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## Johnson named interim coach

NMSU to quickly find Mumme's replacement

By JOHN KEITH  
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Charley Johnson will be the interim football coach at New Mexico State University in the wake of Hal Mumme's departure.

By Christmas, perhaps before, Johnson, the decorated former Aggie and NFL quarterback, hopes to be the permanent coach here.

He, along with defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn and recruiting coordinator Earnest Wilson, who also coaches NMSU's running backs, threw their names in the hat for Mumme's old job. Mumme was officially fired on Monday, Dec. 1.

"You bet," said Johnson when asked if he had applied for the full-time position. "I'm fully qualified."

As acting interim, Johnson will oversee the entire football program until a permanent coach is chosen. Recruiting, said Johnson, is the No. 1 priority. "And keeping the players and coaches we already have," he said. "We want as smooth a transition as we can get here."

"We have 17 scholarships available, and we plan on filling most of them with linemen, both offensive and defensive. It was easy to see we ran short in both areas last season. If we find a good athlete who plays another position, we'll take a look at him, too."

Johnson said there is a bumper crop of New Mexico and El Paso high school and junior college area Division 1A players available. NCAA rules prohibit

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JOHNSON

## NMSU's facelift taking shape

Group tours University Avenue for University Corridor update

By TODD G. DICKSON  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Amid traffic and students rushing to classes at New Mexico State University, a cluster of people Tuesday, Dec. 2, walked down University Avenue making notes on clipboards of what they saw.

The walking tour that consisted of residents and planners from the city and NMSU is the first step to the city revisiting its 15-year-old University corridor plan, said Tom Schuster, senior planner with the City of Las Cruces.

The group started its walking tour by Toucan Market in the Pan Am Plaza, which is owned by NMSU and was the university's first salvo to add commerce to the largely residential life along University Avenue, said Michael Rickenbaker, NMSU's director of facility planning.

More recently, NMSU's new master plan calls for its buildings to have more front doors facing University Avenue with corresponding business along the other side of the busy thoroughfare. The idea, Rickenbaker said, is to have University Avenue connecting NMSU to its community, not dividing it.

Whereas the Pan Am Plaza's setup was "auto-centric," the master plan calls for the businesses along University Avenue to be more pedestrian-centered, Rickenbaker said. A good example of what's envisioned can be found at the new development on the corner of Espina Street and University, where the newest Starbucks can be found. With landscaped medians and other measures, Rickenbaker said he would like to see University Avenue become more pedestrian-friendly with slower traffic.

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TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Participants of the University corridor walking tour Tuesday, Dec. 2, make comments on colored notes as Michael Rickenbaker, New Mexico State University's director of facility planning, talks about how he envisions the intersection of University Avenue and Jordan Street to be a main entrance to the campus.

## Downtown WinterFest gathers holiday events

Christmas festivities include tree lighting, luminaries and carriages

By TODD G. DICKSON  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Every year, the city had its tree lighting ceremony, while about the same time the Alameda Depot and Mesquite Street neighborhoods held their own Christmas festivities.

Inspiration last year pulled these events together, and the WinterFest was born. Now, with a whole year to plan it, WinterFest tonight will be brighter and more active.

"It's going to be huge this year," said Olivia Hennessey, the city's Downtown events coordinator.

It starts at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, with the annual Christmas Tree lighting on the north end of the Downtown Mall – at the large tree where the log cabin used to be. Mayor Ken Miyagishima will be the master of ceremonies, which will

include a visit from Santa Claus and other entertainment.

Then, from 6 to 9 p.m., Downtown will be bustling with Christmas-related activities, with people having the opportunity to enjoy it all by horse carriage. They can go to the Pioneer Women's Park to see luminarias lining its gazebo as carolers sing, or they go to Klein Park to see its luminarias and listen to mariachi music. In between, they can make a stop at the Railroad Museum for its old-fashioned Christmas display.

Or people can just stick around the Downtown Mall to do some Christmas shopping at a vendor's market, where they can also get a bite to eat, some kettle corn or hot coffee. There will be music on Main Street, as well, with the Callejoneada that will feature the seven-piece Mariachi Real de Chihuahua performing with Alegria de Folklorico dancers and

Columbia Elementary School Folklorico dancers. Strolling performances begin at 6:30 p.m. stopping for 15-minute increments along the mall rambling south to Las Cruces Avenue. Business sponsors of the Callejoneada include Innovative Touch, the D'Antonio Law Firm, COAS Books, Big Picture Digital Lab/Main Street Gallery, Central Loan/CB Smith and Sons for La Esquina Plaza, BeYoung Hair Salon and the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership.

Music on Main Street also will feature Dueto Krystal – Reynato Barragan and Rosa Garcia performing Christmas carols and popular songs in Spanish and English – and Cactus Carolers – an a cappella group singing holiday carols and popular tunes.

Except for buying what the vendors and Downtown businesses are selling, WinterFest is free of charge.

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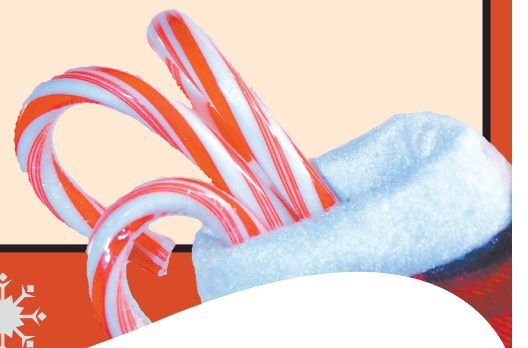
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# Motel sues call center over parking addition

Suit alleges Sitel broke covenants, codes by gaining off-site parking with city help

By TODD G. DICKSON  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The company that owns the new Motel 6 is suing Sitel, the City of Las Cruces and another business in the Northrise Business Park over additional parking being provided as the call center grew in employees.

The call center first opened in 2006 as ClientLogic with plans to hire between 150 to 200 workers and a capacity for nearly 600 workers. It became Sitel after the two companies merged, and the call center overlooking the intersection of Telshor Boulevard and Summit Court has grown in employees where it is reaching that capacity, but without enough parking for the employees.

Sitel worked with Alyson Court Apartments, another property owner in the business park, and the City of Las Cruces to provide more parking underneath the flood-control dam.

In its lawsuit, the company that owns the Motel 6 on Summit Court alleges that the call center lacked adequate parking to begin with and then broke restrictive covenants of the Northrise Business Park.

The lawsuit specifically cites a covenant that "provides that no offensive activities shall be conducted on any building site within the Northrise Business Park, which may become an annoyance or nuisance to any owner or occupancy within the Northrise Business Park."

By creating another parking lot away from the Sitel location, the call center's employees must now cross other properties in the business park to get to work, as well as adding traffic to the enclosed cul de sac.

Besides breaching the covenants, the

suit claims the parking lot is hurting the motel's business and is requesting that the courts issue a restraining order to Sitel to not allow the call center employees to park in the new lot.

The owners of the motel didn't know about the new parking lot until workers there noticed earth grading on tracts in the business park and adjacent land owned by the city, according to court documents.

The lawsuit alleges that the city approved the parking lot without securing written approval from the Northrise Design Committee, as required by the covenants.

In responses to the lawsuit, the city acknowledges that it has leased property to Alyson, but that the property is not within the business park and is not party to any agreement Alyson has with Sitel. In Alyson's response, it denies that traffic to a parking lot can be seen as "obnoxious or offensive trade service or activity."

The Alyson response also asserts "that there are numerous tracts of land within the Northrise Business Park that were designed with insufficient parking and other parties or persons have arranged for alternate access and alternate parking including on city property as is provided for in this case by the City of Las Cruces."

As for the business-park covenants, Alyson's response is that they are guidelines for the kinds of businesses developed in the park. It also notes that another business in the park not named in the lawsuit is allowing the employees to cross its property to get to the Sitel site.

The lawsuit is scheduled to come before state District Judge James Martin on Monday, Dec. 8.



TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Michael Rickenbaker, New Mexico State University's director of facility planning, talks about how this recent development at the corner of Espina Street and University Avenue is in line with NMSU's master plan goal of better architectural interface with the community during a walking tour of the University corridor on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

## NMSU

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On the other side of the Espina Street intersection, the "Kinko's" development of restaurants and business has a good mix, but poor pedestrian access, Rickenbaker noted.

Further down University Avenue, there was commentary about some of the older apartment complexes being unattractive. Greg Smith of ASA Architects said the question is complex because there is great value to students having affordable housing so close to campus, though the apart-

ments may not be in keeping with the architectural and aesthetic desires of the university and community.

Meanwhile, NMSU's future arts complex, hotel, Domenici Institute and the City Center also will change the face of University Avenue. With more pronounced campus entrances and buildings that interact with each other, Rickenbaker said the end result is to make University more of a destination, "a great place to come to," he said.

City and NMSU planners will take the input into account as they begin working on ideas to bring the University corridor plan up-to-date.

## Johnson

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him from naming them.

Johnson and Wilson will coordinate the recruiting process, already in full swing. NMSU's coaches met with Johnson on Tuesday afternoon, then hit the road on Wednesday, Dec. 3, searching for talent.

McKinley Boston, the Aggies' athletic director, said during Tuesday's news conference, that a nationwide search for Mumme's replacement will begin immediately. He said he is looking primarily for an experienced college or NFL assistant coach, preferably a coordinator. Boston has formed a search committee and hopes to name a solid candidate by Christmas.

He emphasized the need for a smooth transition. "We don't want to start over," he said.

Boston said he was looking for a coach who could run an offense similar to Mumme's, a coach who could recruit and work with the community.

Johnson also said next year's team would keep almost the same offensive philosophy that Mumme brought to NMSU when he was hired on Dec. 30, 2004. "Maybe not quite the same, but something similar," Johnson said. "We're going to throw the football."

Dunn, Boston said, will stay on board as defensive coordinator no matter who the new head coach may be. Dunn's contract runs out Jan. 1, 2010. His defense last season was highly regarded, despite the Aggies' 3-9 record.

Should Johnson be hired permanently, he said he'd ask for a multi-year contract to add finality to NMSU's short-term situation. "You can't recruit without that," he said.

The Aggies' interim coach currently teaches in the university's Chemical Engineering Department. "I would probably keep teaching a class or two if I got the head coaching job, and they would want me to," he said.

With one year left on Mumme's contract, Boston said the estimated \$385,000 buyout would be conducted with private money. No university or state funds would be involved.

Johnson, according to a source close to NMSU athletics, would be the logical choice for a full-time coach. "He's already on board," the source said. "He's strong in the community, in the state. We need someone who can get out and meet the public, raise money, create interest in this program and sell tickets. Charley would be a natural. He's well-liked and he would be a super recruiter."

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# Opinions

## Can it be done?

Can an 'ag' university with a storied basketball legacy and a foundering football program ever see success?

By **DAVID E. MCCOLLUM**  
The Las Cruces Bulletin



**MCCOLLUM**

Imagine this situation.

You are the leader of a land-grant university with a strong engineering school and a rapidly growing school of business. Your university is located in a small, but growing community about an hour's drive from a nearby city that, according to population, is about 10 times larger and has the nearest major airport and all the "local" network television outlets.

You know that your community, your alumni and your students expect the university to produce winning, high-profile athletics programs, especially football and basketball. Your basketball teams in the past have been nationally recognized and for many years were led by a legendary coach.

On the other hand, football has been a disaster in recent years with few wins and lots of losses. Decades before, your school had a couple of nice bowl wins, but since then, your gridiron group has epitomized the phrase "snatching defeat from the jaws of victory." This includes some blow-out losses to highly ranked teams, although a few times your team played the big guys close only to lose in the final minutes. Your footballers struggle to defeat anyone and look forward to playing the other cellar dwellers in the league in hopes of gaining a precious win. Your 30,000-seat stadium is typically less than half full at kick-off and dwindles to a few thousand dedicated fans by the end of the expected loss. In the hope of raising the competitive level of your team, your athletic director hired a flashy, high-profile coach who promised more wins, got a few, but reneged on his long-term contract after only two years.

In the face of disgruntled fans and alumni, can the above-described athletics program ever be turned around?

Of course it can. In fact it has already happened. You probably thought I was describing the New Mexico State University Aggies. But you were wrong. I was reflecting on Jaki's and my college experiences at Oklahoma State University. OSU is located in Stillwater, Okla., an hour's drive north of Oklahoma City. The legendary basketball coach was Mr. Henry Iba. The high-profile coach who left after two years was none other than Jimmy Johnson, who abandoned his promise to OSU when he bolted for fame and fortune with the University of Miami and later the Dallas Cowboys.

Today, Oklahoma State has an incredibly competitive athletics program with terrific alumni and fan support. The basketball team is always competitive nationally. This year's football team is ranked 12th in the country. They sell out their expanded 60,000-seat football stadium and are headed to a nice bowl game. How did they get to this level? First, it has taken time – about three decades, and a lot of patience. Second, the university organized the alumni and fans into a fundraising machine. Third, they invested in their vision by recruiting the best talent – both players and coaches.

Can NMSU duplicate the success of their fellow land-grant university?

In my opinion, the answer is "yes." However, success will require an unprecedented, fervent support from the fans and alumni, both in financial contributions as well as attendance at the games. We need to hire excellent coaches and recruiters to bring in the best physical talent who will be attracted to the university's vision to compete at a top level. Mike Jordan has done this in volleyball. Marvin Menzies has some very talented young men in the Aggie basketball program, and will likely surprise some top level teams in the coming years. Now we just need to pull together to support the football program. It will not happen overnight.

I look forward to the future day when Jaki and I are sitting at a bowl game with our NMSU Aggie friends and reflecting back on 2008 as the year the NMSU administration, alumni and fans made the commitment and right moves to become a nationally recognized educational institution with a great athletics program.

It CAN be done.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Trampling is a disturbing sign

The season is here for crass materialism and greed, in this instance, this concept can become savage. A Wal-Mart employee in Long Island New York was trampled to death by a massive crowd of shoppers waiting outside the doors. As soon as the employee opened the doors, a crowd literally busted through the door and trampled him to death. No one really knows how many people just mercilessly crushed him under foot until he could no longer breathe. Various store chains are using the phrase, "Door Busters," to generate interest and sales, but this concept can be taken to an extreme. How long can a so-called civilized nation, be mired in mindless materialism before the value of a human being, will be cheapened to nothing? Is the life of a person worth the value of getting a cheap plasma TV, or a Tickle Me Elmo doll? People are becoming more and more susceptible to brainwashing agendas and seem to be thinking within the herd mentality, instead of as individuals.

Long lines of people stand in the dark around shopping malls at very early hours of the morning and in the cold in order to snatch up specially priced items. This situation creates a dangerous momentum

that can lead to irrational and even deadly actions.

In order to sustain this mindless materialism, malls will use religious and historical themes, in order to justify themselves. What is Christmas without buying presents for people you hardly ever see the rest of the year? What is Thanksgiving Day without overeating until one cannot stand up? What good does it serve to live in a materialistic world that is devoid of the concept of unconditional love?

**PAUL JARAMILLO**

#### Appropriate spelling

Our state Legislature decreed that the peppers we eat should be spelled c-h-i-l-e. It's important that we loyal New Mexican citizens don't confuse the good red or green with that stewpot mess consumed by our neighbors to the East. The only problem is that ill-informed experts at the Associated Press (and other New Yorkers who couldn't find Hatch on a map if their next meal depended on it) won't let us put that in print.

They fear that the public may confuse a Latin American country for what we New Mexicans eat with rice and beans. No, really. So I wrote a seasonally appropriate greeting for the AP editors: "Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your Turki."

**PAUL FUNK**

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# Present system fails to hold bad cops accountable

## Complaints always end up with the same result

**JAY MILLER**  
*Inside the Capitol*



Who investigates the government when it goes bad? We've had some experience with that. Two state treasurers and a state insurance deputy superintendent have gone to prison for crimes in recent years.

Add to that people involved in the Albuquerque Metro Court scandal and one can see that our law enforcement agencies seem quite capable of tracking down on public officials who behave badly and bringing them to justice.

But then the question becomes one of who investigates the investigators? Recently, citizen complaints have been made against police in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Las Cruces, among others, for inappropriate behavior. But those complaints don't seem to have anywhere to go.

Taking complaints to the police chief, city councilors or the mayor are rebuffed. In Las Cruces, taking complaints to the district attorney has been completely unsuccessful.

So where does one go? The state level seems like the next step. How about the attorney general? But he testified to a legislative committee two weeks ago that his job is not to represent the people of the state, it is to represent the state to keep it out of trouble.

There also is a New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy,

my, charged with certifying and decertifying law enforcement officers. That sounds like the solution. But that has been tried and it doesn't work either.

Fred Chilton from Las Cruces has tried often to get police misbehavior before the Academy Board because its regulations and statutes prohibit it and there is no way to change it other than the Legislature changing the statutes.

But Chilton has sent me a copy of the academy board's own regulation saying: "All persons, other than members of the board or its director, desiring to place before the board any item of business for the board's consideration shall do so by submitting to the director as early as possible, and no later than eight days in advance a written petition containing ... The director must place any item of business requested by a timely petition on the agenda of the next regular meeting ..."

I've omitted some of the specifics, but you get the idea. There appears to be an item in the state Law Enforcement Academy's regulations providing for accepting complaints from private citizens if they are presented correctly.

Chilton and others have gone to great lengths to present their cases correctly and in petition form. But the result is always the same. A letter from Arthur Ortiz,

director of the academy stating that the board does not accept complaints directly from citizens.

Additional letters from Chilton and others, ask Ortiz, Secretary of Public Safety John Denko and Attorney General Gary King to explain the contradiction between the regulation and the official position taken. Each reply is no more than the standard statement that the board does not take complaints from citizens.

I have read and heard the stories of many people who allege police brutality or other gross misconduct. I realize the incidence of such cases is extremely small. I can honestly say that in all the situations in which I have

been involved with any member of law enforcement during my 70 years, I have never had a bad experience.

But that doesn't mean it doesn't happen. And it seems to be happening more often of late. One reason is the increasing popularity of SWAT teams. They are now used in situations in which they escalate hostilities that may not even have existed.

The other reason is the war on drugs, which among other things, has created snitches who identify wrong addresses for raids and the situation by which drug forfeitures are retained by the arresting agency.

