion and Experian. Go through each report and look for inaccurate information, such as erroneous addresses, accounts you never opened, or accounts showing late payments that were actually made on time. Each repository provides an opportunity for you to dispute inaccurate findings and have them removed from your reports.
- **Know your credit score.** Reports ordered through annualcreditreport.com do not include individual credit scores. You'll be offered an opportunity to purchase your score, which will set you back around $15.95.

By taking these steps and employing a little discipline, you can increase your credit score over time. In the end, you'll not only raise your score and look better to lenders, you'll be offered a lower mortgage interest rate – saving you thousands of dollars in the long run.

See you at closing!



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

Five tax tips for 2009

New rules should fit in to your plan

Bulletin Staff Report

With 2010 just around the corner, making more money and saving as much as possible will likely top many New Year's resolutions lists.

In the quest to achieve these resolutions, taxpayers in the Las Cruces area should not overlook the great opportunity they have to get the full refund they may qualify for or to keep more money in their pickets by making sure they are not overpaying on a tax liability.

"Most taxpayers don't start thinking about taxes until after the New Year," said Bob Nickerson, owner of Jackson Hewitt Tax Service in Las Cruces. "The truth is, simple steps taken in these final weeks of 2009 can put them in a better position when it comes time to file."

Nickerson outlined his top five year-end tax tips that Las Cruces residents should keep in mind:

1. Get smart about tax changes: The year 2009 heralded a range of new "pro-taxpayer" credits, including the First-time Homebuyer Credit and the Making Work Pay credit. In addition, other popular tax benefits were expanded, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and two credits related to energy-saving home improvements.

2. Make advance payments: Prepaying expenses for college tuition, a mortgage or a quarterly state estimated tax payment now – rather than waiting until January – allows taxpayers to include any related deductions or eligible interest on a 2009 tax return, which, in turn, means additional savings.

3. Help others – and yourself: As the year comes to a close, many people make donations to their favorite charity. Keep good documentation when donating gently used furniture, clothing or other items, given that the "fair market value" of these donations may be deductible.

4. Take advantage of job-related benefits: Most flexible spending or health savings programs require funds to be used by Dec. 31 of each year and cannot be rolled over. Make sure to use that pre-tax money for approved expenses such as day care or medications, or for scheduling any medical appointments you've been postponing.

5. Deduct taxes paid for that new car: If you're in the market for a new vehicle or have a made a new car purchase after Feb. 16, 2009, don't forget that you can deduct state and local sales and excise taxes, as long as you're the original owner.

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A perfect TEN for entrepreneurs

Taos network to be emulated in Doña Ana County

By Leslie Elgood
Chief executive officer,
New Mexico Community Capital

Courtesy of Finance New Mexico

Joseph Godfrey knew the recycling business before he moved to Taos, N.M., from Vermont six years ago, but he had never run a business of his own before he bought Recycle Taos in late 2007.

Essential to his success, Godfrey said, was connecting with Taos Entrepreneurial Network (TEN), an independent nonprofit organization of entrepreneurs and local community leaders that began as a 2004 project of the Sirolli Foundation, spearheaded by the McCune Charitable Foundation.

TEN's philosophy was adapted from the work of Ernesto Sirolli, an innovator in rural economic development. After seeing self-sufficient communities in Zambia pushed into unsustainable types of development by foreign-aid officials in the early 1970s, Sirolli tried a different approach: He tapped into the entrepreneurial spirit of rural residents by backing home-grown initiatives the locals needed and could support. His model has been duplicated in 250 communities around the globe, including Taos.

The core of Sirolli's plan is "enterprise facilitation" – a support system designed to help entrepreneurs turn ideas into viable ventures by helping them find the resources and learn the skills they need to produce, market and finance a product or service. TEN tailored the idea in Taos to fit local conditions including the employment of a trained "network facilitator" to focus simply on networking and let entrepreneurs choose how to reach their goals.

This network facilitator is pivotal to TEN's complex web of relationships. The facilitator works with TEN's executive board and the entrepreneurs who volunteer expertise and advice at monthly network meetings, and the facilitator is the liaison between entrepreneurs and the resources they need. TEN's facilitator acts as a senior facilitator, coordinating the efforts of facilitators in Rio Arriba, San Miguel and Santa Fe counties.

At the monthly network meetings, Godfrey found people with the know-how and connections to help him turn the part-time recycling center into a full-fledged service. Godfrey wants to expand his business; through TEN, he was referred to small-business lenders for the money to buy equipment and another collection truck.

"I couldn't do this anywhere else," he said. "Everyone knows everyone else, and we support each other. It doesn't seem like everyone is out for themselves here."

The idea that the Sirolli model might work in Taos began with Owen Lopez, executive director of the McCune Charitable Foundation. The Santa Fe-based foundation launched the project as part of its commitment to combat rural poverty through economic development, Lopez said. It worked with the state's Department of Economic Development, Regional Development Corporation and the city of Taos to support the program in its first few years. Los Alamos National Security (LANS) and the Economic Development Administration have funded program expansion into San Miguel, Rio Arriba and Santa Fe counties as well.

By the end of its pilot stage, TEN reported that 31 new businesses had been created and four businesses were salvaged or expanded in the Taos area. More than 100 jobs were created or saved.

Taos' success inspired the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to award a grant to duplicate the successful program in Doña Ana County.

Finance New Mexico is an initiative of the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation (NMSBIC) and its partners to assist individuals and businesses in obtaining skills and funding-resources for their business or idea. To learn more, go to www.financenewmexico.org.

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report December 18, 2009

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20097650	Malcolm B. and Kimberly L. Miller	Malcolm B. and Kimberly L. Miller	Res/Alt	3128 Executive Hills Road	$1,000	$35
20097646	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Sonoma Ranch Commercial LLC	New/Res	4745 Prentice Place	$1,338	$3,596
20097612	Veloz Homes Inc.	Camino Real Builders Inc.	New/Res	3558 Camino Verde	$148,994	$3,622
20097659	A & A Roofing	Neil F. and Maria G. Harvey	Reroof	3035 La Miranda Court	$3,800	$50
20097655	GS Roofing	Brent L. Bailey	Reroof	2930 Claude Dove Drive	$4,437	$54
20097600	Saguaro Homes	Desert View Homes LLC	New/Res	3925 Sombra Prieta Court	$139,072	$1,705
20097626	Phoenician Custom Homes LLC	Logos Development Inc.	New/Res	7484 Sierra De Oro Place	$165,312	$3,650
20097667	Desert Hills Roofing	Wide Open Spaces LLC	Reroof	1604 Birch Court	$5,650	$61
20097666	Desert Hills Roofing	Fredric E. Fitzgerald	Reroof	2283 Uranus Ave.	$9,850	$86
20097672	Coba Construction	George and Juana Ostos	Reroof	530 N. Virginia St.	$800	$33
20097673	Sierra Construction	Mesilla Capital E LLC	Comm/Alt	2525 S. Telshor Blvd.	$8,000	$75
20097718	Reynolds S Co.	Alfred L. and Anita L. Roberts	Reroof	3135 Executive Hills Road	$9,000	$81
20097701	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	New/Res	2909 San Elizario Court	$123,820	$1,430
20097664	Desert Hills Roofing	Joseph Victor	Reroof	2042 Via Tesoro	$5,375	$59
20097589	Ned Tutor Builders	Six T Inc.	Comm/Alt	351 N. Seventeenth St.	$65,000	$337
20097733	Perry Construction	Eileen A. Aven	Res/Alt	2064 Chateau Drive	$9,099	$81
20097700	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	New/Res	2915 San Elizario Court	$195,570	$1,553
20097693	Summit Development	Summit Building and Development LLC	New/Res	4312 Calle Bonita	$192,700	$3,697
20097742	Castle Construction Inc.	David B. and Nancy R. Soules	Comm/Alt	2399 Saturn Circle	$24,000	$169
20097743	Tim Curry Construction LLC	VS & G Properties LLC	Comm/Alt	2240 Lohman Ave.	$5,000	$57
20097710	Infinity Roofing	David S. and Stacey E. Boswell	Reroof	519 North Park Drive	$7,500	$72
20097735	Vincent E. and Patricia Sandoval	Vincent E. and Patricia Sandoval	Reroof	1741 Aspen Ave.	$3,500	$48
20097663	David F Schirmer	David F. Schirmer	Res/Alt	151 Mimosa Lane	$9,000	$81
20097691	Summit Development	Sonoma Ranch East II LLC	New/Res	4336 Calle Sonesta	$265,680	$3,822
20097755	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Sonoma Ranch Commercial LLC	New/Res	4740 Prentice Place	$158,260	$3,638
20097765	Top Notch Exteriors	Cedric D. Lee	Reroof	1959 Buchanan Ave.	$6,000	$63
20097665	Desert Hills Roofing	Frances F. Williams Trustee	Reroof	2330 Stagecoach Drive	$10,550	$90
20097703	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	New/Res	2921 San Elizario Court	$216,972	$1,589
20097704	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	New/Res	4065 Monte Sombra Ave.	$163,590	$1,747

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Doña Ana County Building Permit Report December 18, 2009

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
35232	Self	Oscar Cobos and Esmeralda Deanda	Reroof	5641 Vanegas	Ranchos De Doña Ana I	$60
35238	Summit Development	Tierra Firma of Las Cruces	New/Res	146 Esterlina Court	Esterlina Est.	$483
35239	Pine Top	Bobbie Jo Marquez	Reroof	1219 Mil Acres St. #2	N/A	$110
35240	Self	Mark Lara	New/Res	373 San Francisco St.	San Juan Tortugas	$470
35243	Self	Rosalinda Ramirez	New/Res	444 Luna Azul Road	Chaparral Subdivision No. 2	$559
35244	Pools By Design	John Jackson	Swimming Pool	5530 George Catlin Road	EBL & T SUB B	$148

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Building Las Cruces
Las Cruces Convention Center

GABRIEL VASQUEZ | The Las Cruces Bulletin

A large crane hovers above the Las Cruces Convention Center as it begins to take shape. Excavation work and laying of the concrete foundation are all under way as construction on the new civic center is continuing at a steady pace. Groundbreaking for the $27 million project took place in June. The 55,000-square-foot facility, with 30,000 square feet of meeting space, is expected to be completed by the end of 2010.

On the Agenda

'The Language of Diversity'

The Southern New Mexico Society for Human Resource Management presents "The Language of Diversity," presented by Consuelo Williams, organizational development coordinator for the City of Las Cruces, at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. Attendees will learn about the different dimensions of diversity, learn how to understand and identify personal competency and learn to recognize and understand the competency continuum. Cost is $15 for non-members. RSVP by Jan. 11 to Ashley Haldeman by emailing mysnmshrm@yahoo.com.

Date: Thursday, Jan. 14
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Workforce Center
2345 E. Nevada Ave.
Contact: mysnmshrm@yahoo.com

Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe

Registration for Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe (LCDSF), the annual trip for Las Cruces businesses to show their support in the state's capital, is now open. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30, through Monday, Feb. 1, 2010. The host hotel for 2010 will be Hotel Santa Fe, 1501 Paseo de Paralta. Reservations can be made at Hotel Santa Fe by calling 800-825-9876. Registrants should mention the event by name to receive the special rate of $70 per night (single/double occupancy) that runs from Friday, Jan. 29, through Tuesday, Feb. 2. Hotel Santa Fe will honor the rate until Dec. 31 on a first-come, first-served basis. Hotel Santa Fe is offering complimentary parking and complimentary van and shuttle service to the historic Santa Fe Plaza, the Governor's Mansion Reception on Sunday and the Capitol Roundhouse on Monday. To register for Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, contact the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce office at 524-1968 or visit www.lcdsf.com.

Date: Saturday, Jan. 20, to
Monday, Feb. 1
Time: Various times
Location: New Mexico State Capitol
Old Santa Fe Trail and
Paseo de Peralta
Santa Fe, N.M.
Contact: 524-1968

Briefs

Frontier call center closes

Frontier Airlines' call center in Las Cruces closed Tuesday, Dec. 15. Eleven of its workers will move to Denver as the airline consolidates its communications operations under its new ownership with Republic Airways Holdings Inc. Frontier was acquired out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy in October. About 100 workers lost their jobs.

Steinborn GMAC launches New Homes Division

Steinborn GMAC Real Estate has announced the launching of its New Homes Division. Steinborn's New Homes Division is the largest builder services division of any real estate firm in southern New Mexico. The New Homes Division is currently responsible for the sales and marketing of more than 31 new home, townhome and mixed-use development builders or communities throughout the greater Las Cruces region. New Homes services will range from marketing and sales training to business planning and consulting.

Ramirez Accounting & Tax Service opens

Ramirez Accounting & Tax Service, 308 E. Griggs Ave., hosted a grand opening celebration Saturday, Dec. 19, to introduce its business to the community. Ramirez Accounting specializes in income tax preparations, accounting, bookkeeping, translations and notary services. For more information, call 526-3233.

$1.4 million for broadband in NM

Last week, members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation announced that the New Mexico State Library has been awarded $1,457,488 in recovery funding to expand broadband technology and access across New Mexico. The "Fast Forward New Mexico" program, administered through a partnership with the University of New Mexico, Global Center for Cultural Entrepreneurship and the 1st-Mile Institute, aims to increase statewide broadband adoption and promote computer literacy and Internet use in rural, Hispanic and Native American populations. The initiative will also reach out to small businesses and entrepreneurs. The program will host small group trainings at public and tribal libraries in 15 communities across the state. Additionally, programs will be developed for first-time computer users to address computer literacy and Internet usage.

AAA predicts modest travel decline

AAA New Mexico is projecting nearly a 5 percent decline in holiday travel compared to 2008. Forecasts show nearly 7.3 million people from an eight state region will be traveling 50 miles or more away from home from Wednesday, Dec. 23, to Sunday, Jan. 3. The eight states in the region include: New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. Nationwide, 87.7 million Americans plan to travel. The number of Mountain Region residents traveling by automobile is expected to be 6.6 million, or close to 30 percent of the region's population. Motorists are anticipated to drive an average roundtrip of 959 miles, or about 170 miles more than the national average. The number of air travelers is expected to be about 360,000. Mountain Region residents traveling by other modes of transportation such as a bus, train or ship is estimated to be about 360,000.

Oppenheimer agreement reached

Attorney General Gary King last week announced a settlement agreement with OppenheimerFunds Inc. to resolve the state's investigation into Oppenheimer's management of New Mexico's 529 college savings programs. This settlement allows all parties to avoid a lengthy and expensive legal process and closes out the yearlong investigation by the attorney general and the state Education Trust Board. Under terms of the settlement agreement, Oppenheimer agrees to pay New Mexico $67.31 million, all of which will be distributed to 529 plan participants affected by the performance of Oppenheimer Core Bond Fund.

People on the Move

Reynolds receives CRS designation

REYNOLDS

Laura Reynolds of Steinborn GMAC Real Estate just completed the online course "Putting Technology to Work for Your Clients," which was the last course needed to fulfill the requirements for the Council of Residential Specialists (CRS) designation.

The CRS designation requires a combination of education and sales production, ensuring that a Realtor has knowledge of the business, as well as the people skills required to get the job done, according to Steinborn. Reynolds has been a Realtor for five years and was awarded the Steinborn 2005 Rising Star Award. She has also received multiple Premier Service and production awards and holds the Quality Service Certification (QSC) designation, as well as a bachelor's of business administration degree in accounting.

HRTM board welcomes new members

COFFEEN

ROYBAL-MACK

PASTERNOSTER

Kelley Coffeen of Las Cruces, Antonia Roybal-Mack of Albuquerque and Steve Paternoster, also of Albuquerque, joined New Mexico State University's School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management Advisory Board during fall 2009. They will join the 22 other members of the advisory board to help provide insight and mentorship to students in the HRTM program. The board is a broad representation of the hospitality and tourism industry, including restaurant management, hotel management and tourism industry representation from both the public and private sector. Members are from New Mexico as well as Arizona, Colorado and Nevada. Coffeen owns a Las Cruces restaurant, has worked in advertising and real estate, and has written several cookbooks. Roybal-Mack practices law in Albuquerque with the firm of Melendres, Melendres and Harrigan P.C. Paternoster is the owner of Scalo Northern Italian Grill in Albuquerque.

MVH appoints new medical director

Mesilla Valley Hospital, a Psychiatric Solutions Inc. (PSI) facility, announces Lauren Bonner Lee, M.D., as medical director. Before joining Mesilla Valley, Lee served as both a staff psychiatrist at Four County Mental Health Center and medical director of the VJ Reddy Behavioral Health Unit at Coffeyville Regional Medical Center in Coffeyville, Kan. Lee earned her degree from Southern Illinois University and completed her residency in Psychiatry at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Lee also has extensive experience in geriatric psychiatry. Based on this expertise and commitment to serving this population, Mesilla Valley has recently opened a new geriatric unit.

Track manager named Sportsman of the Year

PAYNE

Harold Payne, general manager of Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino, was named El Paso's Sportsman of the Year for 2009 by El Paso Inc. Payne took over as general manager in 1990 when the track was in such dire conditions that some horsemen were abandoning the track. He pleaded with them to stay and when the casino was incorporated in 1999, the facility began to profit. Payne oversaw installation of improvements in facilities and purses that have made Sunland Park Racetrack a premier track for horse racing.

County employee earns CPPO certification

Connie Welles, contract officer for the Doña Ana County Purchasing Office, has earned her certified public purchasing officer credentials from the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council. She is the first purchasing agent in Doña Ana County and among only 13 in the state of New Mexico to attain the certification. Welles was among 65 professional purchasing agents nationwide who successfully completed the CPPO exams in October. The credentials are recognized throughout the public procurement profession as demonstrative of an individual's comprehensive knowledge of public procurement. Obtaining the certification required Welles to demonstrate through an application process that she met specific requisites, including formal education, procurement-related coursework/training and public purchasing employment experience.

Edward Jones branch receives CSE award

Diana Seward and Mark Best of the financial services firm Edward Jones in Las Cruces recently received the firm's Client Service Excellence award. James Weddle, Edward Jones' managing partner, said: "Diana and Mark are outstanding members of the Edward Jones team. While all of our associates understand the value of client service, it's obvious that they have been striving to provide the best service for their clients." Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliates, in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Allstate agents recognized for charitable efforts

The Allstate Foundation, a charitable organization focused on fostering strong communities, awarded grants totaling $64,500 to New Mexico organizations in 2009. The foundation directly supported three community organizations that address its focus areas of safe and vital communities, economic empowerment and tolerance, inclusion and diversity. The Allstate Foundation also recognized 23 Allstate exclusive agents and personal financial representatives in New Mexico with its Agency Hands in the Community award, which direct grants to the organization for which the individual volunteers. In Las Cruces, Stacey Boswell for the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico, Larry Garcia for Tierra Del Sol Housing Corp. and Kelly Gonzales for Cowboys for Cancer Research Inc. were given a $500 donation to the charitable organizations for which they volunteer.

Army ROTC commander promoted to lieutenant colonel

TAYLOR

New Mexico State University professor of military science Andrew Taylor received his silver oak leaf pins for his promotion to lieutenant colonel on Friday, Dec. 11, in a ceremony at the Bataan Memorial in Veterans Park. Taylor, who has been eligible for promotion since July, opted for his wife, two children, parents and noncommissioned officer in charge, Master Sgt. Jose Castro, to fasten the pins to his shoulder boards and beret – something, he said, that would represent his past, present and future. Taylor said having his brigade commander, Col. Verb Washington, come in from Fort Sam Houston was an opportunity he seized so that later in the evening Washington would be able to attend the commissioning of two lieutenants from the program.

Dinsmore accepts 'Leader of the Pack' award

This year at Enchantment Land Certified Development Co.'s (ELCDC) Annual Awards Luncheon, several individuals and their organizations were recognized for their contributions to the SBA 504 loan program in New Mexico. Pioneer Bank in Las Cruces received the 2009 Leader of the Pack award for southern New Mexico, which was accepted by Dawson Dinsmore. ELCDC provides SBA 504 loan financing to small business owners across New Mexico with offices in Las Cruces, Santa Fe and the home office seated in Albuquerque. ELCDC recently extended its reach with a new office that will service 504 loans in El Paso County.

Jordan accepts role as interim provost

Jay B. Jordan, associate vice president for Research, Graduate Studies and International Programs at New Mexico State University, has accepted an appointment as interim provost and executive vice president. In making the announcement of his selection of Jordan for this new role, NMSU Interim President Manuel T. Pacheco said there were strong and highly qualified individuals considered for this important university position, and he appreciated their willingness to serve. Jordan's appointment takes effect on Jan. 1, 2010.

Observatory founder receives presidential award

One of the founders of New Mexico's Apache Point Observatory and a driving force behind the Sloan Digital Sky Survey recently received a presidential award. President Barack Obama awarded James Gunn with the National Medal of Science for his work with the Sloan Digital Sky Survey at a ceremony at the White House on Oct. 7. Gunn is the Eugene Higgins Professor of Astronomy at Princeton University. Gunn played a leading role in the design, construction and operation of the SDSS telescope and its instruments. Apache Point is located in the Sacramento Mountains, about 20 miles south of Cloudcroft, N.M., and is within the Lincoln National Forest.

NMSU introduces endowed dairy chair

New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences is establishing an endowed chair to focus on the dairy industry. Mark Gladden, major gift officer with Agriculture Dean Lowell Catlett's office, introduced the concept of the endowed chair to the Dairy Producers of New Mexico board of directors on Dec. 3 in Albuquerque. Lewis Topliff, former NMSU dairy general manager, will serve as the committee chairperson. The industry representatives will be from the three major regions of the state where dairy is most prevalent – eastern New Mexico, mid-Rio Grande Valley and Mesilla Valley. The college currently has four endowed chairs – the Gerald W. Thomas Chair, the Jose Fernandez Chair, the Tom Linebery Chair and the Evelyn Linebery Chair.

Smith named senior VP for Farmers Southwest

Farmers Insurance Group of Companies announces the appointment of Senior Vice President Roy Smith to Senior Vice President Field Operations, Southwest Zone, effective immediately. The Southwest Zone includes the states of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Smith joined Farmers Insurance in July 1985 as a personal lines underwriter in the Mission, Kan. regional office. A native of Missouri. Smith holds a bachelor of arts degree in administration of justice and criminology from the University of Missouri in Kansas City, Mo.

Send us your People on the Move briefs

Local organizations and businesses are encouraged to send news of employee promotions, hirings, awards and distinctions to the Business section of the Las Cruces Bulletin. Send general information and a photo to business@lascrucesbulletin.com. People on the Move will appear the last Friday of every month, as space permits.

At the Green Chamber holiday party

The developing Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce hosted a networking event Friday, Dec. 18, at the Southwest Environmental Center, to introduce its concept and members to the Las Cruces business community. Above, Jim Graham, CEO of Sun and Earth Sustainable Builders, and Jane Grider chat during the event.

Lillis Urban and Victoria Budlong of the band Hot Damn, Yes Ma'am provided musical entertainment during the event.

Local artist Bob Diven talks with Green Chamber organizer Elisa Cundiff.

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STEVE MACINTYRE

Ben Maestas, owner of Tierra Montana Art Gallery, Rafael Garcia and Marina Garcia socialize during the event.

Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas speaks with Public Regulation Commission candidate Bill McCamley.

Citizen of the Year

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Address: _____

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Please write brief paragraphs on the following criteria. Give specific examples of each.

1. Participation in community activities and civic enterprises

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2. Contributions and service for the welfare and betterment of the community

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3. Leadership within the community

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4. Cooperation with individuals and civic organizations

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5. Previous Awards

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6. Support of the strategic vision of the Chamber

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Please return nominations to the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce no later than Jan. 1, 2010, by mail to P. O. Box 519, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0519 or by fax @ 575-527-5546.

Business of the Year

NOMINEES

- ☐ *January* **Dickerson's Catering**
- ☐ *February* **Bravo Mic Communications**
- ☐ *March* **Doña Ana Community College**
- ☐ *April* **Del Valle Printing**
- ☐ *May* **Insta-Copy Imaging**
- ☐ *June* **L&P Building Supply**
- ☐ *July* **A Perfect Fit**
- ☐ *August* **SpringHill Suites**
- ☐ *September* **Burger Time**
- ☐ *October* **ABC Printing**
- ☐ *November* **Action Equipment Rental**
- ☐ *December* **Comcast Cable**

Business name: _____

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Contact person in the business: _____

Nominator: (no anonymous nominations will be accepted) __

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Please write brief paragraphs on the following criteria. Give specific examples of each.

1. Contributions to community welfare

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2. Participation in community activities

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3. Promotion of business progress in community

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4. Professional development and advancement opportunities for employees _____

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5. Demonstration of leadership in business community

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6. Support of the strategic vision of the Chamber

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Please return nominations to the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce no later than Jan. 1, 2010, by mail to P. O. Box 519, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0519 or by fax @ 575-527-5546.

Nonprofit of the Year

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NOMINEES

- ☐ *January* **El Caldito Soup Kitchen**
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- ☐ *March* **Mesilla Valley Hospice**
- ☐ *April* **Doña Ana Arts Council**
- ☐ *May* **Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico**
- ☐ *June* **Big Brothers Big Sisters**
- ☐ *July* **Asombro**
- ☐ *August* **Jardin de los Niños**
- ☐ *September* **La Casa**
- ☐ *October* **Camino de Vida**
- ☐ *November* **KRWG**
- ☐ *December* **Marine Corps Toys for Tots**

Nonprofit name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone number: _____

Contact person in organization: _____

Nominator: (no anonymous recommendations will be accepted)

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Please write brief paragraphs on the following criteria. Give specific examples of each.

1. Diversity and depth of services offered

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2. Impact and contributions to the community

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3. Development and training of volunteers

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4. Years of service to the community

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5. Cooperation with other organizations

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-2023
Judge James T. Martin

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

FERNANDO ROJAS AND RITA ROJAS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on January 11, 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 10 in Block numbered A of Mesa Addition, Plat 1, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Mesa Addition, Plat 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on January 17, 1959 in Plat Book 8, folio 36.

The address of the real estate is 433 Timbers Street, Anthony, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 9, 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 $84,435.23 (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 was granted a judgment and has a subordinate lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $4,151.50 (including interest to the date of sale). Plaintiff has the right to submit its respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its respective judgments to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time 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 November 18, 2009.

/s/ John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(575) 541-6655
Submitted by:

VOGEL LAW FIRM, P.C.
6100 Uptown Blvd., N.E.,
Suite 500
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87110
(505) 884-8444

Pub #9221
Dates 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV 09-694
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES G. DE LA O AND FRANCES R. DE LA O, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on January 11, 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:
A tract of land situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Sections 22 and 23, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, U.S.R.S. Surveys in the Doña Ana Bend Colony Grant, being part of U.S.R.S. Tract 4-70A and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the northwest corner of the tract herein described marked by an iron rod identical with the northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 4-70A and the northeast corner of Tract 4-69A, whence a concrete monument in the center of an irrigation ditch at the northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 4-71 bears North 59° 39' 11" East a distance of 487.59 feet; thence along the center of an irrigation ditch, North 59° 57' 41" East 106.0 feet to the northeast corner of this tract; thence South 27° 44' East 130.04 feet to the southeast corner of this tract; thence South 59° 59' West 106.0 feet to the southwest corner marked by an iron rod; thence North 27° 44; West 130.0 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING, containing 0.316 acre of land more or less.

The address of the real estate is 310 East Thorpe Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 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 $88,663.39 (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 November 18, 2009.

/s/ John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
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Submitted by:

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Albuquerque, New Mexico
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Dates 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-1165

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

ANA M. MARIN; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 6, 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 851 Gilmer Way, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 63 of Avalon Park Subdivision, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Avalon Park Subdivision, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on 06/09/2006 in plat book 21, Folio 652-654.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 23, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $163,643.50 and the same bears interest at 8.500% per annum from November 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,981.66. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Pub #9224
Dates 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 2009

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

NO. DM-2009-1592
Judge Douglas R. Driggers

Angel Lynn Gibbons, Petitioner

vs.

Adam Keith Gibbons, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed, against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting a Divorce/Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property, debts, and a determination of child custody, visitation, and child support.