The vast majority of law enforcement officers are good. But the bad ones should be banished and mistakes admitted. The present system merits an investigation and it's obvious no one wants to do it.

Contact Jay Miller at [insidethecapitol@hotmail.com](mailto:insidethecapitol@hotmail.com).

“The question becomes one of who investigates the investigators?”

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Push for premier park

Mr. Philippou has made an offer to sell all, or any part of the property that is now the Las Cruces Country Club to the City of Las Cruces. Now is the time for all of the 2,159 people who signed the petition to acquire the land two years ago, and all of the many we've talked to who didn't have a chance to sign, but have said they would rather see open "green space" than another housing development in Downtown Las Cruces, to let their wishes be known.

You can call or write your councilor, or reach the mayor and council at [citycouncil@las-cruces.org](mailto:citycouncil@las-cruces.org).

Your choice – apartments or green space.

JOHN AND MILLIE STEVENS

## End pesticide use

In response to your article concerning Ramon "Dosi" Alvarez's organic cotton farm, in the Nov. 28 edition of the Bulletin, I highly commend Alvarez's efforts to farm organically in the Mesilla Valley, and also commend the Bulletin's reporting on this positive way to practice agriculture.

The insecticides and herbicides that are now being used in the Mesilla Valley, are carcinogenic, neurotoxic, suppressive of the immune system, and can be lethal with severe and acute exposure.

These pesticides should not be used in the cultivation of cotton, pecans, chile, or any other food crops. The use of these pesticides compromises the health of the land, the water, the farm workers, the residents, and the consumers of the food and fiber that are grown and processed non-organically. Children who are exposed to these synthetic chemicals, are especially in harm's way, in terms of their immediate and long-term health. Cancers often have long latency periods between the time of exposure, and the manifestation of the disease.

I respectfully ask the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Control Division, based at New Mexico State University, to take pro-active leadership, before this coming spring's "spraying season," to curtail synthetic pesticide use, and to help the agricultural industry of our valley wean from our addiction to these very harmful chemicals.

Alvarez's organic cotton farm is a role model that must be followed if we are to

enjoy environmental health, and public health, in the Mesilla Valley. In this effort our motto and our goal should be: A pesticide-free Mesilla Valley.

I respectfully request the Tough Enough To Wear Pink campaign, and the Cowboys for Cancer Research, to commit their energy, their leadership, their compassion, and perhaps some of their

cancer research funding, to the study and publicity of cancer prevention – including the relationship of pesticide use in the Mesilla Valley and the incidence of cancers, including breast cancer – so that all of us will no longer be exposed to the carcinogenic toxins that are infusing our food, our water and our clothes.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**The junk mail plague**

Do you still receive unwanted phone calls from people that want to sell you something? Wake-up, come out of hibernation and register to the "Do Not Call List."

For those that are so lonely that every call is exiting and you no longer have any room at all in your home because of all the widgets you bought, wake up. For the rest of us that realized constant complaining can get results, why not object about the U.S. Postal Service?

Have you noticed how the price for a first-class letter keeps rising? I have to admit up-front that some junk mail makes me feel good when I receive no other mail.

The higher the price for postage the slower the delivery becomes. Why? Because they are busy defoliating the world to make paper for junk mail. We are subsidizing junk mail. I say stop spiking trees and maiming Paul Bunyan types. Attack postal workers. No, wait a minute – I did not mean that because there has been enough violence in our Post Offices already. We have to try something different.

That's it, we need change. Sing it out, change, change, change, I feel better already.

**RON KEITH**

**More green space support**

It is of the utmost importance that the Country Club land be purchased and developed as green space for our community.

At this time, while families are struggling financially, it is important that we have more options of serene and family oriented places that we can go and relax and enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

There will be more and more development over the next 20 years and it would be especially nice to see our community do something for the families who, for whatever reasons, might not be able to purchase a home but can always take the family and go for a picnic and play games in a nice park and green space.

For those of us who own homes it benefits us as well, showing the side of Las Cruces that we are still known for – friendly neighborhoods and safe areas for children and retirees to go and mingle.

We ask the mayor and city councillors to consider the importance of more green space.

**MARY JANE AND DAVID SMEAD**

# Protecting citizens from their protectors

## Human component of law enforcement must be considered

By **MICHAEL SWICKARD**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

*"Policemen so cherish their status as keepers of the peace and protectors of the public that they have occasionally been known to beat to death those citizens or groups who question that status."*

– David Alan Mamet,  
Pulitzer Prize winning writer.

I routinely walk up to members of law enforcement to say, "Thank you for your service to our community." I still do so despite having some concerns about law enforcement oversight.

It is a complicated relationship between citizens and members of law enforcement. Our country was founded to protect citizens from foreign and domestic bad people. Those protections are of the most violent kind because it is the currency of bad people.

In many communities there is an uneasy balance of respect and suspicion for the police. This is especially so when deadly force is used. At times, it is the only way to protect the citizens as a whole. Other times, it is inappropriate.

Many communities have civilian review boards to review these incidents. I understand members of law enforcement opposing that kind of scrutiny. Most citizens have no earthly idea what it is like to be in the middle of an incident with all of the pressures of correct performance being balanced by the expediency of surviving to go home at the end of the shift.

To review police actions, it is essential that the observer can understand the human component of law enforcement. The problem: Shoot too slowly and lose your life or shoot too quickly and be liable. Every moment might be the last that each policeman spends on the job.

That knife-edge decision must be made without time to ponder. My friend Tommy Bedford was a Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff. One Monday afternoon in October 1979 he did not perceive the danger quickly enough

and in an instant gave his life. I still think of him often.

One of my best friends was in law enforcement and I rode with him for a number of years. They have a "layer-cake" life with thick layers of nothing much happening punctuated by thin layers when it all breaks loose. They go from nothing happening to all out in a matter of seconds.

One night he and two other deputies were trying to subdue a large man who had taken a medicine cabinet full of uppers and downers and sidewayers. I had no role other than observer.

At 6-1 and 200 pounds, I was the smallest person there, including the belligerent. They were having a tough time. Finally, my buddy kicked this guy directly in the crotch. The guy fell down and scrambled right back up. My buddy said, "My God, I'm going to have to shoot him."

But he did not. Instead they were finally able to subdue this monster who the next day experienced extreme pain. But at the time he was so high that he did not feel a thing. I asked my buddy why he did not shoot. He smiled, "Too much paperwork to do if I did that."

Maybe it was that or an innate sense lawmen have that final force was not needed. I am glad they did not have to shoot.

In bright light and safety it is ever so hard to ex post facto judge those actions fairly. Most jurors and onlookers would fail miserably at a shoot/do-not-shoot range since they cannot make those split-second decisions.

However, when the decision to shoot is made there must be civilian oversight so the public can be assured it was required. We cannot blindly just trust that the members of law enforcement will police themselves.

Each city does need a civilian review board, but it must be formed correctly with knowledgeable observers in police procedures. It is essential so that the community can have a way to redress concerns about police actions outside of the influence of law enforcement.

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# King Kong the roping dummy

A while back I bought a basic roping dummy. It went up and down and moved his hind legs. But it was stationary. Too bad I didn't live closer to Rick. He was in California and had bought one that was self-propelled. But, then again, maybe I just got lucky.

The mechanical roping steer, we'll name it King Kong, was a team roper's dream. It was expensive but when you've got the bug and a wife with a job, it's considered an investment and not an extravagance. Besides, they had offered him dealership possibilities!

Even though he hadn't gotten his arena finished, he invited his roping buddies over for a demonstration. They parked their rigs at the edge of the cleared field.

"This baby is self-propelled and runs straight down the arena," explained Rick. "Once the header ropes the horns a sole-

noid kicks in and shuts down Kong's forward progress allowing the heeler to make his throw."

They began their trial runs at slow speed. Shur'nuf, when the header dallyed and turned off, Kong disengaged as if on command and the heeler swooped in and caught.

"How fast will it go?" asked Joe.

"They claim 28 miles an hour," said Rick.

"Kick'er in high gear," said Joe, shaking out a loop.

Out of the imaginary box Kong roared like a speedboat! Joe punched ol' Roanie. He could almost hear the cheers of the crowd at Thomas and Mack Arena as he sailed a loop and ducked off to give his heeler a shot. But something went wrong ... a thumb in the dally? A broken rope? A figure eight? Nope, King Kong failed to

slow down. He actually grabbed another gear and began rimming around the hapless header whose horse decided he'd had enough.

In desperation Joe threw a trip on Kong to flip him. Unfortunately the rope tangled in one of the now supersonic wheels and the snarling machine climbed up his rope! Joe pitched his twine to grab the horn as Roanie quit the country in a dead run!

Kong, still at full speed, crashed into a brand new quad cab super-dually, smashed the front door, ran a horn down the length of the pickup and impaled itself



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on the fiberglass fender over the rear wheel well. It sat there and spun like a high-speed drill until it finally caught fire and fizzled out with a pop.

The cowboys eased around what now looked like an old BBQ grill somebody had run over with a bulldozer.

"I just about had him," said the heeler, "but my dang header turned off too soon!"

Contact Black at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com)

## Crime Stoppers: March 2008 homicide

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$2,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons involved in a homicide that occurred in March 2008.

On Tuesday, March 11, 72-year-old James Francis Wilson was found dead in his home at 1800 Camino Del Rex. Las Cruces Police are investigating Wilson's death as a homicide.

Las Cruces detectives also said there



were other gang-related shootings the same weekend which they believe to be related to this incident.

If you have any information regarding this crime or any other crimes, 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.

## In the News

### Museum offers Lake Lucero tour

The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History and White Sands National Monument have announced a ranger-guided tour of Lake Lucero, the source of the "White Sands," on Saturday, Dec. 6. Participants need to reserve their spot for the tour in advance.

The tour will begin at 10 a.m. at the Small Missile Range gate on U.S. Highway 70. Participants will drive their own vehicles and hike approximately three-quarters of a mile. In order to caravan to the site, participants should be at the museum by 9:15 a.m. the day of the tour. The museum is located next to JCPenney in the Mesilla Valley Mall.

Participants need to call the museum to reserve their spot ahead of time. A special use fee is charged for the tour: \$3 per person ages 16 and older; and \$1.50 for children and to holders of the Golden Age Pass. National Park/Golden Eagle Passports and the White Sands Annual Pass do not apply for this special tour.

All vehicles should have a spare tire and sufficient gasoline for the 34-mile round trip from U.S. 70 to the Lake Lucero trailhead. Each person should have sufficient drinking water, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, good walking shoes, suitable clothing for the weather and a snack if desired.

Cameras may not be used while passing through the missile range, but are encouraged for use while at the monument lake area.

Visitors to Lake Lucero will see the selenite formations spread across the lake bed and learn about the geological conditions that created the dune fields at White Sands National Monument.

For more information, contact Chris Newsom, naturalist at 522-3120.

The TTY number is 541-2161.

### Detention Center graduation set

The Doña Ana County Detention Center will graduate 12 detention officer cadets at a commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd. The public is encouraged to attend.

The graduating cadets have satisfactorily completed the six-week Basic Detention Officers' Academy, which consists of physical training, classroom instruction and field experience. All training is done in-house at the county's detention center.

The graduating cadets are Martha Aguilera, Nathan Beyer, Robert Dominguez, Sam Garcia, Felipe Hernandez, Paula Kionut, Raul Martinez, Catrina Palos, Robert Santistevan, Andrew Strong, Justin Stephenson and Julian Tennessee.

Doña Ana County Commission Chairman D. Kent Evans will deliver the commencement address, and Doña Ana County Probate Judge Alice Salcido will administer the oaths of service.

### Wendell Hull holds open house

Wendell Hull & Associates Inc., 5605 Doña Ana Road, will be celebrating their recent expansion of their offices and test facility with an open house from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5.

There will be guided tours, live testing demonstrations and catering provided by Dickerson's Catering. Wendell Hull & Associates Inc. is a company with a worldwide influence in forensic engineering, fire sciences and oxygen safety.

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# Fossil discovered in Robledos gets mythical moniker

## Folklore inspires name for spiral-burrowing creature

By JAVIER ORTEGA HERNANDEZ  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

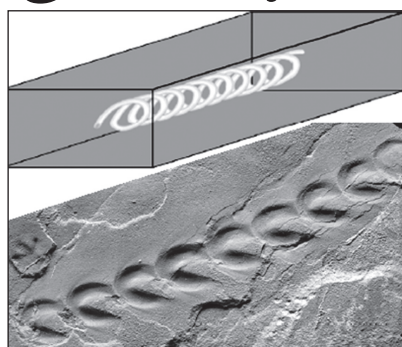
Paleontologists from the University of Bristol in England and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science discovered an unique fossil in the state of New Mexico, naming it after a mythological animal of the region. The finding, published in the latest issue of the *Journal of Paleontology*, was made in the Doña Ana Mountains, Joyita Hills and Robledo Mountains. In particular, the Robledo Mountains have been inter-

preted as a prehistoric shoreline, and are known worldwide for the preservation of various fossil footprints of primitive land animals, such as eryops and dimetrodon, which have made them candidates for acquiring a national monument status.

The new fossil, named *Augerinoichnus helicoidalis*, comprises not the remains of an animal, but rather a burrow produced by it. The fossil is made up of a succession of horseshoe-shaped marks (1 cm long) which scientists have interpreted as the remains of a helical burrow, comparable in shape to a large tilted subterranean spring (see picture), produced by ancient worms living in an estuarine and floodplain environment during the Permian Period (280 million years ago).

Due to its peculiar form, the fossil was named after the mythical "Augerino" which, according to local folklore, is an enormous corkscrew-shaped worm that drills a helical burrow below the surface. It is said that the Augerino moves slowly and dislikes water. Stories about the creature are fairly common throughout the Southwest where irrigation is practiced regularly. Ranchers usually blame the Augerino, albeit in a light-hearted fashion, for leakages in their irrigation ditches.

"*Augerinoichnus* is incredibly odd for being a land fossil, as similar burrows occur only in deep sea floors, several hundred meters below the surface of water," noted co-author Simon Braddy of the University of Bristol.



The authors have compared *Augerinoichnus* with other helical burrows striving to understand the biology of the producer. "Deep sea burrows usually act as food traps or farms, capturing microorganisms," explained author Nicholas Minter, also of the University of Bristol, "however, we cannot be sure that this new fossil performed exactly the same function. *Augerinoichnus* remains an enigma when compared with other, better-understood spiral fossils."

Equally remarkable is the fact that these sites are the only places in the world that have allowed the preservation of this kind of fossil. Minter pointed out that "the conditions under which the Robledo Mountains formed have a combination of fortuitous factors that allowed the preservation of a delicate structure such as *Augerinoichnus*."

The Robledo Mountains remain a source of valuable information. Their recognition as a national monument will guarantee the conservation of one of the most important fossiliferous localities in the United States. Although some people consider that "everything is done," the discovery of the unique *Augerinoichnus* demonstrates that much more can be pried from these rocks and will certainly attract the interest of more paleontologists willing to understand the fascinating richness of this region.

Who knows? Maybe the fiendish Augerino will redeem its name under the wing of paleontology.

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#### ATTENTION MOBILE HOME OWNERS

If you own a mobile home and did not receive a tax bill, please contact the Treasurer's office. Although mobile homes are taxed separately from real property, the tax due dates are the same. The first half is due by December 10, 2008.

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Note: If you have not received a tax bill please come by our office or call us at (575) 647-7433 or 1-877-827-7200 Ext. 7433

## DACC offering Adult Education classes

### Spring classes start Jan. 26

Doña Ana Community College's Adult Education Program is offering classes and books at no charge to the participants to help them gain literacy up to the 12th-grade level.

Students can register by going to the nearest DACC learning center: Quintana Learning Center at the main campus at New Mexico State University, 3400 S. Espina St.; Sunland Park Learning Center, 3365 McNutt Road

(at Santa Domingo Road); Gadsden Education Center, E. O'Hara Road in Anthony, N.M.; and Chaparral Learning Center, 625 Paseo Real.

Classes start Jan. 26, 2009, and will run through April 25. Registration will begin Jan. 7, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Contact the individual learning centers about Saturday registration offerings. Pre-testing must be completed two weeks prior to registration.

The classes will be offered countywide and at times convenient to working families. Tutoring and individualized instruction will be provided for any goal the participant may be seeking – U.S. citizenship, a GED high school diploma or improved job skills.

For more information, call these centers: DACC at 527-7540; Sunland Park 874-7790; Gadsden 882-6813, Chaparral 824-5075; or toll-free at 800-903-7503.

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# Gant, Davis run for re-election to Las Cruces school board

## Both call for continued school progress

Two current members of the Las Cruces school board – Eugene Gant and Chuck Davis – this week announced their runs for re-election.

Both are seeking a third term with Gant representing District 3 and Davis representing District 1. Both have served as the board's president, vice president and secretary – the latter a position Davis currently holds on the board.

The school board election will be Feb. 3, 2009.

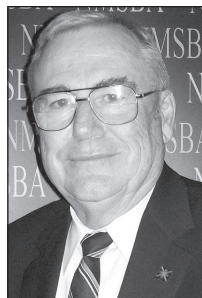
"It's been gratifying to serve our children and the community over the past eight years, but there is important work still to be done," Gant said in his announcement. "With our new superintendent (Stan Rounds) in place, and greater stability in the district, I am committed to additional improvements that benefit our students. Academic gains, lowering the dropout rate, improving attendance, ensuring our graduates are prepared for the workforce or higher education and planning for new schools are just some of my priorities for the next four years."

Gant said he will continue to push for more "green" schools, managing energy consumption and promoting energy awareness in Las Cruces Public Schools. He is a member of the New Mexico High Performance Task Force for Sustainable School Facilities.

"The school district has hundreds of thousands of square feet in building space and is the third-largest employer in our community. We have to make a concerted effort to provide a greener footprint for all our schools," he added.

In 2006, Gant was also elected to the state Public Education Commission (PEC) from District 7. He represents LCPS, Gadsden Independent School District and Hatch Valley Public Schools on the advisory commission to the Secretary of Education.