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

Angel Lynn Gibbons
(Petitioner's Name and Address)
425 Piñon
Las Cruces, NM 88001

WITNESS the Honorable Douglas R. Driggers, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 10th day of November, 2009

GREGORY E. TOOMEY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Sylvia A. Evaro
Deputy

Pub #9225
Dates 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-2380

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVE RAUSCH; KELLI RAUSCH; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 13, 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 Lot 1, Ladera Seca, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot numbered 1 of Ladera Seca Subdivision, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Ladera Seca Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 13,2004 in Plat Book 21, Folio 69-70.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 30, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $166,572.39 and the same bears interest at 5.25% per annum from November 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,413.58. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

Pamela A. Carmody,
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Pub #9230
Dates 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 2009, 1/1, 2010

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF DIANE KAY TASSELL FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NO. CV 09-2935
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

COMES NOW the Petitioner, Diane Kay Tassell, and pursuant to §40-8-1, NMSA 1978, states:

1. Petitioner is a resident of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

2. Petitioner is over the age of fourteen (14) years.

3. Petitioner desires to change her name from Diane Kay Tassell to Diana Katrina Tollino.

4. There is no sufficient cause to the contrary why her name should not be changed to and established as Diana Katrina Tollino.

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 estab-

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lishing Petitioner's name as Diana Katrina Tollino.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Diana Kay Tassell
1555 S. Telshor #F4
Las Cruces, NM 88011
575-621-3137

Pub #9240
Dates 12/18, 12/25, 2009

RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF INCORPORATION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, that on January 5, 2010, there shall be held a special election for consideration by the qualified electors residing within the territory proposed to be incorporated on the question of whether the territory proposed for incorporation as a municipality shall be so incorporated as the City of Anthony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager and Bureau of Elections staff of the County Clerk's Office are hereby directed to take all steps necessary to conduct the election called for herein.

The form of the ballot question shall be as follows:

FOR, YES AGAINST, NO

"Shall the territory described as

Beginning at the southwest corner of the proposed territory to be incorporated, being common to a point at the intersection of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway west right of way line and the New Mexico - Texas State boundary line;

Thence East along the New Mexico - Texas State boundary line to a point of intersection with the east right of way line of Interstate 10, being the southeast corner of the proposed territory to be incorporated;

Thence Northerly along east right of way line of Interstate 10 to a point of intersection with the north right of way line of O'Hara Road (also known as NM 404), being the northeast corner of the proposed territory to be incorporated;

Thence Westerly along the north right of way line of O'Hara Road (NM 404) to a point of intersection with the east right of way line of New Mexico 460 (Main Street);

Thence Northerly along the east right of way line of New Mexico 460 to a projected point of intersection from the north right of way line of Lipps Road;

Thence Westerly across NM 460 and continuing along the north right of way line of Lipps Road to a point of intersection with the west right of way line of Venadito Trail;

Thence Southerly along the west right of way line of Venadito Trail to a point of intersection with the north right of way line to O'Hara Road;

Thence Westerly along the north right of way line of O'Hara Road across the west right of way line of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway to a projected point of intersection from the west property line of land currently owned by Jose Antunez, being the northwest corner of the proposed territory to be incorporated;

Thence Southerly across O'Hara Road and continuing along the west property line of land currently owned by Jose Antunez to the southwest corner of Jose Antunez property;

Thence Easterly along the south property line of land currently owned by Jose Antunez to a point of intersection with the west right of way line of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway;

Thence Southerly along the west right of way line of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway to the point and place of beginning.

Excluding 116.65 acres in the Northeast corner of the proposed territory to be incorporated,

and to be known as the City of Anthony become an incorporated municipality?"

A person is a qualified elector of the territory if on the day of the special election he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the territory. In order to vote, qualified electors of the territory must have previously registered with the Doña Ana County Clerk or any other voter registration agent in accordance with the law.

As required by law, the date and time of closing registration shall be at 5:00 p.m. on December 8, 2009, that being the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding the day of the special election. Any qualified elector of the territory who is not registered and who wishes to vote at the special election should register at the Doña Ana County Clerk's office, Las Cruces, New Mexico, during regular office hours prior to 5:00 p.m. on December 8, 2009, or register at a designated agency as provided in NMSA 1978, § 1-4-1 et. seq. prior to 5:00 p.m. on December 8, 2009.

The polls for the special election will be open between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Voting on the day of election shall be by a voting system defined in NMSA 1978, § 1-9-1(B). At least one voting system shall be used at the polling place in each voting location.

Pursuant to the Absent Voter Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-1 through 1-6-18 (except §§ 1-6-4.2), and the Absent Voter Precinct Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-19 through 1-6-25 and by § 1-6-5, qualified electors may also vote in person absentee at the office of the Doña Ana County Clerk during regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m. on December 8, 2009, until 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2009, and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. January 2, 2010, the Saturday immediately prior to the special election.

Absentee voting shall be by paper ballot pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-7 and 1-6-9.

The polling place locations for the special election are as follows:

Anthony Water and
Sanitation District
1155 N. 4th Street
Anthony, New Mexico

Anthony Elementary School
609 Church
Anthony, New Mexico

Pursuant to the Absent Voter Precinct Act, NMSA, § 1-6-19 et. seq., there is hereby created an absent voter precinct for the County located in the office of the Clerk of Doña Ana County, members of which shall be appointed by the County Clerk of Doña Ana County.

Pub #9241
Dates 12/18, 12/25, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-2065

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

vs.

ESTHER T. SIGALA; MANUEL G. SIGALA; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 13, 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 5234 Sunfish Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Description of a 1.00 acre tract

1.00 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATE EAST OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 23S, RANGE 1 E, N.M.P.M., AS PART OF U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON PIPE, WHENCE THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 23S, RANGE 1E, BEARS S 52 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 11 SECONDS E, 1048.60;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING N 00 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 28 SECONDS E, 200.01 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON PIPE;

THENCE N 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 20 SECONDS E, 217.81 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED;

THENCE S 00 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 28 SECONDS W, 200.03 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD;

THENCE S 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 39 SECONDS W, 217.81 FEET TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 1.000 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 3, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $119,455.09 and the same bears interest at 6.5% per annum from October 31, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,595.46. 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
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Pub #9244
Dates 12/18, 12/25, 2009, 1/1, 1/8, 2010

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2009-2395

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

MARCY ROBERTS; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 13, 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 3706 Piedras Negras Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 25, Block C, HIGH DESERT SUBDIVISION PHASES 1A AND 1B, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on October 14, 2005, in Book 21 Pages 373-375 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 24, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $205,470.05 and the same bears interest at 7.750% per annum from November 16, 2009, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,574.01. 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.
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Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

SR CHASE, Plaintiff,

v.

ALBERT VILLASENOR and ALICE M. VILLASENOR, husband and wife, Defendants.

Cause No. CV 2009 - 1979 Judge James T. Martin

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

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

No. PB 09-123
Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEAN R. CLARK, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at her attorney's office, Daniel A. Dolan, P.A., 1310 Picacho Hills Dr., Ste. 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88007 or filed with the Third Judicial District Court at 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2009.

/s/ Brita Milligan

DANIEL A. DOLAN, P .A.
/s/ Daniel A. Dolan
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. PB 09-114
Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA N. TUCKER, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at her attorney's office, Daniel A. Dolan, P .A., 1310 Picacho Hills Dr., 8te. 2, Las Cruce New Mexico, 88007 or filed with the Third Judicial District Court at 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 13th day of November 2009.
/s/ Susan N. Plantz

DANIEL A. DOLAN, P .A.
By /s/ Daniel A. Dolan
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Pub #9248
Dates 12/18, 12/25, 2009

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 30, 2009, 2W4W Farms, Inc., 2452 El Dorado Court, Las Cruces, NM 88011, filed application numbered LRG-1011 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-1011, located within the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 6, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 180 feet with 16-inch casing to be located at X=1,508,795 Y=391,374 AD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of 225 acre-feet per annum for the irrigation of75 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 and the W 1/2 SE 1/4 of projected Section 6, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM. The replacement well site is located south of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 1/2 mile southeast of the intersection of Highway 28 and Veterans Road. Old well LRG-1011 will be plugged.

Any person, film or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of

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the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16,72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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

No. D0307CV200902687

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

V,

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF HENRY GILMER STEELE, DECEASED; ELLEN LIVELY STEELE; UNITED NEW MEXICO BANK AT LAS CRUCES, NA; NORWEST BANK NEW MEXICO, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; STATE NATIONAL BANK; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELLEN LIVELY STEELE, IF ANY, Defendants

NOTICE OF SUIT

State of New Mexico to the above-named Defendant The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Or Legatees of Henry Gilmer Steele, Deceased. 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 loacated at 17970 Tierra Alta Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: See Attached Exhibit "A" Exhibit "A" Parcel 1: A tract of land situate northeast of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of tract 61, section 6, T.22S., R.4E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. surveys maps filed September 22, 1960, in book 8, page 60 Doña Ana, County records and being more particularly described as follows, to wit; beginning at a brass cap found on the south line of U.S. highway 70 for the northwest corner of this tract being identical to the northwest corner of tract 61, section 6, T.22S., R.4W., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. surveys, map filed September 22, 1960, in book 8, page 60, Doña Ana County records; thence from the point of beginning and along the south line of U.S. Highway 70, S.48 deg., 53'00"E., 427.44 feet to a brass cap found for the northeast corner of this tract; thence leaving the south line of U.S. Highway 70, and along the east line of a 33 foot wide road and utility easement, S. 00 deg., 46'59"W., 147.33 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the southeast corner of this tract; thence leaving the east line of said 33 foot wide road and utility easement, N.65 deg., 40'42"W., 354.29 feet to a ½" iron rod found on the west line of a 33 foot wide road and utility easement (a.k.a Tierra Alta Drive) for the southwest corner of this tract; Thence along the west line of said 33 foot wide road and utility easement, N.00 deg., 35'00"E., 282.48 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.603 acres of land more or less. Subject to a 33 foot wide road and utility easement east of and parallel to the west boundary line and west and parallel to the east boundary line. Parcel 2: A tract of land situate northeast of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of tract 61, section 6T.22S., R.4E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, map filed September 22, 1960, in book 8, page 60, Doña Ana County records and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a brass cap found for the southwest corner of the tract herein described; identical to the southwest corner of the above mentioned tract 61; thence from the point of beginning, N.00 deg. 35'00"E., 330 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the northwest corner of this tract; thence S.65 deg. 40'42"E., 354.29 feet to a ½ iron rod set for the northeast corner of this tract; thence S. 00 deg. 46'56"W., 200.00 feet to a brass cap found for the southeast corner of this tract and southeast corner of tract 61; thence N.87 deg. 11'00"W., 323.90 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.971 acres of land more or less. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before February 15, 2010, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
Witness the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Court Judge, of the Second 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

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.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV 2009-802
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

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

vs.

PETER M. ESCALANTE AKA PEDRO M. ESCALANTE; CARMEN ESCALANTE; S-SI LAS CRUCES VENTURE, L.P.; THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, Defendants,

and

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Counter-Defendant,

vs.

PETER M. ESCALANTE AKA PEDRO M. ESCALANTE; CARMEN ESCALANTE; S-SI LAS CRUCES VENTURE, L.P., Cross-Defendants,

and

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, Counter-Claimant and Cross-Claimant.

NOTICE OF SUIT

S-SI LAS CRUCES VENTURE, L.P.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the following named Cross-Defendant: S-SI Las Cruces Venture, L.P.

You are hereby notified that the City of Las Cruces has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to recover on a promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 809 South San Pedro Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001 in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:
SEPTEMBER 19, 1989

DESCRIPTION OF A 0.4396 ACRE TRACT

A tract of land situate within the corporate limits of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the SE¼ of Section 18, T.23S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys and being part of block 92 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, whence the Northeast intersection of Mesquite and Colorado Avenue, identical to the Southwest corner of Original Townsite 93, bears N.72º51'35"E., a distance of 337.13 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning and along the North line of Colorado Avenue S.73º37'00"W., 150.00 feet to an X chiseled 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 N.12º25'00"W., 136.20 feet to an iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE leaving San Pedro Street N.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.11º16'49"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 MOY SURVEYING CO., License #5939.

JOB #89-537

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Counterclaim and Cross-Claim in said cause on or before February 8, 2010, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By:
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Senior Assistant City Attorney
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D0307CV200902721

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF RALPH C. BARELA, DECEASED; ESMERALDA P. BARELA; NOLA A. BARELA; SELINA BARELA DESANTIAGO AKA SELINA BARELA; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ESMERALDA P. BARELA, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NOLA A. BARELA, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SELINA BARELA DESANTIAGO AKA SELINA BARELA, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Ralph C. Barela, Deceased. 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 341 Doña Ana School Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007 , Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Attached as Exhibit A A tract of land situate South of, Doña Ana, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of US.R.S. Tract 5-2A and being more particularly designated on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof: EXHIBIT "A" A tract of land situate South of Doña Ana, Doña Ana County, New Mexico to Section 23, T.225, R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys being part of U.S.R.S. Tract 5-2A and more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at an: iron rod set at the south side of Doña Ana County Road C-041 for the northwest corner of the tract herein described, identical to the northwest corner of U.S.R.S. tract 5-2A, whence the northeast corner of section 23, T.225, R.1E: N.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys bears N.7º 50' 30" a distance of 2,779.53 feet; Thence from the point o beginning and along the south side of the County Road D-041 N' 60º 01" 142.74 feet to a concrete monument found for the northeast corner of this tract; Thence leaving the road and partially along a wire fence S 30º06'24"E 200.61 feet to an iron pipe found for the Southeast corner of this tract; Thence continuing partially along a wire fence, S60º13'30" W 151.64 feet to an iron rod found for the southwest corner of this tract; Thence continuing along a wire fence, N.27º33'35" W., 200.24 feet to the place of beginning containing 0.6770 acre of land more less. Subject, to a 20.00 foot wide road easement parallel are immediately west of the east boundary. 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,
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WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, 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 COURT

No. PB 2008-71
Judge Valentine

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAULINE DREHER, Deceased,

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Paula Embrey, Personal Representative of the estate of Pauline Dreher, deceased, gives the following Notice:

1. This Notice is being mailed on the date of filing this Notice to the following persons:

2. Paula Embrey has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Pauline Dreher, deceased.

3. A hearing on the Petition of Paula Embrey has been set for January 15, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico before the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine.

Paula Embrey
Personal Representative
4670 Whispering Pines Lane
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WHITE SANDS, NEW MEXICO 88002

PRESS RELEASE

Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Development and Implementation of Range-Wide Mission and Major Capabilities at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), New Mexico

December 2009

The Department of the Army has prepared an FEIS to analyze the environmental and socioeconomic impacts resulting from implementation of proposed land use changes to support new mission requirements, and new test and training capabilities at WSMR.

The Proposed Action would result in a flexible, capabilities-based airspace and land use plan able to accommodate rapidly evolving customer needs, support current and future mission activities, and support a full range of test and training efforts from individual components through joint and multinational programs.

Alternatives examined in the FEIS include changing land use to expand testing for Brigade Combat Team (BCT) modernization (formerly known as Future Combat Systems) and similar programs, construction of range infrastructure projects to support testing, potential future stationing of a Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT) (or comparable unit) at WSMR, and designation of additional off-road maneuver areas for testing and training. Under the No Action Alternative, current test capabilities and levels of operations would be maintained. Alternative 1 (preferred alternative) would adopt land use changes to support enhanced test mission and training activities and implement infrastructure projects to support new test missions. Since the publishing of the Draft EIS, the Army's proposed plan to station a HBCT at WSMR changed as a result of the June 2, 2009, announcement by the Secretary of the Army not to station an HBCT at WSMR in 2013. All elements of potential future HBCT stationing are now analyzed in Alternative 2 in order to provide information as a baseline for future stationing decisions.

The principal environmental impacts discussed in the EIS are air quality, soils, water resources, biological resources, socioeconomic resources, transportation, and utilities. The FEIS identifies potential mitigation measures to address adverse impacts from implementation of the proposed action and the alternatives. The FEIS will be available for public review at local libraries surrounding WSMR and may also be viewed at www.wsmr.army.mil.

For further information please contact: Monte Marlin, WSMR Public Affairs Office, at (575) 678-1134. Written comments may be sent to Ms. Catherine Giblin, 124 Crozier Street, Bldg 124, Room B-15, White Sands Missile Range, NM 88002; email comments to: wsmreis@conus.army.mil.

Pub #9257
Dates 12/25, 2009

New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold Proposals at 2 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Purchasing of the following:

Proposal Invitation:
I0083354-A Operation & Management of a
Juice Bar Location

Proposal Due Date:
01/21/10

Proposal forms will be sent on request by calling (575) 646-2916.

Pub #9258
Dates 12/25, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307-PB-2009-00124
Judge: Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY L. HAGGARD, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. AU 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 c/o MARK A. FILOSA, Post Office Drawer 391, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court, 201 West Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88005

DATED: December 2, 2009

BEVERLY HAGGAR,
Post Office Box 762
Hatch, New Mexico 87937

Pub #9259
Dates 12/25, 2009, 1/1, 2010

MINUTES

Chair Leticia Duarte-Benavidez called the Special Meeting of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m., on **Tuesday, September 29, 2009,** in the Doña Ana County Commission Chambers, 1st Floor, Dofia Ana County Government Center, 845 North Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces.

Time: 08:59:43

District 5: Leticia Duarte-Benavidez Chairwoman - Present
District 1: Oscar Vasquez-Butler, Vice-Chair - Present
District 2: Dolores Saldana-Caviness, Commissioner - Present
District 3: Karen G. Perez, Commissioner - Absent
District 4: Scott A. Krahling Commissioner - Present

Pledge of Allegiance
Time: 09:00:16
Led by: Lynn J. Ellins

1. Roll call of Commission members present and determination of quorum.
Time: 09:00:36

2. The Commission will reconvene as the County Canvassing Board to complete the Canvass of the returns and declare the results of the special election held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, and certify the election results, consistent with the New Mexico Election Code, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-13-13.
Time: 09:00:57
Motion: Dolores Saldafia-Caviness
Second: Scott A. Krahling
District 1: Oscar Vasquez-Butler - Yes
District 2: Dolores Saldana-Caviness - Yes
District 3: Karen G. Perez - Absent
District 4: Scott A. Krahling - Yes
District 5: Leticia Duarte-Benavidez - Yes
Motion passed

3. The Commission will Adjourn as the County Canvassing Board.
Time: 09:03:45
Motion: Dolores Saldana-Caviness
Second: Karen G. Perez
District 1: Oscar Vasquez-Butler - Yes
District 2: Dolores Saldafia-Caviness - Yes
District 3: Karen G. Perez - Absent
District 4: Scott A. Krahling - Yes
District 5: Leticia Duarte-Benavidez - Yes

Motion Passed

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District 1
For

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District 2
For

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District 3
For

Scott A. Krahling,
District 4
For

Attest: Lynn J. Binns,
County Clerk

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No/Against 84

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Yes/For 335
No/Against 51

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Yes/For 142
No/Against 33

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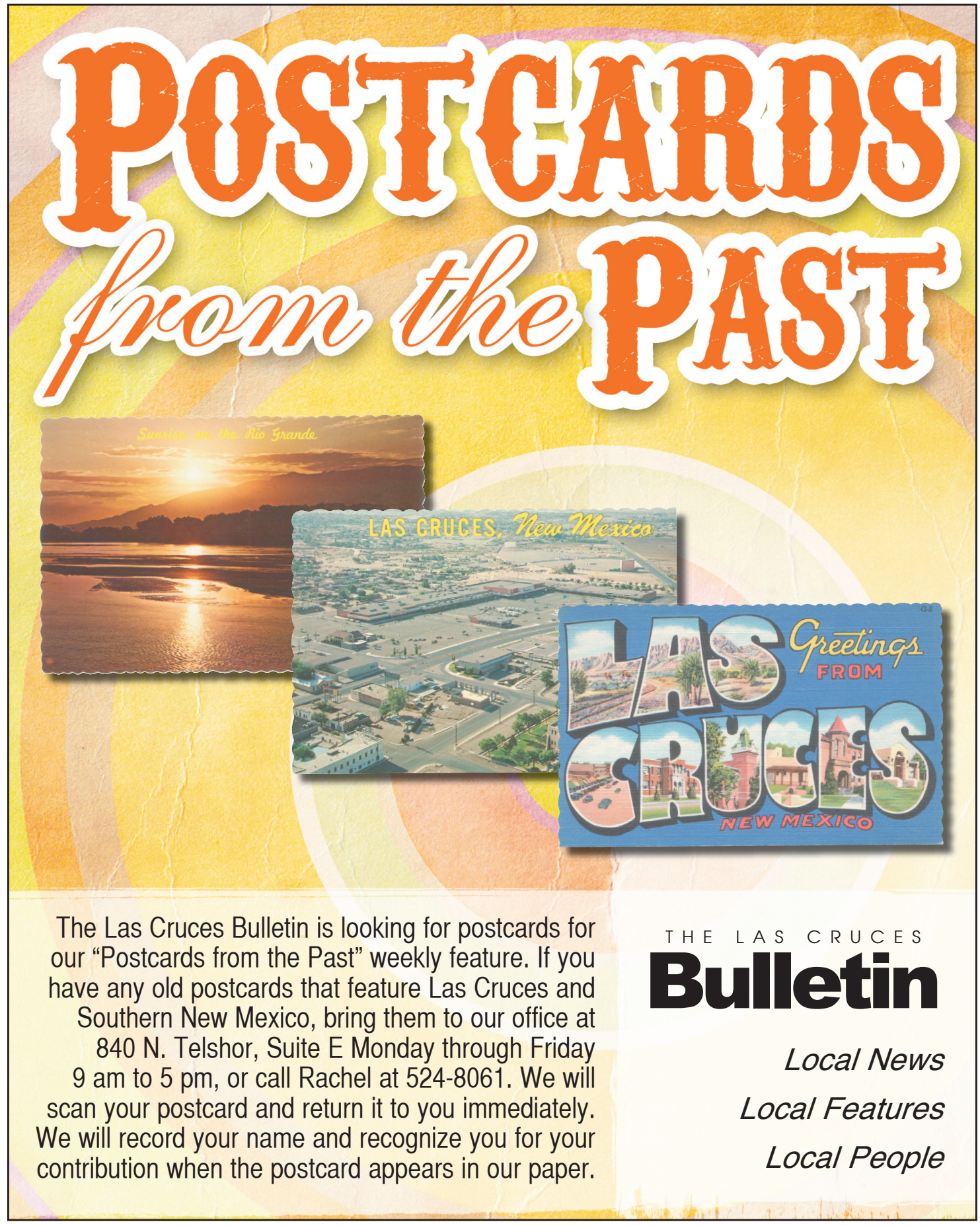

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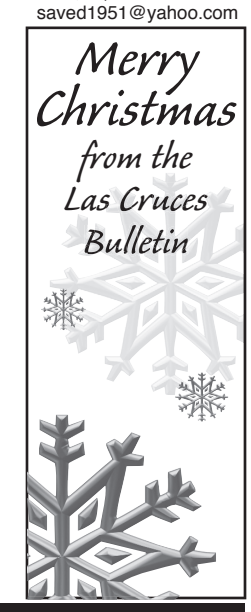

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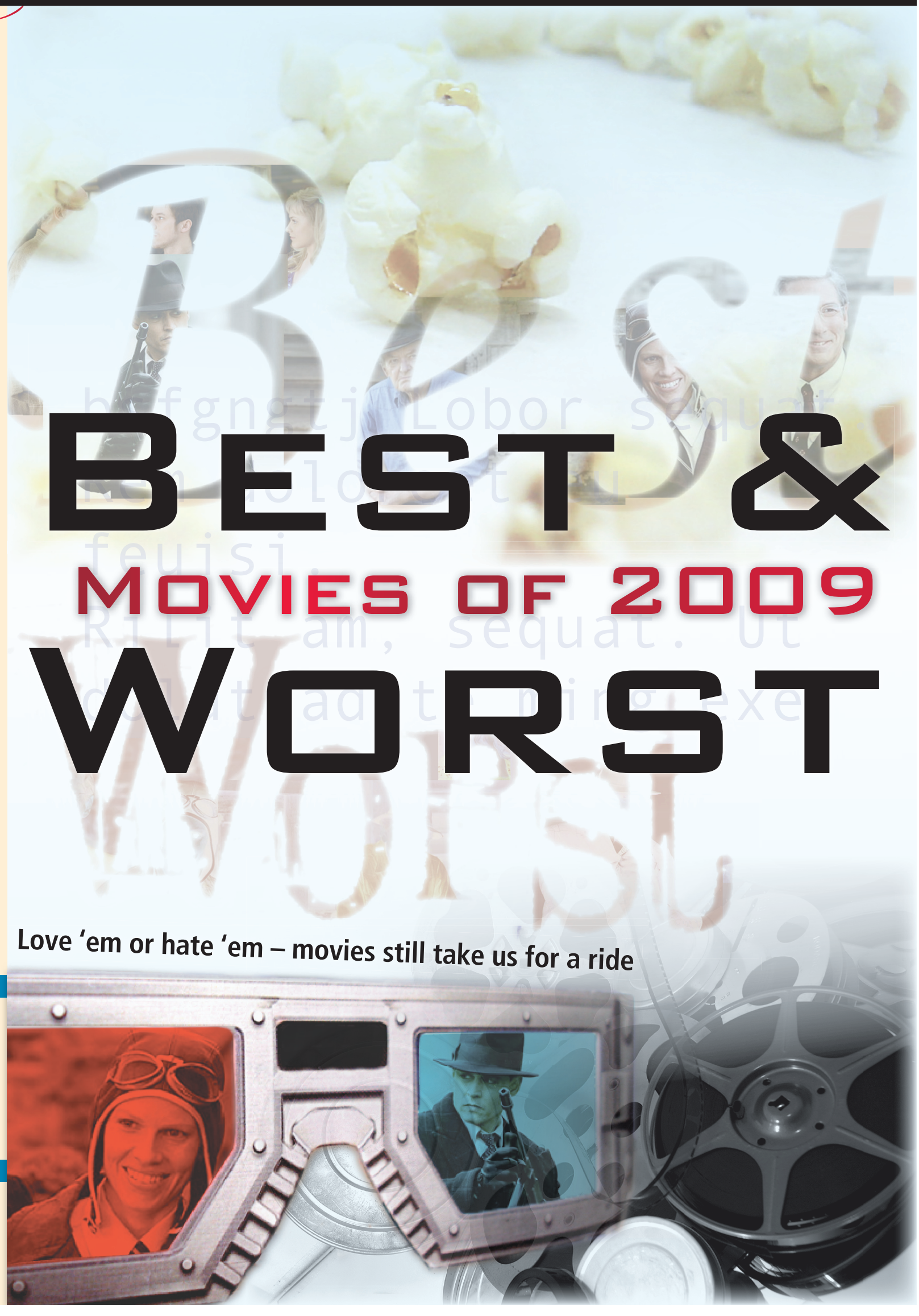

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Movies of 2009

Love 'em or hate 'em – movies still take us for a ride

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Year in review
Quick flashback to Las Cruces-area arts in 2009

The best and worst movies of 2009

Here are some to add to your 'must see' list and some to delete

By Jeff Berg
For The Las Cruces Bulletin

Things are changing rapidly within the movie industry these days. As studios and distributors look for ways to get more people to watch their movies, important things such as screen size, shrink. I had someone tell me a few months ago that he was going home to watch a currently screening movie on his iPhone, so he could put his feet up and enjoy a glass of wine while doing so.

I guess squinting was OK. I can't imagine a less interesting way to watch a movie.

I remain old-fashioned and appreciate movies on the big screen, the bigger the better. I've learned a lot about people by watching movies, and here is what I learned about my movie habits in 2009.

Get your list ready

My favorite guilty pleasure movie of the year was the slightly futuristic piece, "District 9," a dramatic tale of apartheid from outer space.

Many audiences put far too much stock in a film's title or into what they think they will see, thus missing one of the best documentaries of the year, "Stranded." A moving and beautiful revisit to a terrible event – a plane crash in the Andes where the survivors had to survive by eating some of the deceased comrades – it is my guess that many people thought this would be a horror film. Au contraire.