"I'm fortunate to have been elected to the state PEC, which has provided me



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with additional insight into educational issues," Gant said. "At the same time, I have been able to carry the viewpoints of the Las Cruces school board to the state level in the development of state policies and regulations."

Gant is a member of the Education Committee for the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Rio Grande Rotary Club, New Mexico School Boards Association Board of Directors and the Career and Technical Education Statewide Advisory Council for the Public Education Department. Prior to being elected to the school board, he was active in the LCPS District Advisory Council, the LCPS Bond Committees and with several clubs and organizations where his children attended school.

Gant is employed by ANC Research and Development Company at White Sands Missile Range. He is married to Maureen Gant and they have three grown children.

For the last eight years Davis has been one of two LCPS board representatives serving on the Advisory Board for Doña Ana Community College.

"Strong education policies for all students will help ensure that our kids will be able to compete in the global economy," Davis said in his announcement. "With my board experience and my teaching experience, I feel I can contribute valuable input into decision-making."

If re-elected to the unpaid position, Davis said his top priorities will be to assure the district continues to have programs to address diverse needs to reduce the dropout rate and improve student achievement and attendance. He wants to help students move from traditional high schools into community colleges, universities and the community seamlessly.

Davis said he wants to continue to improve on the transparency of the district budget process and the established practice, since he has been on the school

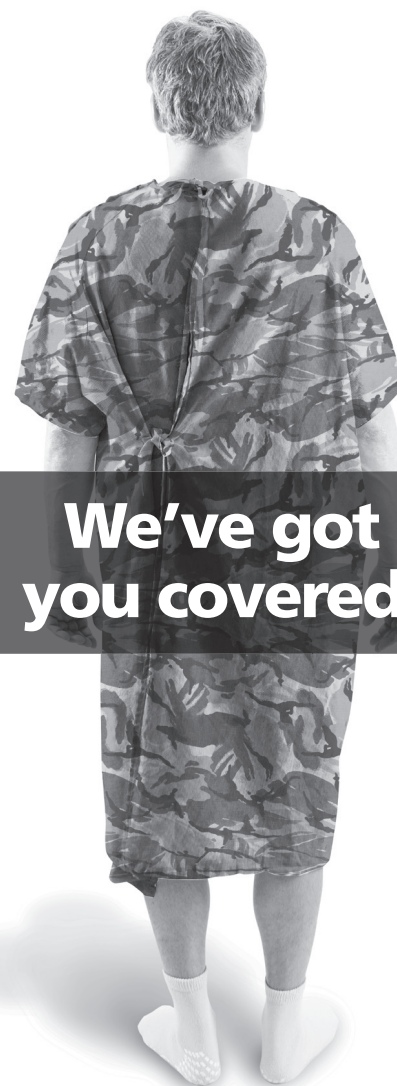
board, of doing public business in the open.

Davis cites his experience as the vice president of the New Mexico School Board Association (NMSBA) Region VII and earning Master School Board Designation by the NMSBA.

Davis believes that his experience with six grandchildren going through the LCPS system from kindergarten

through high school and then college graduation has helped his understanding of what is needed for students and for staff from food service through central office administration.

Davis is retired from White Sands Missile Range and is married to Helen Davis, a 23-year teacher with LCPS who retired in 2007. They have six grown children, three of whom live in Las Cruces.

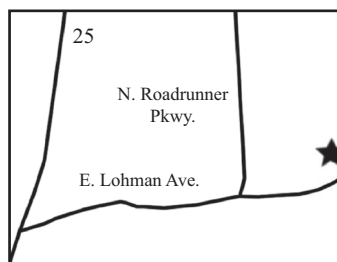


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# Steve Fischmann prepares for first session in Santa Fe

## New legislator focuses on alternate forms of energy

By BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In what was the closest race in all of Doña Ana County's 2008 elections, District 37 welcomed new state senatorial leadership in Democrat Steve Fischmann.

Now ready to face his first legislative session in the Roundhouse representing a district previously held for 15 years by Senate Minority Whip Lee Rawson, Fischmann says he is poised to bring his ideas to the table, but isn't afraid to admit he will need time to learn about the process.

"I am too new to be making predictions," he said. "I guess what I've learned is never to get too tied to any particular expectations. I've never been (to a legislative session). I'll be learning in this first session, so I think the best thing I can do is put expectations aside, learn as much as I can and be a positive player."

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Fischmann graduated from the University of California-Los Angeles with a bachelor's degree in political science and English and a master's in business. He then spent many years working as an executive for Levi Strauss and later owned a real estate brokerage and property-inspection business.

Four years ago, when he and his wife Sandy Katayanagi were looking to escape the big city, he said, "Las Cruces caught our fancy."

"It was big enough to have some stuff going on, but small enough for us to enjoy a more relaxed pace of life."

He quickly got involved in the community as co-founder of the Quality Growth Alliance and chair of the Southwest Energy Alliance, and, before he knew it, this retired businessman and father of two was on his way to becoming a senator.

"People asked me to run," Fischmann said. "I've been involved with a number of issues locally – land-use issues, land-preservation issues, utility and energy issues – just as a concerned citizen. Some of the folks that I worked with were in the Legislature and thought I would be a good person to run."



Fischmann talks to Jan Reed (left) and Ruth Ann Hanlin (right) about the election last November.

STEVE MACINTYRE  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While many people got to know Fischmann as he campaigned through their neighborhoods, it is his proposed bills this session that will establish his main priorities.

"I'll be coming up with a lot of ideas and pushing forward on energy policy," he said. "I think that in our long-term planning, we are setting folks up for much higher energy costs than they need to bear. We have great solar and geothermal resources here in this district."

Not only does he think lower energy costs will stimulate the economy, but utilizing new forms of energy will create jobs.

"We can do a lot of things here that can create economic opportunity. We need to create more jobs that support families," he said. "Developing these future-looking industries – energy being one that I think is key – is one way that we can do that."

While talk among state legislators now centers on budget shortfalls, Fischmann said there are other ways to solve the state's revenue problems.

"I think it's a big mistake if anyone is thinking that we need new taxes to handle some of the issues coming up and some of the budget shortfalls," he said. "We have to stop thinking that throwing lots of public money at special interests somehow is in the public good."

This philosophy goes hand-in-hand with his vision for

the state's energy policies.

"I think, if we handle some of the market issues correctly, the state does not have to make its own big investment in renewable energy. I think we will find that private investment does the job for us," he said.

While many see the decreased budget as a hamper on the government's ability to sustain ongoing programs, Fischmann said this is a time to look at what is really important.

"This is a chance for us to really look at the things that aren't that effective and address them more effectively than we cared to in the past," he said. "We should be looking at this as an opportunity to streamline and make better use of the resources we have."

In the area of ethics legislation, Fischmann said there is no one solution, but there are always areas in which government can work to better itself.

"It seems to have been a fairly emotional issue in the Senate," he said. "My No. 1 goal is to really get government focused on serving constituents first, rather than campaign contributors and large financial interests. One of the things that struck me as I got involved in issues is that I saw that happening a lot – big money interests and campaign contributors would get a huge share of the pie and there was only a little left over for everyone else – and it needs to work the other way around."



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By TODD G. DICKSON  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Spot got an early Christmas present with the news that the city council approved a construction contract to build Las Cruces' first dog park.

Construction work on the first phase of the dog park won't begin until just after Christmas, but it should be open for dogs to frolic sans leashes by spring.

With \$150,000 available from a trio of local legislators, half of the two-acre site south of the Hardy Field in the Hadley Sports Complex will be made into the main dog park with a fenced-in area landscaped with trees.

The other half will be developed when future funding becomes available into an area for small or shy dogs, and for dog agility training, said Cathy Mathews, city landscape architect.

On Monday, Dec. 1, the city council voted 6-1 to award the construction contract to Mans Construction Co. to build this first phase of the dog park. Mathews said construction should begin just after Christmas, and the contract calls for the job to be done in 120 days.

The only dissenting vote was from

Mayor Pro Tem Dolores Archuleta, whose district will include the park and has been against it because she says there are other, more pressing needs of people.

Proponents of the dog park point to other cities like Albuquerque as a normal and attractive amenity for a city. They also say it will help improve the behavior of dogs who get to socialize with other dogs at the park, and that it is another way to show people in the community about proper care for their dogs.

State Sen. Mary Jane Garcia and Reps. Jeff Steinborn and Joni Gutierrez each provided \$50,000 to the project. Gutierrez also donated the architectural landscaping services of her business to the project.

Mathews said 13 trees are being donated to the project and Cupit Construction provided the rough grading already completed at the site.

Still, the project budget is a little short on needed mulch – grass doesn't wear well under the scampering of dogs and Albuquerque's dog parks are experimenting with different kinds of mulch to fight erosion. In noting the other donations, Councillor Dolores Connor said maybe someone in the community will offer the park some mulch.

## Mines announce 600 lay-offs

### NM delegation calls for federal assistance

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, Senator-elect Tom Udall and Representative-elect Harry Teague this week urged the U.S. Department of Labor to act quickly to determine whether 600 laid-off copper mine workers in southwest New Mexico are eligible for federal assistance.

In a letter to Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, Bingaman, Udall and Teague said laid-off workers are expected to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA).

"We are writing on behalf of the workers at the Chino and Tyrone copper mines in southwestern New Mexico, whose application for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) you will receive in the coming

weeks," they wrote. "We ask that you begin the required investigation now in order to prevent any delays during the presidential transition."

TAA provides aid – such as unemployment insurance, funds for retraining, and reimbursable health care tax credits – to workers who lose their jobs or whose hours of work and wages are reduced as a result of increased imports.

The owner of the mines, Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold, Inc., announced that it will reduce copper production and lay off three quarters of its workers in southwest New Mexico – a loss of an estimated 600 jobs.

## Red Cross praises local teen

### Girl instructs guests to send donations

The local chapter of the American Red Cross is praising a local teen for regularly thinking of others rather than herself.

For her "sweet 16" birthday party, Alyssa Nuñez of Mayfield High School told her guests to make a financial contribution to the local American Red Cross, instead of giving her gifts.

According to a press release, she first became aware of Red Cross services three years ago when her grandparents' home was affected by a fire. She first

donated her savings during Hurricane Katrina. This year, after seeing another active hurricane season, she made a decision to help the Red Cross again by making the birthday-party request.

"Alyssa made this generous decision on her own, I am very proud of my daughter," Nancy Nuñez said.

To find out more about the Southwestern New Mexico Red Cross operations out of Las Cruces and its needs, call 526-2631 or go to its website at [www.swnmredcross.org](http://www.swnmredcross.org).

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# At Santa's arrival to the Mesilla Valley Mall

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Savanna David, 9, Alyssa David, 3, Don David, 4, Chloe David, 6, and Sophia David, 8, take a family picture with old Saint Nick on Friday, Nov. 28.



Riley Jo Villalobos, 6 months, came dressed as Santa's helper with her Mimi, Patti Hamilton.



Michael Erwin, 2, anxiously awaits the arrival of Santa Claus at the Mesilla Valley Mall from his mother Amy Erwin's shoulders.



Levi Ellingsworth, 1, enjoys story time with Santa Claus.



Youngsters sit in anticipation for magician Chris Mitchell to make Santa magically appear.

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## RESERVOIR ADVISORY

According to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, early forecasts indicate a neutral El Niño Southern Oscillation in the Pacific Ocean this winter, a pattern that may mean a warmer and drier winter than average.

A Thanksgiving storm left a snow pact level of 50 percent compared with 51 percent last year at this time.

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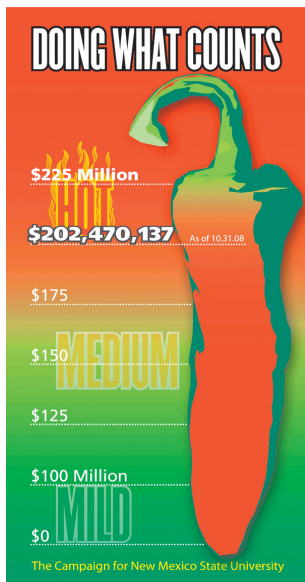
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# NMSU surpasses \$200 million fundraising target

## Goal now \$225 million by 2010



When the Doing What Counts campaign was announced in October 2005, the goal was to reach \$150 million by December 2008. It was the most ambitious fundraising endeavor undertaken by New Mexico State University in its history. Not only has NMSU reached that mark, they surpassed it – exceeding \$200 million and breaking all expectations.

“The money raised is helping NMSU achieve even higher levels of academic excellence for our students, faculty, the community and the nation,” said Nick Franklin, vice president of advancement and executive director of

the NMSU Foundation. “I want to thank everyone who made a contribution, large or small, that enabled us to reach our goal so soon. The generous and gracious gifts we received are the reason we continue to grow and transform NMSU.”

The Doing What Counts campaign was developed to help support academic chairs and professorships

that support NMSU’s outstanding faculty, create additional scholarships to attract quality students and acquire funds for several exciting capital improvement projects such as the Center for the Arts, the Native American Center and the Domenici Institute.

The campaign was announced during homecoming 2005 with the goal of reaching \$150 million by the end of 2008. As of Oct. 2008, the total amount

raised was an unprecedented \$202 million. Because of the success of this campaign to date, the NMSU Foundation board is confident that their revised goal – \$225 million raised by December 2010 – can be achieved.

“Thousands of gifts have come from alumni and friends committed to seeing New Mexico State University elevated to a new level of excellence in education and research,” said Waded Cruzado, NMSU’s

interim president. “We can see how the generosity of so many permeates throughout campus. By working together, we can continue to ensure that NMSU remains one of the nation’s top-notch land-grant universities.”

During this campaign, NMSU has discovered many “Partners in Excellence” who have helped them reach this historic mark. To become a Partner in Excellence and to learn how to contribute, visit <http://giving.nmsu.edu>.

## For ‘Connie’



TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Esperanzas board member Olivia Lerma McDonald holds a picture of her late mother Consuelo “Connie” Lerma, who was one of the group’s original founders, at a plaque unveiling in Klein Park Monday, Dec. 1, marking the completion of improvements to street lighting and signage in the Mesquite neighborhood.

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Crews were still in the process of tearing down this old pink house, Tuesday, Dec. 2, on University Avenue, that some people feel has historical value. The owner disputes this and says the house was beyond repair after many years of abuse by NMSU students who rented the home.

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin



## Pink house gone Owner demolishes disputed domicile

By TODD G. DICKSON  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Although some people thought the old pink "Miller house" on University Avenue had historical value, to others it was an eyesore and to its owner the building was uninhabitable

and un-rehab-able. With a city demolition permit won, crews began tearing down the house last weekend.

Those opposed to its destruction claimed that the house was designed by Henry C. Trost, the early 20th-century architect from El Paso who designed many of the early buildings at New Mexico State University.

Not so, says the building owner in a letter provided by the local development company hired to tear down the house and put up something of value.

Joan Grinnell Estrada in a letter dated Nov. 5 says she regrets the bad feelings the house's demolition has generated. She noted that her father Jonathon Cunningham grew up in the home and appreciated architecture, including being an honorary member of the El Paso Institute of Architecture.

"Both my grandparents and my father were highly educated people and would have known if this were a Trost house," she wrote. "It was not. It was only in the manner of design at the time. I have a pamphlet published by the Las Cruces Historical Society in 1997 stating that the architect for this property was unknown."

Estrada wrote that the interior was ruined by students who rented it and that vagrants kept breaking into it. Also, she wrote that the property was uninsurable because the structure had become so dilapidated. She noted that she originally approached the NMSU Foundation about acquiring the property, but officials with the foundation said they would have had to develop it as well to make it of any use.

"I strongly feel that the property is not useful as is for residential property," she wrote. "I realize it is a sad thing for new things to take the place of old, but this is how I think the situation should be."

Estrada hired local developer Philip Philippou to get the approval for demolition and to develop the property. Kirk Clifton of Philippou's Logos Development company, said plans for the property are to build a small hotel with other mixed uses.

Those who opposed the house's demolition still are questioning the process about how a company working on behalf of the owner gained a demolition permit from the city prior to a zone-change request that has yet to be approved by the city council.



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# At the Downtown Farmers Market



Maria Simpson hand paints a roadrunner design on a hot-air balloon spinner.



Lunita Galletch displays her mixed-media painting at the Farmers and Crafts Market.



The Johnny Flores group, from left: "Washtub" Jerry, Phillip Nieto, Abel Aquirre, Jesus Palma, Johnny Flores and Jesus Palma with Tony Hernandez

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Hataitip Lorenzi sells Asian blouses.



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# SNAP combats pet overpopulation throughout the year

## Group makes spay and neutering more affordable

By **MARINA GARCIA**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

*Editor's note: The Bulletin did not receive the following story in time for publication in the annual Community Wish List.*

The Spay and Neuter Action Program helps the community all year with their low-cost spay and neuter program for low-income households. The goal is to reduce the stray-animal rate in this community and the euthanasia rate of animals in the shelter. There is a large amount of unwanted animals in Doña Ana County that has become a great burden to the community. SNAP reduces the expense

of spaying and neutering animals for owners to \$15 for cats and \$25 for dogs. Dedicated volunteers do this service for the community, but there is always room for more.

SNAP is in need of donations or sponsors. Help is welcome for putting on future fundraisers. The next fundraiser is "Pet Photos with Santa," and proceeds go to SNAP. Also, SNAP will be working with Doña Ana County Animal Control to drive a mobile spay and neuter van to the Chaparral Community Center on Dec. 5, 6 and 7, and again on Dec. 12, 13 and 14. Next month, they will be going to Hatch to provide their services.

Most importantly, people can help by spaying and neutering pets.

For any questions on the photos with Santa or the mobile unit, contact SNAP Vice President Kat Lacy by calling her at 524-9265 or emailing her at betlife@zianet.com.

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## Tombaugh taking poinsettias orders

Catherine Huber's multi-age class at Tombaugh Elementary School is selling poinsettias to raise money to benefit La Casa Inc. domestic violence shelter, Jardin de los Niños shelter and the local Red Cross.

Orders are being taken through Wednesday, Dec. 10. Students are selling four-inch poinsettias for \$3 each and six-inch poinsettias for \$7 each.

The plants are provided by Aldershot's nursery of Las Cruces. The flowers will need to be picked up at Tombaugh Elementary, 226 Carver Road, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12.