The number of good movies that never made it to Las Cruces, and many other places, increases each year. This year that list includes: "Towelhead," a poorly titled film about a young Middle Eastern woman working her way through the minefields of a U.S. high school; "Sugar," the story of a young baseball player from the Caribbean, who meets strangers in a strange land when he comes to the states to continue his career; and "World's Greatest Dad," a well-written drama with Robin Williams, who tries to save the reputation of his deceased loser son by writing journals and claiming they were written by the boy.

You didn't miss anything

One of my most anticipated films, "Amelia," was the most disappointing of the year. The most disappointing documentary was the unnecessarily boring "Manhole Children," which hopefully will disappear down a manhole (a redundantly redundant story of children who live under the streets of Ulan Bator, the capital of Mongolia.)

And let's not forget, or rather let's forget, "the Golden Boys," wherein three great actors, David Carradine (RIP), Rip Torn and Bruce Dern, play three retired seagoing men who try to find one of them a wife to help tend to their household needs, and the interminably stupid "Happy Tears," which stars Roswell native Demi Moore and Parker Posey, as two sisters who are at odds at how to take care of their aging father, played by Torn who needs a new agent. Also "Public Enemies," with Johnny Depp. The best part was when I fell asleep.

Disney's award-winning "Ponyo on a Cliff by the Sea" is an animated adventure about a 5-year-old boy and his relationship with a goldfish princess who longs to become human.

From the film festivals

I learned the number of good films that I saw at film festivals increased as well, including "Like Dandelion Dust," "Northless," "Kissed by Lightning" and "A Year Ago in Winter."

There was also "Ricky," a French piece about a newborn baby who sprouts wings and "That Evening Sun," with Hal Holbrook as an elder who takes on the family that his son has rented his farm to after he is tossed into a retirement center.

Too many small films never, ever get a chance to be seen by movie viewers who could use a respite from vampires, 3-D everything and body counts. That's something else I learned. If you get the chance, seek out "Amexicano," partially shot in New Mexico; "Silence Before Bach," an astounding and esoteric documentary about you-know-who; "Araya," a restored documentary about people eking out a living on the salt flats before the onslaught of machinery; and the warm romance and humor included in "Absurdistan." Also, "Humble Pie," a rich drama-comedy about an overweight young man and his search for love.

Weighing in on dramas

I learned there were also a couple of very interesting ultra-heavy dramas including the head-scratching "Antichrist," starring Willem Defoe and Charlotte Gainsbourg as a married couple who, shall we say, grieve in unusual ways after the loss of a child, and "Julie," featuring Tilda Swinton as a hardcore alcoholic who has no mercy for anyone, including herself.

Something else I learned is that I had other guilty pleasures – especially "Big Man Japan," a slightly futuristic sci-fi piece about an everyday schlep who grows to be, well, Big Man Japan whenever a new and weird monster threatens Tokyo. Inspired, funny and clever, it is great until the last five minutes. I also added a new movie to my list of favorite Christmas movies, after seeing "Holiday Affair" with Robert Mitchum, and dismissed another film that was on my "must see" list for many years, after finally viewing the 1970s rarity, "Remember My Name." Even the great blues soundtrack couldn't help it. I also rediscovered "Zulu," the film that started Michael Caine's career, back in the early '60s.

Best films of 2009

So, what do I feel were the best films this year? Well, in no particular order: "Up in the Air," a new comedy-drama-romance with George Clooney; "The Hurt Locker," another in an ever-growing list of excellent films about the combat operations in Iraq that are being ignored; "Medicine for Melancholy," a very understated picture about a young African American couple who try to understand a variety of cultural issues after waking up from a one-night stand; "Sita Sings the Blues," a dynamic animated piece that entwines two tales of love and break up; "Flame and Citron," a based-on-fact tale of two Danish resistance fighters during World War II; two Iraq war films – the outstanding "The Messenger" and the made-for-cable piece "Taking Chance;" and the most moving and emotional movie I've seen in years, the very cool documentary, "Art and Copy."

Also making the best list were, "Ponyo" – another animated flick; "The Road," based on the Cormac McCarthy book, which unbelievably never came to Las Cruces; "Universal Signs," the first film ever made for a deaf audience (but had subtitles for the hearing), and the ultra super-duper funny "Whatever Works" from Woody Allen.

There are more, and if you want details of about any of these films or the others that space doesn't allow for, just drop me a note at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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Starlight Children's Theatre's 'A Christmas Carol'

Parent volunteer Jeanine Estrada, right, checks her makeup work on John Paul Andersen who played the Ghost of Christmas Present, Announcer and Mr. Fezziwig at the live radio drama. Starlight Children's Theatre of Las Cruces presented its play on Saturday, Dec. 12, on stage at Good Samaritan Village.

Actor Jacob Darmata performs his role as Marley's Ghost.

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Parent volunteer Emily Harrington, right, applies stage makeup on actress Emily del Plain, 11, who played the roles of Narrator and Fezziwig's Guest.

Actress May Harrington performs her role of Mrs. Cratchit.

Actress Alyssa Gose sings as she plays the role of Mrs. Fezziwig. Performers were dressed as costumed actors would have appeared in a 1940s-era radio program.

Director Ginger Scarbrough Andersen encourages the actors before their performance.

Judy Finch, president of the American Southwest Theatre Company Board of Trustees, and board member Laura Bemis at the 2009 ASTC Mardi Gras Gala.

Countdown to Mardi Gras

Tickets are on sale for annual ASTC fundraiser

Mardi Gras returns to Las Cruces from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, when the American Southwest Theatre Company presents its annual Mardi Gras Gala fundraiser at the New Mexico State University Golf Course Banquet Room.

The 2010 event will include entertainers, music, dancing, food, a cash bar and a king and queen of Mardi Gras contest.

"Dress is a little bit naughty and a little bit nice," said ASTC Managing Director Tom Smith.

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> ASTC managing director

Local author receives United States Artists Fellowship award

Antonya Nelson writes about families, women's emotions

Bulletin Staff Report

The national artists' advocacy organization United States Artists (USA) on Monday, Dec. 14, announced the recipients of 50 $50,000 USA Fellowship grants for artistic excellence including Antonya Nelson, short fiction writer from Las Cruces. Nelson was joined by five other New Mexico artists: Delores Garcia and Emma Mitchell, Acoma Pueblo potters, San Fidel, N.M.; Mary Shaffer, glass artist, Taos, N.M.; Rahim AlHaj, Albuquerque; and Terry Allen, multidisciplinary visual artist, Santa Fe.

Nelson is a novelist and short-fiction writer. She received a Master's of Fine Arts in 1986 from the University of Arizona. Her collections of short stories include "Nothing Right" (2009), "Some Fun" (2006) and "Female Trouble" (2002). Her story "The Lonely Doll" was awarded the Pushcart Prize (2003), and "Female Trouble" received the O. Henry Award (2001), and her work has been anthologized in Best American Short Stories (1998) and The Scribner Anthology of Short Fiction (2007). According to the USA website, "her work lays bare the specificity and intricacies of female desire, and she writes often about family life and the emotional life of women." She shares the Cullen Chair in Creative Writing at the University of Houston with her husband, novelist Robert Boswell.

USA Fellows include artists in the fields of architecture and design, crafts and traditional arts, dance, literature, media arts, music, theater arts and visual arts. This is the fourth year of the USA Fellows program – bringing the total funds awarded directly to working artists to $10 million.

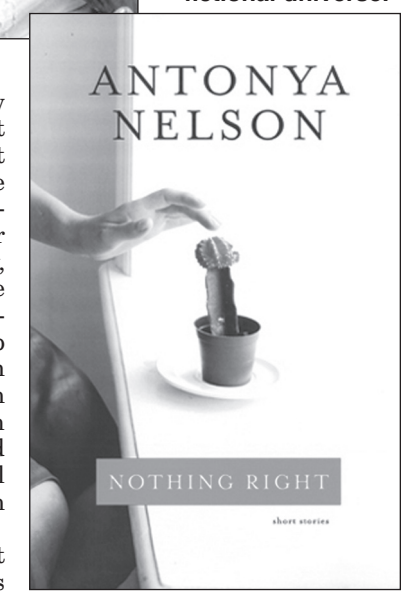
USA honored the recipients at a celebration Dec. 14 at The Broad Stage in Santa Monica, Calif. This event marked the fourth consecutive year of the USA Fellows program, which annually awards 50 unrestricted grants of $50,000 to artists of all disciplines from across the country.

The 2009 USA Fellows come from 18 states and range in age from 28 to 82. Chosen for the caliber and impact of their work, they include contemporary experimenters and traditional practitioners – Pueblo potters, feminist performance pioneers, cutting-edge fashion designers, independent radio artists and folk musicians, among others.

The USA Fellows for 2009 represent a diverse spectrum of cultural, stylistic and geographic perspectives. The honorees include sculptor Diana Al-Hadid, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Cuban-born playwright and theater director Nilo Cruz, New York; hula master Hokulani Holt-Padilla, Wailuku, Hawaii; poet and novelist Sapphire, Brooklyn, N.Y., whose novel, "Push," was made into the recent film, "Precious;" artist Rick Lowe, Houston, founder of Project Row Houses in Houston's Third Ward; sisters and designers Kate and Laura Mulleavy, Pasadena, Calif., creators of the breakthrough fashion label Rodarte; playwright, actor, and stage director John O'Neal, New Orleans, founder of the famed Civil Rights-era Free Southern Theater; Mary Shaffer, Taos, N.M., one of the founding artists of the American Studio Glass movement; prolific composer and jazz trumpeter Hannibal Lokumbe, Bastrop, Texas; Ella Jenkins, Chicago, known as "the first lady of children's music"; performance art pioneer and Massechusetts Institute of Technology professor Joan Jonas, New York; actor and playwright Anna Deavere Smith, New York; independent radio producer Scott Carrier, Salt Lake City, Utah; and documentary filmmaker Heather Courtney, Austin, Texas, whose forthcoming project follows a group of 20-year-olds from her hometown in northern Michigan before, during and after their National Guard service in Afghanistan.

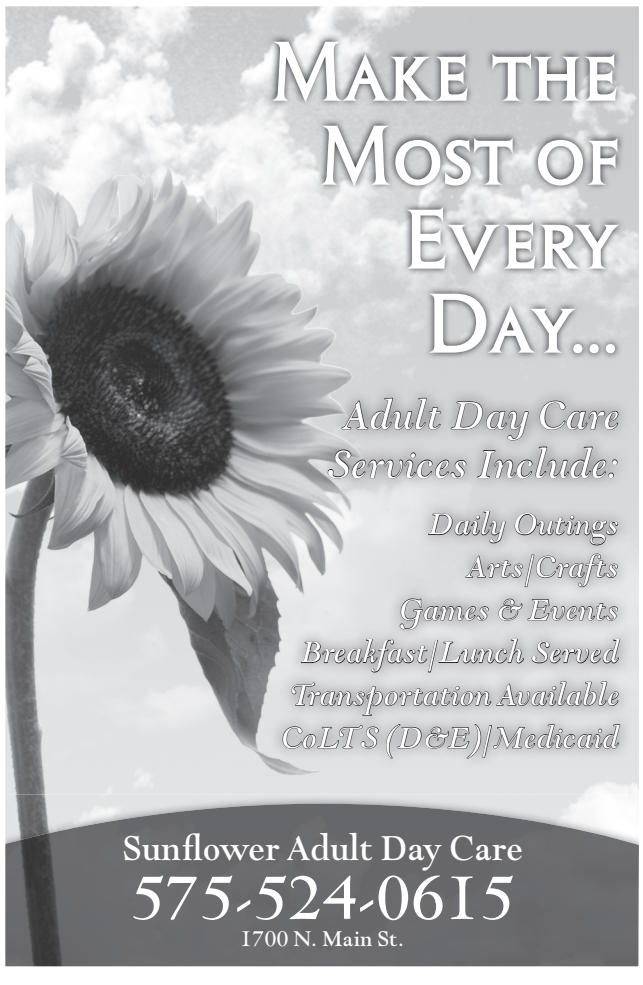
Antonya Nelson

The New York Times Book Review said, Nelson's "'Party of One' is among the briefest stories in Antonya Nelson's new collection ('Nothing Right,' 296 pages, Bloomsbury), but in its 13 pages it offers a perfect epitome of her fictional universe."



The spark that created United States Artists was lit by a landmark Urban Institute study exploring the live/work issues facing American artists. Conducted in 2003, Investing in Creativity: A Study of the Support Structure for U.S. Artists was funded by 36 of the nation's leading foundations. This critical research describes artists as a significant part of the American workforce and as important contributors to the health and economic well being of our society. The findings confirmed the need for an organization like USA:

- While 96 percent of Americans value art in their communities and lives, only 27 percent value artists.
- Although many artists enjoy success in commercial markets, significant numbers of America's artists live on the economic margins of society with inadequate support systems.
- Needs that include employment and health insurance, live/work space, access to equipment and materials continue to be unmet for many.
- Training and professional development, connections to other artists and art experts, as well as market stimulation and access are required for success.
- Finally, access to and information about awards and grant programs was found to be critical to artists' survival.



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2009: A year of progress in Downtown Las Cruces

CINDI FARGO
Executive Director of Downtown Las Cruces Partnership

Thanks to working together, the support of the City of Las Cruces, the New Mexico MainStreet program and pioneering investments from private investors, we accomplished a great deal during the past 12 months.

Following is an impressive list of 2009 Downtown successes in dollars, distinctions and new developments.

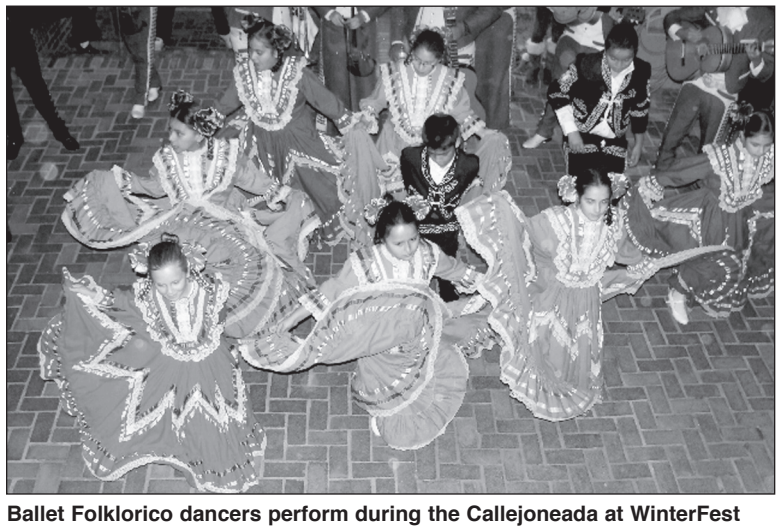
- **Zeffiro Pizzeria** Napoletano and Popular Artisan Bread Bakery opened a 3,000-square-foot restaurant in January, and is planning a 900-square-foot addition.
- **Las Cruces Academy**, a new day school with elementary grades and a focus on science and math for gifted students, opened a 3,000-square-foot facility in June with 16 students.
- **M. Phillips Gallery** and Studio A440 moved into a new location on Main Street and doubled its square footage.
- **Tierra Montana Gallery** opened a 2,000-square-foot fine art, fine craft and weaving studio on north Main St.
- Coordinated the first annual **WinterFest** and second annual Callejoneada celebrations.
- Launched a very successful MainStreet **SalsaFest** on Aug. 29, with 4,000 visitors attending this new annual signature event.
- Installed new **Design, Economic Development and Organization Committees**.
- Completed 13 new designs for **Downtown storefronts**.
- Implemented a **business recruitment plan.**
- Designed new **Downtown Las Cruces Partnership** logo.
- Completed first **Downtown Business Directory**.
- Implemented **Viva Ventanas** art windows program Downtown.
- Earned **National Main Street 2009 Community Accreditation.**
- Hosted the well-attended monthly **Downtown Business and Property Owner Breakfast** programs – the first Thursday morning of the month
- Started **"Music on Main Street"** to support the Downtown Art Ramble on first Friday of each month.
- Provided street banners, shopping bags and aprons for the **Farmers & Crafts Market** move. Provided seven weeks of special entertainment to support market attendance.
- Conducted feasibility analysis/design concepts for **Mercado project**.
- Assisted in design and public participation on **La Placita**, which yielded $348,270 in two awards from New Mexico Main Street Capital to design and build outdoor pavilion space.
- Expanded DLCP board membership to include **Mesquite Historic District and Alameda Depot** neighborhood participation.
- Hosted quarterly meeting of **New Mexico Main Street Communities** with 75 attendees from throughout the state of New Mexico.
- Co-sponsored Southern New Mexico Arts Convention – **"What's Art"** – in October.
- Anticipating the March 2010 opening of the 5,000-square-foot **La Iguana Café** on Main Street in the Popular Building.
- **El Paso Electric "Energizing Business"** incentive program is set to begin at Popular Building in conjunction with the opening of La Iguana.

For more information about these or any Downtown redevelopment programs and opportunities, call the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership at 525-1955 or visit www.downtownlascrucespartnership.org.

In the meantime, here's to another very successful year Downtown.

Salsa chefs and samplers spice it up during the MainStreet SalsaFest.

Dueto Krystal performs at the tree lighting ceremony during WinterFest.



Ballet Folklorico dancers perform during the Callejoneada at WinterFest held during the December Downtown Arts Ramble.

This is the first of the Viva Ventanas Downtown window art project.

Representatives from 28 Main Street communities visit Downtown.

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Opening January 15

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

The center is showcasing five artists of various media in the gallery's 2010 Exhibition, which opens with an artists' reception from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. on Friday, Jan. 15. The show, which has a definite international flavor, runs through Sunday, March 28.

The exhibition 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 Maiaika Zbesheski Charbonneau, Alan Weinstein and Peter Zelle will be held at the gallery beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. The free event invites audience members to join the artists in conversation about their works in the 2010 Winter Exhibition.

The Preston Contemporary Art Center is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado, at the end of Calle de Mercado. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday; galleries are closed on Monday and Tuesday, except by appointment. Call 523-8713 or visit www.prestoncontemporaryart.com.

Continuing this Week

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

The second exhibition of the 2009-10 season at New Mexico State University's Art Gallery "Construction Zone" by Joanna M. Wezyk is on display through Jan. 11, 2010. Her exhibition focuses on her drawings and oil paintings of Catholic churches in Poland and France, where imagery of faith is contrasted to modernity and values are placed in dialogue with contemporary politics. Wezyk grew up in Kracow, Poland, during the Soviet era and came to the U.S. in her late 20s.

The NMSU Art Gallery is located at 1390 E. University Ave., across from Solano Drive. The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Call 646-2545 or visit www.nmsu.edu/artgal.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

A controversial labor program that brought millions of Mexicans across the border to work in U.S. fields is the subject of a new exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, "Bracero Memories," which will be on display in the museum through Jan. 18, 2010.

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 program marked a significant chapter in American and Mexican cultural history and relations. After the U.S. entered World War II, there was an immediate need for labor to fill the jobs left by Americans who went off to fight. The practices of that time are relevant to current debates about illegal immigration, farm labor issues, and proposed guest worker programs.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Regular admission is $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 for more information.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

Explore the world of pattern and abstraction through three exhibits open at the Las Cruces Museum of Art through Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010.

Albuquerque artist Margi Weir presents "Three Decades of Inquiry," a retrospective of her work in multiple media. While focusing on painting throughout her career, Weir's work is often sculptural, and has evolved over the years from abstract to figural. She has advanced degrees in painting from both the University of California at Los Angeles and New Mexico State University and is currently an assistant professor of painting and drawing at Wayne State University in Detroit.

"Swarm" is the work of local artist, and associate professor at NMSU, Julia Barello. She works with discarded X-ray film that is dyed and intricately cut into shapes inspired by nature. Her obsessive, jewel-toned installations are created by arranging the film into patterns and pinning it directly to the wall. Barello's artwork has been exhibited across the country and she was awarded Best in Show, Alternative Media at the 2008 Southwest Biennial at the Albuquerque Museum.

"Mirage," the work of jewelry artist Rachelle Thiewes, is also on display. This collection, constructed of steel, silver and automobile paint, was inspired by "the interplay of light and shadow and the resulting distortions of reality." Thiewes' unique jewelry is held in the permanent collections of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Museum of Fine Arts Boston and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. It has been featured in numerous publications, including The Best in Contemporary Jewelry. She is currently a professor at the University of Texas-El Paso.

Funded by the City of Las Cruces, the Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St., at the north end of the Downtown Mall. Exhibits are accessible and free of charge. For more information, call 541-2137 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

BRANIGAN LIBRARY

The Las Cruces Artists Association presents its art show "A Touch of the Orient" at the Terrace Gallery, located on the second floor of the Branigan Library, through Jan. 29. The hours are the same as the library: 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.

CUTTER GALLERY

Cutter Gallery presents Susi and Richard Bergquist in an exhibit. The Bergquists both are ceramic artists and each does a special category of folk art.

As a child, Susi Bergquist was captivated by the folk tales told to her by her Tohon O'odham nanny. The stories were about the animal people that populated the earth before man's arrival. Later when Susi Bergquist entertained her children with the same stories, she decided to add illustrations by making figures of clay and drawings in historic styles. Today, she still creates the clay

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Last Chance

LAS CRUCES CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Through the month of December, an eight-piece collection of Janey Walch's work is on display and available for sale in the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau lobby, located at 211 N. Water St.

With a variety of whimsical watercolor works, Walch continues to paint a wide variety of subjects while expressing her creativity that she describes as a soul-deep tickle that she relieves through painting. Walch's paintings often convey a rich appreciation of everyday items and situations, which Walch attributes to a variety of career paths and years of travel that gave her a better appreciation of everyday things.

Call the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau at 541-2150.

BRANSON LIBRARY

An exhibit in New Mexico State University's Branson Library fourth floor gallery showcases panoramic photos from the Library's Archives and Special Collections and Rio Grande Historical Collections. The exhibit runs through December.

A selection of a dozen panoramic photographs from the early to mid-20th century gives visitors the opportunity to enjoy views of past scenes and to learn more about the history of photography.

Exhibit viewers are invited to look closely at the images and pay attention to some of the interesting and at times amusing details that they might miss at first glance.

Panoramic photography is almost as old as photography itself. The first practical photographic process developed in 1839, called the daguerreotype, was named after panorama painter Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre. His artwork influenced the development of the daguerreotype.

The images displayed in the library's exhibit show a variety of scenes from landscapes to group portraits in a variety of widths. The unique properties of panoramic photography produce features of the images that show the process at work, for example, the blurring of individual figures.

Also, several images show vertical lines that appear somewhat out off focus. These lines are the result of the repositioning of the camera as it pans. You can also see the distortion of features such as rivers as the viewpoint angles away during the camera's sweep, and the change in the angle of sunlight and shadow from one side of the image to another.

Call Rio Grande Historical Collections archivist Charles Stanford at 646-6323 or cstanfor@lib.nmsu.edu.

CUTTER GALLERY

The "Images of the Guadalupe" show continues at Cutter Gallery. Fifteen artists are represented in this show: Nancy Begin, Margaret Bernstein, Molly Gamboa Barth, Linda Gendall, Tom Gerend, Carlitta Harvey, Betty Hummer, Rosemary McLoughlin, Carmen Nevar, Virginia Roach, Francisco Romero, Ginny Schoelzel, Kathleen Squires, Jo-an Smith and Daphne Wirthlin. Works include images of Guadalupes, missions, churches and Josephina's gate.

Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-0658.

BLUE GATE GALLERY

New Mexico State University Bachelor of Fine Arts student Idie Karr hangs her senior show in the Blue Gate Gallery.

Karr's paintings reflect a sincerity of her space. She has lived on a ranch most of her life and the visual observation of animals in the great outdoors became a natural choice for her canvases and pencil renderings. For example, Karr's horse representations possess a good understanding of their anatomy, which gracefully captures motion or repose while displaying power and gentleness.

Blue Gate Gallery is located at 311 N. Downtown Mall. Call 523-2950.

M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery announces a one-man show for Las Cruces artist Michael Poncé through December.

M. Phillip's is located at 221 N. Main St. Call 525-1367.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces features artwork done by church members through Dec. 30.

The church's membership includes many well-known regional artists as well as talented recent arrivals and friends of the church. Works by Mel Bailey, Chris Bardey, Tawnya Bass, Rowan Baxa, Margaret Berrier, Dave Brown, Madge De Fee, Peggy Brown, Judy Licht, Louise Lockhart, Donald F. Neidig, John Northcutt, Kristine Northcutt, Debbie Swansburg, Roy van der Aa, Lucia Wilcox and Lois Wilson, among others, will be included. Media to be shown are varied and will include oil, acrylic and watercolor painting, jewelry, quilting, mixed media, silk painting, etching and wood sculpture.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The gallery is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Call 522-7281.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The galleries of the Rio Grande Theatre presents "Works On Paper: Canyon Suite and Collages" by artist Marjorie Moeser.

Moeser is a Toronto artist based partly in New Mexico, partly in the South of France, whose paintings are primarily about time and change and how they impact the environment. The exhibition, featuring two very different approaches to working on paper in both size and technique, is on display in both the El Paso Electric and Carolene de Mesilla Galleries. The show runs through December.

Moeser presents her response to canyon walls she saw in the canyons of Arizona, near the Grand Canyon. These paintings are all done on oversized paper, using oil stick and some oil pastel. The rocky canyon walls express themselves as sinuous, undulating amorphic shapes. Moeser makes the intrinsic nature of paper come alive, moving along as it does with the walls, which in turn seem to become like giant torsos, sensuously moving across the surface of the paper. Colors are deep and rich, and seem to glow from within. Moeser's choice of oil stick as a medium helps create this richness of hue. Her process is an additive and subtractive one, in which she scrapes away colors to reveal underlying hues, which at times are left subtly present and at other times get colored over to create deeper and richer tones. A sense of pattern within the rock structure is definitely present. Her colors seem to dance across the paper and spill right out into the surrounding space.

The Rio Grande Theatre galleries, located in the lobby of the historic Rio Grande Theatre at 211 N. Main St., are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call the DAAC office at 523-6403.

MAIN STREET GALLERY

For the month of December, "Shoofly" is exhibiting his original artworks and limited editions. Using a graphite pencil, the most uncomplicated of mediums, New Mexico artist Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt captures the story of the American Cowboy not in the bold panoramas of sprawling cattle drives nor in the wild frenzy of the rodeo ring, but rather in vignettes of the everyday working cowboy.

"These men are the keepers of the American spirit, and I feel a deep sense of responsibility and joy in drawing them and in preserving their place in history," he said.

Shufelt's skilled interplay of sunlight and shadow adds drama to even the most routine activities.

Other exhibiting artists include Winfrey Hearst, Annetta Hoover, Judy Licht, Daphne Wirthlin, Lois Wilson, Lynn Unangst, Margaret Berríer, Joanna Bradley and Rudy Lucero.

Main Street Gallery is located at 311 N. Downtown Mall at Las Cruces Avenue. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 647-0508 for more information.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery features two artists during December. Caryl Porter, a renowned pastel artist associated with many local galleries, is a graduate of New Mexico State University.

The gallery is pleased to announce its newest member, Nina Cobb Walker, a native Texan who has studied art, both in college at University of Texas-El Paso and with prominent artists since 1979. She has studied extensively in the classical Russian oil painting tradition under the tutelage of Aleksander Titovets at the Titovets School of Fine Art in El Paso, Texas. Walker is a multi-media artist with a primary emphasis in oil.

The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe across from the Fountain Theatre. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

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figures as well as etchings, engravings and reduction linocuts. They are all hand printed from original plates and watercolors the etchings by hand. Her clay figures are her special unique style. Many figures are embellished with beads, fabric and hair the way the original Mojave Indians figures were.

Degrees in anthropology, geology and fine arts have enabled Susi Bergquist to become comfortable in the use of several fine arts media, folk literature, archaeological relationships of the Native American folklore and mythologies.

Richard Bergquist is well known for his creative clay figures of santos or saints. Each saint is handcrafted of native clays, painted and place on a wooden base for easy wall hanging. He does dozens of santos and each one has written story on the back of the professed miracle of the particular saint.

Richard Bergquist studied ceramics at San Diego State and Shouinard Institute of Art in Los Angeles. He has been coming to this area for the past 30 years doing juried art fairs all over the Southwest including Kermazar in El Paso and the Renaissance ArtsFaire in Las Cruces.

Cutter Gallery is located at the corner of El Paseo Road and University Avenue. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

TIERRA MONTANA GALLERY

Tierra Montana Gallery is displaying the work of Akira and Larry Blount. Since early childhood, Akira Blount has been absorbed by the colors, forms, textures and smells of nature. For the past 15 years, she has incorporated these elements in her work, progressively using more natural materials that convey directly those elements of nature she loves.

The energy and beauty of nature has always sustained Akira Blount and her husband/collaborator, Larry Blount. Woodlands, in particular, are particularly compelling to the pair. Most recently, in conjunction with Larry Blount's love of working in wood, Akira Blount's love of natural materials has stimulated an exploration of the spirit of nature and personification of images of the playful, creative forces in nature.

Each mixed media piece is a combination of cloth and natural materials, most of which are collected personally from the Blount family farm and gardens. Materials are treated with a special varnish.

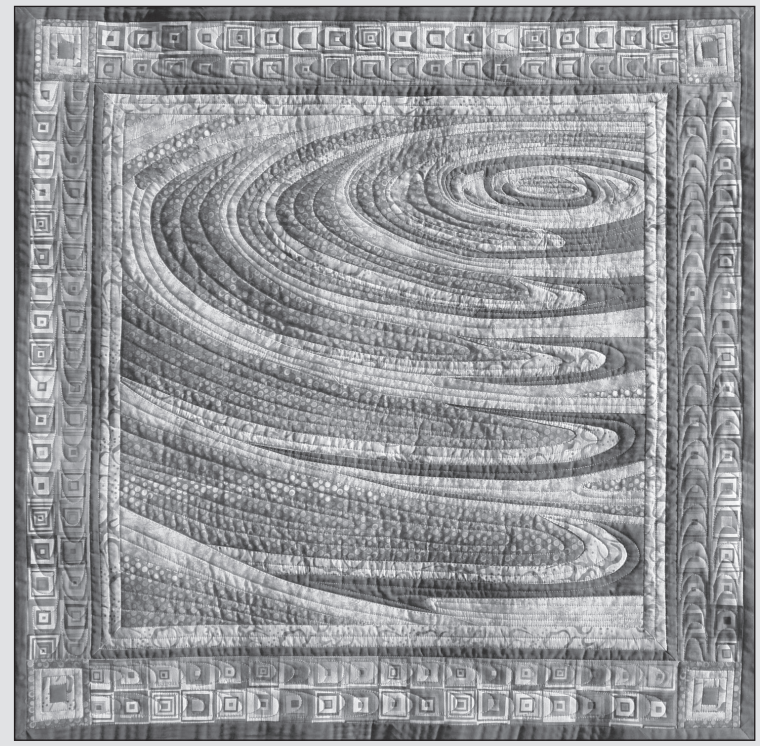
Tierra Montana Gallery is located at 535 N. Main St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

QUILT SHOWS OPEN JANUARY 8 AT BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Two quilt shows will open Friday, Jan. 8, 2010 at Branigan Cultural Center during the First Friday Arts Ramble. "A Moment in Time" is the President's Challenge from the Las Colcheras Quilt Guild and will be shown in the Richardson Gallery. A traveling exhibit from the Association of Pacific West Quilters titled "Living Colour" will be shown in the Shannon Gallery. Both exhibits remain on display through Saturday, Jan. 30.

Each retiring president of the Las Colcheras Quilt Guild issues a quilt challenge to the membership. She creates the rules for the challenge, chooses a theme, and she may include one or more fabrics that must be used. Quilters have a year to complete their quilt. Eight of the quilts are chosen by viewers to be juried into the Guild Challenge at the American Quilters Society Quilt Show in Knoxville, Tenn.

Past President Minnie Vickrey's theme is "A Moment in Time." Participants have the opportunity to incorporate many different past or present events, objects or concerns, such as the Presidential election or a movie like "2010" Space Odyssey, into their quilt. For more information on the Las Colcheras Quilt Guild visit www.lcqg.org.



"Ripples" by Jolene Ficklin from "A Moment in Time" exhibit

Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main Street on he north end of the Downtown Mall. The exhibit and reception is from5 to 7 p.m. on Jan. 8 and is free. Galleries are open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to1 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-2154 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

"Images of Tortugas," a photographic essay by Robert Kaiser is on display at the Branigan Cultural Center.

The small village of Tortugas, N.M. located about three miles outside of Las Cruces, was established in the early 1850s. The first inhabitants were made up of Manso Indians from the Guadalupe Mission in present day Juarez, Tiguas from Isleta del Sur and Piro Indians from Senecú del Sur and Socorro del Sur. Since its founding, generations have observed the annual feast days of the Virgin of Guadalupe on Dec. 10, 11 and 12.

Organized by the Corporacion de Los Indigenes de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, a key activity of the event is the 4-mile pilgrimage up Tortugas Mountain, also known as "A" Mountain by New Mexico State University students. In 2008 Robert Kaiser joined the pilgrimage and the resulting photography makes up the "Images of Tortugas" exhibit.

Kaiser completed his Bachelor of Fine Arts in graphic design from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, under the tutelage of visiting professor Roland Siegrist. His body of work has been published in major news sources and magazines. He is currently working on a book project documenting Hispanic culture with professor Spencer Herrera of New Mexico State University.

The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., is located at the north end of the Downtown Mall. The exhibit is free. Galleries are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-2154 or visit http://las-cruces.org/museums.

Gallery News

LOS ARTESANOS

Los Artesanos Galeria, recently opened at 1910 Calle de Parian in Mesilla, has developed a program to highlight local and high school artists once a month.

The Spotlight Artists series will feature a number of guest artists, who are not showing their work on a regular basis, as a way for underrepresented community artists to gain more exposure.

Along with the Spotlight Artists series, the gallery is working with the Las Cruces School District to highlight the work of a local high school artist beginning in January 2010. The gallery plans to exhibit the work of students nominated by the high school art instructors and then chosen by Los Artesanos jury.

The Gallery features primarily the artwork of owners, Greta Burger, glass artist; Latana Bernier, fine gourd artist; Rudy Lucero, fine potter; and, Ramon Escalante, painter and stone and metal sculptor, but also features the artwork of various guest artists.

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CALENDAR

Saturday, DECEMBER 26

- **8:30 to 1 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
- **10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces,** Coas Bookstores, 317 S. Main St. and 669 S. Solano Drive. Coas will give coupons for free books to all children who attend the storytelling sessions. Free. Call 524-8471.
- **5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Middle Eastern ethnic drum class,** My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. $2 donation. Call 526-9509.
- **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. Cover $6. Call 528-3000.
- **8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club Holiday Party.** Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Semi-formal attire recommended. Dance ballroom, swing and Latin styles to the music of Bob Burns-Mike Caranda Combo. Singles and couples 21 and older are welcome. There is a dess code. You do not have to be a member of the Country Club to attend. Admission is $6 for members, $7 for guests. Call 524-0500, 523-4322 or visit www.bigbanddanceclub.org.

Sunday, DECEMBER 27

- **7 p.m. Bite of The Apple Cabaret,** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. This is the story of four young artists, friends and lovers beating the streets of New York City chasing their dreams. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets are $15 and $12.

Monday, DECEMBER 28

- **5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Middle Eastern ethnic drum class,** My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. $2 donation. Call 526-9509.

Wednesday, DECEMBER 30

- **8:30 a.m. to 1 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.
- **6 to 7 p.m. photo technique magazaine event at Barnes & Noble Booksellers,** Mesilla Digital Imaging Workshop Director Paul Schranz is the new editor of the nationally distributed photographic magazine, photo technique. Both the new editorial and design staffs are now based at the Preston Contemporary Art Facility in Mesilla. The magazine is part of the new Photo Tech Network, which also includes the MDIW and the online interactive photo tech Forum. A photo technique event will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers at Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. MDIW staff will give away 200 issues of the new magazine.
- **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

Special Announcement

NEW MEXICO STARS SHINE AMONG GOLDEN GLOBE NOMINEES

New Mexico-produced films are represented this year among the Golden Globe nominees, which were announced on Tuesday, Dec. 15 by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

"Georgia O'Keeffe," a film about one of New Mexico's most famous artists, which was made for Lifetime Television in and around Santa Fe, is up for best mini-series or motion picture made for television. Joan Allen, who portrayed O'Keeffe, and Jeremy Irons, who portrayed Alfred Steiglitz, are also nominated for best actress and actor.

Jeff Bridges is nominated for a best actor Golden Globe in a drama for "Crazy Heart," which was shot in Albuquerque and Santa Fe in 2008 and also starred Maggie Gyllenhaal. Toby Maguire is also nominated for best actor for his role in "Brothers," which also starred Natalie Portman and Jake Gyllenhaal and was shot in northern New Mexico in late 2007.

The song "Winter" from "Brothers," written by Bono and performed by U2, is nominated for best song, as is the song "The Weary Kind" from "Crazy Heart" that was written by Ryan Bingham and performed by T. Bone Burnett.

The Golden Globes will be broadcast live Ja. 17, 2010 on NBC.

Joan Allen plays in the starring role in "Georgia O'Keeffe," filmed in northern New Mexico.

Friday, JANUARY 1

Happy NEW YEAR!

Saturday, JANUARY 2

- **8:30 to 1 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.
- **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. Cover $6. Call 528-3000.

Tuesday, JANUARY 5

- **2 to 4 p.m. New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum,** 4100 Dripping Springs Road, Harvest cooking class with Chef Carol Koenig features recipes that include wal,nuts, winter greens and "whatever." Cost $35. Registration is required. Call 522-4100.

Friday, JANUARY 8

- **5 to 7 p.m. Downtown Ramble Art Walk** The First Friday Downtown Ramble art walk will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. at various locations on and around the Downtown Mall. Enjoy art exhibits, music, entertainment, open mic opportunities, shoping, refreshments and more. Call 527-5018 for more information.

Saturday, JANUARY 9

- **8:30 to 1 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.
- **6 to 9 p.m. Live Jazz,** The Player's Grill, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive at New Mexico State University Golf Course Clubhouse, features Danny Garcia. Born in San Marcos, Texas, Garcia attended Court Junior High in Las Cruces; played all through Las Cruces High School public school; and earned a bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University. He has performed with Elvis Presley, Lou Rawls, Wayne Newton, Roy Clark, Danny Thomas, Harry Belafonte and Liberace, among others. For the last 14 years, he has taught for Canutillo I.S.D. as an elementary music teacher. Has played in Las Cruces-El Paso area with several local groups and is leader of "JazzQuirk" a jazz quintet. Cost is $7.50 for general admission; $5 with NMSU ID. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Player's Grill or at the door. Call 646-2457.
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- **7:30 p.m. The Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra presents Pops 2010** "Bravo Broadway" at New Mexico State University's Atkinson Recital Hall, featuring hits from "Gypsy," "Phantom of the Opera," "My Fair Lady, "West Side Story" and other great shows. Starring the LCSO and guest singers – the Tony Award-winning Anne Runolfsson, Doug LaBreque and Debbie Gravitte. Tickets from $35 to $50. Call 646-3709.

Sunday, JANUARY 10

- **3 p.m. The Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra presents Pops 2010** "Bravo Broadway" at New Mexico State University's Atkinson Recital Hall, featuring hits from "Gypsy," "Phantom of the Opera," "My Fair Lady, "West Side Story" and other great shows. Starring the LCSO and guest singers – the Tony Award-winning Anne Runolfsson, Doug LaBreque and Debbie Gravitte. Tickets from $35 to $50. Call 646-3709.

Thursday, JANUARY 14

- **6:30 p.m. Friends of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library present "A Journey of the Heart."** Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. "A Journey of the Heart" is a Chautauqua presentation of the life of Mamie Bier Bernard Aguirre, a Southern Belle from the Old West, as performed by Van Ann Moore. Moore is performer and researcher who for more than 14 years has brought dozens of historical characters alive for the New Mexico Humanities Council. She lives in Belen, N.M., and has performed internationally. Free.
- **7 p.m. New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum,** 4100 Drippings Springs Road. Jo Tice Bloom will profile New Mexico territorial statesman John R. McFie (1849-1930), who helped found New Mexico State University before moving to Santa Fe to serve on the

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Save the date

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE	LOCATION
Friday ArtsRamble	Friday, Jan. 8	Downtown Mall, Mesquite District
For the Love of Art Month	February	Various locations
El Paso Brass	Sun. Feb. 28	Rio Grande Theatre

CALENDAR

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Territorial Supreme Court. He also helped to found the present Presbyterian Health Care System and the Museum of New Mexico. Cost $2. Call 522-4100.

Friday JANUARY 15

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 provided by technician Skip Connelley. Artists may sign up beginning at 6:30 p.m. Light snacks and coffee provided. Free. Call 525-9333 or 915-799-5684.

8 p.m. "Godspell" Opens at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. No Strings Theatre Company presents "Godspell" running through Jan 31. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 24 and 3 p.m., and one Thursday performance at 7 p.m. on Jan. 28. Tickets $10, $9 and $7. Reservations strongly recommended. Call 523-1223 after Jan. 9.

Saturday, JANUARY 16

8:30 to 1 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

1 to 4 p.m. Colcha Embroidery Workshop, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Discover this traditional Spanish Colonial craft. Participants will learn the basics of Colcha embroidery stitching and complete a small in-class project. The history of Colcha will be presented, with an informational tour of the new exhibit, Colcha: Embroidered Connections. Participants will need to bring a 6-inch embroidery hoop and scissors. Pre-registration is required and the instructor is Rita Hartley. The cost is $25 ($20 for museum volunteers and members). Call 522-1400 for more information or to register for a class.

Special Announcement

LCSO POP CONCERT SALUTES BROADWAY

The Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra presents Pops 2010 "Bravo Broadway" featuring hits from "Gypsy," "Phantom of the Opera," "My Fair Lady," "West Side Story" and other great shows. Starring the LCSO and guest singers the Tony Award-winning Anne Runolfsson, Doug LaBreque and Debbie Gravitte. There will be two shows: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10. The LCSO performs at Atkinson Recital Hall on the New Mexico State University campus. Tickets from $35 to $50. Call 646-3709.

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Sunday, JANUARY 17

2 p.m. St. Paul's Sunday Afternoons, Jazz Unlimited Big Band. St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Free.

Tuesday, JANUARY 19

7:30 p.m. Frederick Moyer, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. Concert pianist known for his delightful commentary from the stage. Part of the Rio Grande Theatre Cultural Series. Cover $25. Call 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

Sunday, JANUARY 24

1 p.m. Tile Painting Workshop Temple Beth El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., will host a tile painting workshop for children ages 6 and older, and adults, with instructor Pauline Wyndham of the Mayco company. Painted tiles will be fired at the Las Cruces Museum of Art and will be available for pickup approximately a week after the workshop. Participants up to age 11 can make a 4-inch-square tile for $12. Participants age 12 and up can make a 6-inch-square tile for $20. A dairy lunch will be offered at noon. Register for both the workshop and the lunch no later than Thursday, Jan. 14. Call 524-3380.

CALL TO ARTISTS

ASTC AUDITIONS

The American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC) at New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department announces auditions for its spring 2010 productions being held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010, at the Hershel Zohn Theatre with callbacks scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 17.

Needed are men and women ages 18 to 60. Those interested may sign up for an audition slot on the callboard in the Hershel Zohn Theatre lobby until Jan. 15, 2010.

All actors are asked to 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.

Opening the spring season will be the company-written piece, "The Eurydice Project." Performances run Feb. 19 through March 7, 2010.

Following will be the hilarious classic comedy, "The Government Inspector," adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher. Performances run April 16 through May 2, 2010.

All productions will be performed at the Hershel Zohn Theatre. For more information, call production coordinator Mike Wise at 646-5418.

NO STRINGS THEATRE COMPANY

No Strings Theatre Company announces Auditions for the 2007 Pulitzer Prize winning play "Rabbit Hole," written by David Lindsay-Abaire and directed by No Strings Theatre Company's Artistic Director Ceil Herman. The play is an engaging, insightful, and compassionate study of a couple's search for closure after an accident claims their young son's life.

Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 18 and 19, 2010 at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

Needed are two women (20s to 30s) 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, 2010, with option to extend to March 21, should audience response warrant.

Email the director at nstcbbt@zianet.com for any questions or to schedule a different audition time.

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, 2010, at the New Mexico State University Corbett Center. Deadline is Jan. 23, 2010.

Visit www.lcqg.org or call 522-4902 for more information.

FOR THE LOVE OF ART CELEBRATION

The Town of Mesilla seeks artists to participate in the eighth annual For the Love of Art Celebration on the Mesilla plaza from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010.

Work must be original and created by the displaying artist. Artist 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.

The deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010. For more information, call the Town of Mesilla at 524-3262 ext. 116, or email kmedina_tom@comcast.net.

MASTERWORKS OF NEW MEXICO

The MasterWorks of New Mexico 2010 is looking for entries for this 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 MasterWorks show will take place April 10 through April 30, 2010, at Expo New Mexico Hispanic Arts Building.

Deadline for digital entries and larger works is Jan. 30, 2010. Deadline for miniatures, shipped works is March 20, 2010. Deadline for miniatures, hand-delivered works is March 28, 2010.

Information and prospectus can be found at www.masterworksnm.org. For more information, call 505-260-9977 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 for exhibition in the Preston Contemporary Art Center's South Gallery, Galleria and Outdoor Sculpture Gallery. The exhibition will be the first of a series of regional juried exhibitions to be hosted by the Preston Contemporary Art Center. Deadline for submission is Monday, Feb 1, 2010, for the exhibition scheduled March 5 through 28, 2010. New Mexico State University Art Professor Emeritus Joshua Rose will jury the exhibition. A prospectus is available online at www.prestoncontemporaryart.com, at the Preston Art Center and may be requested by emailing info@prestoncontemporaryart.com. Call Bonnie Schranz 523-8713, or email bschranz@prestoncontemporaryart.com.

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, 2010. The theme of this reading is "popular culture," including any of the pop icons Warhol painted, printed or photographed.

If you have a poem about celebrities – Elvis, Marilyn, Mick, Einstein, Freud, Campbell's Soup, etc. – be a part of 15 minutes of fame by taking part. Several authors have previously announced their interest in reading, so this is a new call for those who are unaware and a call to reconfirm for others. Presentations are to be kept to a five-minute limit per person, and it should still be a diverse and fun reading.

If interested, email Wayne Crawford at wayne1@zianet.com or call 541-8073.

OUTDOOR ART SUBMISSIONS

Outdoor large art submissions are being accepted for display at the Frame and Art Center on the busy intersection of South Main Street and Idaho Avenue/Avenida de Mesilla. There is a concrete pad available that measures 4-feet square 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, depending on the response. Set up and take down will be the artist's responsibility.

Submit photos of the art to be juried to Ron Saltzman at the Frame and Art Center, 1100 S. Main St., or call 526-2808 for more information.

NEW DESERT HARMONY SINGERS

The New Desert Harmony Singers are looking for singers in its "Mixed Community Chorus." The chorus sings fun, popular music. They practice Tuesday nights at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Singers who are interested should call David Kinkaid at 650-4417, or join the group Tuesday nights for some fun and singing.

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 for more information 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 its website, local venues, association with galleries and other business groups actively building an interest in the arts, CAPA is working to create a nationally-known arts community in Las Cruces. Anyone interested in joining City of Artists should visit 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 crafts leather tooling, quilting, weaving, wool spinning, sewing, candle making, embroidery and storytelling. Tour guides are also needed. The museum offers a free training program for volunteers. Contact Debbie Holderby at 522-4100, ext. 116, for information about volunteer opportunities.

NEW HORIZONS SYMPHONY

The New Horizons Symphony, under the direction of Oscar Butler, is an amateur orchestra beginning its fourth season. Rehearsals are from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursdays in the Las Cruces High School, 1755 El Paseo Road, Orchestra Room. Have fun making music again. For more information, call Oscar at 526-8053.

FEATURED ARTIST

Julia Barello: Takes a look at her X-rays

NMSU arts professor uses surgical tools to breathe life into old films

By Kristine Sandrick
The Las Cruces Bulletin

"Poke"

X-rays are often a necessity. Doctors use them to "see" various body parts so they can diagnose problems with our physical systems, problems such as heart disease and broken bones or worse – brain tumors and hemorrhages, lung cancer. Ugly stuff.

Regardless of the results – diagnosis and cure or prognosis and death – artist Julia Barello, using scalpel, scissors and laser, breathes life into this black, white and gray film. It is the medium with which Barello creates abstractions of nature – leaves, flowers and birds – hundreds, if not thousands of them, and turns them into murals.

Barello was trained as a jeweler and went into metalsmithing because the field was broad. She said she could create any work she wanted to do, especially functional objects – teapots, spoons, forks, locks, weapons and reliquaries.

That's something everyone needs these days – a reliquary. One might be in order after the X-rays diagnose an imminent demise.

"I started making objects that were modeled after antique scientific instruments, using them as metaphorical models to speak of the human's relationship to nature," she said.

For example, she made a set of scale weights and rather than make traditional brass-milled weights, she cast acorns in silver.

Studying the body

"I had not been interested in jewelry before, but then realized jewelry is a form of expression – that it is meaningful and intimate. It's not often created with the power that it has," she said.

She began making pieces based on old medical images and did a series called "Vascular Studies," one of which is hanging in the Museum of Art and Design in New York City. Then she made a pair of gloves showing the veins in her hands.

With that she found herself looking ever more closely at the human body, she said, and kept making jewelry. But she also had a growing pile of X-ray film.

"I became intrigued by the subtleties of colors and the types of images that are on the film," she said.

Naturally inspired

For gallery shows in 2003 and 2004, Barello took her collection of X-ray film, cutting it apart, stacking and dyeing the cutouts and creating patterns such as leaves, birds and flowers. She said growing up in Seattle, made her "very much a daughter of the Pacific Northwest." She identifies with her roots and uses elements of nature to create murals.

"And I wanted the pieces off the wall, to create shadows," she said.

She researched sources for long pins, but found the pin making machines had been moved to India and China. So, in addition to cutting intricate shapes, she makes her own pins in the lengths and with the right kind of heads she needs.

Identifying with pine trees inspired her to cut evergreen branches and pine needles from X-ray and MRI film to create "Poke" – a mural reminiscent of hikes through the forest.

Murals for the world

As the demand has grown for Barello's art, she began relying on a laser cutter to create natural objects. But now, with the laser cutter temporarily out of commission and five shows opening in January – in Miami and Palm Beach, Fla.; Houston; Albuquerque and New Hampshire – a surgical scalpel and scissors are once again part of her creative process. She is making 15 wall pieces and seven necklaces for the upcoming shows.

"Swoop"

The December 2009 issue of ARTnews magazine wrote of Barello's work hanging at the Zane Bennett Contemporary Art Gallery in Santa Fe, "There is an obsessive, labor-intensive aspect to all this plastic replication of the natural world."

Her work is also on display in the Las Cruces Museum of Art on the Downtown Mall and the Kaohshiung Museum of Fine Art, Kaohshiung, Taiwan.

It's a good thing her students are on a break for the holidays.

For 17 years, the artist also has been a New Mexico State University jewelry and metalsmithing professor.

"I'm interested in art being meaningful but also being accessible to people," she said. "I've been sort of amazed at how people have responded to this wall work."

Contact Barello at jbarello@nmsu.edu.

STEVE MACINTYRE | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Artist Julia Barello stands with her exhibit at the Las Cruces Museum of Art during the December opening.

"Swirl"

Bulletin Restaurant Guide

Whatever food suits your mood

De La Vega's is family-oriented, biker-friendly

By Jeff Barnet
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery, the new restaurant at the corner of Telshor Boulevard and Lohman Avenue, is four restaurants rolled into one, according to general manager James Douthat.

"We saw that the city has a need for upscale-casual dining," he said. "We are family-oriented. We are also biker-friendly."

Guests can choose a setting geared to their moods – intimate, formal, peaceful, festive or Rat Pack cool.

The Dining Room and The Grove Banquet Room, profiled last week, are intimate settings for fine dining. D's Back Porch, on the other hand, is a casual outdoor venue with its own kitchen window. Douthat said it will be popular with college students, and also with bikers who can watch their motorcycles parked in the nearby Hog Pen.

"The Hog Pen is for the Malcolm Forbes, Jay Leno kind of person. We love to have them," he said.

D's Back Porch overlooks the city of Las Cruces and the West Mesa. Guests can order burgers, fries, beer and appetizers and enjoy a porch protected from the sun by shade sails, blinds and an array of palm trees and plants.

"It will literally be a jungle out here," Douthat said.

There is also an outdoor 63-inch Wii station that guests can play for free.

From the porch, guests walk through a set of double doors into what Douthat calls The Lounge, a 75-seat black-leather seat venue complete with four private Vegas-style horseshoe booths and one of the most elegant bars to grace the city of Las Cruces.

Here is where guests will find the six handcrafted brews of D's Brewery on tap – including the Las Cruces Lager and the Aggie Amber Ale – and six other famous American brews. There's also root beer and a house margarita on tap and 21 different bottled beers in stock. Pints of brewed beer start at $3.50. D's Brewery beers are unique recipes created by De La Vega's and brewed in Moriarty, N.M.

The bar also features a full array of cocktails, from the Caribbean Cosmo to the Candy Land Martini, and milkshakes mixed with spirits.

Popular back porch/bar items include the hand-smashed ground sirloin Brewery Burger for $8.50. The Lava Burger – so-named because of its molten cheese middle – is $10. Topped with freshly chopped green chile, it is the new green chile cheeseburger kid in town. For those who really love diner food, there's a basket of sliders for $8. All burgers are served on a soft pretzel bun.

"Everything in this restaurant has something to do with Las Cruces," Douthat said.

JEFF BARNET | For the Las Cruces Bulletin

De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery general manager James Douthat shows off a display of infused spirits.