Huber said her class "will be keeping track of all orders as a holiday service project."

To order poinsettias, email Huber at chuber@lcp.s.k12.nm.us or contact Tombaugh Elementary School at 527-9575.

## Sojourning Masons to meet Saturday

Sojourning Masons Doña Ana Lodge #78 AF&AM, 1200 W. University Ave., meets every Saturday, with an 8 a.m. breakfast on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, followed by Stated Communication at 9 a.m. and Ritual Practice every first and third Saturday at 9 a.m.

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## Sunrise students weave their way toward the future

Sunrise Elementary School students have begun using a loom paid for by a \$500 grant from the New Mexico Art Education Association (NMAEA).

Art teacher Ruth Rose said the school got the grant to support a community weaving project in the art room at the school.

"The upright floor loom was built locally by Richard Wingfield of Wingfield Custom Works in Las Cruces. There are boxes of materials suitable for weaving just waiting to be used on both sides of the structure," said Rose.

She said the loom is available for students and staff to weave with, and is "especially interesting to kinesthetic and tactile learners."

The grant award was given to Rose during the annual NMAEA conference held at Glorieta, N.M., Nov. 7 and 8.

For more information, contact Rose at 527-9626 or [rrose@lcp.s.k12.nm.us](mailto:rrose@lcp.s.k12.nm.us).

Students at Sunrise Elementary School are learning the art of weaving on a loom attained with a grant from the New Mexico Education Association.

## Area middle schools set to compete in 'Knowledge Bowl' on Saturday at CRMS

Six teams – four from Las Cruces Public Schools and two from the Gadsden Independent School District – will compete in the first-ever LCPS Middle School Knowledge Bowl Invitational, which will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, at Camino Real Middle School, 2961 N. Roadrunner Parkway, said CRMS Advanced Educational Services Facilitator Bertha Cantu, event coordinator.

The teams signed up to participate as of Dec. 1, are:

From Las Cruces Public Schools: Lynn Middle School, Zia Middle School, Camino Real Middle School and White Sands Middle School

From the Gadsden Independent School District: Gadsden Middle School and Chaparral Middle School

"This is an excellent opportunity for any child that gets involved," said CRMS Principal Angie Holguin-Dotson. "When in a student's life is there an opportunity to experience an event as this? This will offer a student encouragement, pride and a major boost to his/her self esteem – something middle school students are searching for all the time," she said.

Teams of seventh- and eighth-grade students will compete, although "sixth-graders may be included on the seventh-grade teams if they have one or more accelerated classes," said Cantu. There are four students to a team, but any team can play with fewer students. There may be alternates, and coaches can move students in and out of teams during play breaks, she said.

There will be three moderators for the competition, one for each room in which the competition is held at CRMS. Each room will have a timekeeper and a scorer. Students will buzz in when they want to be recognized to answer a question.

Categories for the competition will include everything covered in the middle school curriculum: science, mathematics, literature, grammar, art, social studies and more, said Cantu.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place. Lunch and snacks will be provided at the school during the competition day courtesy of CRMS, said Cantu.

For more information, contact Cantu at 527-6030 or [bcantu@lcp.s.k12.nm.us](mailto:bcantu@lcp.s.k12.nm.us).

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# Coming Up

## Observatory open house

The New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy will hold an Observatory Open House at the NMSU campus observatory at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5. Astronomy personnel on hand will be Dr. Rene Walterbos and graduate students Mary Jay Clark, James Stockton and Jiehae Choi.

Viewing through telescopes will include Jupiter, Venus, the Pleiades, the double star cluster in Perseus and the moon.

Please contact the NMSU Astronomy Department at 646-4438 with questions. Everyone is welcome to come and spend an evening of stargazing. Admission is free, and children are especially welcome to attend.

## Clean up at Alameda

Alameda Elementary School, will host "Keep Alameda Beautiful" cleanup day from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the school, 1325 N. Alameda Blvd., said Alameda Elementary Title 1 Computer Lab Educational Assistant Dorothy Marshall, who started the school's cleanup program. Alameda Elementary sponsors "Keep Alameda Beautiful" from 8 a.m. to noon one Saturday (usually the first one) each month, to clean up the grounds around the school. Anyone interested in volunteering or making a donation can contact Marshall at 527-9486 or MACRO-BUTTON HtmlResAnchor dmarshall@lcp.s.k12.nm.us.

## La Posada at Josefina's

Jardin de los Niños will present the "La Posada de Navidad" open house and silent auction from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Josefina's, 2262 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served. Admission is \$50. Tickets are available at Jardin de los Niños, 999 W. Amador Ave., Suite E. All proceeds will benefit homeless children. For more information, call 522-2111.

## Veterans' town hall

New Mexico Reps. Nathan Cote and Jeff Steinborn and state Senator-elect Steve Fischmann are sponsoring a Veterans' Town Hall Meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at American Legion Post 10, 1187 E. Madrid Ave., in preparation for the State of New Mexico 2009 legislative session.

State and local elected officials and a representative from the state's Secretary of Veterans' Services Office will be available to hear about the issues, concerns and recommendations of local veterans and their families.

For more information, call Cote at 373-0902.

## Character Counts! meeting

The Mesilla Valley Character Counts! Task Force will hold a meeting from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, in Conference Room A of the Las Cruces Public Schools Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., in Suite 249 of the Loretto Towne Centre.

For more information, contact Mesilla Valley Character Counts! volunteer Pat Peugh at 649-5812 or pgpeugh@aol.com or call the Josephson Institute Center for Youth Ethics at 800-711-2670 or visit [www.charactercounts.org](http://www.charactercounts.org).

## Holiday blood drive

United Blood Services, a nonprofit community blood provider, is urging the community to start the holiday season with an open heart and make time to save lives by donating blood at the second annual United Blood Services Holiday Party from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the United Blood Services Center, 1200 Commerce Drive.

Donors can receive a family photo taken with Santa, relax and enjoy seasonal food and drinks while the children create holiday crafts and decorate cookies. Gift bags the whole family can enjoy will be given out and there will be raffle prizes every hour. Those who are not able to donate are invited to recruit others in their place. Donors with appointments will be seen first.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 527-1322 or visit [www.bloodhero.org](http://www.bloodhero.org)

## NAACP meets

The NAACP Doña Ana Branch holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. every second Thursday of the month at the Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The public is invited. For more information, call 527-5765.

## Contest for middle schoolers

The Doña Ana Branch of the NAACP is inviting students in area middle schools to submit an essay sharing their thoughts and feelings on the philosophy of Martin Luther King in support of their focus on the "Keep the Kids in School" program.

One essay writer from each competing school will be chosen to receive a \$50 education bond that will mature in eight years. Essays must contain no more than 500 words and should be no more than two typewritten pages.

The deadline to submit an essay is Dec. 10, and entries should be sent to: Rivers Academy, 1501 N. Solano Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

The bonds will be awarded at the Martin Luther King breakfast celebration on Jan. 19, 2009.

## Educational retirees meet

The Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees will have a luncheon meeting at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the Days Inn Mesilla Valley Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Jeanine Vigerust will lead a sing-along. All retirees who have worked in any educational organization, in any position any place in the world, are welcome to come. Cost of the buffet luncheon is \$15. For reservations, contact Nova Jennet at 523-6026.

## Christmas tree lighting

The Town of Mesilla and Mesilla businesses will host Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Shopping Late in Mesilla on Friday, Dec. 12.

Town of Mesilla Mayor Michael Cadena will switch on the Christmas tree lights on the plaza at 6 p.m. Music by San Albino Church Choir members will follow until 6:30 p.m. The tree will be decorated with ornaments created by students from Mesilla Elementary School. In addition to the restaurants and businesses that are normally open late, many other Mesilla businesses will have extended hours for late shopping. Some businesses will have refreshments for shoppers. For more information, call the Town of Mesilla at 524-3262, ext. 116.

## Open house at White Sands

The public is invited to join in a holiday open house Friday, Dec. 12, at White Sands National Monument.

In what will be a spectacular holiday display for that night only, 1,000 luminarias, along with the full moon, will illuminate the historic visitor center at White Sands National Monument. Felipe Ruibal will play live acoustic guitar music. Hors d'oeuvres, hot cider and hot chocolate will be served in the visitor center and gift store. Last-minute holiday shoppers can take advantage of a major sale at the park's gift shop and bookstore throughout the day. White Sands will also offer special ranger-led programs. The open house will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 12. For this night only, White Sands National Monument will stay open until 8 p.m.. Normally at this time of the year, the monument is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visitors with questions may call the park at 679-2599, ext. 236 or visit [www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa).



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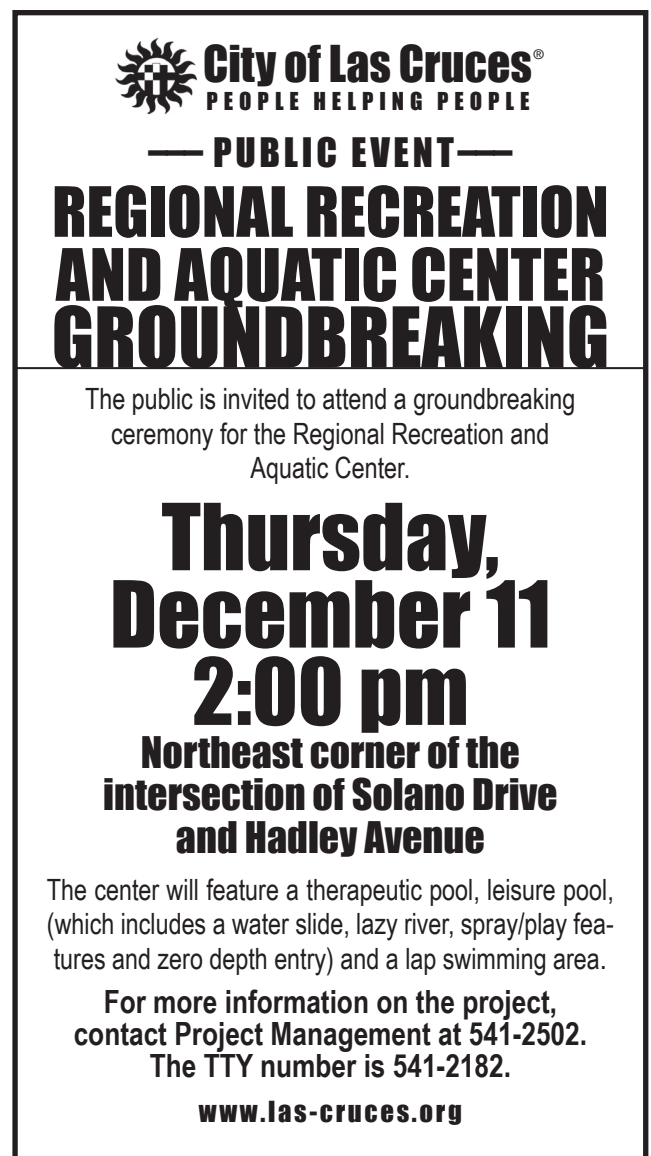
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# Audubon Society prepares for Christmas Bird Count

## Mesilla Valley area is a great place for birdwatching

By MARVIN TESSNEER  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Mesilla Valley is home to a wide variety of birds, and if bird watchers from other parts of the country knew about them, they would probably be flocking to the area with their binoculars and field guides, according to David Griffin, Mesilla Valley Audubon Society president.

One special outing is the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count that is scheduled for Dec. 20, the society's 31st. The society will break up into 10 groups for the bird count that will be conducted within a 15-mile radius from Dripping Springs to the Rio Grande, Griffin said.

The bird count, also known as Citizens' Science, has been conducted by the National Audubon Society for 109 years, Griffin said.

"We collect information on birds for biologists and other professionals to use to determine population levels of birds," Griffin said. "It makes a lot of information available. Over time, we can track whether bird populations are going down or staying level."

During the 2007 bird count, 40 MVAS members identified 118 species, ranking it among the top five in the state.

The Mesilla Valley is made up of a combination of habitats that attract different species of birds: the Rio Grande, which forms a corridor for migrating birds; the bosques, desert lands and foothills; and the Organ Mountains, with pines and junipers and, in some parts, an elevations of 9,000 feet, Griffin said.

In 2007, five members conducted a Big Year Contest and recorded 305 bird species.

The Mesilla Valley is one of the few areas where the rare Aplomado Falcon can be sighted. And during one outing, members also identified a Common Loon, a northern waterfowl that can submerge and swim underwater.

Birds do not recognize political boundaries, and this is one of the few places in the country where bird watchers can see the Phainopepla, or silky flycatcher, a dark bird with a crest that is common in Mexico. Years ago, they were common among the cottonwoods along the irrigation drainage ditches just off the Mesilla Bridge, feeding on parasitic mistletoe berries. But the mistletoe has killed off the cottonwoods, and the silky flycatchers have moved on.

Most visitors are familiar with the bob white, but they may have never seen other quail species that they would see here such as the Gambel's quail with its jaunty head tuft and the harlequin quail with its vivid facial markings.

About the only hummingbird that watchers in other parts of the country have ever spotted is the ruby throat. But visitors would enjoy seeing several hummingbird species here, the pugnacious rufous, the calliope, reportedly the smallest bird on the continent; Broad-tail and Black-chinned. And MVAS members could probably add more.

Most bird watchers have spotted the red cardinal with its crest, but they do not know about the Pyrrhuloxia, another bird shaped like a cardinal but with grey color mixed with red.

Most people have never heard of tanagers, but enlightened bird watchers would be happy to know that they could spot scarlet tanagers here, a bright-red bird with black wings, normally a plains bird.

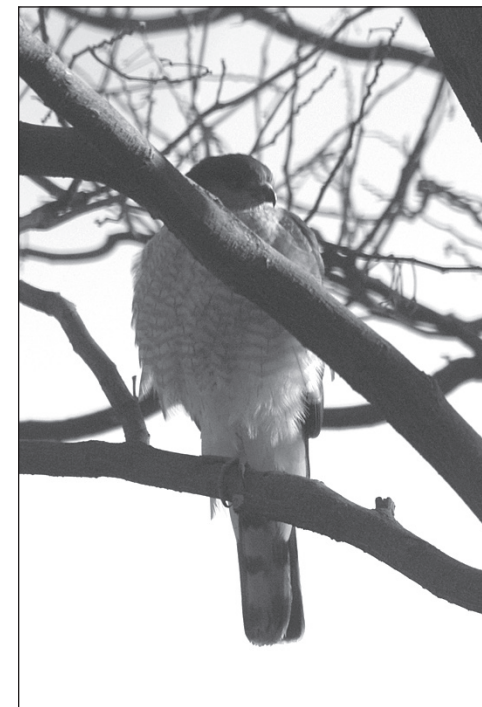
And up in the Organs, visitors will hear the noisy Mexican jay, slate-colored with no crest.

The MVAS also has scheduled a winter sparrows field trip for Dec. 10 at the Las Cruces Dam. Coordinators are expecting to see white-crown, Lincoln, song savannahs, vesper and brewer sparrows. They also said that it would be a good outing to see wintering raptors such as harriers, red-tailed, sharp-shinned and Cooper's hawks, kestrels and burrowing owls.

People who plan to attend can contact Nancy Stotz at 521-8087 or nstotz1@comcast.net.

In addition to bird tours, the MVAS also offers:

- Audubon Adventures, providing a natural history curriculum to more than 80 children in schools in Las Cruces, White Sands, Alamogordo and Truth-or-Consequences.
- Lorraine Schulte Excellence in Teaching Award, given to a teacher, grades K-12, for excellence in environmental education.
- Richard Bischoff Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 scholarship given each year to a New Mexico State University



JIM HILLEY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Birdwatchers taking part in the Audubon Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, Dec. 20, will be documenting populations of bird species in the Mesilla Valley area. This small hawk is a regular visitor to the photographer's yard on the East Mesa.

student in fish, wildlife and conservation, biology or geography departments.

- Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program and Scholarship Competition, promoting conservation through the arts for children, grades K-12. The program sponsors a contest to select a student's Junior Federal Duck Stamp.
- Beginning and Intermediate Bird Watching. Do all those little brown birds, mostly sparrows, look alike? Get your binoculars ready. The MVAS can teach how to identify birds by wing-bars, shape of bills or tails, breast markings, facial or crown markings and the best local places to observe birds, including back yards.

## NMSU sells historical calendars

The New Mexico State University Library's Rio Grande Historical Collections is now selling its 2009 calendar, "Farming and Agriculture in New Mexico." Copies can be purchased for \$6 each at the second floor administrative offices at Zuhl Library and the Caroline E. Stras Research Room on the fourth floor east of Branson Library.

The calendar features historical photographs that show how agriculture plays an integral role in local culture.

The calendar celebrates and honors generations of farming and ranching families as well as those who continue to serve the agricultural community.

The images are from the photograph collections of the NMSU Library's Rio Grande Historical Collections.

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# Looking Back

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**MARVIN  
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*Out of the Past*

**75**  
years ago  
**1933**

• Donald McKay, state rural schools superintendent, ranked Doña Ana County among the top-three rural schools for outstanding organization.

• The federal government announced that it was paying cotton farmers four cents a pound, based on 1928-1932 records, for cotton acreage that had been taken out of production to reduce a surplus and improve the market.

• Local men who attended the Alianza Hispano Americana convention in Hermosillo, Mexico, were Jose Gonzales, Jesus Nevarez, Albert Fountain Jr., Cruz R. Alvarez, Jesus Lujan Jr. and J.H. Jordi.

**50**  
years ago  
**1958**

• New Mexico A&M quarterback Charley Johnson led the Border Conference in offense with 1,343 yards.

• Student Council officers conducted guided tours during the dedication of the new \$1.5 million Las Cruces High School. The school's 85-piece band also presented a concert in the new gymnasium.

• The November construction figure was \$727,000, the 11-month total was \$7 million and 66 of the 83 building permits were for homes.

• The Aggies fell to Hardin Simmons 26-20 as the Cowboys intercepted a pass on the five-yard line to end an Aggie scoring drive.

• Mesilla Valley cotton farmers had 50 mechanical harvesters in the fields and were two weeks ahead of their picking schedule with 59,000 bales.

**25**  
years ago  
**1983**

• Members of the Ikard family donated \$40,000 to the Gerald W. Thomas Chair at New Mexico State University for food production research and natural resources.

• The Miners held the Aggies to 16 points in the first half, out-rebounded them 39-21 and forced 23 turnovers as they defeated the Aggies 62-49.

• The federal government granted Crawford Airport a one-year trial to see if it qualified for international status.

• Vandals slashed 40 tires on mostly faculty cars at Mayfield High School.

• The city was expanding University Avenue from Valley Drive to Locust Street with a \$2.8 million project.

• Mayfield defeated Deming 58-48 to present Trojan basketball coach Jimmy Oliver his 200th win.



Utility poles were lining Main Street, but hitching rails still were needed in Las Cruces since buggies still made up most of the traffic. Retailers also were putting up canopies on front for shade.

**10**  
years ago  
**1998**

• The Mesilla Planning, Zoning and Historical Appropriateness and Cornerstone Community Partners were seeking options to preserve historical buildings from demolition or deterioration. The State Historical Preservation Office had reported that the town originally had 416 historical buildings and that since 1978, 19 had been demolished and 12 were not being properly maintained and were in danger of deteriorating.

• Mayfield won the state football title, the third in four years, by beating Roswell 13-7 after Manny Aguilar had intercepted a pass and Ray Alderette went over from the one-yard line.

• Snowbirds were arriving and using a 1-800 telephone number to report postal addresses as they changed sites.

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



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## CHURCH NEWS

### ■ 'A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM' AT CHURCH ON THE ROCK

Church on the Rock is inviting the Las Cruces community to "A Night in Bethlehem," from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the church, 1405 S. Solano Drive. Visitors will hear festive music and wander through the streets of Bethlehem, visit a live nativity scene with real animals and taste food at the Bethlehem Bakery. They can also create fun projects in the market place shops including pottery, jewelry, herbs and spices, painting, stonemason, carpentry, weaving and a musical instrument shop. Guests can talk with shopkeepers, shepherds and Joseph and Mary and hear the beautiful story of God's love and a promise fulfilled. It's a Christmas experience where participants can do more than just hear about the birth of Jesus – they'll see, touch, feel and smell what life was like during this miraculous time.

For more information, contact 527-2687 or orugrad2001@yahoo.com.

### ■ PEACE LUTHERAN OFFERS SERVICES DURING ADVENT

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., is offering four opportunities for prayer and contemplation during this Advent season. Centering Prayer is offered at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays and Mondays for those who would like to gather in silent meditation for 20 minutes. "There is something uniquely powerful about meditating in a group – discovering community and a depth of discipline that people may not have individually."

A half hour of prayer and reflection to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (Psalm 122) will be offered on Wednesdays at noon, using worship resources provided by Churches for Middle East Peace. Holden Vesper Services will be offered at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, and Wednesday, Dec. 17. This is a unique half hour of music, meditation, and devotion.

All are welcome at Peace Lutheran to join in these special opportunities during this holy season. For more information, call Carol at 522-7119 between 8 a.m. and noon.

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Evening Worship 6:00-7:00pm  
**Wednesday:**  
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# Children can be at their worst on family vacations

## Parents shouldn't try to solve all of their children's problems

**Why is it that children are often the most obnoxious and irritating on vacations and at other times when parents specifically try to please them? On those special days, you'd think the kids would say to themselves, "Wow! Mom and Dad are doing something really nice for us, taking us on this great vacation. We're going to give them a break and be really good kids today." Isn't that reasonable?**

Sure it's reasonable, but children just don't think that way. In fact, many boys and girls misbehave even more at these times. Why is this? One reason, I think, is because children often feel compelled to re-examine the boundaries whenever they think they may have moved. In other words, whenever the normal routine changes, the tougher kids often push the limits to see if the old rules still apply.

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**Our 15-year-old daughter is getting some rough treatment at the hands of her peers these days. She wasn't invited to a party given by a girl who had been her best friend, and she cried herself to sleep that night. It's just tearing me up to see her hurt like this. Will this experience leave lifelong scars on her mind?**

It's all a matter of degree. Most teenagers experience a measure of rejection like your daughter is experiencing. They typically roll with the punches and eventually

get beyond the discomfort. Others, however, are wounded for life by the rejection of those adolescent experiences. I suggest you give your daughter plenty of emotional support, keep her talking and do what you can to help her cope. I think she'll get her legs under her when the pressure of these years has passed.

Let me address the larger issue here. When we see our children struggling with the teen experience or other frustrations, it's natural to wish we could sweep aside the problems and obstacles. Sometimes we have to be reminded that the human personality grows through adversity. "No pain, no gain," as they say. Those who have conquered their problems are more secure than those who have never faced them.

I learned the value of hard times from my own experience. During my seventh- and eighth-grades, I lived through the most painful years of my life. I found myself in a social crossfire that gave rise to intense feelings of inferiority and doubt. And yet those two years have contributed more qualities that are positive to my adult personality than any other span of my life. What I learned through that experience is still useful to me today.

Though it may be hard to accept now, your child needs the minor setbacks and disappointments that come her way. How can she learn to cope with problems and frustrations if her early experiences are totally without trial? Nature tells us this is true. A tree that's planted in a rain forest is never forced to extend its

## Focus on the Family

By Dr. James Dobson



roots downward in search of water. Consequently, it remains poorly anchored and can be toppled by even a moderate wind. By contrast, a mesquite tree that's planted in a dry desert is threatened by its hostile environment. It can only survive by sending its roots down 30 feet or more into the earth, seeking cool water. But through this adaptation to an arid land, the well-rooted tree becomes strong and steady against all assailants.

Our children are like the two trees in some ways. Those who have learned to conquer their problems are better anchored than those who have never faced them.

Our task as parents, then, is not to eliminate every challenge for our children, but to serve as a confident ally on their behalf, encouraging them when they are distressed, intervening when the threats are overwhelming and, above all, giving them the tools they need to overcome the obstacles.

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

## 13th annual Living Christmas Tree Concert

The 13th annual presentation of the Living Christmas Tree Concert will be at the First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St., each evening at 7 p.m. from Sunday, Dec. 13, through Tuesday, Dec. 16. A matinee performance will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

The Living Christmas Tree Concert has become an annual holiday tradition for many of the residents of the Mesilla Valley. Last year, approximately 3,500 joined in this unique, festive blend of timeless Christmas traditions with the tools of technology.

The 90-minute presentation is an incomparable expression of the holiday season's music. The musical extravaganza is animated with dramatic visual effects that are a unique and inspiring observance of the season. As traditional and contemporary Christmas carols are sung, 65,000 computer-controlled lights dazzle audi-

ences with a colorful and exciting spectacle.

Adorned with the traditional evergreen and draped with red and gold lamè, the steel tree structure reaches 24 feet to the ceiling of the First Baptist Church Worship Center and serves as a platform for the 70-voice choir. They are accompanied by a 35-piece orchestra and are joined by the church's children's choirs, youth choir, senior adult choir and a drama cast, bringing the best of the Christmas season to the stage.

The concert is under the direction of Mike Edwards, and James Harrison serves as the technical coordinator.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the church and at Johnson's True Value Hardware, 1002 W. Picacho Ave. and Chapter and Verse, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite B2.

For more information, call the church at 524-3691.



The Living Christmas Tree Concert at the First Baptist Church has become a popular event for Las Cruces during the holiday season.

## CHURCH NEWS

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### ■ CHRISTMAS DESSERT NIGHTS

Calvary Baptist Church, 1800 S. Locust St., will present two Christmas Dessert Nights at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. The original musical and dramatic presentation is titled "And the Word Became ..."

It will be presented by both adult and youth groups from the church's Worship Arts Ministry. Admission is free and tickets will be at the church office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. This is an opportunity for family and friends to enjoy a holiday evening together.

For more information, call 522-7900 or visit [www.cbclascruces.org](http://www.cbclascruces.org).

### ■ CHRISTMAS JAMS DEC. 14 AND 15

The Calvary Baptist Church will sponsor "Christmas Jams" at 7:15 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 15 and 16, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. Christmas Jams is a contemporary, high-energy take on Christmas music along the line of the Trans Siberian Orchestra or the Mannheim Steamroller. Mike Baker and Mark Anderson lead a talented group of musicians featured performing "rockin' Christmas tunes."

Tickets are available at the church, 1800 S. Locust St. and at the door.

For more information, call 522-7900.

### ■ SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS

Come to a place where your thoughts, feelings and questions are important for the growth of all. Come listen and share on Sundays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 275 N. Downtown Mall. For more information, call 526-1591.

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## Church of the Week

### A Ministry in the Making

Each week we provide this space as a ministry outreach to the Las Cruces community and readers of the Las Cruces Bulletin. The purpose for this media outreach is twofold. First and foremost, the aim of each "Church of the Week" feature is to provide an uplifting, inspirational and faith-filled Christian message. Secondly, this space allows churches and ministries throughout the city to garner attention and bolster awareness for their worship times, special fellowship opportunities and various outreach ministries.

This space has featured various denominations and ministries such as the Gospel Rescue Mission and Catch the Wave ministry. Currently, the church or ministry featured each week is privately selected, but we invite all churches and outreach ministries throughout Las Cruces to offer a submission for consideration in this weekly feature. Your submission should meet the call of this ministry's purpose, be between 150 and 250 words, contain information about worship times and/or outreach involvement information and be provided via e-mail to [jaylene@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:jaylene@lascrucesbulletin.com). For questions or more information about how your church and/or outreach ministry can be included in this featured space, please call the Las Cruces Bulletin at 524-8061.

**But we will continue steadfastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word.**

**Acts 6:4 (American Standard Version)**





# SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on any ongoing programs. **Senior programs will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 25 and 26, for the Christmas holiday.**

## ■ CORE FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

There are four core floor exercise classes at the Munson Senior Center. All exercises are done on a provided mat. Suggested donation is 50 cents. The schedule is:

- Mondays, 10:15 to 11 a.m., with Lucille
- Tuesdays, 1 to 1:45 p.m. with Dawn
- Wednesdays, 10:15 to 11 a.m., with Lucille
- Thursdays, 1 to 1:45 p.m. with Dawn

## ■ AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatic class is temporarily suspended. Call the Munson Center at 528-3000 for updates.

## ■ AEROBICS CLASS

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

## ■ YOGA CLASS

Yoga classes are at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road. Nora Bailey, certified instructor, will lead Hatha yoga classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 8 a.m. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

## ■ MESILLA PARK EXERCISE CLASS

Exercise classes with certified instructors Dawn Patterson at 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays and

Thursdays and Lucille Garcia on Fridays at the Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., Room 3. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

## ■ TAI CHI WITH CHER

Tai Chi with Cher is held on Mondays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the class is at the Munson Senior Center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., and on Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. at the East Mesa/Sage Café, 5589 Porter Drive. There is a 50-cent suggested donation.

## ■ 55 ALIVE DEFENSIVE DRIVING

55 Alive Defensive Driving classes will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11 and 12, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 1240 S. Espina St. Participants must attend both days to receive a certificate. These classes are on a first-come, first-serve basis and cost \$10 per person, with payment due at the door the day of the first class. No pre-registration is required.

## ■ CANASTA

Canasta is played every Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Munson Senior Center. All skill levels are welcome.

## ■ SENIOR FOLKLORICO

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

## ■ ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

English as a Second Language (ESL) with Mary Lou Darby is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on

Thursdays and Fridays at the Munson Senior Center in the TV Lounge.

## ■ WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Watercolor Painting Class meets from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays in the art/quilting room at Munson Senior Center.

## ■ BEGINNING LINE DANCING

Beginning line dancing with Sherrill Patterson and Cheryl Lither is on Mondays at the Munson Senior Center from 1:45 to 3 p.m., and intermediate line-dancing class is on Fridays from 1:45 to 3 p.m.

## ■ BINGO MANIA

Bingo Mania is at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St., on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. No money is involved. Donations of old and/or new knickknacks for prize collection are welcome. Call 541-2305 or 541-2304 for information.

## ■ HORSESHOE PITCHING

Horseshoe-pitching practice is held from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Matt Youngblood Courts on Hadley Ave. For more information, call Burt Trujillo at 522-4849.

## ■ LADIES POOL TOURNAMENT

A Ladies Pool Tournament is held at Munson Center at 8:30 a.m. the first Monday of each month. The tournament is open to ladies 50 and older and is free. Gift cards are awarded for first and second place winners. Tournament starts around 8:30 a.m.

## ■ PINOCHLE

Pinochle players will meet on Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. at Munson Center.

## ■ MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg is played on Thursdays at the Munson Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## ■ CHINA PAINTERS

China Painters meet every Monday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Munson Center art studio.

## ■ CREATIVE WRITING

A creative writing class is taught at the Munson Senior Center in the Doña Ana Room on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.

## ■ BREAKFAST AT MUNSON

Anyone age 60 and older and their spouse, regardless of age, are invited to a breakfast in the Cantina at Munson Senior Center, from 8 to 9 a.m. The menu includes fruit juice, cereal, milk, bread or muffin and peanut butter or jelly. Each Wednesday, hard-boiled eggs will also be served. A 50-cent donation is suggested for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday breakfast, while 75 cents is suggested on Wednesday.

## ■ CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Christmas Caroling with Dolores will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17. Carolers will depart from the Eastside Center in the senior services van and proceed to visit homebound seniors. Refreshments will be provided.

## ■ SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MEAL

An Intergenerational Pot Luck and Craft Party will be Monday, Dec. 22, at the Eastside Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Seniors are invited to bring their favorite dish and their grandchildren for an afternoon of good food and lots of fun. There will be games, cookies to decorate, and the first person to break a piñata full of goodies will earn a prize. Call the center to sign up at 524-1632.

## ■ SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MEAL

A special Christmas meal will be held Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Munson and Benavidez Centers. Each will have two seat-

ing's for this meal. The first seating is at 11 a.m. and the second seating is at noon. The Eastside and Mesilla Park Centers will have their normal serving times: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All guests will be seated and served at the table. The suggested donation is \$2. Reservations are requested no later than Monday, Dec. 15, at one of the centers or by calling 528-3012.

## ■ LAWYER REFERRAL

Lawyer Referral for the Elderly of the State Bar of New Mexico will hold a workshop from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11. The workshop will address common legal issues affecting seniors. At 11 a.m., free 30-minute appointments are available for one-on-one legal counseling. Senior are encouraged to bring paperwork or questions they want to discuss. To schedule an appointment, call 528-3000.

## ■ TAX PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS

AARP Tax-Aid helps middle and low income taxpayers with special emphasis to those 60 and older. They also prepare tax returns for individuals of all ages. Volunteers for tax preparation and/or administrative positions are needed for the Las Cruces area. Free training will start the second Monday in January and will last 1 week. All volunteers will be required to pass a written test in order to qualify as tax preparers. Classes will start at 8:30 a.m. and last until noon. Tax preparation for the public will commence on Feb. 2, 2009 and will be offered through April 15, 2009 at several locations in Las Cruces. Tax returns will be transmitted electronically. For information on being a volunteer, call 525-0299.

## ■ VIDEO GAME VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to assist in hosting an on-going activity with the Nintendo Wii at Munson Center. A volunteer, or a small group of volunteers might take turns to set up, operate and be present during this activity. For more information, contact Shaunna Foster at the recreation office 528-3037 or email SFoster@las-cruces.org.

## ■ INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Information or assistance on benefits for seniors is 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; assistance to disabled on Medicare/Medicaid, etc. Counseling, information and assistance are available as follows:

- Resource Center at Munson: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 528-3301 or 528-3307.
- Representatives of the State Aging Department are at Munson Center from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 541-2451
- The State of New Mexico also has a local representative for Aging and Long Term Services where assistance is available on Medicare, Medicaid, etc. Appointments can be made by calling 647-2049. Assistance is also available from a State Help Center by calling 800-432-2080.

## ■ RSVP SENIOR CONNECTIONS

Seniors are encouraged to join the Retired/Senior Volunteer Program, by donating a few hours a week to help the community grow. All volunteer activities have flexible times and schedules. For more information, contact Senior Programs at 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

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# HEALTH NEWS

## Hernia repair: To repair or not to repair

A question and answer session with Dr. Kamran Kamali

By KAMRAN KAMALI, M.D.  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

**I have an uncle who is 75 years old and has a hernia. Should he have it repaired?**

This is a very important question. However, the answer is not a simple yes or no. What is a hernia? A hernia is a defect in the abdominal musculature that can allow intra-abdominal contents to protrude and cause symptoms. There are many types of hernias. The most common exist in the groin, and they are referred to as inguinal hernias. Another common type of hernia occurs in the midline of the abdomen, and this is referred to as a ventral hernia. In addition, one can develop a hernia along any abdominal incision and this is referred to as an incisional hernia.

The prevalence of inguinal hernias increases by age. Approximately 30 percent of cases occur in the age-range 65-74 and 35 percent in the age-range 75 and older.

So, if your uncle has a symptomatic inguinal hernia, I would recommend repair if he is an appropriate surgical candidate.

**What if my uncle is not complaining of any symptoms?**

In that case, I could tell your uncle that



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there is a role in watchful waiting for an asymptomatic inguinal hernia in men. Prospective randomized trials suggest a probability of 25 percent of patients who have chosen watchful waiting will go onto surgery within two to three years.

**What is mesh?**

Mesh refers to prosthetic biomaterials used by the surgeon to help reinforce the abdominal wall defect. There are many different types of mesh available.

Synthetic mesh is available in the form of absorbable, partially absorbable or non-absorbable. Biologic mesh can come from human cadaveric dermal grafts, porcine sub-mucosa or dermis and bovine pericardium. There is no perfect mesh, however, the ideal prosthetic would be chemically inert, non-carcinogenic, non-inflammatory, non-allergenic, and readily sterile. In addition, it should resist mechanical stress and infection. The typical choice for mesh is related to the experience of the surgeon with that mesh.

**Describe a problem that patient's have with an incisional hernia?**

Incisional hernias occur in 11 to 20 percent of patients after a laparotomy. Typically, we see six to 15 percent become

incarcerated and approximately 2 percent present in the form of strangulation. Repair techniques include an open repair with and without mesh. It appears the laparoscopic approach for repairing this type of hernia is gaining popularity. This technique is feasible, safe and effective. It can also identify the presence of smaller hernias that may not be seen on the CAT scan or on a physical examination.