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FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 25, 2009

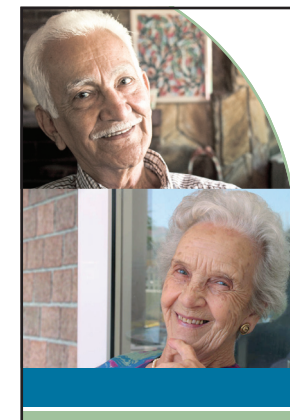
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		BBC	Parks	Group	NOW,	Foreign	Bill Moyers Journal		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Ghost Whisperer		Medium CC		NUMB3RS CC		News	Letterman		Late Late
ABC	7 7	NBA Basketball		News (N)	Ent. Ton.	★★ "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (2006) CC						News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	'Til Death	'Til Death	'Til Death	'Til Death	KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	SNL Presents: A Very Gilly Christmas				The Jay Leno Show		News (N)	News	Tonight Show	
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show		Smallville "Savior"		Reindeer		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	"The Wool Cap"		★★ "Night Shift" (1982) Henry Winkler.				News	Chicagos	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC		NBA Basketball: Clippers at Suns						NBA Basketball: Nuggets at Trail Blazers				SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	27	Football	College Basketball				ESP	College Basketball				SportsNation CC		SportsNation CC	
USA	31	(3:51) "Enchanted"		★★★ "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell.			(:28) ★★★ "Elf" (2003) CC			(8:56) ★★ "The Pacifier" (2005) CC				"Enchanted" (2007)	
TNT	32	Bones CC		"The Librarian: Quest for the Spear" CC				"Librarian: Return to King"				"Librarian: Curse of Judas"			
TBS	33	"A Christmas Story"		Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★ "Just Friends" (2005) Amy Smart				Funny	(:40) ★★ "Just Friends"		
COM	35	★★ "Waiting..." (2005) Ryan Reynolds.				"Still Waiting..." (2009) Justin Long. CC				★★ "Waiting..." (2005) Ryan Reynolds.				"Sarah Silvermn"	
LIFE	39	★★ "Secret Santa" (2003) Jennie Garth.				"Thomas Kinkade's Christmas Cottage"				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium CC		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge		Chopped		Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America		Good	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America	
HGTV	41	House	House	Disney Holidays		House	Buck	House	House	Unsella	First	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	UFO Files CC		Angels & Demons Decoded CC				Ancient Aliens CC				(:01) Angels & Demons Decoded CC			
TLC	45	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Daycare	Daycare	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Daycare	Daycare
DISC	47	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC	
ANPL	50	I'm Alive CC		I'm Alive CC		I'm Alive CC		I'm Alive "Saved"		I'm Alive CC		I'm Alive CC		I'm Alive "Saved"	
FAM	51	(4:30) Pixar Short Films CC		★★★ "The Incredibles" (2004) Holly Hunter CC						The 700 Club (N)		My Wife	My Wife	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	"Nightmre Bfore"		★★★ "Meet the Robinsons"		"Mickey's Christmas"				"Mickey's Twice Upon"			Phineas	Wizards	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	Sponge	The	The	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Chris
AMC	57	"Nat'l-Christmas"		"National Lamp. Christmas"				(:15) ★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"					"The War of the Worlds" CC		
SYFY	59	(4:30) ★★★ "Serenity" (2005) CC				★★★ "Total Recall" (1990) Rachel Ticotin					Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek
CNN	62	Larry King Live		Larry King Live		Larry King Live (N)		CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute				Larry King Live		CNN Heroes	
CNBC	63	Buffett-Gates		Biography on CNBC		Coca-Cola Stry		Biography on CNBC		The Bubble Decade		Mind of Google		Illegal Gambling	
MSNBC	64	Disappearance		Future Earth 2025		Vegas Undercover		Sex Slave-Teen		Predator Raw		Boosting for Billions		Future Earth 2025	

SATURDAY MORNING DECEMBER 26, 2009

		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	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo) CC				Busytown	Noonbory-7	Busytown	Sabrina	Busytown	Noonbory
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Reporter	Good Morning El Paso		Good Morning America		Good Morning El Paso		Emperor	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				Zula Patrol	Friend	Willa's	Babar (El)	Sheldon	Jane
CW	14	(2:30) Storm Track Weather 24/7				Winx Club	Winx Club	Rollbots	Dinosaur	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Sonic X	Sonic X	Turtles
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	Adelante	Jillian	Slim in 6	Heat Surge	Rosetta	One Hour HealthMaster		Sonic	Ninja V2	Law Order: CI	
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter (Live) CC				College Football Live	
ESPN2	27	Driven	English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA. (Live)					Grateful	Expedition	Bassmasters CC		Bassmaster	
USA	31	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NCIS "Honor Code"		NCIS "See No Evil"		NCIS "Lost & Found"		NCIS "Forced Entry"	
TNT	32	Law & Order "Killerz"		Law & Order "DNR"		Law & Order "Merger"		Law & Order "Justice"		The Closer CC		★★★ "King Kong"	
TBS	33	Harvey	Harvey	Harvey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	★ "Vegas Vacation" (1997) Chevy Chase.				★★ "Overboard" (1987, Comedy)		
COM	35	Presents	Presents	★★★ "Bowfinger" (1999) Steve Martin.				(:15) ★ "Sorority Boys" (2002) Barry Watson.				Scrubs	Scrubs
LIFE	39	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Paid Prog.	"Wall of Secrets" (2003) Nicole Eggert. CC			
FOOD	40	Italian	Nigella	Sandra Lee	Krieger	Ultimate	Ask Aida	Minute	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	Biography CC		Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip House	★★★★ "GoodFellas" (1990) CC		
HIST	44	Heavy Metal CC		UFO Files Reverse-engineering technology. CC				UFO Hunters CC		UFO Hunters CC		UFO Hunters CC	
TLC	45	BodyMkvr	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC	
DISC	47	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Overhaulin' CC		Overhaulin' CC		Overhaulin' CC		Overhaulin' CC	
ANPL	50	(4:00) Animal Planet Dog Championships "2009"				Bark Mad	Breed	It's Me or the Dog		A Panda Is Born CC		A Lion Called Christian	
FAM	51	Sabrina	Sabrina	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Full House	★★ "Annie" (1982) Aileen Quinn, Albert Finney. CC				
DISN	52	Ultimate	Mermaid	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	(4:00) ★★★ "Hombre" (1967) CC		★★★ "The Rare Breed" (1966) James Stewart.				(:45) ★★★ "Broken Arrow" (1950) James Stewart. CC					
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Money	Paid Prog.	★★ "Stay Alive" (2006, Horror)		"Rest Stop" (2006, Horror) Jaimie Alexander.					Descent
CNN	62	Saturday	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning			Bottom	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Profit-Town	Lifestyle	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		Family Ties	

SATURDAY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 26, 2009

		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	Workshop	MotorWeek	NMSU	Old House Hr.		Gourmet	Primal Grill	Taste This	Julia	New York	Lawrence Welk	
CBS	3 3	Paid Prog.	NCAA Fall		Supercross		College Basketball West Virginia at Seton Hall. (Live) CC					Foods	Paid Prog.
ABC	7 7	Christmas	Cooking	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	At-Movies
FOX	8 14	Baby Read	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	★★★ "Meet John Doe" (1941, Drama) Gary Cooper.					The Story of the First Noel Early life of Jesus.			
NBC	9 9	Pets.TV	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	Skiing			Golf ADT Skills Challenge, Day 1. (Taped) CC				Paid Prog.	Raymond
CW	14	Huntik	Kamen	J Hanna	Wild Am.	Degrassi	Degrassi	Adventure	Adventure	WHADD	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 Football Little Caesars Pizza Bowl -- Marshall vs. Ohio. From Detroit. (Live)						College Football: Meineke Car Care Bowl					
ESPN2	27	Bassmasters CC		Bassmasters CC		Dog Challenge		Dog Challenge		World Series		SportsCenter CC	
USA	31	NCIS "Heartland" CC		NCIS "Pop Life" CC		NCIS "Skeletons"		NCIS "Capitol Offense"		NCIS "Angel of Death"		NCIS "Bury Your Dead"	
TNT	32	(10:00) ★★★ "King Kong" (2005) Naomi Watts.				★★ "The Legend of Zorro" (2005) Antonio Banderas. CC					★★★ "Ocean's Eleven" (2001)		
TBS	33	Overboard	★★ "A Walk to Remember" (2002) Shane West.				Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Accrd Jim	King	King	Seinfeld
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	(:15) ★ "Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector"				(:15) ★★★ "Bowfinger" (1999, Comedy) Steve Martin. CC					Blue Collar
LIFE	39	"Secrets of the Summer House" (2008) CC				"Forbidden Secrets" (2005) Kristy Swanson. CC				"My Daughter's Secret" (2007) Jennifer Grant.			
FOOD	40	Giada	Contessa	Challenge		24 Hour Rest. Battle		Dinner: Impossible		Iron Chef America			Moments
HGTV	41	Bang, Buck	Money	My Kitchen	Divine	Genevieve	Color	Colour	Outside	Dime	Get It Sold	To Sell	Income
A&E	43	(9:30) ★★★★ "GoodFellas" (1990)		★★ "Eraser" (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. Premiere. CC						★★★ "True Lies" (1994) Jamie Lee Curtis CC			
HIST	44	UFO Hunters CC		UFO Hunters CC		UFO Files CC		I Know What I Saw CC				Ancient Aliens CC	
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear	
DISC	47	Overhaulin' CC		Overhaulin' CC		Overhaulin' CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC	
ANPL	50	Animal Cops		Animal Cops		The Haunted CC		The Haunted CC		The Haunted CC		Weird	Weird
FAM	51	★★ Annie	★★ "Garfield" (2004) Breckin Meyer. CC				★★ "Hocus Pocus" (1993) Bette Midler. CC				★★★ "The Incredibles" (2004)		
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	★★★ "Meet the Robinsons"			(:45) Phineas and Ferb		Phineas	Phineas	Phineas
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	The Fairly OddParents		Penguins	Penguins	Barnyard	Barnyard	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly
AMC	57	★★ "Broken Trail" (2006) Robert Duvall. A cowboy and his nephew save five girls from prostitution.								★★★ "The Hunt for Red October" (1990) CC			
SYFY	59	(10:30) ★★★ "The Descent" (2005)		★★ "Autopsy" (2008) Robert Patrick. CC					★★ "Saw" (2004, Horror) Cary Elwes, Danny Glover.				
CNN	62	Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Situation Room	
CNBC	63	Bikini Beach Bodies		Millions	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hair Club	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Profit-Town	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	No Place for a Child Indiana child welfare system.				The Runaways		A Deadly Affair		The Gangster Chronicles			



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PBS	2 22	News	America	Chroni	World	Monarch of the Glen		Wait God	Red	Keeping Score		"Note by Note"		Austin City Limits	
CBS	3 3	Paid	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	Medium CC		48 Hours Mystery "Drawn to Murder"				News	CSI: NY "Blink"		Cold
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	★★★ "Shrek 2" (2004) (In Stereo) CC				Castle CC		News (N)	(:35) Cheaters CC		Chopper
FOX	8 14	Legend Seeker		House CC		Cops	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted		News	Seinfeld	Wanda Sykes		Sit Down	Office
NBC	9 9	Foods	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Mercy CC		Law & Order CC		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	(:35) Saturday Night Live CC		
CW	14	★★★ "Annie" (1999) Victor Garber, Alicia Morton.				★★ "Revenge of the Pink Panther"					The Hills	Payne	Chris	Eye Eye	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Bones CC		NBA Basketball: Hornets at Bulls					News	Scrubs	Scrubs	★★ "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001) CC			
ESPN	26	College Football		College Football Emerald Bowl -- Boston College vs. USC. (Live)							SportsCenter (Live) CC			SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	World Series		World Series		World Series		World Series		SportsCtr	Fast	Football	College Football		
USA	31	NCIS CC		NCIS "Witch Hunt"		NCIS CC		NCIS CC		NCIS CC		NCIS "Pop Life"		NCIS "Witch Hunt"	
TNT	32	"Ocean's Eleven"		★★ "Sahara" (2005) Steve Zahn CC				(:15) ★★ "The Legend of Zorro" (2005) CC					(:45) ★★ "Sahara" (2005) CC		
TBS	33	★★★ "Music and Lyrics" (2007)				★ "Surviving Christmas"			(:45) ★★ "Overboard" (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn.					"Surviving Cmas"	
COM	35	"Blue Collar Comedy Tour: One for Road"				Bill Engvall		Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity		"Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector"					Comedy
LIFE	39	"My Neighbor's Secret" (2009) CC				"My Nanny's Secret" (2009) Haylie Duff.				"My Nanny's Secret" (2009) Haylie Duff.				Frasier	Frasier
FOOD	40	Extr. Cuisine		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America	
HGTV	41	For Rent	House	D. Design	D. Design	Color	Color	House	House	House	House	Color	Color	House	House
A&E	43	(3:00) "True Lies"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami CC		(:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds	
HIST	44	(4:00) Ancient Aliens		Gangland CC		Gangland CC		Gangland CC		Gangland CC		(:01) Gangland		(:01) Gangland	
TLC	45	Mega-Tsunami		Tiger Woods		Hudson Plane Crash		Disappeared CC		Tiger Woods		Hudson Plane Crash		Disappeared CC	
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC	
ANPL	50	Cats 101 CC		Cats 101 CC		Cats 101 CC		Cats 101 CC		Cats 101 CC		Cats 101 CC		Cats 101 CC	
FAM	51	"The Incredibles"		★★ "Richie Rich" (1994, Comedy) CC				★★ "Kicking & Screaming" (2005) CC				My Wife	My Wife	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
DISN	52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	★★ "Sky High" (2005) CC		(:45) ★★★ "Spy Kids" (2001) CC					Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly CC		The	iCarly	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm
AMC	57	"Hunt-Red-Oct."		★★★ "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse. CC								★★★ "Batman Begins" (2005) CC			
SYFY	59	★★ "Saw II" (2005) Donnie Wahlberg.				★★ "Saw III" (2006, Horror) Tobin Bell. CC				★★ "Autopsy" (2008) Robert Patrick.					Slaughter
CNN	62	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live (N)		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Biography on CNBC		American Greed		Suze Orman Show		Debt Part	Debt Part	American Greed		Suze Orman Show		Debt Part	Debt Part
MSNBC	64	Shot-Sheriff		Lockup: Indiana		Lockup: Colorado		Lockup: Colorado		Lockup: Indiana		San Quentin		San Quentin	

SUNDAY MORNING — DECEMBER 27, 2009

		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)				Dinosaur	Mr Rogers	Sid	Santa Fe	Parks	Washngtn	Religion	McLaughlin
CBS	3 3	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Copeland	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Nation	Gibbons	Paid Prog.	The NFL Today CC	
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso		Good Morning America		Good Morning El Paso		This Week With George		Montana	Suite Life
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Paid Prog.	FOX News Sunday		Jones	Cowboys	Fox NFL Sunday CC	
NBC	9 9	Wine	Old House	Today (N) CC		Reshape	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Travel NM	Meet the Press (N)		Matthews	Slim Down
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	Jimmy Swaggart CC		Children	Paid Prog.	Hollywood	Cultivating	WWE Superstars CC	
ESPN	26	Football	NFL	SportsCenter CC		Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter CC		Sunday NFL Countdown (Live) CC			
ESPN2	27	Saltwater	Fishing	Fishing	Coastal	Pirates	Span. Fly	Territories	Outdoors	Driven	Fantasy Football Now (Live)		
USA	31	Insanity	Creflo Doll	In Touch-Dr		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	Law & Order "Patsy"		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order "Collision"		★★★ "Zathura" CC	
TBS	33	Vegas Vac	★★ "Bad News Bears" (2005, Comedy) Billy Bob Thornton.					★ "Vegas Vacation" (1997) Chevy Chase.				★ "Underclassman"	
COM	35	★ "The Ex" (2006, Comedy) Zach Braff. CC				★ "Superstar" (1999) Molly Shannon. CC				★★ "40 Days and 40 Nights" (2002) CC			
LIFE	39	Ever Increasing Faith		Hour of Power CC		Paid Prog.	Health	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	"Like Mother, Like Son: Sante & Kenny Kimes"			
FOOD	40	Cooking	Rescue	Emeril	Simply	Cooking	Giada	Contessa	Grill It-Flay	Big Bite	Minute	Money	Dinners
HGTV	41	Ground	Yard	Curb	Get Out	Yard	Holmes on Homes		Unsellable	To Sell	Get It Sold	My House	Good Buy
A&E	43	Biography CC		Biography Toby Keith.		Private Sessions CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		★★★ "True Lies"	
HIST	44	Worst Jobs		Russia: Land of the Tsars (Part 1 of 2) CC				Russia: Land of the Tsars (Part 2 of 2) CC				The French Revolution	
TLC	45	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Paid Prog.	Flip House	Real Test	Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC	
DISC	47	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Insanity	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		Deadliest Catch CC		Deadliest Catch: Best	
ANPL	50	Me or Dog	Me or Dog	Good Dog	Animals	Barking	Breed	It's Me or the Dog		Wild Kingdom CC		Wild Kingdom CC	
FAM	51	Sabrina	Sabrina	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	★★ "Garfield" (2004) Breckin Meyer. CC				"The Little Rascals"	
DISN	52	Proud	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Einsteins	Charlie	Tigger	Einsteins	Agent Oso	Handy	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	DevilsBrig	★★★ "Rio Bravo" (1959, Western) John Wayne, Dean Martin. CC					★★★ "Escape From Alcatraz" (1979) Clint Eastwood. CC					
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Sexy in 2010!		Scare Tac.	Astronauts	Astronauts	Astronauts	Astronauts	"In the Name of the King: Dungeon"		
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.	Insanity	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	They Run	Business	MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		Deadly Secret	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — DECEMBER 27, 2009

		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, PBS	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		Wider	Second	Winemake	Bird	Travel	Tracks	Antiques Roadshow (N)	
CBS	3 3	NFL Football Baltimore Ravens at Pittsburgh Steelers. (Live) CC						NFL Football Denver Broncos at Philadelphia Eagles. (Live) CC					
ABC	7 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Baby Read	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Entertainment Tonight	
FOX	8 14	NFL Football Carolina Panthers at New York Giants. (In Stereo Live) CC						Postgame	Million Dollar Challenge		Simpsons	Deadliest Catch CC	
NBC	9 9	Snowboarding		Duel in the Pool From Manchester, England. (N)				Golf ADT Skills Challenge, Day 2. (Taped) CC				Get Ripped	NBC News
CW	14	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Scrubs	Punk'd	Chris	Payne	American Chopper		Latino	LatiNation	Smash Cut	Smash Cut
WGN	15	Boston Legal CC		★★ "A Simple Wish" (1997) Martin Short. CC				★★ "Agent Cody Banks" (2003) Frankie Muniz.				★★ "Funny Farm"	
ESPN	26	30 for 30				30 for 30		Billiards		Billiards		Billiards	
ESPN2	27	Redfish	Whitetail	Outdoors	Timbersports Series (N)		Timber	Dog Challenge		Dog Challenge		Dog Show: Detroit Cabo	
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	(10:00) "Zathura" (2005)		★★ "The Librarian: Quest for the Spear" (2004)				"The Librarian: Return to King Solomon's Mines"				"Librarian: Curs"	
TBS	33	★ "Underclassman"		★★ "The Ringer" (2005) Johnny Knoxville.				★ "A Night at the Roxbury" (1998)		★★★ "Wedding Crashers" (2005)			
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	★ "The Ex" (2006, Comedy) Zach Braff. CC			★ "Superstar" (1999) Molly Shannon. CC					Dunham
LIFE	39	★★★ "The Deep End" (2001) Tilda Swinton.				"Intimate Stranger" (2006) Kari Matchett. CC				★ "Glass House: The Good Mother" (2006) CC			
FOOD	40	Home	Big Daddy	Paula's Party		Diners	Diners	Diner, Drive-In		Cakes	Cakes	Snacks Unwrapped	
HGTV	41	First Place	What Get	Bang, Buck	House	Estate	Property	House	House	Amazing Log Homes		Potential	To Sell
A&E	43	(10:00) ★★★ "True Lies" (1994, Action) CC				Seagal	Seagal	Seagal	Dog	Dog	Bounty	Dog the Bounty Hunter	
HIST	44	The French Revolution		Valkyrie: The Plot to Kill Hitler CC				Einstein CC				Kennedys-Crse	
TLC	45	LA Ink "Kat's Back"		LA Ink (In Stereo) CC		LA Ink (In Stereo) CC		LA Ink (In Stereo) CC		LA Ink (In Stereo) CC		Stories of ER	
DISC	47	Deadliest Catch: Best		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch: Best		Deadliest Catch: Best		Deadliest Catch	
ANPL	50	Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut	
FAM	51	"The Little Rascals"		★★ "Hocus Pocus" (1993) Bette Midler. CC				★★ "Richie Rich" (1994) Macaulay Culkin. CC				"Kicking & Screaming"	
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Phineas	Phineas	★★ "Sky High" (2005) CC			Phineas	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Drake/Josh	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	School	School	iCarly	iCarly
AMC	57	★★★ "The Hunt for Red October" (1990, Suspense) Sean Connery. CC						★★★ "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse. CC					
SYFY	59	"Name of King"		"Beyond Sherwood Forest" (2009) Robin Dunne.				★ "Dragon Wars" (2007, Action) Jason Behr.				★★ "Men in Black II"	
CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Amanpour.		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Indoor Grill	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Lifestyle	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped
MSNBC	64	The Santa Strangler		Meet the Press CC		Unlocking the Past		The Mind of Manson		Conviction: Orchard		Monster-Mirror	

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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Globe Trekker		Nova CC (DVS)		Nature (In Stereo)		Masterpiece Classic		Saint Gaudens		Inside CC		Rudy	(Off Air)
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	60 Minutes (N)		"Jesse Stone: Thin Ice" (2009) (In Stereo)				Cold Case CC		News	CSI: NY CC		Paid
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	★★★★ "The Sound of Music" (1965, Musical) Julie Andrews. (In Stereo) CC								News (N)	News	Movies	Desper
FOX	8 14	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Brothers	Brothers	Simpsons	Cleve	Fam. Guy	American	KFOX News at Nine		Seinfeld	Office	Deadliest Catch	
NBC	9 9	Football Night		(:15) NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Washington Redskins. CC							Sports	News (N)	Lopez	Paid	CSI Mi
CW	14	★★ "Good Boy!" (2003) Molly Shannon.				★ "Drive Me Crazy" (1999, Comedy)				Housewives		Access Hollywood		Stargate Atlantis	
WGN	15	(4:00) "Funny Farm"		Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM	News	Replay	Cheers	Cheers	ALF	ALF	BarneyM	BarneyM
ESPN	26	SportsCenter (Live) CC		College Football Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl -- Clemson vs. Kentucky.								SportsCenter (Live) CC			SportsCtr
ESPN2	27	Dog	Poker	World Series		2009 World Series of Poker				SportsCtr	World Series		World Series		Poker
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT	32	"Librarian: Curs"		★★★★ "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)				★★★★ "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)				(:15) ★★★ "Zathura" (2005) CC			
TBS	33	"Wedding Crash"		★★ "Dumb & Dumber" (1994) CC				★★ "Dumb & Dumber" (1994) CC				★★ "The Ringer" (2005) Brian Cox			
COM	35	Jeff Dunham		Bill Engvall		Lewis Black: Red, White			★★ "Accepted" (2006) Justin Long. CC				Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
LIFE	39	"Dead at 17" (2008) Barbara Niven. CC				★★ "Derailed" (2005) Clive Owen. CC				★★ "Derailed" (2005) Clive Owen. CC				Mother	Mother
FOOD	40	Challenge		Challenge		Iron Chef America		Cupcake Wars		Flay	Flay	Iron Chef America		Cupcake Wars	
HGTV	41	Curb	House	House	House	Holmes on Homes		House	House	For Rent	Income	Holmes on Homes		House	House
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Jackson Family		Jackson Family		(:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds	
HIST	44	Kennedys-Crse		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	The History of Sex		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
TLC	45	Untold Stories of ER		Emergency		Pregnant-Peril		Obese and Pregnant		Emergency		Pregnant-Peril		Obese and Pregnant	
DISC	47	Deadliest Catch		Everest: Beyond		Everest: Beyond		Everest: Beyond		Everest: Beyond		Everest: Beyond		Everest: Beyond	
ANPL	50	Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Weird	Weird	Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Weird	Weird
FAM	51	"Kicking & Scrm"		★ "Billy Madison" (1995) Adam Sandler.				★ "Billy Madison" (1995) Adam Sandler.				J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Ab Se
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Jonas	Jonas	Jonas	Montana	Sonny	Jonas	"Confessions"			Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	Jackson	News	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm
AMC	57	"The Green Mile"		★★★ "Jeremiah Johnson" (1972) Robert Redford.					★★★ "First Blood" (1982, Action) CC				"Rambo: First Blood Part II"		
SYFY	59	"Men in Black II"		★★ "National Treasure" (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage. CC						★★★ "The Crow" (1994) Brandon Lee.				★ "BloodRayne"	
CNN	62	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live (N)		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		State of the Union	
CNBC	63	Diabetes	Wall St	Cruise-Money		Biography on CNBC		Biography on CNBC		Inside American Airlines: A Week, Life				Cruise-Money	
MSNBC	64	Miss Case		Witness to Waco				Witness: The Kidnapping of Patty Hearst				Predator-Tapes 2		Predator - Tapes 3	

MONDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 28, 2009

		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	Antiques Roadshow		American Masters (N) CC			Parks	Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Purpose	Two Men	Big Bang	CSI: Miami CC		News	Letterman		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent. Ton.	★★ "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" (2007)						News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	House "The Tyrant"		(:01) Lie to Me		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Commun	Commun	Commun	Commun	The Jay Leno Show		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show		One Tree Hill CC		Gossip Girl CC		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	Home Videos		★★ "Funny Farm" (1988) Chevy Chase.				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	Monday Night Countdown				NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Chicago Bears. (Live)					SportsCenter (Live) CC			NFL PrimeTime (N)	
ESPN2	27	College Football				College Basketball				NBA Coast-to-Coast (Live) CC			Football	NFL	Poker
USA	31	NCIS "Kill Ari"		NCIS "Kill Ari"		WWE Monday Night RAW CC				(:05) ★★ "Final Destination 2" (2003)				(:05) Monk CC	
TNT	32	Bones CC		Bones CC		Bones CC		Certain Age		The Closer CC		Law & Order		Certain Age	
TBS	33	Name	Name	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight		King	King	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	★★ "Accepted" (2006) Justin Long. CC				George Lopez		Gabriel Iglesias: Fat		Anjelah Johnson		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Atom TV
LIFE	39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		★★ "Wind Chill" (2007) Emily Blunt.				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium CC		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge		Good	Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diner, Drive-In		Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diner, Drive-In	
HGTV	41	House	House	Property	Property	House	First Pla.	House	For Rent	Estate	First	House	First Pla.	House	For Rent
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		Intervention CC		Intervention (N)		Hoarders (N) CC		Hoarders CC		(:01) Intervention		(:01) Intervention	
HIST	44	Deep Sea Salvage		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Strange Rituals (N)		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
TLC	45	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Little Chocolatiers		Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Little Chocolatiers	
DISC	47	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters (N)		Motor City Motors		MythBusters CC		Motor City Motors		MythBusters CC	
ANPL	50	Untamed and Uncut		Animal Cops		Pit Bulls-Parole		The Haunted CC		Pit Bulls-Parole		The Haunted CC		Animal Cops	
FAM	51	70s Show	70s Show	★★ "Major Payne" (1995) Premiere. CC				Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Ab Se
DISN	52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	"Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement"				Phineas	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	The	G. Martin	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Jeremiah John."		★★★ "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse. CC								★★★ "The Hunt for Red October" CC			
SYFY	59	"National Treasure"		★★ "King Arthur" (2004) Clive Owen. CC					Scare	Monster	Monster	Now	Now	Astro	Astro
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)		Cruise-Money		Biography on CNBC		The Bubble Decade		Mad Money		Biography on CNBC		The Bubble Decade	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

TUESDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 29, 2009

		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	Nova Development of the embryo. (N)				Independent Lens CC			Charlie Rose (N)		T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS "Deliverance"		The 32nd Annual Kennedy Center Honors				News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent. Ton.	Rudolph's New Year		Scrubs	Better Off	20/20 (N) CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	★ "The Benchwarmers" (2006) CC				KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Parks	Parks	Parks	Parks	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		★★★ "Pump Up the Volume" (1990)				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	College Football		College Football Champs Sports Bowl -- Miami vs. Wisconsin. (Live)							SportsCenter (Live) CC			SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball Hartford at Kentucky.				College Basketball				SportsCtr	NFL Live	Fast	Football	SportsNation CC	
USA	31	Law SVU	Law & Order: SVU		★★★ "No Country for Old Men" (2007) Premiere.					Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Intent		"Gone-Forgotten"	
TNT	32	Bones CC		Bones CC		Law & Order		Law & Order		CSI: NY CC		CSI: NY CC		NUMB3RS CC	
TBS	33	Name	Name	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Lopez Tonight		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	RENO	Dunham	Martin	Tosh.0	S. Park	South Pk	South Pk	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Strangers
LIFE	39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		★★★ "Father of the Bride" (1991) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium CC		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge		Cakes	Cakes	Private Chefs		Chopped		Good	Unwrap	Private Chefs		Chopped	
HGTV	41	House	House	First	First	House	Buck	House	House	Property	First	House	Buck	House	House
A&E	43	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Psychic Kids		Paranor	Paranor	Ghost Stories		(:01) Criminal Minds		Psychic Kids	
HIST	44	Earth-Made		How the Earth		How the Earth		Earth-Made		Life After People		How the Earth		How the Earth	
TLC	45	Little	Little	Little	Little	Family	Family	Little Couple		Little	Little	Family	Family	Little Couple	
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs (N) CC		Ghost Lab (N) CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Ghost Lab CC	
ANPL	50	I Was Bitten CC		I Was Bitten CC		I Was Bitten CC		I Was Bitten CC		I Was Bitten CC		I Was Bitten CC		I Was Bitten CC	
FAM	51	America's Funniest		Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	★★★ "The Parent Trap" (1998) Lindsay Lohan.					Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	The	G. Martin	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"The Green Mile"		★★★ "Ghost" (1990) Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore. CC						★★★ "First Blood" (1982, Action) CC				"Rambo Part II"	
SYFY	59	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		ECW (Live)		Astro	Astro	Scare	Scare	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		Swoosh! Inside Nike		Coca-Cola Stry		Mad Money		Coca-Cola Stry		NEW Wal-Mart	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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WEDNESDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 30, 2009