In studies comparing laparoscopic incisional and ventral-hernia repair to the open technique, a majority show the benefit of the laparoscopic approach, in terms of recurrence rate, wound complications and length of hospital stay.

**What is your approach to a patient with a hernia?**

In my opinion, the approach should be individualized based on a thorough review of the patient's history, including the review of any pertinent operative reports from the patient's previous surgeries. In addition, I would perform a careful physical examination, along with a complete review of all pertinent imaging studies such as CAT scans. Subsequently, I will discuss with the patient regarding options for hernia repair.

**What could I do to increase the possibility of a successful outcome if I was to undergo a hernia repair?**

My top-three recommendations would be for smokers to stop smoking eight weeks prior to surgery, for morbidly obese patients to lose weight gradually prior to surgery and lastly to follow my post-operative restrictions on activity.

**What should I do the day before surgery?**

Do not shave the hair at the site of surgery, because it could increase the risk of infection. You can use antibacterial soap to wash the abdominal wall the day before surgery.

**What do you see in the future advancement in this area?**

With further research, we should be able to define clearer standards for operation, versus conservative non-operative management. We will continue to see development of advanced, lightweight mesh. Soon, we will use glue and adhesives instead of sutures and tacks to secure the mesh to the abdominal wall. Also, someday I hope to see the problem solved at the molecular level, to identify defects in collagen repair and synthesis, and thus eliminate the need for surgery.

*The content of this article is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always seek the advice of your physician or other qualified health provider, with questions regarding a medical condition. Kamran Kamali, M.D. is a board-certified surgeon, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the Medical and Allied Health Staff at MountainView Regional Medical Center. Kamali's office is at 2803 Doral Court.*

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## Feeling ill? Stock up on natural nutrients

### At the first sign of cold symptoms, boost your immune system

By **BETHANY CONWAY**  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The cold and flu season has arrived, and its effects are evident in workplaces and schools around the city. For those who haven't caught the bug, it's time to become armed against the constant assault on the body's immune system.

Normally, this entails a trip to the local drugstore to stock up on the wide array of cold and flu medications. But, in addition, there are natural products that can be used on a daily basis to boost the immune system and counter these circulating illnesses.

Providing natural and organic products since 1975, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, has a long list of goods that can help, including nutrients recognized for their long-term support of the immune system and those that provide immediate relief. Their vitamin and health-food specialists have many suggestions for keeping healthy during these trying times, including many natural herbs and supplements that

can be easily incorporated into a daily diet.

Used for centuries to cure colds, heal infections and treat many other ailments such as heart disease, garlic is perhaps the oldest immune-system booster known to man and comes highly recommended.

"My favorite thing, and I think one of the most important things, is garlic – raw garlic. People do not realize the immune-system building power of garlic," said Kathy Stott of Mountain View Market.

Along with adding it to soups, she suggests making a paste with raw garlic cloves, lemon juice, virgin olive oil, dried oregano and dried basil then blending it into a paste.

"You can put it in your salad dressings. You can add it to a good non-dairy cheese and spread it on crackers. It's a great way to get garlic into your system," Stott said.

For those who absolutely can't stand the potent odor and taste of garlic, the best approach is to purchase a garlic supplement.

"There are a lot of supplements that you can take that are herbal-based that we have in capsule form," said Kristin Minto, also of Mountain View Market.

When it comes to helpful herbs and roots, the list includes astragalus, echinacea, thyme, oregano and ginger.

"Once you're feeling sick, echinacea is one of the top remedies," Minto said. "Ginger is another great immune booster as well as a lot of the regular culinary herbs like thyme and oregano."

Astragalus is perhaps the best herb for keeping the immune system in order and bringing it back up to strength and can be taken on a long-term basis and even added to teas. Thyme, which is actually an expectorant, is not only good for respiratory trouble, but also a sore throat. Oregano, a commonly used spice, is also good for coughs, bronchial problems, swollen glands and fighting the cold and flu.

When it comes to a runny nose, Minto suggested a sinus rinse with a saline solution, and Mountain View Market has entire kits to help.

Of course, it is always a good idea to get plenty of vitamin C, which includes eating lots of oranges and drinking orange juice.

"Take as high of doses of vitamin C as you can," said Stott. "I suggest that people get the Emergen-C. Get a 32-ounce bottle of water, put two or three tablets in there and sip on it through the course of the day – that way your body retains it."

While no one enjoys symptoms of a common cold, those comfort foods like soups and warm drinks such as herbal infusions can be very enjoyable and beneficial during the colder months.

With both a bulk-herb section for herbal-infusion teas and a section of ready-made tea bags to address a variety of symptoms, Mountain View Market has something for everyone.

"Using the teas in our bulk-herb section is the most economical way. You can get all that you need for a week or two for only a couple dollars," Minto said.

Coming in both root and leaf form, she said many of the teas can help fight off and soothe any ailment from a sore throat to a stomachache. One in particular that she recommended is the Oregon grape root.

"It helps with colds, it helps boost your immune system, it helps cleanse the system of any bacteria, any viruses. It is a real cleanser of the body," she said. "You can sweeten with honey rather than sugar, which will lower your immune system. Honey actually has immune-boosting qualities."

What is important to note about many of these suggestions, is that they can be put into practice year-round, not just during the winter. This includes eating lots of colorful produce.

"You want to make sure you are getting a lot of healthy, fresh food," said Minto, who also suggest eating leafy greens.

At Mountain View Market, all of the produce is grown organically, which is also important for those fighting off infections.

"They don't have the pesticides, and if you are fighting a cold and your body has to deal with all of the toxins of pesticides, that energy doesn't go to your immune system," she said.

For those who have yet to catch the bug, now is the time to start stocking up on fresh foods and beneficial supplements.

"I won't say you won't get anything, but you can do damage control," Stott said.



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**Kristin Minto of Mountain View Market holds up a container of Oregon grape seed, which can be made into a tea that boosts the body's immune system. Their line of bulk herbs presents an inexpensive way to keep healthy during the winter season.**

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A public hearing will be held on various dates (see center column) to present the 2009 Action Plan and ask for public input.

#### Written Comments

Can't make the public hearing? Be sure to send us a letter about your community needs and how you think funding should be allocated in the city. Send your comments by:

**Fax: 528-3101** or email: **ddollahon@las-cruces.org** or send a letter to: **2009 Action Plan, Community Development Department, City of Las Cruces P.O. Box 20000 Las Cruces, NM 88004**

For more information about the forums or hearings, contact

**David Dollahon at the Community Development Department, 575.528.3060 (voice) or 575.528.3157 (TTY)**

#### PUBLIC HEARING REUNION PUBLICA

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La Ciudad de Las Cruces necesita su opinión acerca de como invertir fondos federales asignados para el 2009, por parte del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano. La ciudad ha estado en el proceso de desarrollar el Plan Consolidado desde enero y necesita sus opiniones para este plan, el cual va a determinar como invertir los fondos federales.

#### Junta Publica

La junta es publica y se llevara a cabo en varias fechas (refierase a los detalles de la columna del medio). La junta va ser para la presentacion del plan de accion y para solicitar la opinion del publico acerca de este plan.

#### Comentarios Escritos

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# AROUND TOWN *health events and support groups*

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## ■ YOGA CLASSES

The City of Las Cruces offers yoga classes taught by Olivia Solomon, a certified Kripalu instructor, from 9 to 10 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. All ages are welcome. Individual classes cost \$1.50, or a season ticket can be purchased. For more information, call 541-2563.

## ■ BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are held in Las Cruces on a weekly basis. The clinic is held on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon at Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road; on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.; on Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.; and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon 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.

## ■ WELLNESS CLASSES

The City of Las Cruces invites area residents to the Walking for Wellness class at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. The classes are at 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The 50-minute instructional class includes power walking, aerobics, weight resistance and more. The cost is \$1.50. Participants should bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing. Showers are available on site. For more information, contact Dorene Titus at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2661.

## ■ TOPS MEETING - CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)

Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at their Thursday-morning meetings at Trails West Senior Complex, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the main room. Meetings start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions on weight loss, dietary help and nutrition.

## ■ PEOPLE WHO LOVE AN ADDICT SUPPORT GROUP

People Who Love an Addict support group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Stone Mountain Place Club House, 930 E. Boutz Road. Contact information will be kept anonymous. For more information, call Donna at 405-6369 or Alice at 527-1411.

## ■ WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE

Gold Medal Taekwondo, 519 E. Boutz, Suite 1, will be hosting free women's self defense classes certain Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings in December. For more information, contact Gold Medal Taekwondo at 526-4429.

## ■ CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively known as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as one million Americans have IBD and both diseases are similar. They are marked by an abnormal response by the body's immune system and include chronic inflammation of the intestines. There are no cures and management of the diseases includes medications, diet and surgery. The primary symptoms are: fatigue, painful intestinal cramping, and diarrhea. The support group focuses on sharing coping strategies and listening to each other. It is an opportunity to be with others who understand the nature of long-term illness. Friends and family members welcome. The Crohn's and Colitis support group meets the second Sunday of every month from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Community Education Room of MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The support

group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. For more information, contact Jo Tice Bloom. 382-0722.

## ■ INDEPENDENT LIVING GROUP

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

## ■ LIVING WITH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP AND POT LUCK

The Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach will present a free Living with Diabetes Lecture Series Support Group from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, at the MountainView Regional Medical Center, Community Education Room, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Attendees are encouraged to bring a favorite dish with nutritional information if possible. The series is intended for those informed they have diabetes, family and friends of those with diabetes and all who are interested. No pre-registration is required.

For more information, contact the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach at 522-0289, snmdo@snmdo.org or visit [www.snmdo.org](http://www.snmdo.org).

## ■ TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support group meets the second Thursday of every month at the MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Community Education room from 6 to 7 p.m. The group will help to bring information and support to people who have lost a family member, donor family members and transplant recipients. Coffee and snacks will be available. For more information, contact Geraldo at 650-4404 or visit the website at [southernm.transplant.supportgrp@gmail.com](http://southernm.transplant.supportgrp@gmail.com).

# Candlelight vigil held for World AIDS Day

## Camino de Vida Center hosted commemorative event on Dec. 1

By BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

On Monday, Dec. 1, Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services joined the rest of the nation and world to commemorate the 20th annual World AIDS Day with a candlelight vigil.

A day to bring attention to the "transmission, treatment and tolerance" of HIV/AIDS, it is an occasion meant to educate those who might have forgotten that this terrible disease is still alive and well, claiming 5,700 lives each day.

As of 2007, an estimated 33 million people globally are infected with HIV/AIDS and according to the Center for Disease Control, an estimated 56,300 people were diagnosed with the disease in 2006. New analysis by the CDC indicates that approximately one in five people living with HIV – 21 percent or 232,700 total people – are unaware of their infection. The estimates also indicate that gay and bisexual men of all races, African-Americans and Hispanics/Latinos continue to represent the majority of persons living with HIV in the United States.

While the statistics might seem staggering, the good news is that less and less people are dying from this terrible disease.

"This disease has brought people together from all walks of life," said Amanda Lain, HIV education coordinator for Camino de Vida. "Twenty-seven years after being discovered, we know that people are not dying of, but living with HIV."

According to the CDC website, "The growing number of people living with HIV in the United States points to an increased need for HIV testing, treatment and prevention services to slow the U.S. epidemic. With more HIV-infected individuals, and with those persons living longer, there is a growing population of HIV-infected men and women who must be reached with testing, medical care and prevention services. As the number of persons living with HIV grows, so does the cost of providing medical services to this population and the burden on health care systems. In order to reduce these increased costs of care in the future, greater attention needs to be paid to preventing these infections in the first place."

U.S. Jeff Bingaman, who sent a letter to be read at the vigil, praised the International HIV/AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008, which will lead the fight against the disease across the globe.

Camino de Vida was also awarded a check for \$5,000 from Best Buy to help continue the fight against HIV/AIDS in Las Cruces.



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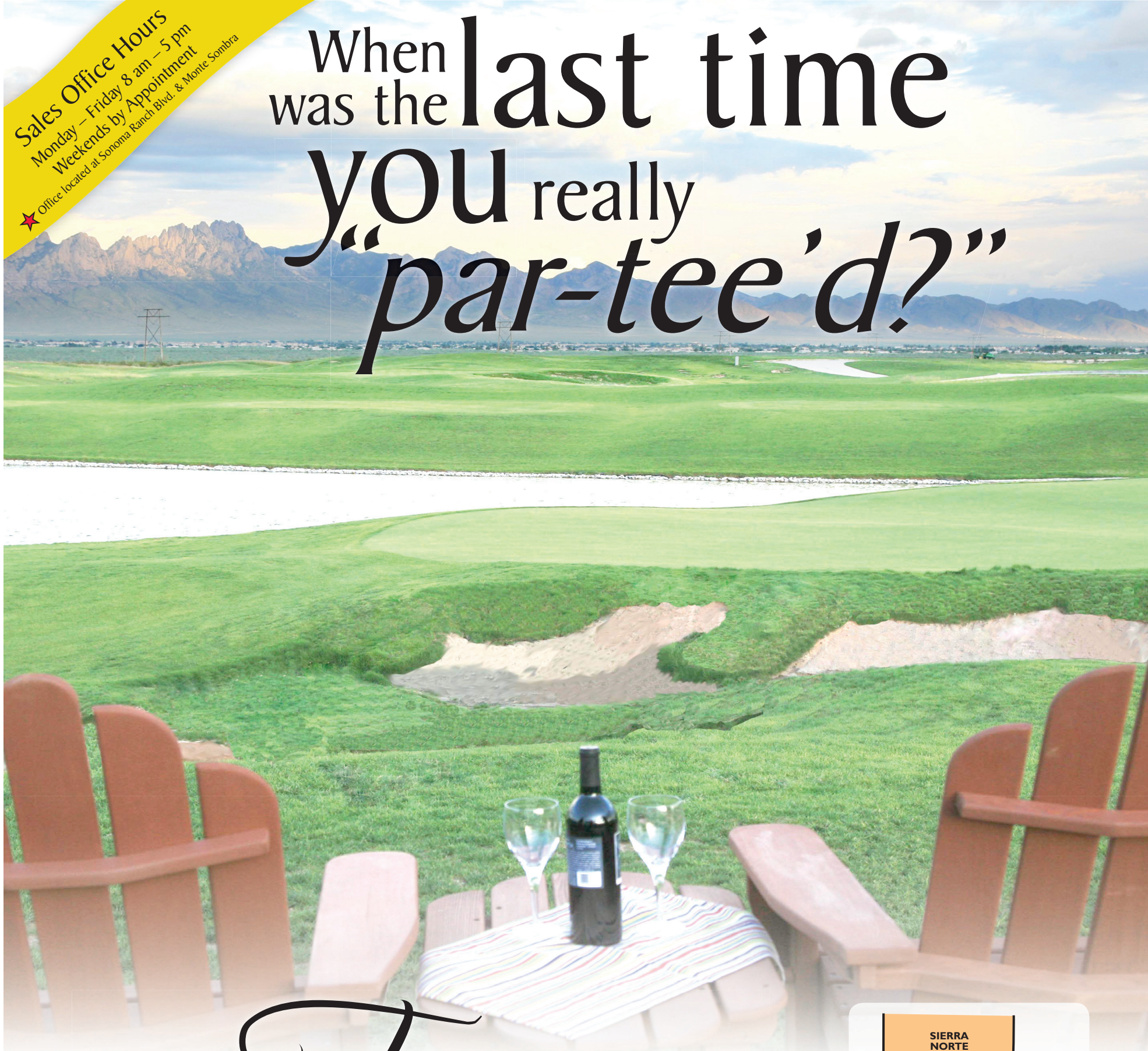
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## Black Friday gets darker each year

Earlier hours, colder attitudes start the holidays

**NATISHA HALES**

*Bulletin Business*



Ahhh, the holidays. Full parking lots, people cursing at each other, long lines, longer hours. Where we've all witnessed the fights between customers over children's toys, now there's news of a Wal-Mart employee in Long Island, N.Y., getting trampled and killed by a mob of eager shoppers.

As each year passes, I've come to realize that Black Friday has taken on a whole new meaning. There is now a lot more to the day that retailers are no longer "in the red." It's become much darker than the black they're talking about.

Stores are opening earlier and earlier the day after Thanksgiving, and customers are lining up in the wee hours of the morning. With those earlier hours come shoppers' and retailers' cold, less-personal attitudes.

Here in Las Cruces, the Wal-Marts were "guttled," as one shopper put it, and when he and his wife came to the Target parking lot, they were not excited to join the end of the line — which extended to Lohman Avenue — simply to buy Legos, Hot Wheels and clothes. I snapped pictures in the dark, and as I left, I heard someone screaming about getting run over. Another lady jumped out of her car and shouted some expletives, and a passer-by just muttered, "Here we go."

Is that really what we've come to expect? Harsh treatment and being corralled like cattle into a store? I like to think of our species as a little more intelligent than that.

Yet, we continue to act the opposite. Customers aren't the only ones who've gotten colder, though. I tried to schedule photos for Black Friday on Wednesday, and I was told I could only take pictures outside of every big-box store that I called. As many of the managers are brought in from out of town, one even asked me if the Las Cruces Bulletin was a new paper in town. Gone are the days when businesses appreciate the publicity.

However, there are many locally owned businesses who do appreciate their names or faces in the community paper, but, unfortunately, they're not able to compete with the big boxes that slash prices in half and draw large crowds that trample employees. And that's what makes the news.

I'm no Scrooge, but when someone dies for the sake of shopping, is that really cause for holiday cheer?

## Weekend totals far from bleak

Bargain-conscious shoppers spend even more than last year

BY NATISHA HALES  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Is buying Guitar Hero World Tour for just \$50 worth braving the cold, early-morning hours in a line outside a discount store?

Las Cruces Eddie Ogas, who waited in line outside Target since 3:30 a.m. Friday, thinks so. Though he was the first one out the door, he wasn't the first one to get to the store.

"I was probably the fifth or sixth person in line," he said.

That line, which extended from the store's entrance to Lohman Avenue, is proof that number shoppers were out in full force to get in on the early-morning bargains.

According to a survey commissioned by the International Council of Shopping Centers, 45 percent of consumers reported that they planned to shop on Black Friday or the weekend after Thanksgiving.

The National Retail Federation confirmed that with their post-Black Friday survey, which revealed that more than 172 million shoppers visited stores and websites over Black Friday weekend, which was more than the 147 million consumers last year.

Just as New Mexico State University marketing professor Bruce Huhmann predicted in his holiday forecast, more shoppers were out in the early-morning hours hunting for bargains. However, shoppers still spent an average of \$372.57 over the weekend, reaching an estimated \$41 billion, the NRF reported. That amount is

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NATISHA HALES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Even after a cold Thanksgiving day of rain, hundreds of eager Black Friday shoppers waited for hours outside of Target for its early-morning opening at 6 a.m. These Las Cruces consumers contributed to \$41 billion spent nationwide over the weekend after Thanksgiving.

## A brighter way to save money

More businesses using LED lights

BY NATISHA HALES  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

This winter, more businesses are looking to cut even more costs, but don't want to cut their holiday spirit.

Growing with the trend of "green" is the popularity of light-emitting diode (LED) lights. Each light is composed of an electric component that produces light without heat and without a high voltage. Because of their ability to last longer than traditional bulbs, LED lights are more cost-efficient and businesses have picked them up for the holidays.

Citing cost-efficiency and a "nicer look," Boba Café has picked up the concept, in addition to the Double Eagle Restaurant in Mesilla. The initial investment was more costly than traditional lights, but the long-term benefits are worth it, said Double Eagle Manager Jerry Harrell.

"It's a more expensive investment until you start figuring the cost of buying regular lights and paying someone to pull

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STEVE MACINTYRE | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Keeping up with a growing trend this holiday season is Boba Café, which is using LED Christmas lights. Businesses nationwide are finding the technology is a way to save money while considering the environment.



## PROFILE

# Kent Evans: A familiar face in the community

## County commission chair shaped key events

By NATISHA HALES  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Whether he's sitting behind a dais or standing next to a red ribbon in a pin-decorated blue blazer, the community recognizes Kent Evans.

Not only has Evans been a Doña Ana County commissioner since 2000, but the elected official has also played a large role in the community, even before he entered the political realm.

Though he's not originally from Las Cruces, Evans and his wife Anna Mae have made this community their home for more than 20 years. Before he came to the area, Evans first placed his footprints in Florida – and indirectly on the moon.

After his father moved to the Cape Canaveral, Fla., area to help begin the space program there, Evans followed to attend the University of Miami.

"It was a great move because I met Anna Mae in German class our freshman year," he said. "We married after college and traveled around the world."

Returning to Florida after their honeymoon, Evans used his psychology and sociology background as a social worker in Brevard County for the health department. He set up three new health clinics within the county.

Soon after, he, too stepped into the groundbreaking aeronautical program in Florida. A personnel manager for Rockwell International, McDonnell Douglas and Lockheed Martin, Evans and his wife became acquainted with the original seven astronauts and hosted all the VIPs during each launch.

"I witnessed every launch from the VIP area, which was three miles away," he said. "I could write a book on that part of my life alone. There will never be another time like that on the cape."

While working with the space program in Florida, Evans was active in the community and politics. He ran a congressional campaign in Florida and was active with organizations like the Masons and the chamber of commerce.

While working with Lockheed Martin, Evans was transferred to Las Cruces to assist with the phasing in of the local NASA program and then became the head of human resources for the New Mexico State University Physical Science Laboratory for 20 years.

Just as he had an impact on the Florida community, it

didn't take long for the couple and their family to make themselves at home.

"I remember the first football game Anna Mae and I went to, and it was in the old stadium back then," he said. "We didn't know anyone, but it didn't take us long to get to know everyone in town."

Getting to know everyone through his community involvement, Evans also had a hand in shaping some of the key programs in the Mesilla Valley.

In 1982, Evans was a part

of the founding committee that formed The Whole Enchilada Fiesta, named after Willard Scott's signature phrase, "and that's the whole enchilada," Evans said.

"I was an active chair of the parade and the president of The Whole Enchilada Fiesta four times," he said. "I watched it go through the stages to what it is today. I wish we could go back to where all the clubs make money for them, and it was a big fiesta, a block party. There was no carnival, and we didn't allow politics."

Originally coinciding with The Whole Enchilada Fiesta was the Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally, which was created while Evans chaired the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

Leadership Las Cruces also was a new concept while Evans chaired the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

"It was a way for us to train and involve the younger generation to be our future leaders," he said. "From that concept it has developed to what we have today."

With his experience in shaping the government-based space program, Evans also served on the task force that pulled for the birth of commercial-based spaceflight.

"The Southwest Spaceport Task Force was formed in the early '80s, and on it were Len Sugerman and Lonnie Sumpter," he said. "We spent over 20 years getting us the opportunity to have a spaceport here. We all thought, 'Is it ever going to happen?' And now we can say that it is. Even with the negative people, they will see the spaceport as one of the best things we ever did for this area."

Evans, with a professional background

in human resources management, also helped found the local chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management and has an award named after him, the Kent Evans Award, which recognizes an outstanding human resources manager in the community.

Keeping his passion for community involvement in

mind after her retired from the PSL, Evans decided to rekindle his interest in politics.

"I got a call in 1996 from a friend who asked me to run for Doña Ana County commissioner," he said. "We thought about it, and we decided to run."

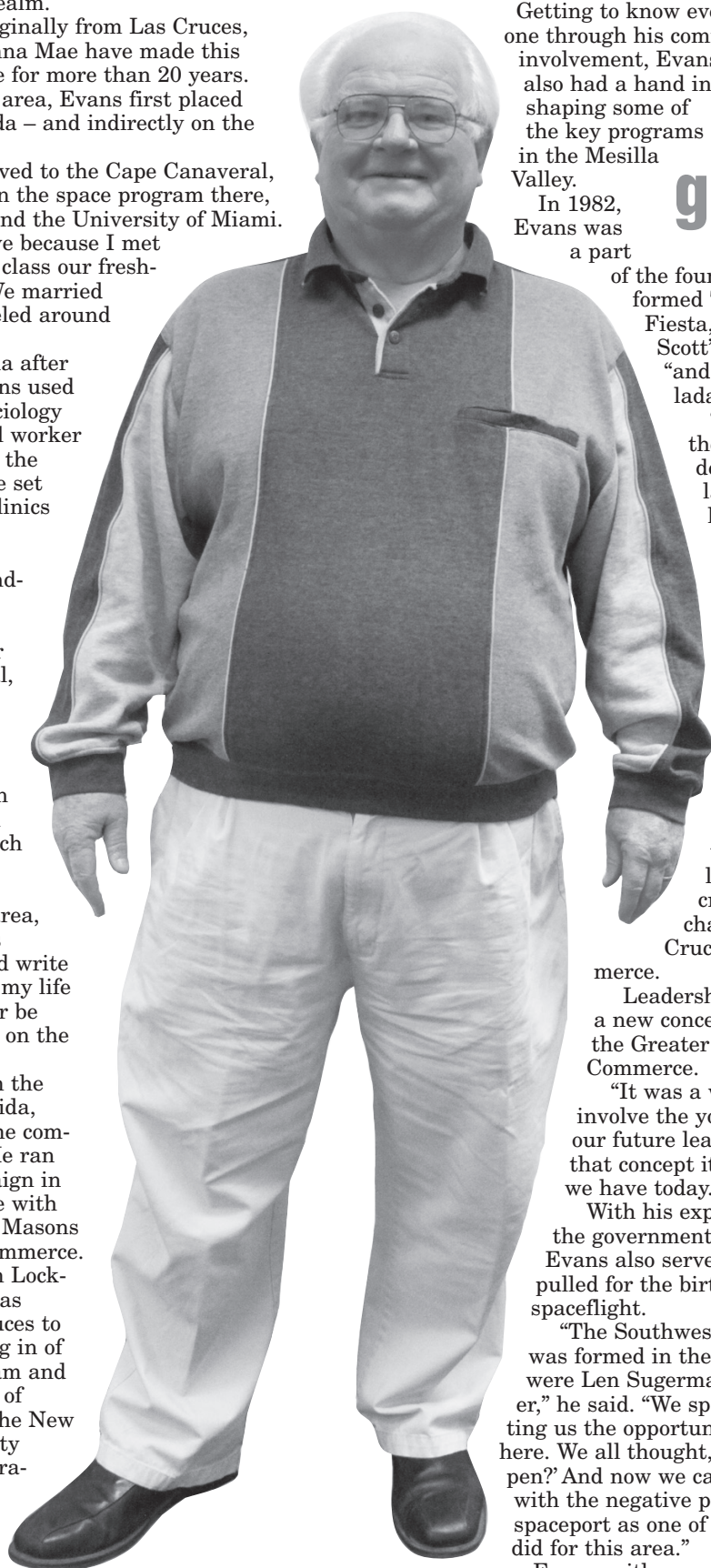
After defeating competition in the Republican primaries, Evans lost to Ken Miyagishima.

However, he decided to run again in 2000 and succeeded, and again in 2004.

This year, Evans is chair of the commission, but he makes sure to keep not just his constituents of the East Mesa in mind, he also tries to do what's right for the entire county.

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"I'm definitely not through. I'm definitely going to do something."



## Kent Evans Chair Doña Ana County Commission

### Family

- Wife Anna Mae, married for 46 years
- Son D.K. Evans (Jr.), 20-year employee at KitPack
- Daughter Darlene Evans, front-end manager for Target
- Son Derek Evans, department manager for Lowe's Home Improvement Store
- Seven grandchildren
- Three great-grandchildren

### Education

- Bachelor's degree in psychology, minor in sociology, University of Miami (Fla.)

### Organizations

- Longest-standing member of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Conquistadores
- Member, College and University Personnel Association
- Member, White Sands Chapter of the National Contract Management Association
- Life member, Space Pioneers

### Awards

- Republican County Official of the Year, National Association of Counties, 2005



## PROFILE

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"We all need to be involved in the community, that's what makes the community," he said. "I enjoy being involved and having that personal satisfaction knowing I'm helping the community and my constituents. I've loved every minute of it."

For Evans, it's not just about the satisfaction. It's also about providing a better place to live.

"Whenever I make a decision, I've done my homework," he said. "I've studied the subject, I've gone to all related meetings, and I come to the commission meeting prepared to make a decision," he said. "I've researched it to the point where I've almost had my mind made up. Of course, it may not stay that way during the meeting, but you pretty much know what it's going to be."

While serving as chair of the commission, Evans also is the lone Republican, and he said he actually enjoys being "the voice of one."

"I've learned that if I do my homework and research, you still vote the way you think is best," he said. "You know the right way to go, even if it's 4-1. Because of that, I've gotten very little negative feedback. I even do pretty well in the paper, and I'm proud of that."

Like all who run for office in Doña Ana County, Evans is limited to just two terms. Consider-

ing his passion for politics and the community, he ran for state representative while Anna Mae Evans ran for her husband's seat on the commission.

"The only reason I ran (for state representative) is because I was term-limited," he said. "I would have run for commissioner again."

Both Kent and Anna Mae lost their respective races.

"I'm disappointed that I didn't win," he said. "This was just the year of the other party. All I can do is offer my ability and efforts and my hard work to the people, and it's up to them to decide."

Because he was defeated doesn't mean that Evans will stop his desire to serve the public as an elected official.

"I'm not a person that sits around," he said. "Sure I like to camp and fish and hunt, but I find those things are not important when it comes to involvement in the community."

Though he will step down from the dais in January, Evans said he has come away with a great sense of satisfaction.

"I'm a wealthy man," he said. "I didn't make any money doing it, but I'm wealthy in family, community and I have a self-satisfaction."

"I'm definitely not through. I'm definitely going to do something."

## Black Friday

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7.2 percent more than last year's average.

Discount stores like Target and Wal-Mart were the stores that most people visited nationwide, and Las Cruces was no different.

"We were at Wal-Mart, and it was absolutely gutted," said Las Cruces resident Chris Merrill, who stopped at Target just before 6 a.m. Friday. "There weren't even clothes left."

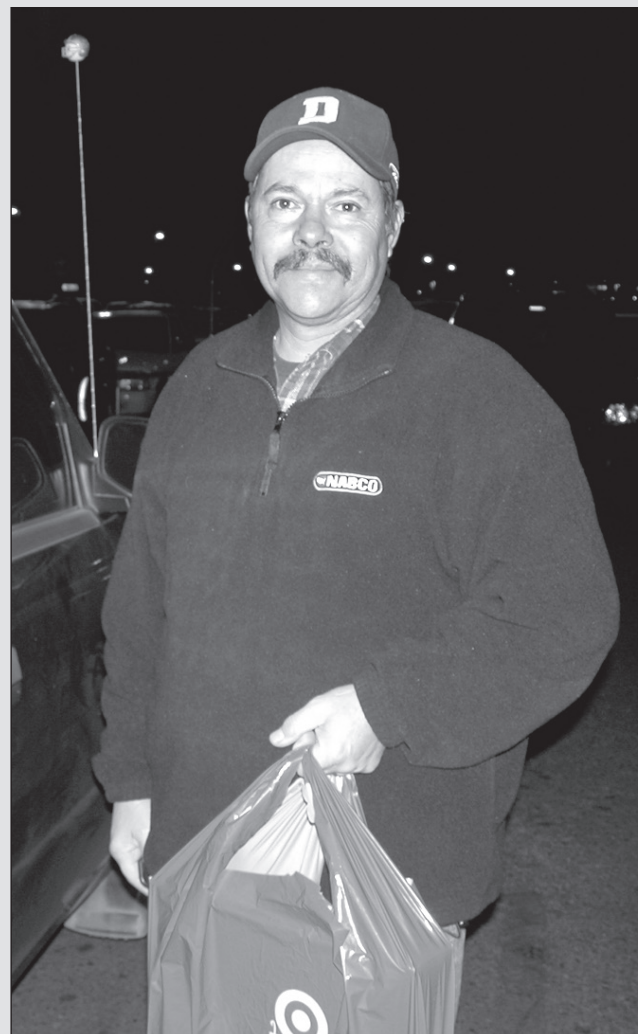
Merrill and his wife Candy were out shopping for toys and clothing, as many shoppers nationwide were. According to the NRF survey, 50.9 percent of consumers purchased clothing and accessories over the weekend while 39 percent bought books, DVDs, CDs and video games, and 35.9 percent purchased consumer electronics. Approximately 28.5 percent of consumers surveyed also bought toys.

The majority of retailers – 83.7 percent – offering sales in their stores also offered bargains and promotions online, such as free shipping or discounts.

The NRF expected Cyber Monday, the Monday after Thanksgiving that kicks off the online holiday shopping season, "to be more promotional than ever this year."

Retailers again collaborated for the second year in a row by posting holiday promotions on [www.CyberMonday.com](http://www.CyberMonday.com). This year, [www.CyberMonday.com](http://www.CyberMonday.com) featured a "Deal of the Hour," highlighting a different retail promotion every 60 minutes.

A preliminary NRF Cyber Monday survey revealed that 55.8 percent of workers with Internet access will shop for holiday gifts from work, a trend that has increased with each year.



NATISHA HALES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

"I wasn't the first one in line. I was the fifth or sixth," said Eddie Ogas, who waited outside of Target since 3:30 a.m. on Black Friday. Ogas was the first one out the door, and he was proud of his purchase of the entire Guitar Hero World Tour package for just \$50.

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# Economists: Recession began in Dec. 2007

## But cheer up, it's probably not going to be the year 1981

It has been a long time since a major recession – 27 years to be exact. It was 1981, and we had just found out who shot JR, the Oakland Raiders under Jim Mad-den won the Super Bowl, Ronald Reagan was in the White House and the largest graduation class in U.S. history was looking for work.

Now it appears we are in another major recession. The committee of economists who set the date of recessions has determined that a recession started in December 2007, so the current recession is already 11

months old with little sign of ending. (See [www.nber.org/cycles/recessions.html](http://www.nber.org/cycles/recessions.html) for details on how business cycles are dated.)

There were recessions in 1990 and 2001, but both of these recessions were mild. Quarterly consumption expenditure didn't even fall in 2001. The recession in 1981 was the real deal – falling consumption, rising poverty, nearly 11 percent unemployment, rising crime rates, short term interest rates were at 21 percent, mortgage rates at 18 percent, and inflation hit 14 percent. Mortgages were available,

but hardly anyone could qualify. The 1981 recession was also the longest recession in the post-war period – 16 months.

Will 2009 be 1981? Well maybe, but probably not. The consensus estimate for peak unemployment is 8.5 percent, not 11 percent. Credit is tight, but mortgage rates are not 18 percent. Inflation is running between 2 and 3 percent, not 14 percent. Things just are not as bad now as they were in 1981.

The consensus among economists for next year is for a recession lasting through the third quarter. Locally, I expect the session to be milder than nationally, and we may even avoid job loss. But however you stack it, households are facing tough times, which means that consumption spending is likely to fall. And when that happens, retailers, auto dealers, restaurateurs and others who sell directly to the public will likely see a falloff in business. Certainly, the downturn in financial markets has already adversely affected real estate and construction.

But keep things in perspective. We are unlikely to see a recession as bad as 1981, but even if we do, 1981 wasn't that bad. I lived through that recession. Lucky me, I had the fortune of being a new college grad looking for a job just in time for the 1981



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recession. It was tough to find a job, but I did. Don't get me wrong. Beggars couldn't be choosers. I had to be satisfied with a job I wasn't thrilled with, as did many of my friends. But we weren't starving. We had cars, apartments and plenty to eat.

No question that recessions are tough, and they tend to be toughest on those least able to cope – the poor, the unskilled and the disabled. But we are talking about a fall in income of, say, 5 percent. Most of us can make up this type of shortfall by skipping on this year's vacation. Sure, some are going to bear more costs than others. Some will lose jobs, lose homes or even lose families from social stress. For those people, our hearts should go out. And I, for one, am thankful that we have a social safety net to help the less fortunate.

For majority of us, recessions are unpleasant, but not a disaster.