		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	A Girl's Life (N)		P.O.V. Singer Patti Smith's career. (N)				Charlie Rose (N)		BBC	T. Smiley
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY "Help"		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent. Ton.	CharlieYr	Middle	Family	Cougar	(:01) Eastwick (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	Glee "Vitamin D"		Glee "Throwdown"		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Frasier
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Office	Office	Office	Office	The Jay Leno Show		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show		One Tree Hill CC		Gossip Girl CC		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	Home Videos		★★ "Tango & Cash" (1989) CC				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	Star Trek Gen.	
ESPN	26	College Football		College Football Pacific Life Holiday Bowl -- Arizona vs. Nebraska. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live) CC				SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball				College Basketball Baylor at Arkansas.				SportsCtr	NFL Live	Fast	Football	SportsNation CC	
USA	31	Law Order: CI		★★★ "Gone Baby Gone" (2007) Casey Affleck.					★★ "Smokin' Aces" (2007, Action) Ben Affleck. CC					"Open Range" CC	
TNT	32	Bones CC		Bones CC		Forensic	Forensic	★★★ "The Truman Show" (1998) CC				CSI: NY "The Box"		NUMB3RS "Tabu"	
TBS	33	Name	Name	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Lopez Tonight		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	RENO	Dunham	Martin	Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	S. Park	Futurama	Girlfriend	Girlfriend	Girlfriend	Girlfriend
LIFE	39	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		★★★★ "When Harry Met Sally" (1989)				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium CC		Medium
FOOD	40	Challenge		Snacks Unwrapped		Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Good	Unwrap	Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible	
HGTV	41	House	House	Property	Property	House	Income	House	Holmes on Homes		First	House	Income	House	Holmes
A&E	43	Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog	Bounty Hunter		Bounty	Seagal	Seagal	Seagal	Seagal	Dog	Bounty Hunter		Bounty
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Concrete Coun.		Deadline Delivery		Strange Rituals (N)		Modern Marvels		Concrete Coun.	
TLC	45	Police Women		Police Women		Police Women		The Imploders		Police Women		Police Women		The Imploders	
DISC	47	Everest: Beyond		Everest: Beyond		Everest: Beyond		Everest: Beyond		Everest: Beyond		Everest: Beyond		Everest: Beyond	
ANPL	50	Untamed and Uncut		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I'm Alive CC		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I'm Alive CC	
FAM	51	70s Show	★★ "Practical Magic" (1998) Sandra Bullock. CC					Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	"Princess Protection Program"			Phineas	Phineas	Montana
NICK	54	iCarly	The	G. Martin	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Rambo Part II"		★★★★ "Aliens" (1986) Sigourney Weaver, Carrie Henn. CC						★★★ "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome" (1985)					Alien
SYFY	59	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		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)		Ultimate Fight.		Biography on CNBC		Mind of Google		Mad Money		American Greed		American Greed	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

THURSDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 31, 2009

		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	Ed Sullivan's Rock and Roll Classics				Doo Wop 50 The history and style of doo-wop. (In Stereo) CC					
CBS	3 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Medium CC		CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist CC		News	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent. Ton.	★ "Wild Hogs" (2007) Tim Allen. CC				Rockin' Eve		News (N)	Access	Ent. Ton.	New Year
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News	Two Men	Bones CC		Fringe CC		KFOX News at Nine		Simpsons	Seinfeld	New Year's	
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	30 Rock	30 Rock	30 Rock	30 Rock	New Year's Eve		News (N)	To Be Announced		Daly
CW	14	Payne	Chris	The Dr. Oz Show		The Vampire Diaries		Supernatural CC		The Hills	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU		Access
WGN	15	Heat of Night		WWE Superstars		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		S. Park	S. Park	WWE Superstars		S. Park	S. Park
ESPN	26	Football	College Football Chick-fil-A Bowl -- Tennessee vs. Virginia Tech. (Live)							New Year, No Limits		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball		College Basketball				College Basketball Oklahoma at Gonzaga.				SportsNation CC		Football	Football
USA	31	Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC		Burn Notice CC	
TNT	32	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at San Antonio Spurs.					NBA Basketball: 76ers at Clippers					Inside the NBA		NUMB3RS CC	
TBS	33	Name	Name	Name	Name	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Sex &
COM	35	RENO	Dunham	Martin	Tosh.0	South Pk	S. Park	South Pk	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	"South Park"	
LIFE	39	(4:00) Movie		Movie				Movie				Movie			
FOOD	40	Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star	
HGTV	41	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House
A&E	43	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		(:01) The First 48		(:01) The First 48	
HIST	44	Gangland CC		Gangland CC		Gangland CC		Gangland CC		Strange Rituals (N)		(:01) Gangland		(:01) Gangland	
TLC	45	Three Wives		Forbidden-Polygamy		Anatomy of Sex		Strange Sex CC		Forbidden-Polygamy		Love-Geisha		Mother Knows Sex	
DISC	47	Ghost Lab CC		Ghost Lab CC		Ghost Lab CC		Ghost Lab CC		Ghost Lab CC		Ghost Lab CC		Ghost Lab CC	
ANPL	50	Saved by-Lioness		Untamed and Uncut		Weird	Weird	More Headline		Untamed and Uncut		Weird	Weird	Saved by-Lioness	
FAM	51	Home Videos		Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos CC				The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Hatching	"Princess Protection Program"			TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
NICK	54	Sponge	Sponge	G. Martin	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges
SYFY	59	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	The Twilight Zone		Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight
CNN	62	CNN Tonight (N)		Best, Worst		Larry King Live (N)		Best, Worst		New Year's Eve Live			Larry	Anderson Cooper	
CNBC	63	The Bubble Decade		10 Yrs.-Making		American Greed		American Greed		Debt Part	New Year's Eve		Debt Part	Marijuana Inc.	
MSNBC	64	"Dear Zachary"		"Talhotblond:"		Witness to Jonestown				Witness: The Kidnapping of Patty Hearst				Witness to Waco	

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Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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

	1	7	2			4		
		6		9			1	3
	2		3		5	7		
		1					5	9
9			4	6	3			2
8	3					6		
		8	6		2		4	
7	6			4		9		
		4			1	8	3	

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

					3			4
	9		1		8			
	7					9	8	3
	8	5					1	
9								8
	1					4	6	
7	6	8					2	
			8		5		4	
1			6					

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

						7		
			2		5			6
6		9				4		
		7	1	4			9	
		3				1		
	9			8	6	5		
		4				3		1
3			9		2			
		8						

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

6	5	9	8	7	4	1	3	2
3	7	4	1	6	2	8	5	9
2	1	8	5	3	9	6	7	4
4	9	3	7	5	6	2	8	1
1	8	2	4	9	3	5	6	7
7	6	5	2	8	1	4	9	3
5	4	7	3	1	8	9	2	6
9	3	1	6	2	5	7	4	8
8	2	6	9	4	7	3	1	5

CHALLENGER

7	5	4	9	8	3	6	2	1
2	9	8	1	4	6	7	3	5
6	3	1	2	7	5	8	9	4
1	4	2	5	6	7	3	8	9
9	8	3	4	2	1	5	7	6
5	7	6	3	9	8	4	1	2
8	6	5	7	1	9	2	4	3
3	2	9	8	5	4	1	6	7
4	1	7	6	3	2	9	5	8

EXPERT

4	9	2	1	6	5	3	7	8
5	1	6	8	7	3	9	4	2
7	8	3	2	9	4	6	5	1
2	6	8	4	5	1	7	3	9
9	3	7	6	8	2	4	1	5
1	5	4	7	3	9	2	8	6
8	7	1	3	2	6	5	9	4
6	4	9	5	1	7	8	2	3
3	2	5	9	4	8	1	6	7

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BRAIN GAMES

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.

OUTDOOR HOLIDAY LIGHTS

ENGLISH	SPANISH
BRIGHT	BRILLANTE
COLORFUL	DE COLORES VIVOS
ELECTRICITY	ELECTRICIDAD
EXTENSION	ALARGADOR
FESTIVE	FESTIVO
LADDER	ESCALERA
LIGHTBULB	BOMBILLA
SOCKET	ENCHUFE
TO HANG	COLGAR
TO MEASURE	MEDIR
TO PLUG IN	ENCHUFAR
TO SPARKLE	BRILLAR

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C	K	A	M	S	F	L	U	F	R	O	L	O	C	I
T	E	R	B	E	E	L	K	R	A	P	S	O	T	L
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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 Segments of circles
5 Caribbean or Caspian
8 Half a Polynesian island?
9 European peak
10 Took a car
14 Roadside lodging
15 Procedure part
16 La Scala highlight
17 One of the Saarinens
18 Capital in the Andes
19 Little blows
20 Flakey
21 More tender
22 __-bitsy
23 Snake speech
24 Twisted string
25 Likewise
26 Collect
27 Stiff hair
29 Supply with weapons
30 Stairway component
31 Altar draperies
32 B-complex component
34 Storing, as grain
36 Permits to
38 Son of Judah
39 Checking out visually
40 Doris of "Pillow Talk"
41 Title of respect
42 Hitter's stat
43 Letters that explode
45 Appropriate
47 Floor squares
49 Boilermaker base
50 Country humor
52 States strongly
54 Lariats
56 Small underground growths
58 Soothsayer
60 Tango team
61 Disorderly disturbances
62 Stable compartments
63 Coop layer
64 Skull cavity
65 Contemporary
66 Relate
67 Catty
68 Couch potatoes
69 Anglesey or Pangkor
70 Facility
71 Captain Queeg's ship
72 Untruths
73 Baba and MacGraw
74 Fencing weapons
75 Young boys of Scotland
76 End of a spat?
77 "Upside Down" singer Diana
78 Wd. in "Roget's Thesaurus"
79 Elects

DOWN
1 Does away with
2 Pig-roasting device
3 Vine
4 Struthers and Field
5 Jonathan Swift, e.g.
6 Basic
7 Dressed
10 New Jersey river
11 Sacred stories set to music
12 Insatiable drunk
13 No sweat
14 Deserves
15 Preparing to make a stop
20 Sequence
21 Mighty
26 Ear to ear look
27 More like saltwater
28 Landed properties
31 Minor failings
33 Minimal garage
35 Greco-Roman musicians
37 Referred pain, for example
44 Spread, as mortar
46 Brides' possessions
47 Deadly African pest
48 Most majestic
49 Pubs
51 In name only
52 Makes an indirect reference
53 Urbanity
54 Calm intervals
55 Like a family of girls
57 Libyan's neighbor
59 Scowls
62 Soft drink
65 Orator executed by Octavian
66 Cash drawer

WE THREE KINGS

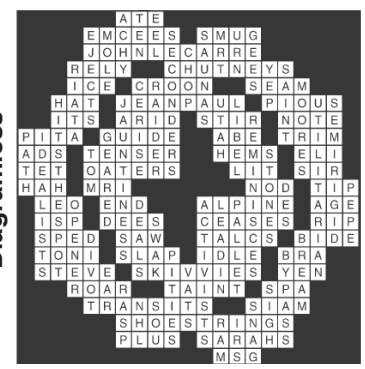
ACROSS
1 Guiding light
7 Breathers
12 Unnerve
20 Golonka of "Mayberry R.F.D."
21 International industrial fairs, for short
22 Sticking together
23 Official seal
24 Trunk tire
25 Confirms
26 Tops a cupcake
27 Unseals
28 Ski lifts
29 Three Kings
37 Goes back to a former condition
38 "Do the Right Thing" director Spike and others
39 Black-and-white whale
40 Immovable
43 Former chief magistrates of Venice
44 Feline sound
45 Set an explosive's timer
47 Rotation line
49 Egyptian souls
50 Membership charges
51 Bishopric
52 Dead heat
53 Kindhearted
55 Sensed
56 Skim over
57 Out of the norm
58 Ryan of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
59 Asks intrusive questions
61 Massenet's masterpieces
63 Three Kings
69 Very handsome man
70 Contaminate
71 Be off
72 High peak
75 Web-footed diver
76 Open storage
77 "__ 17"
78 Roof sealant
79 Stately tree
80 Belt out
81 Gullet
83 Clytemnestra's mother
84 Simple chords
86 Metallic sound
87 Permanent place?
89 Hankering
90 Frankenstein's assistant
91 Twinge
92 Farewell party
94 Three Kings
101 Speed
102 Sahara stop
103 Exclamation of exultation
104 Moon of Jupiter
108 Jazz clarinetist Shaw
109 Major financial scares
111 Olympic discus legend
112 Desert Storm missiles
113 Road to achievement
114 Takes booty
115 Ghost costume
116 Hip boots

DOWN
1 No-frills
2 Novelist Jong
3 "Ragged Dick" author
4 Morality enforcer
5 United
6 Profit figure
7 Breathes
8 Anticipates
9 Slaps on the bottom
10 Body trunks
11 Compass reading
12 Dilettante
13 Paradigms
14 Lambchop's Lewis
15 Intrinsically
16 NASA orbiter
17 __ de la Plata
18 Payment due chit
19 Nobel's explosive
27 Greek letter
28 Stadium levels
30 Went first
31 Enkindle
32 Madder family flower
33 Boxer Louis
34 Poet's inspiration
35 Bitterly pungent
36 Titled
40 Indian title
41 Outlying community
42 Eras
44 Throbbing
45 Form beads
46 French auto maker
48 Christmas drop-in
50 See fit
51 Bouquet
54 Teased
55 Five-dollar bills
56 Make a web
59 __ Penh, Cambodia
60 Bit controller
61 Singer Redding
62 Unbelievable bargain
64 Still places in streams
65 Tolled
66 Bill __ and the Comets
67 Get around
68 Cordelia's sister
72 Garret
73 Florida key
74 Monastery officer
76 Eureka!
77 Begin the fainting process
80 Inasmuch as
81 Most virile
82 Robert and Alan
85 Exist
86 Ministers
87 Shore
88 Org. of Green Bay
91 Glue wielder
92 "The Thinker," e.g.
93 Was obsequious
95 Baseball's hot corner
96 Flavor
97 Olympic symbol
98 German river
99 Come up again
100 Affirmatives
104 Bottle topper
105 Every bit
106 Rawls or Reed
107 Author Deighton
108 Bonehead
109 Bear hand
110 "Mogambo" star Gardner

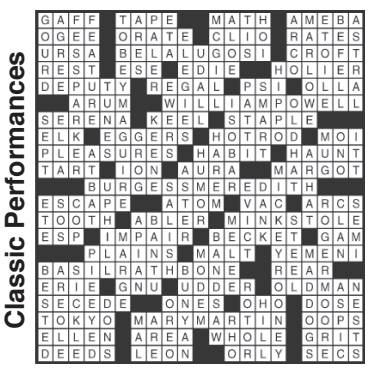
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

Diagramless



Classic Performances



CRYPTOGRAM

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ZGKKPOOAA.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

Drop by and show me the place where Lenin is buried and I will show you a communist plot.

PERFORMING ARTS

See 'Godspell'

No Strings Theatre Company presents "Godspell," running Jan. 15 through 31, 2010, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

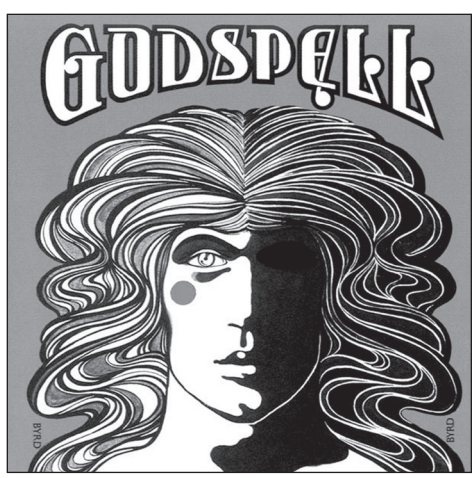
"Godspell is one of the biggest off-Broadway and Broadway musicals of all time. Based primarily on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, it has an excellent musical score," said NSTC Artistic Director Ceil Herman.

Hits from the musical include "Day by Day," "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord," "Save The People," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back Oh Man" and "By My Side."

Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 24 and 31; and 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28.

Tickets are $10 regular admission, $9 students and $7 for seniors over 65 and for all seats on Thursday.

Reservations are strongly recommended. Call 523-1221, after January 9 or visit www.no-strings.org.



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LAS CRUCES THEATER LISTINGS

Now Playing

Bite of the Apple Cabaret
Rio Grande Theatre
211 N. Downtown Mall
523-6403
Tickets: $15, $12
One show only
7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Godspell
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall
523-1223
Tickets $7 to $10
Jan. 15 through 31
523-1223

Bravo Broadway
Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra
Atkinson Recital Hall
New Mexico State University
646-3709
Tickets $35, $45 and $50
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9
3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10

Karen and Tom Warren will accompany Janet Mazdra at the LCCT benefit scheduled for Jan. 2 and 3.

Mazdra headlines benefit for LCCT

Country hits on the menu for January 2, 3 performances

Local musical theater celebrity Janet Mazdra will present "Janet Mazdra – Still Crazy!" a benefit concert to raise money for the Las Cruces Community Theatre. Shows are scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, at the LCCT on the Downtown Mall.

Mazdra will cover country songs made popular by artists such as Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton, Crystal Gayle, Willie Nelson and many more. Most recently, Mazdra was in "Crazy For You," Hello, Dolly!" and "Anything Goes" at the Community Theatre and starred as Patsy Cline in 14 sold-out performances of "Always, Patsy Cline" at the Black Box Theatre.

"Since I portrayed Patsy Cline in January of 2008, I have been asked dozens of times to do more of that style of music," Mazdra said. "I figured doing a benefit concert would ... give folks an opportunity to hear me perform some of country music's greatest hits by some of the best-known country artists and raise some much needed funds for the Community Theatre to use for upgrades, repairs and overall day-to-day functioning of the theater.

"LCCT has provided so many fun opportunities for me to use my performing talents over the past 13 years, so I figured this would be a good way for me to give back and do something helpful for the theater."

Tom and Karen Warren, who have worked with Mazdra on more than 10 musical projects since they met in 2001, will provided the musical accompaniment throughout the concert.

"I love working with the Warrens. They are like family to me and we have such a great time making music together," Mazdra said.

Tickets for these benefit concerts are $25 and reservations are highly recommended. Food and refreshments will be served following the concerts. Call the theater at 523-1200 to make reservations or visit www.lcctnm.orglcctnm.org.

DAAC concert package

The Doña Ana Arts Council's 2009/10 Cultural Series has four performances still to come and the Arts Council is offering a special $99 package. That's a $30 savings over buying each ticket individually. And those buying the package get to select their seats for all four concerts. Included in the deal are two pianists who have played to rave reviews around the world: Frederick Moyer on Jan. 19 and Teresa Walters on Feb. 20, plus the Glenn Miller Orchestra on March 1 and the Vienna Boys Choir on March 23. To find out more or to take advantage of this special deal, visit www.riograndetheatre.com or call 523-6403.

Chorale raises funds for Community of Hope

Mesilla Valley Chorale's holiday concert held Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Rio Grande Theatre raised $5,693 in ticket sales and cash contributions to benefit the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. Pictured are Doug Boberg, community of Hope board president; Nancy Ritchey, Mesilla Valley Chorale director; Pamela Angell, Community of Hope executive director; and Reldon Beck, Mesilla Valley Chorale board president. The Mesilla Valley Chorale is a community choir of 65 male and female voices. Ritchey is assisted by directors Ruth Ann Hanlin and Judy Bethmann. Ginny May is the accompanist.

Is the husband a hero or a coward?

'Rashomon' director Kurosawa obfuscates the truth

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The line between truth and lies has always been a thin one. That idea is compounded by the fact that we all see the same event in a different way, especially when a crime is involved. It is hard to know if true justice is ever served.

This classic film, "Rashomon," is the work of Akira Kurosawa, the master Japanese director who also made movies including "Seven Samurai," "Ran" and a host of others. His work, sometimes influenced by American director John Ford, who was his idol, has been mimicked, albeit usually unsuccessfully, in numerous other films.

This brief and concise work takes place at an abandoned temple, where two men, a priest and a commoner (and later a woodcutter) who become our ad hoc narrators, are seeking refuge from a torrential rain.

They tell different versions of the same story, one where a man is traveling through a forested area with his beautiful, delicate wife and is confronted by a famous bandit who stalks them before attacking. We are also invited to hear two other stories of the incident, one from the accused and another from one of the victims, the woman, who has survived the incident.

The woman was sexually assaulted. Or was she? Another telling of the story is that she allowed herself to be taken to save her life and that of her husband who is constrained nearby. Still another says that she was churlish and willingly partook in relations with the bandit, to disgrace her dull and, as seen by her, cowardly husband.

The others have different versions of the husband's death. Did he fight an honorable sword battle with the bandit or were they both inept swordsmen, the husband only being slain by happenstance? Did the wife assist the bandit? Is the bandit the greatest swordsman since (or prior to) Zorro?

Kurosawa muddies things purposely, and with great finesse. By not allowing us to see the perfect truth, we are led to draw our own conclusions of what happened, based on the stories of four other people, some convincing, some not so.

Everything remains slightly obscure through Kurosawa's lens and story, allowing the viewer to interpret his or her own truth of the story.

An exchange between the priest and commoner might sum up mankind in general.

Commoner: "But is there anyone who's really good? Maybe goodness is just make-believe."

Priest: "What a frightening ... "

Commoner: "Man just wants to forget the bad stuff, and believe in the made-up good stuff. It's easier that way."

At 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, prior to the screening, Charles Horak, the programmer of El Paso's Plaza Classic Film Festival, host of KTEP's (NPR) "On Film," and member of the Broadcast Film Critics Association, will talk briefly on the career of director Kurosawa.

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. Berg always tells the truth, and nothing but, at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com

Holiday Closing

Please note the theatre will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

FILM REVIEW

"Rashomon" begins a limited run on Dec. 26 – the anniversary of its actual U.S. opening in 1951 – and runs through Dec. 30. Runtime for the film is 88 minutes, and the film is subtitled from the Japanese.

GRADE A

'About a Boy' acting is no fluke for Hugh Grant

The CineMatinee for Saturday, Dec. 26, is "About a Boy" (2002, 100 minutes, rated PG-13).

Will Freeman (Hugh Grant) is the quintessential bachelor. He knows that he's shallow (Rachel Weisz's character refers to him as "a bit blank"), an awareness that contributes to the low self-esteem that created it in the first place. He's built himself the perfect commitment-free life, aided by a steady income of music royalties from a Christmas song written by his father long ago, which has allowed him to avoid employment as successfully as he has avoided other forms of commitment.

The beauty of "About a Boy" is that Will's story – delivered in tandem with that of Marcus (Nicholas Hoult), a 12-year-old boy whose life will become entangled with Will's by pure fluke – is presented refreshingly honestly and with an intelligence and wit that is often drained out of similarly intentioned films.

The film simultaneously follows Will's cynical attempt to nab single mothers for dates – which is transformed by his chance encounter with Marcus into a surprising friendship – and Marcus' struggles with growing up nerdy and living with a single mom (Toni Collette) with significant mental health issues. Largely due to Marcus' persistence, combined with Will's lack of other substance in his life, the relationship becomes substantial, and the two end up helping each other grow.

Hoult's portrayal of the plain-faced pre-pubescent Marcus is terrifically understated. But the greatest revelation of all is Grant, who has played the same stuttering but loveable romantic comedy lead so often that it's easy to forget that the man can act – and he certainly does so here. Grant's willingness – and ability – to put aside his usual shtick and play Will as a man with a thin veneer of cad covering over a frightened little boy is one of the best aspects of this film.

Peppered with witty and intelligent narration by Grant and Hoult, this is a film where humor and drama comes from the ideas and the words much more than from the action.

While the eventual blossoming of Will and Marcus seems inevitable from the start, it doesn't happen in a "Hollywood" manner. The filmmakers have been remarkably successful in avoiding false notes, and in blending comedy and pathos without minimizing the real issues facing these characters. "About a Boy" is funny and sweet, smart and insightful. In a world of big, flashy movies, it's a modest and understated gem.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m. and admission is $4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for $1. The theater is one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287 and leave a message.

A unique blend of movies, past and present, often with an evocative view of life in the west, which could mean the new west, the old west, or anything in between- and "movies that missed us," films that are notable but never had a lot of publicity. The CineMatinee series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art as well as entertainment.

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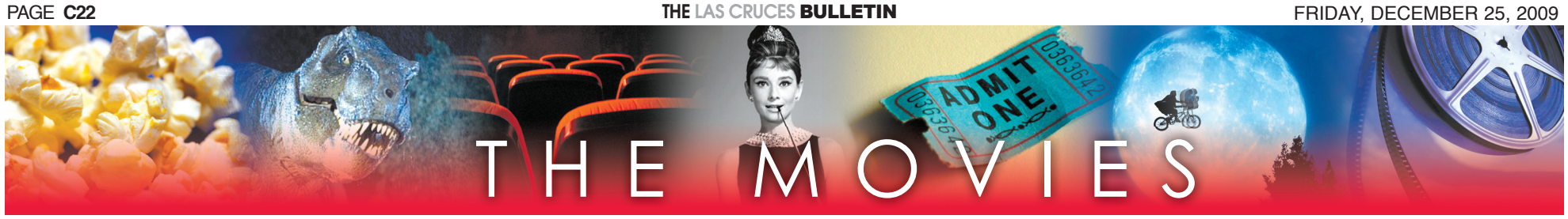


Cameron's 'Avatar' has legs

Sweeping adventure is sure to become a classic

By Jim Hilley
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Put simply, "Avatar" is a stunning film.

Writer and director James Cameron has created a masterful vision of another planet and takes the viewer there with a classic tale of an indigenous people fighting for their home against the forces of greed and wanton destruction.

On the jungle-clad moon of Pandora, a clash is brewing between the indigenous Na'vi and humans intent on mining the planet for a valuable mineral. The humans will allow nothing to come between them and their desired product – jokingly referred to as unobtainium.

Into this situation, Jake Plummer (Sam Worthington), a paraplegic ex-marine, is recruited to take the place of his dead twin brother in a program that puts the minds of humans in a body created with both Na'vi and human DNA. The program is run by Dr. Grace Augustine (Sigourney Weaver) and a group of scientists charged with trying to find a nonviolent way to get the natives out of the way of the mining operation.

Waking up in a complete, 9-foot-tall body of a Na'vi is a great release for the legless Plummer, and he quickly adapts to his new body.

Soon, however, he becomes lost in the jungle and is saved by a beautiful Na'vi girl, Neytiri (Zoe Saldana), who takes him among the tribe's people to learn their ways.

If there is one weak point to this movie, it is that the plot adheres a little too closely to the predictable mythology of the noble savage in harmony with nature fighting the evil colonizers of a more technological civilization.

But Cameron must be given credit for taking old wine and putting it in a new bottle.

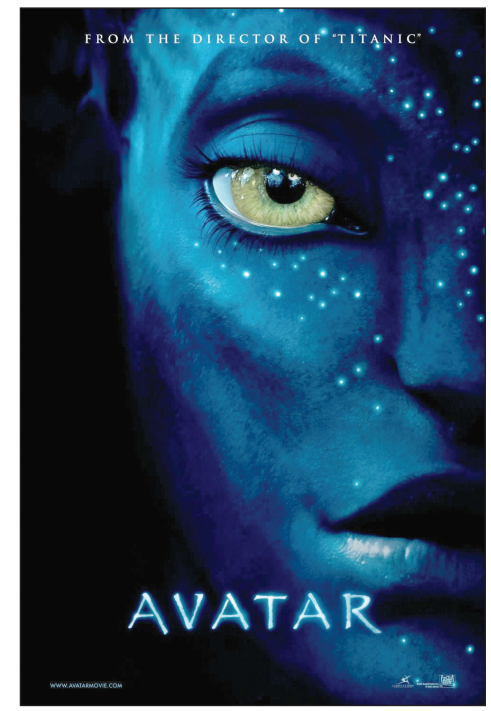
And what a bottle it is.

Cameron has taken all the elements of a really good sci-fi fantasy-thriller-action adventure: battle scenes, chase scenes and daring adventures. He's thrown in a manhood ritual, a jarhead or two, an evil corporatist, some deep-thinking scientist types and a conflicted young man looking for a new life. He's placed them on a planet of simply stunning beauty, sprinkled it liberally with incredibly high production values and stirred it with a roller coaster ride of special effects.

Sit back and drink it all in.

In the wake of "Terminator" and "Titanic," James Cameron – at least once before – has been credited with raising the bar for other filmmakers. There is no doubt in my mind that "Avatar" has again set a new standard.

I am not an expert on film production, 3-D animation and all of the new technologies available to filmmakers that critics are raving about in this film. But I can tell when an artist has gone beyond what is necessary just to make a product.



Blue Na'vi are inhabitants of the planet Pandora.

Cameron has transcended that and produced a work of art.

I highly recommend you see this movie. I think it rates as an instant classic. However, while I saw the 2-D version and loved it, I was slightly annoyed seeing how almost all the scenes were staged to be eye-popping in 3-D.

I guess that means I'll have to go back and see the 3-D version.

AVATAR

Rated PG-13 for intense epic battle sequences and warfare, sensuality, language and some smoking.
Directed by: James Cameron
Written by: James Cameron
Starring: Jake Sully: Sam Worthington
Neytiri: Zoe Saldana
Dr. Grace. Augustine: Sigourney Weaver

Grade A+

Humans want to mine Pandora for a valuable mineral in the movie "Avatar," now playing at Allen Theatres.

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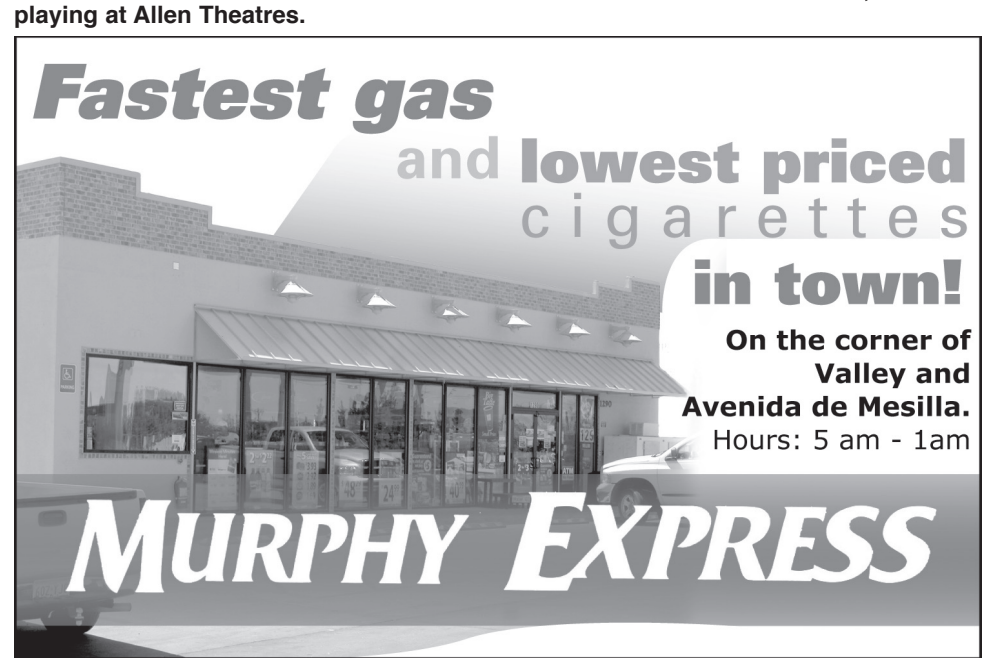

Picking the Flicks

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

Brothers

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A young man comforts his older brother's wife and children after he goes missing in Afghanistan.
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Tobey Maguire, Natalie Portman
Director: Jim Sheridan

2012

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An epic adventure about a global cataclysm that brings an end to the world and tells of the heroic struggle of the survivors.
Starring: John Cusack, Amanda Peet
Director: Roland Emmerich

Invictus

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Nelson Mandela, in his first term as the South African president, initiates a unique venture to united 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

The Twilight Saga: New Moon

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: After Bella recovers from the vampire attack that almost claimed her life, she looks to celebrate her birthday with Edward and his family.
Starring: Kristin Stewart, Robert Pattinson
Director: Chris Weitz

Did You Hear About the Morgans?

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Paul and Meryl Morgan, a Manhattan couple whose marriage is in danger, find out all they may need is a change.
Starring: Hugh Grant, Sarah Jessica Parker
Director: Marc Lawrence

A Christmas Carol

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: An animated retelling of the Charles Dickens classic novel about a Victorian-era miser taken on a journey of self-redemption, courtesy of several mysterious Christmas apparitions.
Starring: Jim Carrey
Director: Robert Zemeckis

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

Armored

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A newbie guard for an armored truck company is coerced by his veteran coworkers to steal a truck containing $42 million. But a wrinkle in their supposedly foolproof plan divides the group, leading to a potentially deadly resolution.
Starring: Matt Dillon
Director: Nimrod Antol

Avatar

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An ex-Marine finds himself thrust into hostilities on an alien planet fill 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

Up in the Air

Opening Dec. 25

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Clooney is a businessman on the verge of reaching five 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

Opening Dec. 25

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Starring the Chipmunks and the Chipettes, follows in the footsteps of the original's blockbuster holiday 2007 release.
Starring: Zachary Levi
Director: Betty Thomas

Sherlock Holmes

Opening Dec. 25

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

It's Complicated

Opening Dec. 25

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A comedy about love, divorce and everything in between. 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

New this week ON DVD

• Tuesday, Dec. 29 •

Paranormal Activity
Rated: R
Genre: Horror
Starring: Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat
Director: Oren Peli

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Rated: PG-13
Genre: Fantasy, Adventure
Starring: Elijah Wood, Jennifer Connelly
Director: Shane Acker

Jennifer's Body
Rated: R
Genre: Comedy, Horror
Starring: Megan Fox, Amanda Seyfried
Director: Karyn Kusama

TOP GROSSING

• Dec. 18-20 •

Rank	Movie Title (Week No.) Weekend Gross
1.	**Avatar** (1) $73,000,000
2.	**The Princess and the Frog** (5) $12,224,000
3.	**The Blind Side** (6) $10,030,000
4.	**Did You Hear About the Morgans** (2) $7,000,000
5.	**The Twilight Sage: New Moon** (6) $4,370,000
6.	**Invictus** (2) $4,170,000
7.	**A Christmas Carol (2009)** (7) $3,419,000
8.	**Up in the Air** (3) $3,100,000
9.	**Brothers** (3) $2,630,000
10.	**Old Dogs** (4) $2,289,000

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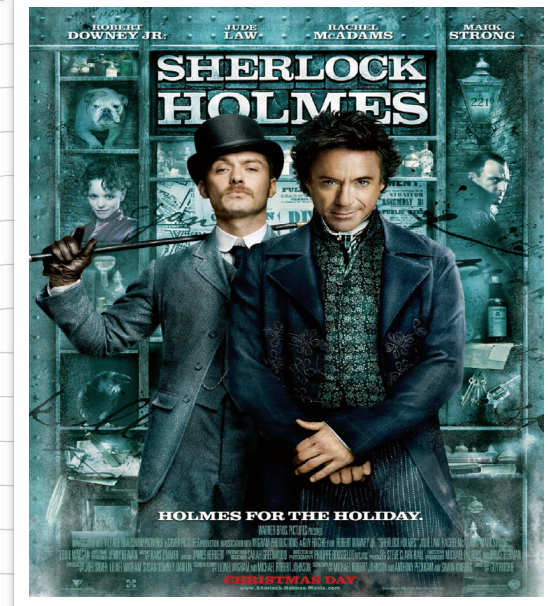

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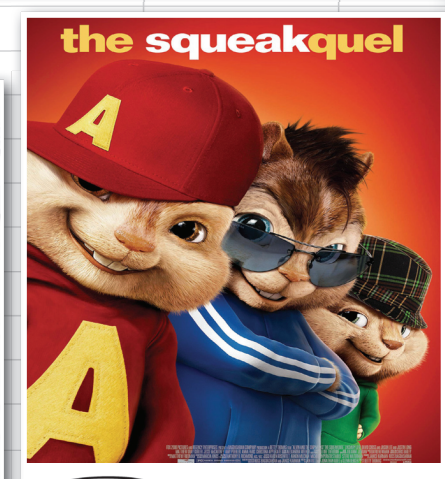

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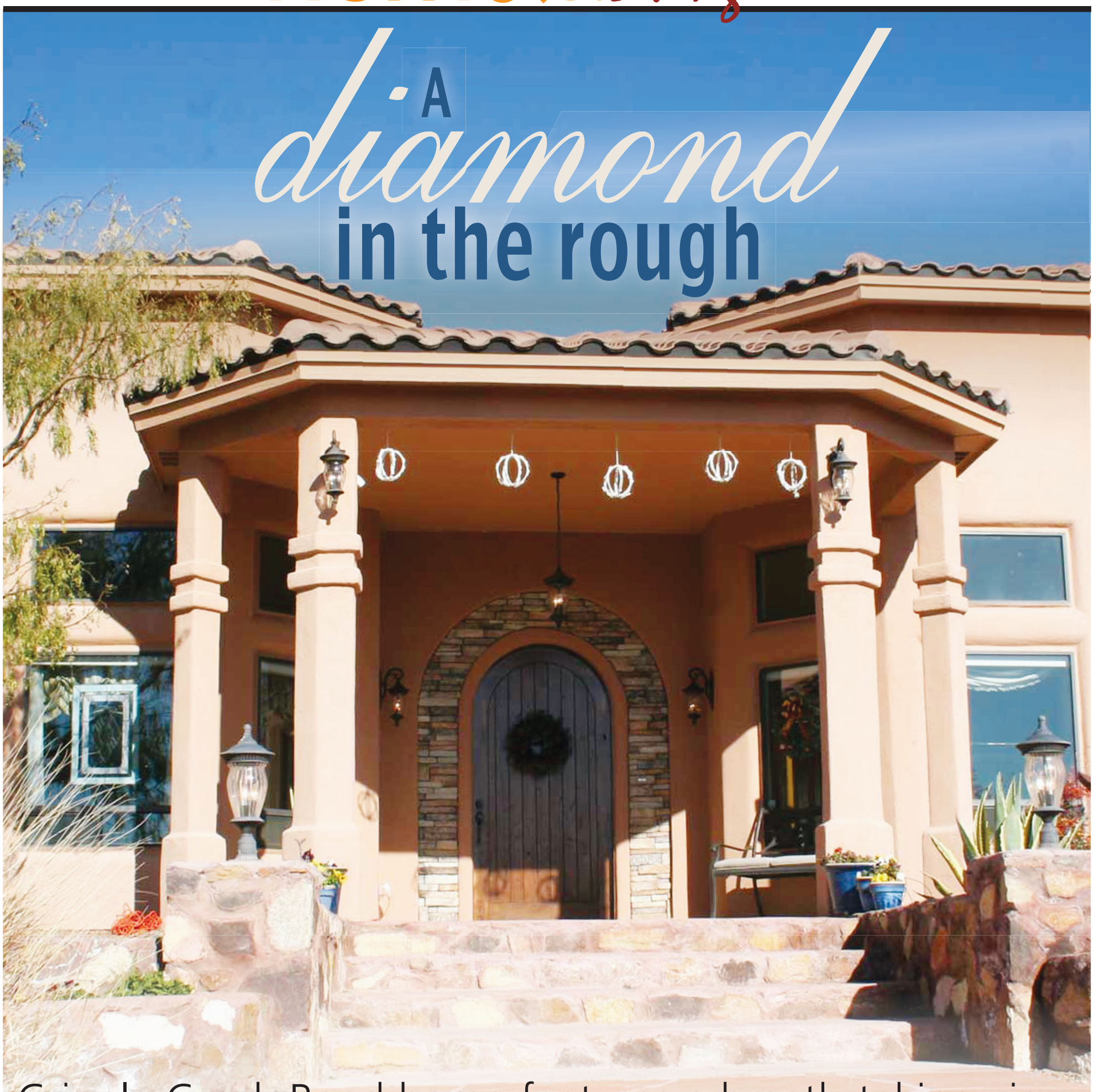

Cripple Creek Road home features a breath-taking view

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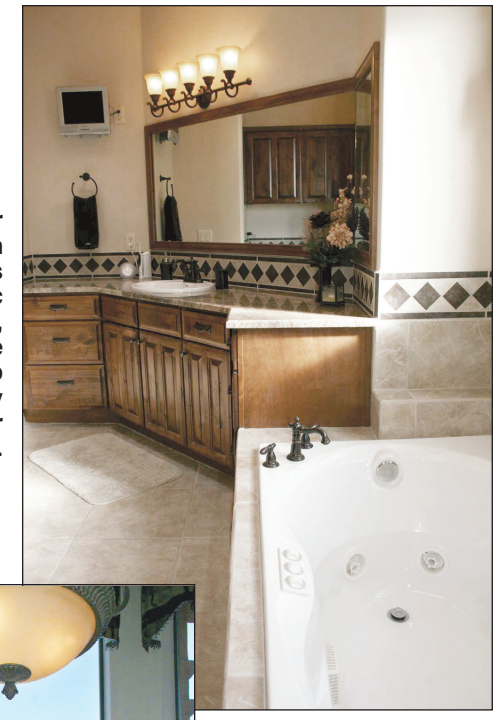
Maureen Villmer's 2010 decorating trends **Page E6-E7**

Bob Pofahl makes three green resolutions **Page E9**

Located in Talavera, the home at 4835 Cripple Creek Road features views of the surrounding mountains.

Featured home: 4835 Cripple Creek Road



The master bathroom features ceramic tile floors, a granite countertop and knotty alder cabinets.

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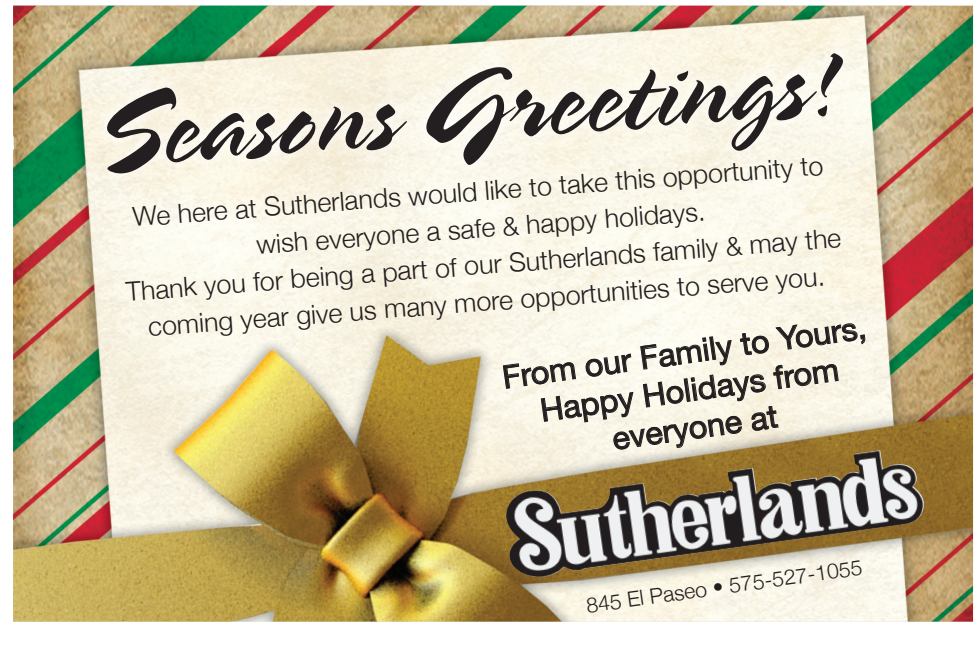
The large kitchen offers enough space for multiple projects to take place at once.

As with all of the home's living areas, the breakfast nook comes with a view.

The outdoor living area is great for entertaining.



A home that features a 'wow' factor

Realtor couple constructs home around Organ Mountain view

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When Realtors Joe and Donna Martin-Howell set out in search of the perfect area on which to build their ninth home, they found just what they were looking for in a lot most overlooked.

The 1.6-acre lot, located at 4835 Cripple Creek Road, seemed unimpressive to most, but the Martin-Howells saw it was "a diamond in the rough."

Track lighting is placed throughout the home to show off the couple's art collection.

"This lot wasn't selling. People wouldn't even get out of their cars to look at the lot. They just looked at it from the street," Joe Martin-Howell said. "I got out of my car and came up on the lot and said, 'Holy smoke, the view.'"

"People didn't see the potential, but Joe saw it," Donna Martin-Howell said.

In 2006, after purchasing the lot, the couple worked with R. Builders to construct a home that incorporated Tuscan and Southwest design features while creating an elegant yet livable home.

"We designed the home with the lot and view in mind," Joe Martin-Howell said, adding that the home's view will never be obstructed since the Bureau of Land Management owns the land behind the home.

"We've built some homes before, so it wasn't difficult to agree on what we liked," Donna Martin-Howell said, adding that what the couple liked was that "wow" factor.

When guests arrive to the 3,380-square-foot home, they walk down a flagstone walkway and bridge to a large wood and glass door surrounded by columns. Once the front door opens, guests are greeted with a view of the Organ Mountains.

"I can't tell you how many people walk through the front door and the first thing they say is 'wow,'" Donna Martin-Howell said.

The formal living area features four 4-by-16-foot glass panels, to capture every inch of the home's view to the east, which includes the Organ Mountain Recreation Area. The walls feature track lighting for the couple's art as well as one of the five doors to the covered patio.

The couple selected several design elements to evoke a Tuscan feel including 8-foot doors, arches, ceramic tile, skylights and tiered ceiling designs in the entryway and formal dining room.

"We created these designs because a plain ceiling is just so boring," Donna Martin-Howell said.

Designed with a split-bedroom floor plan for privacy, the master suite, office and guest bathroom are located away from the formal dining room, kitchen, family room and "guest suites."

A popular feature of the master bedroom, which has 12-foot ceilings, is the door to the patio. Along with a sitting area that takes advantage of the Organ Mountain view, this private patio area also includes a spa Jacuzzi, which overlooks the city lights.

Back inside the home, the master bathroom features his-and-her closets, an oversized walk-in shower with two showerheads, a Jacuzzi bathtub and a morning kitchen that includes a sink and mini-refrigerator for convenience.

As with all of the home's bathrooms, the master bathroom features granite countertops and knotty alder cabinets.

The home's kitchen, designed with a floor plan open to the family room and breakfast nook, features a lot of countertop space, perfect for any at-home cook.

"My favorite area is the kitchen," Donna Martin-Howell said of the room that features granite countertops and brick accents. "I love to bake ,and the kitchen allows for all the baking I want."

Featuring a double oven, warming drawer, large freezer, vegetable sink and a conventional sink, the kitchen's space and amenities allow for multiple projects to take place at once.

"It's so very easy for Joe and myself to work in the kitchen at the same time," Donna Martin-Howell said.

Along with the large kitchen and views, the couple said many enjoy the home's guest suites, which are three bedrooms, each of which has its own walk-in closet and bathroom.

"When guests stay with us, they have their own privacy," Donna Martin-Howell said. "Guests love to stay in our suites."

While Donna Martin-Howell enjoys the kitchen, Joe Martin-Howell said his favorite area is the outdoor living area. The living area under the covered patio includes a sitting area around a fireplace, TV and a kitchen with a refrigerator, grill and bar.

"I can come out here and watch the football game, and no one will bother me," he said. "This is a great house for entertaining. You can have people inside and outside. There are a lot of little areas."

"The outdoor living area is nice year round," Donna Martin-Howell said, adding that the backyard also features a raised sitting area.

The couple said they used xeriscaping by mixing rock, desert plants and rose bushes in both the front and back yards.

Since moving into the home three years ago, the couple said they have made several memories and look forward to the home's next owners doing the same.

"It would really be an enjoyable home to live in," Joe Martin-Howell said. "It's an easy home to live in."

"We have loved staying here," Donna Martin-Howell said.

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The formal dining room features several arches as well as a decorative ceiling design. The entryway also includes an ornate skylight.

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The future of home decorating

Top kitchen and bathroom trends for 2010

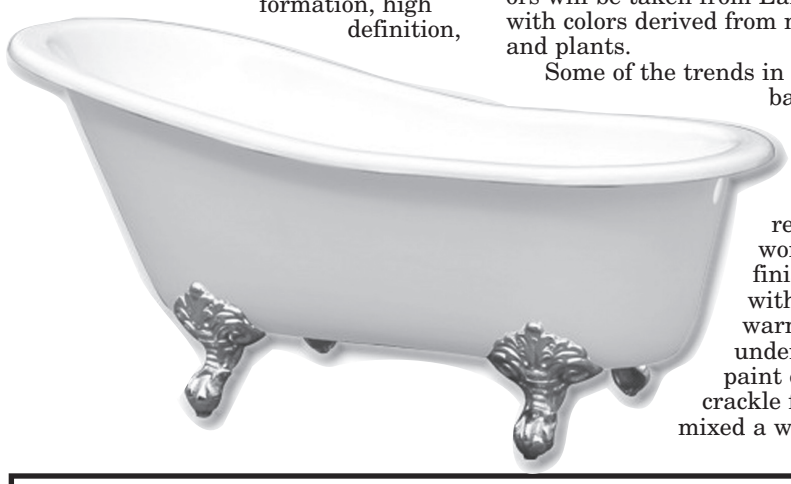
MAUREEN VILLMER
Practical Design

If our decorative accessories included a crystal ball, we could look into it and predict the decorating "looks" for 2010. While we don't actually have that crystal ball, we do have some ways of seeing some of what the future holds for us in the field of decorating.

Pantone is the global authority on color and the company that sets the palette of color for both the home furnishings and clothing industries. They have identified eight colors for the 2010 design season. They name the colors to describe the essence of color such as "resourceful, greenmarket, gatherings, galaxy, transformation, high definition, pastiche and ambiance." If you would like to see the actual colors, hop onto the Internet and visit www.pantone.com.

> Colors will be taken from Earth elements, with colors derived from minerals, dirt and plants.

Sherwin Williams reveals unique themes including such things as palettes from Aboriginal and Native American cultures, tailored lines of the Bauhaus style and distressed leathers (I saw many of the distressed leathers just this week at Texas Fabric and Foam in El Paso), and vintage styles of old Europe. We'll also see a return to the 1960s with bright floral colors and other signs of the Bohemian spirit. Colors will be taken from Earth elements, with colors derived from minerals, dirt and plants.



Some of the trends in kitchens and baths include:

1. Mixing and matching cabinet finishes. I recently used a wonderful crackle finish on an island with medium warm brown stain under and a black paint over to make a crackle finish. We then mixed a warm brown with a black glaze for the rest of the cabinets in the kitchen.

2. Commercial-grade appliances in stainless steel are a big hit with cooks who don't actually cook a lot, but want the look of a commercial kitchen.

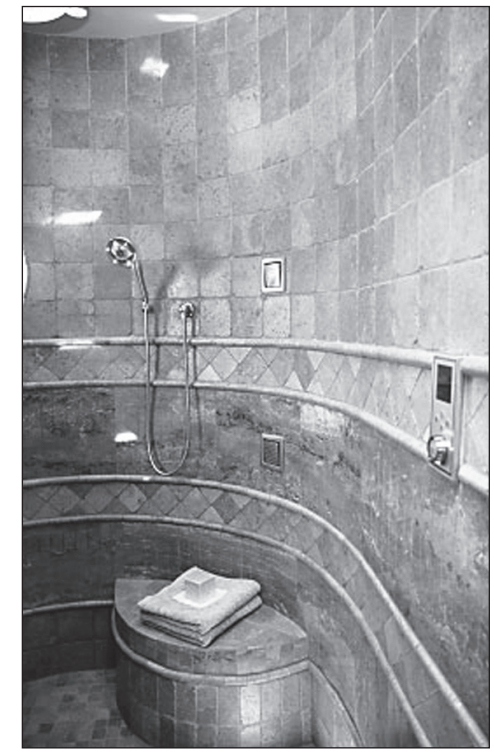
3. Special workstations in a kitchen are a newer trend: coffee bars, wine nooks, baking areas, "Command Central," where Mom keeps track of the family schedules, meals, activities for the kids, homework, scrapbooking, Bible study, etc.

4. Walk-in pantries are an up and coming trend. This isn't actually new but it is resurgence … and they're getting bigger and becoming more popular.

5. As with everywhere else, high-tech gadgets are getting bigger and better including: flat screen televisions as thin as 1 inch, the bigger the better; also, High Definition televisions mounted behind mirrors in the bathrooms, which you can only see when they are turned on.

6. Personal bath retreats with larger showers, bigger tubs, towel-warming drawers and built-in warmers in the floor.

7. Last but certainly not least is … everything green! Recycling, energy efficiency in appliances, improved insulation, solar power, reuse of grey water, florescent compact lighting and don't forget green paint. Green is not only the environmental word of the day, it is also the color trend for 2010.



A growing trend in 2010 will be lavish bath retreats.

In a couple of weeks, we'll talk more about specific color trends. Enjoy the holidays.

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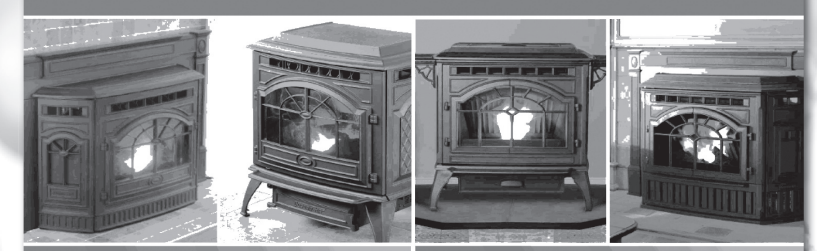

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Finding A Home for the Holidays

CAASNM works with individuals to pick the best housing program

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Every year, families and individuals throughout southern New Mexico apply for programs to aid them in obtaining affordable housing. While most receive help through various nonprofit organizations, others are placed on waiting lists for assistance.

This year, the Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico (CAASNM) Housing Department is expanding its homeownership program through its A Home for the Holidays promotion.

The promotion, which will be held annually, will help Doña Ana County residents navigate through the numerous home buying, mortgage credit and payment assistance programs available.

"With our program, we want to get as many applications at one time and then work with them to direct them to the best programs that fit their needs," said CAASNM Housing Director Douglas Campion. "We wanted to take everyone on the waiting list and figure out where they stand today."

Campion said the idea for A Home for the Holidays came after CAASNM began its first homebuilding project in which five affordable, green certified homes were built near U.S. Highway 70 and Sonoma Ranch Boulevard.

He said the homes, which have been sold, were built for first time homebuyers thanks to a Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME grant, which paid for the lots. All of the homes are green certified by Energy Star, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and Build Green New Mexico.

Five green, affordable homes have been built in the Monte Verde Drive area as part of the Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico Housing Department's first homebuilding project. The owners will move in sometime in January.

While these three-bedroom, two-bathroom homes will help five families, there are many more in need of assistance, Campion said.

"It can take two months to two years for someone to receive a home, so we want to work with them towards owning a home," he said. "Our goal is that they apply now this holiday season and will be in a home by the next holiday season."

Starting just after Thanksgiving, CAASNM worked with Radio of Las Cruces to hand out applications and educate the public on A Home for the Holiday.

Campion said they will accept applications through Friday, Jan. 8. Once all of the applications are in, CAASNM will meet with everyone individually to discuss their affordable housing options. While they currently have received 100 applications, Campion said they hope to collect 100 more before the January deadline.

"Homebuying allows people to obtain the single greatest financial resource," he said. "Most American wealth is locked into homeownership. We're helping people get the American dream and spread wealth throughout our community."

Campion said they have received applications from throughout Doña Ana County, including Las Cruces, Mesquite and Vado, and while most are from families, they have also have had interest from seniors and college students.

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CAASNM Housing Director Douglas Campion discusses the 12-foot ceilings that can be found in all of the homes.

As for the pilot homebuilding project, Campion said it has been a success, and CAASNM hopes to build 25 green homes in 2010.

"As an organization, we feel socially responsible to build the best homes we can," he said. "(Building green) allows the homes to be more energy-efficient and more affordable for the buyer in the long run while reducing the environmental impact of the building process."

The five families will move into their homes sometime in January, Campion said.

Applications for A Home for the Holidays can be picked up from the CAASNM main office at 3880 Foothills Road, Suite A.

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Fighting for the client

Teri Camacho utilizes past experience to gain success as a Las Cruces Realtor

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Take a look at any of Realtor Teresa "Teri" Camacho's advertisements and customers will know what she is about.

With a pair of boxing gloves and the personal slogan, "It is a blessing to make a difference and provide integrity and service in every transaction," Camacho's clients know she is willing to go the distance for them.

Teresa "Teri" Camacho began her real estate career four years ago, after 20 years in the retail business and seven years at New Mexico State University.

"I fight for my clients, delivering knockout service," she said.

While she became a Realtor as a second career, the Las Cruces native has always known the importance of customer satisfaction.

Before real estate, Camacho said she had a more than 20-year career in the retail industry, mainly in women's specialty wear. She said she worked as a manager and customer service supervisor for stores such as Margo's in the Mesilla Valley Mall, J.C. Penney Co. and Ups and Downs in El Paso. She also earned a vocational degree in retail marketing from New Mexico Technical Vocational Insitute in Albuquerque.

After retail, she became an office manager at New Mexico State University, where she spent seven years working for the computer help desk.

Despite her experience in retail and technology, Camacho said she decided it was time to try her hand at something else.

Creative challenges, rewarding outcomes

Camacho said she became a Realtor four years ago after some encouragement from her husband Al, the general sales manager for Sunland RV.

"He thought I would enjoy it," she said. "He said, 'Why don't you try it,' and guess what – I love it.

"I was 50 when I started my Realtor career, and I thought, 'What am I doing starting something at 50?' It was the best decision. I get to help people with the biggest decision they're going to make. It's very gratifying when they get the house they want."

Camacho said since she began her career toward the end of the housing boom, she has had to deal with fluctuations in the market.

"It has been a challenge, but a creative challenge," she said. "It makes you think of new ways to find clients and get referrals

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from past clients."

She said she has used her previous work experience as a training ground and has put what she learned in those fields to work in her new real estate career.

"Everything I learned from retail is dealing with the public and customer service, which lends itself to the real estate world," she said.

She has also brought her technology skills into her real estate career.

"Eighty-five percent of homebuyers look online first then contact a Realtor," she said. "I have to know what they're looking at. I have to understand software and all aspects of the Internet."

Camacho said she specifically designs a marketing plan to fit the individual needs of the home and client, which includes advertising in print media and online.

"When I'm selling, I market the home while listening to the needs and wants of the owners," she said.

When it comes to helping her clients find a home, Camacho said she isn't "a pushy salesperson."

"I'm going to let them decide what they want. I'm going to let them take their time, and when they tell me what they want, I'm going to be strong in the negotiation and representing them," she said.

By letting the client make the decision, Camacho said she is guiding them through one of the most challenging and rewarding transactions they will ever make.

"(The most enjoyable aspect of being a Realtor) is when the client walks in and get the keys to their new home, and you know that you helped them and represented them with integrity and to the best of your ability," she said.

The keys to success

While many have faced hardship due to the economic downturn, Camacho said she thinks Las Cruces is doing better than other parts of the country.

"I don't think Las Cruces has been affected as other areas have," she said, adding that stable economic entities such as White Sands Missile Range and the county government have helped jobs and families in the City of the Crosses.

Camacho said the number of homes she sells varies from year to year, but throughout her four-year career as a Realtor, she has helped sell 61 homes, most of which have been to first time homebuyers.

"I like working with first-time homebuyers because I have a lot of patience to answer their questions and make sure they understand," she said. "They are the ones who ask the questions and you educate them. They just need extra care."

One reason Camacho said she thinks she has worked with so many first-time homebuyers is because of the federal government's first-time homebuyers tax credit, which in November was expanded to existing homeowners and extended to April 2010.

"If it wasn't for the tax credit, they probably wouldn't have bought or would have waited to buy their homes. It encouraged them to buy a home," she said, adding that she worked with first-time homebuyers ranging in age from late 20s to early 60s. "I'm very happy and grateful that the tax credit got extended."

Whether it's first-time homebuyers or existing owners, Camacho said she looks forward to working with everyone to find their perfect home.

"What does the future hold for me? Just being a Realtor in Las Cruces and doing the best I can to serve the community," she said.

Camacho said she owes all of her successes to God, and while she is proud of the accomplishments she has made throughout her careers, her greatest achievement is raising her family with her husband of 32 years.

Camacho's listing at 700 Frontier Drive features four bedrooms and a two-car garage.

This listing at 3113 Karen Drive deviates from the typical adobe-style homes found in the area.

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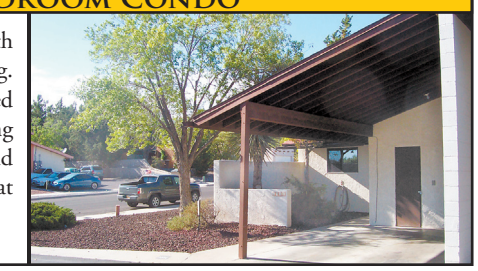

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Decorate your home year round

Ornaments and boughs of holly not just for Christmas

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As the song says, the holiday season is the time to "deck the halls with boughs of holly."

Decorating the inside and outside of one's home has been a long-standing tradition during this time of year. From garland and mistletoe to ornaments and greeting cards, homes everywhere will reflect the festive spirit of the season.

But what about when the holiday is over?

Once the 12 days of Christmas have passed, people everywhere will pack up their holiday decorations to be stored until the next season. To save on storage space, and to keep that Christmas spirit, use your holiday decorations in a variety of other ways year round.

1. Dress your window: Instead of using curtains to decorate your windows, create a window dressing from vintage bells and other Christmas ornaments. Cut several strips of ribbon 1 foot longer than the window you will cover and secure the ribbons to a tension rod fitted to the window frame. String the bells and ornaments through the ribbon, tying knots about every 5 inches. Repeat this step with all the ribbons until the window is covered.

2. Make a jolly napkin ring: Do you have mounds of garland and tinsel lying around? Use these Christmas accents year round in other decorative ways. Create a festive napkin holder by feeding the garland and tinsel through the opening of a clear ornament. After the ornament is full, tie ribbon to its loop and attach to a napkin.

3. Decorate your table: Year after year, thousands – if not millions – of holiday cards are sent to family members and friends throughout the country. Instead of throwing away the cards or letting them collect dust on your countertop, transform them into a table runner. Place the cards on a color copy machine so most of the glass is hidden. Cover the cards with a piece of colored fabric or paper, which will act as a border. Print multiple copies on 11-by-17-inch paper. Using double-stick tape, attach the pieces of paper. Make sure the table runner covers the length of your table.

4. Keep your place: If you don't want to make a table runner out of Christmas cards, but have one or two special greeting card you would like to keep around, turn it into a book mark. After cutting the card into a long strip, punch a hole into the top and string yarn or ribbon through it. This will make the marker easier to find.

5. Create a centerpiece: Adding a centerpiece is an easy way to give a boring coffee or dining room table an artistic flare. Place artificial holly, evergreens, mistletoe or ornaments into a glass bowl or vase and place on the table. For a strong, decorative statement, create a tiered centerpiece by stacking different-sized fishbowls filled with these items.

6. Enhance a wreath: Christmas lights have several uses. Along with creating mood lighting for a party, dinner or even watching TV, Christmas lights can also be used to illuminate wire objects. To create a light wreath that can be used for all seasons, wrap a string of lights around a wire circle of any size. The illuminated wreath can be used to decorate a door, wall or window. Just be sure the cord is long enough to reach an outlet.

7. Fashion a chandelier: A chandelier can make just about any room feel elegant and sophisticated. Create your own inexpensive, hanging work of art by using Christmas ornaments. Attach two ribbons, about 3 feet long, to an eyehook mounted in the ceiling. Attach an ornament to each end, securing it with a knot. Add four shorter ribbons to the hook so that they surround the center ornaments. Attach more ornaments to these ribbons to create an upside-down pyramid. Try to stay away from green and red ornaments so the chandelier doesn't look Christmassy.

8. Get a head start on next year's Christmas: Along with creating a table runner or bookmark, you can transform your old greeting cards into Christmas tree ornaments. Select a card that has a special or decorative image. After you cut out the image, punch holes around the edges. Crochet around the card using the holes as a guide, then chain stitch a loop for hanging.

Around-the-house item: Christmas decorations

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The back of this postcard reads, *"Las Cruces, New Mexico. Las Cruces (the crosses) derives its name from the time almost 200 years ago when a group of travelers were surprised and ambushed by Indians. The forest of crosses marking the burial led other travelers to refer to the area as the place of the crosses. The iron crosses seen here were designed by Rev. Lee G. Hobert and were constructed by Student's Inc. of Las Cruces."*

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Three green resolutions for 2010

Save money and preserve the environment with these tips

BOB POFAHL
Build Green, Build Better

There have been some confusing reports in the news recently concerning global warming. Several reports have called into question the severity of climate change and its causes. Personally, I am going to leave it up to the scientists to determine the full extent of global warming. In the meantime, these reports may have left you asking whether green building would still be worth it, even if there wasn't a climate-change problem.

After reflecting on this issue, I have personally come to the conclusion that green building is the right choice regardless of the debate about global climate change. My decision to implement green building and development techniques in my company and my own home actually has little to do with global warming. I like making decisions that are good for the environment in the long term, but I am passionate about making changes that make good economic sense and can improve the quality of life today.

As the new year approaches, we all begin thinking about New Year's resolutions and making better choices. Here are three green New Year's resolutions that will improve your quality of life.

BETH SITZLER | The Las Cruces Bulletin

This year, make a resolution to conserve water by using xeriscape landscaping, as featured at this home in Picacho Mountain.

Green resolution No. 1
Save money

Given the recent recession from which our country is recovering, making good economic decisions is probably at the top of everyone's list this new year. Today, more than ever, going green provides a good return on your investment.

As companies respond to the overwhelming demand for green products, new technologies are constantly being released. New technologies in solar panels, faucets and shower heads, heating and cooling systems, insulation, appliances and windows are safer, greener and save more money than ever.

Home consumers are rapidly becoming aware of the benefits of green homes and technologies. This increase in awareness and consumer demand has led to lower prices and more availability of green products. Increased demand and volume sales continue to drive down technology prices even further.

Tax credits are the final reason that going green makes more economic sense. Federal, state and local tax credits are becoming more available and easier for which to qualify. We are especially lucky living in the state of New Mexico. New Mexico has one of the best qualification and tax credit programs in the country through Build Green New Mexico.

Green resolution No. 2
Get clean air

The California Air Resource Board (CARB) recently released a study reporting most new homes in California have too little ventilation and too much formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds (VOC).

If you're like me, you associate formaldehyde with high school science projects. The reality is that it can come from many commonly used materials including household products, gas stoves, glues and adhesives, clothing and draperies, paints and coating products, pressed wood products, hardwood, plywood paneling and much more.

Formaldehyde can cause asthma, bronchitis, sinus infections, headaches, and it is a carcinogen that has been linked to leukemia.

Green-certified homes use materials that are certified low-VOC, meaning that they have reduced amounts of toxic compounds including formaldehyde. Additionally, green certified homes are required to have an air recirculation system that prevents the buildup of formaldehyde and other potentially harmful chemicals in your home.

If you aren't living in a green certified home, have your home tested. Test badges can be purchased for as little as $40 each. If you find that your home does have high levels of formaldehyde, you can install a air recirculation system or contact an industrial hygienist to locate the materials in your home that are emitting the toxin.

Green resolution No. 3
Conserve water

I have discussed water conservation in the past. This is one of the best ways that each of us can save money while improving our daily lives and our natural environment. The easiest way to conserve is to install low-flow faucets, shower heads and toilets.

Replacing older washing machines with energy efficient models can also make a significant difference. Finally, remove your traditional grass lawn and replace it with xeriscape landscaping and an automated drip system.

My final New Year's resolution is to continue debunking the myth that a green home has to be a more expensive home. These New Year's resolutions might not save the world or give us world peace, but they can save you money and improve your health. Green is the future and it's something that each of us can achieve in many small ways.

Happy holiday!

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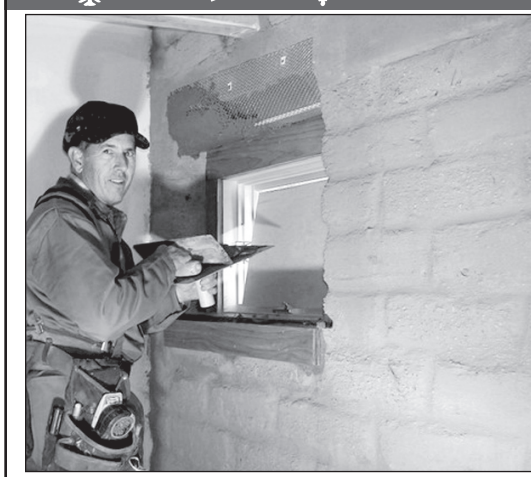

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Make 2010 the Year of the Bug

Make insect-related resolutions this New Year

BARRY MURRAY
The Bug Guy

It's resolution time. Perhaps you should start off this new year a little differently.

While your friends and family will probably go with typical resolutions, such as losing 10 pounds or exercising more frequently, this year's your chance to innovate. Why not make it the Year of the Insect.

I know what you're thinking: You should have anticipated that someone with a middle name as wacky as "The Bug Guy" would someday go over the edge – and maybe this is it. But I'm serious, this is a great resolution solution that could let you protect your health and home as well as go a little green to boot.

For instance, for those with a "no-kidding" approach to life, you could resolve to make your house bug-tight this year. That's a bigger resolution than it seems, considering you'll need to patch window screens, caulk any holes or cracks in the house that might let bugs in and trim every branch that touches the house to keep out pests, including rodents. And don't forget to seal around pipes.

But wait, there's more. You could vow to never leave a crumb unwiped on the kitchen counter. And that you'll have a food storage system for your kitchen in place by summer. When the ant brigades prepare to storm your home, all your open food – sugar and flour included – will be protected in plastic jars or otherwise sealed up.

Too much work for you? Try another New Year's approach. You could resolve to become more conscious of the benefits of insects and be supportive of what they contribute to our world. This is more fun, as long as you don't mind risking being labeled a "bug-hugger."

You could befriend the bee and seek out honey produced locally. Vow to buy at least one silk shirt for yourself or as a gift to honor the silk worm. Plant a butterfly garden for yourself or a friend and bring out the beauty of the bug universe for all to enjoy. Plan to release praying mantis or ladybugs into your garden this spring to combat harmful pests.

Make a resolution to use locally produced honey in 2010.

Now, you owe me an apology. Someone should not be looking for my straight jacket. Life is good when we value every aspect of it, and that includes all creatures great and small. Whatever you resolve this New Year's, may you have a creative, productive and happy 2010. Cheers.

As national spokesperson for Truly Nolen of America, Barry "The Bug Guy" Murray has more than 20 years of experience in the pest control industry. Murray brings an informative and uniquely entertaining perspective pest problems of the 21st century. Founded in 1938, Tucson, Arizona-based Truly Nolen of America is one of the largest family owned pest control companies in the United States. For more information, to ask the expert a question or to see the brand-new "Insect Inquirer" blog, visit www.trulynolen.com.

Simple tips for elegant holiday hosting

Create a memorable party without breaking the bank

'Tis the season to spend quality time gathered with family and friends at festive celebrations and holiday parties.

However, don't let the stress of hosting a holiday party overwhelm you – it's easier than you think to plan an elegant celebration that is sure to impress friends, family and coworkers. Try the following tips to host a fabulous party this holiday season with minimal time, money and effort:

Choose delightful, easy-to-prepare dishes

Every party organizer knows how difficult it is to be involved in the party when the food preparation becomes the main focus.

Instead of slaving over the stove with full course meals or complicated recipes, try serving a variety of simple yet sophisticated pre-made appetizers and desserts. Bite-sized appetizers and desserts help you elevate any entertaining occasion with ease and convenience. They are simple to prepare and easy to serve – just thaw and serve or quickly warm them in the oven so you can focus on other "wow" details.

Imagine guests arriving at your holiday party with the smell of petite quiche wafting throughout the house, walking past the dessert table and picking up a chocolate or pecan tart to pop in their mouths or satisfying their taste buds with favorite appetizers such as cheese soufflé, seafood crab cakes or deli spirals – all while you are enjoying the company of your guests rather than being buried in the kitchen preparing to serve them.

Personal touches make guests feel welcome

Personalize the party for your guests. Adding small personal touches to the party takes some prep time, but it is an easy way to make guests feel warm and welcome in your home.

Make mental notes about little personal details for each of your guests, and sprinkle these throughout the evening. For example, greet a friend with, "I'm so glad you're here, I lit those cinnamon candles you love."

Also, create one or two signature drinks of the evening and personalize them with a special name, such as "Tracey's Taste of Tuscany" or "Patty's Peppermint Twist." With custom cocktails, you'll be creating a fun environment for guests and can even consider skipping the mess, hassle and expense of a full bar.

For even more personalization, offer customized drink menus featuring your selection of drink options. Print this on a 4-by-6-inch sheet of paper with the title of your party at the top: "Parsons' Party Cocktail Menu." Then, simply adhere it to a standard 5-by-7-inch colored card stock and you have an instant drink menu.

Turn your home into a holiday wonderland

Decorate like a professional while staying on budget. Use everyday items already found in your household to add simple and inspired touches that will fit any holiday party.

On tables, create visually appealing layers by turning bowls upside down, stacking linens or sturdy boxes to hold platters, center pieces and candles. Easily accent plates with edible garnishes such as flowers, fresh cranberries, olives, herbs or a swish of pesto sauce or swirl of whipped cream. Add vases and candles throughout the home to set a warm ambiance.

For an added decorative flair, use elegant foil wrapping paper as a festive table runner, folding the sides for a nice clean, finished edge. You can also top the runner with a strand of berry garland for a festive touch. Also, wrap a coffee can in the same elegant wrapping paper and use as a vase to pull through the pattern and theme.

Provide guests with a keepsake

Organize keepsakes to help guests remember your party. Before the party, purchase miniature take-home boxes so you can send favorite appetizers or desserts home with each of your guests. Also during the party, snap a couple of photos with each of your guests and send the photos with an e-card or note afterward so they can remember the fun they had at the party.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	6	5	2
Homes Sold Existing	17	12	11
Pending Home Sales (All)	142	160	120
Average Days on Market (All)	155	107	134

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	$208,500	$178,000	$260,000
Median Price Existing	$186,600	$183,000	$140,000
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,244	1,232	1,412
Real Estate Agents	510	512	551

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

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Get ready for 2010 with spice

New Year's dishes are good enough for any season

Merry Christmas, Las Cruces! We're now just days away from a brand new year. Have you made your resolutions yet? I have. They're the same every year; I never break them, as they're not difficult to keep. Eat more chile every day, every week and every month.

To usher in 2010, I collected some of my favorite recipes to share in this week's column. Easy to whip up, they're ideal to serve either on New Year's Eve, New Year's Day or at any holiday gathering. I also include a recipe for menudo, a popular soup long touted as a hangover cure. Hearty and spicy, menudo is made with tripe, calf's feet, green or red chiles, hominy and seasonings. Don't turn up your nose. It's a waker-upper. But be sure to prepare it before the ball drops. Happy New Year!

Crabmeat Poppers

12 large jalapeño peppers
4 ounces Dungeness crabmeat, well drained
1/3 cup red onion, minced
1/4 cup green bell pepper, minced
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup all purpose flour
3/4 cup beer
Corn oil (for deep frying)
All purpose flour
1/2 Hass avocado, peeled and diced
1/2 cup mild salsa, drained
1 tablespoon mayonnaise

Starting just below the stem, cut chiles lengthwise in half, leaving stems attached. Seed chiles. Place chiles in heavy medium-size saucepan. Cover with cold water and bring to simmer. Drain and repeat the process. Dry chiles with a paper towel. Combine crab, onion, bell pepper and mayonnaise in small bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Fill chile cavities with crab mixture. Press chile halves together to compress filling. Can be prepared 4 hours ahead. Cover and chill.

Place 1/2 cup flour in bowl. Gradually whisk in beer. Let stand for 30 minutes. Heat oil in heavy deep pot to 375 degrees. Whisk batter to a smooth consistency. Dredge jalapeños in flour. Holding stem end, dip into batter to coat completely and deep-fry in batches until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Using slotted spoon, transfer jalapeños to paper towels and drain. Combine avocado, salsa and 1 tablespoon of mayonnaise in small bowl. Season to taste. Arrange chiles on platter. Garnish with salsa. Makes 12 servings.

Winter Squash and Black Bean Chile

5 teaspoons olive oil
1 medium butternut or Hubbard squash, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
2 medium carrots, peeled and diced
1 medium onion, diced
3 tablespoons chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground cayenne, or to taste
2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
1 (28-ounce) can tomatoes, undrained
1 cup water
1 teaspoon salt
2 (15-ounce) cans black beans, drained
1/4 cup or more chopped cilantro, optional

In a large pot, heat 2 teaspoons olive oil over medium-high heat. Add squash and cook, stirring occasionally, until golden. Remove ingredients and set aside. Return empty pot to stove. Heat 3 more teaspoons oil over medium-high heat. Sauté carrots and onion until translucent and slightly browned. Stir in chili powder, cumin, cayenne and garlic. Add tomatoes with their liquid, water and salt. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce to low heat. Cover and simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally with a spoon to break up tomatoes. Stir in squash and black beans. Raise heat and bring to a boil. Lower heat, cover, and simmer 15 minutes, or until squash is tender and chile thickens. Stir in cilantro and serve. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Hatch-Hot Posole Soup

If prepared the day before serving, the soup is tastier and the chile hotter.

1 1/2 pounds pork shoulder
1/2 onion studded with 2 cloves
2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
5 peppercorns
1/2 teaspoon whole cumin seed
Oregano, pinch
1 onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
2 tablespoons oil
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1/2 teaspoon cayenne
4 cups canned white hominy, drained and rinsed
3 to 5 cups pork broth from cooking pork shoulder
1 cup green chiles (I use Sandia), chopped roasted, peeled and stemmed
Salt to taste
2 whole jalapeños, fresh, chopped, stemmed and seeded (optional)

Place the meat in a large saucepan and just cover with lightly salted water. Add the clove studded onion, chopped garlic, peppercorns, cumin seed and oregano. Bring to a boil over medium heat, skim off any foam that rises, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 45 minutes. Remove meat and broth, reserving both.

Sauté chopped onion and garlic in oil until translucent. Add the remaining spices, stir for 1 minute. Cut the reserved pork into 1-inch cubes and add to the pan. Stir in the canned hominy, pork broth (if there is not enough pork broth, add chicken stock), green chiles and jalapeños.

Simmer, covered, for 45 to 60 minutes until the meat and hominy are tender. If necessary, cook for up to an additional 60 minutes until the chiles and onions are well blended into the broth. Degrease the stew, taste for salt and serve in soup bowls. This is a delicious recipe and well worth the effort to prepare. Makes 4 servings.

2010 Easy Menudo

3 pounds beef tripe
3 pounds frozen hominy
3 pounds pig's feet, quartered
1 large onion, diced
1 bunch green onions, cut into 1/4 inch pieces, plus extra for garnish
1 bunch cilantro, chopped, plus extra for garnish
2 teaspoons fresh oregano leaves
1 tablespoon black pepper
1 tablespoon hot red pepper flakes
1/2 cup medium-hot green chiles, roasted, stemmed and seeded, optional
1 head garlic
2 tablespoons salt
2 pequin chiles, minced (for garnish)
Lemon wedges

Wash tripe thoroughly. Remove the excess fat from the tripe and cut it into bite-sized pieces.

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Clear out your cobwebs with a steaming bowl of spicy-hot menudo, long touted as a hangover cure.

Rinse the hominy well in a colander under running water. Wash the pig's feet well.

Combine all ingredients, except for garnishes, in a large pot with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil and then reduce heat to low and simmer slowly until hominy opens and is cooked. Do not overcook. Skim the excess fat from the surface. To remove more grease, refrigerate several hours. Fat will rise to the surface. Use a spoon to remove. Reheat.

Ladle into bowls, and garnish with additional fresh cilantro, chopped green onions, minced pequin chiles and lemon wedges. Makes 4 to 6 servings. (Adapted from http://mexican-barbeque-recipes.com.)

Cream of Poblano Chicken

4 medium poblano chiles, seeded and chopped
1/2 cup milk
4 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon flour
1 cup
Heavy cream
Salt and white pepper to taste
4 chicken breast halves, skinless, ribless and boneless
1 cup Jack cheese, grated

Purée the chiles in blender with the milk till smooth. In a medium saucepan over low heat, melt 2 tablespoons of the butter, add flour and brown lightly. Add the chile purée, stirring with a whisk until smooth. Add the cream, stirring constantly until it just begins to bubble. Remove from the heat and add salt to taste. (This sauce may be made one day in advance and chilled.) Melt the remaining 2 tablespoons butter in a skillet and sauté chicken breasts until golden brown. Turn and sauté other side for just a minute or two. Put chicken in a buttered baking dish. Pour the poblano cream sauce on top and sprinkle with the grated cheese. Bake uncovered in a 350 degree oven for 20 minutes or until cheese is golden and bubbling hot.

Sunny Conley, a former Las Crucen, is an award-winning cookbook author and food columnist. If you have a chile recipe or idea to share, contact Sunny at sunnyconley@earthlink.net.

Linda's Fast Lemon Fish

1 pound whitefish or sole fillets
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon olive oil
1/2 teaspoons white pepper
1 small onion, thinly sliced
1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes

Cut fish into serving-size pieces. Place in an ungreased 11-by-7-by-2-inch baking dish. Drizzle with lemon juice and oil; sprinkle with pepper. Arrange onion slices over fish and sprinkle with parsley. Cover and let stand for 5 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. (Recipe adapted from www.paleofood.com.)

Have you been cutting onions?

Remove hand odors with this stainless steel gadget

By Beth Sitzler
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While you prepare your holiday banquet this season, don't let unwanted odors ruin the festive mood.

Food items such as garlic, onions and fish have strong odors that can infiltrate your home as well as your hands. While it may be hard not to cry over cut onions, you can stop your hands from smelling like them.

Founded in the 1970s, Norpro has worked to provide chefs everywhere with quality and innovative cookware. Focusing on functional items to help with the preparation of food and entertainment, Norpro has developed several unique kitchen gadgets. One such item is the odor remover.

What is it?

The odor remover is a small, round piece of stainless steel that resembles a bar of soap.

Its convenient shape makes it perfect for handling with wet hands while taking up minimal countertop space.

How does it work?

It may sound surprising, but all you need to do to get odor-free hands is simply rub the bar over your mitts under running water.

While the scientific reason is unknown, the sulfur from food items such as onions, garlic and fish are attracted to and bind with one or more of the metals in the stainless steel, which contains iron, chromium, carbon, nickel and molybdenum, among other metals.

Here is how it works: these three foods contain amino acid sulfoxides, which form sulfenic acids that are then transformed into a volatile gas. This gas then forms into sulfuric acid when it is exposed to water. These are the acids that cause the strong smell of these foods. By rubbing the stainless steel on your hands under running water, the sulfur compounds will bind to the steel, removing the odor from your hands.

Where can it be found?

Norpro products can be purchased at stores such as Target and Las Cosas Kitchen Shoppe in Mesilla. They can also be found on the company's website at www.norpro.com.

How much is it?

The odor remover costs around $4. The egg-shaped, stainless steel gadget can also be purchased with the Norpro Grip-EZ Onion Holder on certain websites, such as www.kitchenstore10th.com, for about $20.

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