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## LED lights

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down the burnt-out strands of lights and put up the new lights, which will burn out next year,” Harrell said. “So more expensive this year, but big savings start next year and continue. LED lights almost literally never burn out, so I think of it as the last strand of lights I will ever have to buy.”

While capitalizing on the cost-saving benefits, Harrell said it's also his way of helping to save the environment.

“Like everyone else, I want to contribute to saving the planet, and the incentive to doing that is the savings I will get by changing to the LED lights.”

Though this time of year has made LED lights more popular, the concept has been around for more than a century. In 1907, the British scientist H.J. Round was credited with the first report of a light-emitting solid-state diode. In the 1960s, a red LED light source was developed, and in 1971, blue LEDs were invented.

After a breakthrough during the 1980s, new technology was developed and LEDs became widely available in different colors during the 1990s. Toward the end of that decade, LED Christmas lights emerged. The lights caught on nationwide – the Capitol

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city manager

Christmas tree was lit entirely with LED lights – and in 2007 Rockefeller Center in New York was lit entirely with LED lights. The use of LED technology has mainly been for commercial purposes – in barricade lights, for example – but this year, more residences are using the concept, especially for Christmas trees. Because there is virtually no heat used, households are opting for this safer method.

While cities nationwide have taken advantage of this new, cost-efficient method, the City of Las Cruces has also jumped on the bandwagon. The city first initiated the use of LED technology earlier this year and will continue to use the cost-efficient lighting, said City Manager Terrence Moore.

“In response to our interest in expanding sustainability and energy efficiency, we will incorporate the use of LED lights in other equipment and infrastructure,” he said, “for instance, ancillary lighting in city parks, ball fields and buildings. We may likely have the opportunity to incorporate LED lights in the new City Hall, the Las

Cruces Center and the Regional Recreation and Aquatic Center. We enjoy tremendous opportunities to this effect.”

The use of LED lights will have great long-term benefits, Moore said.

“We determined that we will experience up to a 30-percent reduction in energy costs as a result of implementing this practice,” he said.



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# Protect your identity during the holidays

## Thieves use a variety of methods to steal important information

Did you write a check at the grocery store today? Did you charge tickets to a concert or sporting event, mail a credit card payment, swap one cell phone service for another or apply for a charge account at a local retailer? If so, you could be a candidate for identity theft. How, you ask?

According to the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) website, [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft), skilled identity thieves use a variety of methods to obtain our personal information. Here's how they practice their trade.

Many thieves get information from businesses or other institutions by stealing records or information while they're on the job, bribing an employee who has access to these records, hacking into the records and conning information out of employees. They may steal your mail, including bank and credit card statements, credit card offers, new checks and tax information.

Identity-theft outlaws may also rummage through your trash, the trash of businesses or public trash dumps in a practice known as "dumpster diving." They could also obtain your credit reports by abusing their employer's authorized access to them, or by posing as a landlord, employer or someone else who may have a legal right to access your report.

It's also possible to steal your credit or debit card numbers by capturing the information in a data storage device in a practice known as "skimming." They may swipe your card for an actual purchase or attach the device to an ATM machine where you swipe your card.

These bandits could also steal your wallet or purse, complete a "change of address form" to divert your mail to another location, steal personal information they find in your home or steal

personal information from you through email or phone by posing as legitimate companies and claiming that you have a problem with your account. This practice is known as "phishing" online or pretexting by phone.

One scam is to call your credit card issuer to change the billing address on your credit card account. The imposter then runs up charges on your account. Because your bills are being sent to a different address, it may be some time before you realize there's a problem.

Identity thieves may also open new credit card accounts in your name. When they use the credit cards and don't pay the bills, the delinquent accounts are reported on your credit report. They may also establish phone or wireless service in your name, open a bank account in your name and write bad checks on that account, may counterfeit checks or credit or debit cards, or authorize electronic transfers in your name, and drain your bank account.

They've also been known to file for bankruptcy under someone else's name to avoid paying debts they've incurred under the stolen name. It is also possible for them to buy a car by taking out an auto loan in your name or to obtain identification, such as a driver's license issued with their picture, in your name.

The criminals may even get a job or file fraudulent tax returns in your name or may give your name to the police during an arrest. If they don't show up for their court date, a warrant for arrest is issued in your name.

So what should you do if you find that someone has stolen your identity?

First, place a fraud alert on your credit reports, and review them carefully. Fraud alerts can help prevent an identity thief from opening any more accounts in your

name. Contact the toll-free fraud number of any of the three consumer reporting companies to place a fraud alert on your credit report. You only need to contact one of the three companies to place an alert. The company you call is required to contact the other two, which will place an alert on their versions of your report, too. They are:

- Equifax: 800-525-6285; [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com); P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241
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Next, close the accounts that to have been tampered with or opened without authorization. Speak with someone in the security or fraud department. Follow up in writing, and include copies (not originals) of supporting documents. It's important to notify credit card companies and banks in writing. Send your letters by certified mail, return receipt requested, so you can document what the company received and when. Keep a file of your correspondence.

When you open new accounts, use new Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) and passwords. Once you have resolved your identity theft dispute with the company, ask for a letter stating that the company has closed the disputed accounts and has discharged the fraudulent debts.

The third order of business is to file a police report with your local police department or in the community where the identity theft took place. Then, get a copy of the police report or at the very least, the number of the report. It can help you deal with creditors who need proof of the crime.

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Finally, file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC can refer victims' complaints to other government agencies and companies for further action, as well as investigate companies for violations of laws the agency enforces.

You can file a complaint online at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft). If you don't have Internet access, call the FTC's Identity Theft Hotline, toll-free at 877-IDTHEFT (438-4338); TTY, 866-653-4261; or write Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20580.

While you're in the process of rectifying the theft of your identity, keep detailed records of who you called and when. Follow up all contacts in writing. Use certified mail, return receipt requested, so you can document what the company received and when. Keep the originals of any supporting documents, like police reports and letters to and from creditors.

While these remedies can eventually eliminate the problems associated with identity theft, the best course of action is to prevent the theft in the first place. The best form of prevention is a keen awareness of the status of your credit files, charge accounts, credit card accounts, bank accounts, and your other financial records.

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# Las Cruces growth rate highest in NM

## Unemployment rate increasing steadily

From the Department of Workforce Solutions

Even with a rate of 0.1 percent over-the-year job growth in October 2008 – representing an increase of 1,000 jobs – the state of New Mexico still ranked the 18th-highest among all states, as the U.S. economy posted its 10th consecutive month of job losses.

According to the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, the Las Cruces Metropolitan Statistical Area has done even better, increasing its job base by 2 percent over the year.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the Las Cruces MSA was 4.6 percent in October 2008, up from

4 percent in September. In October 2007, the area's unemployment rate was 3.6 percent.

During October, 600 government jobs returned to the Las Cruces economy with the continuing return of students to institutions of learning. In the private sector, employment declined by 100 jobs, making for an overall gain of 500 jobs in all sectors. Local government added 100 jobs and state government, which includes New Mexico State University, gained 500 jobs.

With its 2-percent rate of over-the-year job growth, the Las Cruces area added 1,400 jobs over the last year. Employment increases at area call centers helped the professional and business services expand by 800 jobs

on the year. Education and health services gained, growing 2.8 percent. Financial activities and miscellaneous other service each added 200 jobs, while wholesale and retail trade, manufacturing and government (with reported increases at the federal level) each added 100.

Three industries – construction, information and transportation, and warehousing and utilities – reported fewer jobs compared to year-ago levels. Construction, which has been declining for some time, lost 300 jobs, while information and transportation and warehousing and utilities lost 100 each. Employment was unchanged from last year in the one remaining industry, leisure and hospitality.

The entire report, including information on the Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Farmington MSAs, is available at [www.dws.state.nm.us](http://www.dws.state.nm.us).

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With six years of experience with valet service in affluent areas of Florida, Todd Woodward started Las Cruces Valet Parking earlier this year to provide Las Crucens with convenience and peace of mind.

Valet business provides peace of mind

By NATISHA HALES  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Deep down inside, every one of us has once yearned to be treated like a celebrity – red carpet, flashing lights of papparazzi and valet parking everywhere you go.

While Las Cruces is still far from Hollywood, Todd Woodward is bringing the Hollywood treatment to the city with Las Cruces Valet Parking. Woodward and his crew are there to take the worries of parking for any host's events – weddings, private parties, galas and just about any other social events.

"This is a new opportunity in town," said Woodward, who worked his first event in August. "There's no other business like this here. The only place I can think of that offers valet is Sunland Park (Racetrack & Casino)."

While the idea is new to Las Crucens, Woodward has had plenty of experience. Living in Florida, Woodward worked for six years with the valet service at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts as well as a private company that exclusively provided the service at private parties on the wealthy island of Palm Beach.

And just because there isn't a company here in town, Woodward said that doesn't mean people haven't used it.

"There's a lot of diversity as far as the population of Las Cruces," he said. "While there are some people who have been born and raised here and have never left, there are people who have moved here from Florida or California and have used the service. The vast majority of people have seen and used it if they've been to Las Vegas (Nev.) or Phoenix or any major metropolitan area surrounding the state."

Although people have used the service in a major city, Woodward said they still have wondered if there's a need for a valet service in Las Cruces.

"I've had people question it," he said,

"but it's not just about an elite service. It's also about convenience and security. We watch your car, and it's about peace of mind. And the ladies who attend social events are wearing high heels. They don't want to walk far. I know I myself wouldn't want to walk in high heels at all."

While he realizes it will take at least three to five years to become a top-of-mind service for event hosts, Woodward has had opportunities to provide event guests with that convenience and peace of mind. He provided valet for several private parties, the Morrison showroom grand opening and New Mexico State University's Great Conversations.

Through "the best mode of advertising" – word of mouth – Woodward said interest in his business is slowly growing, and it helps that he and his on-call staff of four have the opportunity to adapt to the formality of any event.

With the basic package, the valets wear white polo shirts and black pants or shorts. If hosts request the Hollywood package, not only do valets wear a tuxedo uniform, but Woodward rolls out the red carpet and hires papparazzi – a photographer at the event.

Confident that his business will pick up, Woodward said he has a five-year goal of becoming the first idea people think of when it comes to social events.

"Leave it to us, and we'll take care of the rest," he said.

However, he'd also like to expand his business. In addition to providing service for hosted social events, Woodward said he wants to have service available at the most popular nightspots or hotels around town.

Within 10 years, Woodward said he'd like to expand to places like El Paso, Santa Fe, Angel Fire and Taos.

"I'm not going away, I'm going to keep doing this," he said. "I'm confident. Valet has been around since cars have been around. I don't see any problems with it."

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Talking business with owner Todd Woodward

**What inspired you to go into business?**

Having six years experience in the parking industry in south Florida (managing and valet parking at the Kravis Center for Performing Arts and doing private parties on the island of Palm Beach) for the social elite, it was a “green light” to start my own venture upon moving here and seeing there wasn’t a company in town.

**What is unique about your business?**

Besides being the only valet parking company in town, we dress for the occasion, we can roll out the red carpet and are reasonably priced.

**Who are your customers?**

Anyone wanting to impress their guests at their next social gathering or special event is our customer base.

**Where do you see the business in five years?**

As the first idea Las Cruces residents think of when planning that special event or social gathering.

**How do you keep your competitive edge?**

By going to trade shows and conventions to learn about new products, procedures and policies, thus impressing our clients and keeping their possessions free from harm.

**What is your business philosophy?**

Treating every customer as a VIP.

**What is the best part of your job?**

Rolling out the red carpet!

**How are you marketing the business?**

We are marketing our business through several different media channels, but the best marketing is always word of mouth from an ecstatic client.

**What do you look for in an employee?**

Besides a squeaky-clean driving record, they need to be prompt, courteous and professional.

**What is the best business decision you’ve made so far?**

By starting my business out of my home, I am able to keep my costs to a minimum, thus the ability to charge less for my services.

**What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?**

Being able to provide personalized signs for our clientele for their special event. It adds awareness and a touch of class.

**What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?**

Experience. Working in the valet-parking industry with different companies and in a customer service-oriented position for 14 years gave me the situational

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experience I needed to be smart about handling problems and quick to please patrons.

**What advice would you give to others starting a business?**

Start with the basics, don’t spread yourself too thin and don’t take out large interest loans. You can always grow where needed later.

**What items do you carry, and what are their price ranges?**

Our contract (retainer) price is \$150, which locks us into your date/times of event. Our rate is calculated on a per-hour basis based on the number of estimated guests. In addition, we also have the “Hollywood Package,” which can be added onto your contract. This includes tuxedo attire for the valet, red carpets and paparazzi for one hour.

**What is your most popular item?**

Our red carpets.

**What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?**

We have been warmly accepted. The patrons that have used us love us.

**What obstacles do you face or have you overcome?**

Having people understand we are a valet-parking service, not a limousine service. We offer parking solutions, not rides.

**What is the most important thing about your business that you wish people knew?**

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**What are your business goals?**

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*Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico*

They are the stories that cause communities to stop and pay attention. One child buried with bite marks, another left alone in a laundry basket to die. They are the stories of child abuse, surfacing in the news when a child dies, or when abuse is so extreme, children must be removed from their homes. They are the stories of abused children, and their cries demand a response – cries that plead with the community as a whole to join together and stop the cycle of child abuse.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) serves the community as a leader and resource. By offering organizations support and experience, the CFSNM creates positive change throughout southern New Mexico. In 2005, the CFSNM recognized the need for an organization that would hear the cries of the children and help secure a safe future for each child in the community. With strong support from Mayor Pro Tem Dolores Archuleta, former Mayor Bill Mattiace and CFSNM board members, the CFSNM formed ChildSafe/NiñosSeguros (CSNS).

“What our abused children go through is appalling,” Archuleta said. “They are too innocent to suffer. We as a community must do something.”

Over the years, CSNS has worked to decrease the staggering statistics of child abuse, each case is one case too many. In Doña Ana County alone, from the month of July through September 2007, 344 children were physically abused, sexually abused and physically neglected, according to the New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department, and abuse is not unique to Doña Ana County. Within the United States, about one in 50 infants are victims of nonfatal child abuse or neglect each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

To begin child abuse prevention efforts, CSNS brought together local leaders, community advocates and political members with local nonprofits, faith-based organizations and community organizations. Because



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there is a wealth of ideas, resources and talent within current organizations, CSNS determined early on to increase prevention through collaboration, and not by starting programs from the ground up.

In 2006, U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici provided \$475,000 in Congressional Earmark funds for CSNS to award to worthy community agencies dedicated to ending the cycle of child abuse. From those funds, numerous agencies have been partially funded by the CFSNM, including Las Compañeras: Mothers Mentoring Mothers; KidTalk Child Warm Line; La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services; Mesilla Valley CASA; La Casa; Young Fathers

Program; AppleTree Child Development Center; Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Mesilla Valley Pregnancy Resource Center.

AppleTree Child Development Center in Truth or Consequences serves primarily low-income, at-risk families throughout Sierra County. With a grant from the CFSNM, AppleTree is able to provide a family health coordinator, whose primary role is to engage families, provide early identification and prevention through screenings and referrals, case management, staff and parent education and child abuse prevention. Because AppleTree is able to provide early childhood programs with the grant money, many young families find the resources they need to provide a healthy home for their children.

On April 25, CSNS partnered with New Mexico State University, Myrna's Village, local community leaders and foster parents for the Pinwheels for Prevention Child Abuse Awareness event. During the event, 344 pinwheels were erected in memory of the 344 cases of child abuse in Doña Ana County from July through September 2007.

Kevin and Connie Baker and District Attorney Susana Martinez were keynote speakers at the CSNS event, bringing attention to child abuse and neglect. Martinez has been crucial in the prosecution of child abusers and reform in child abuse laws, and the Bakers have had



Zena and Zion play doctor at the AppleTree Child Development Center, an agency supported by ChildSafe/NiñosSeguros and the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico.

foster children in and out of their house since 1985 – all three understand the devastating affects of child abuse.

“Each one of these children have names and faces. Many of these children will have nightmares of their past experiences and will cry out in the night from night terrors. Many suffer from post-traumatic stress syndrome. We'd like to ask you - do you hear the cries of these children,” Connie Baker said.

CSNS is accepting tax-deductible contributions through the CFSNM, which will ensure the future of child abuse education and prevention. If you would like to donate, contact the CFSNM at 521-4794.

*The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is a charitable resource linking donors with community needs. Founded in 2000, the CFSNM uses knowledge to help connect people who care with causes that matter. Donors are encouraged to inquire about donating to an existing fund or creating a new fund. Call the CFSNM at 521-4794 or visit [www.cfsnm.org](http://www.cfsnm.org) for information about making a charitable contribution to your community.*

## ON THE AGENDA

### AAUW mixed-media sale

The Las Cruces Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold a “mixed media” sale in front of Coas Books on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Downtown Mall Farmers Market to benefit Girls Can. Girls Can

is an annual workshop, held in March, in which local sixth-grade girls explore several careers presented by professional women. Proceeds from the Mixed Media sale of books, CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes will go toward scholarships and materials for Girls Can. For further information, contact Kathy Mayer at 647-1939 or visit [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 6  
**Time:** 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Farmers and Crafts Market  
Downtown Mall  
**Contact:** 647-1939

### Holiday luncheon

The Las Cruces Newcomers Connection will hold a holiday luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. PJ Waggaman of the Las Cruces Theater Company will discuss holiday presentations going on around town. The cost is \$15 per person, and reservations are required. Call 521-3145 for more information.

**Date:** Thursday, Dec. 11  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Location:** Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum  
4100 Dripping Springs Road  
**Contact:** 521-3145  
**Cost:** \$15

### Free real estate investment seminar

The public is invited to attend a free seminar that will explain the ABCs of using retirement funds (IRAs, 401(k)s,

self-directed plans, etc.) for individual or partnership real estate investments as a diversification strategy given the turbulence of the stock market. The seminar will be offered Thursday, Dec. 11, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Steinborn Training Center, 141 N. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite 141.

Area experts from Steinborn/TCN Commercial Division, Beasley, Mitchell & Co. and Zia Trust will explain the pros and cons of commercial real estate investments, how to find the “right” real estate in which to invest, how the investments and tax implications will work for you and how this type of investment puts you in control of your money.

Attendees will be able to ask questions and leave the seminar with a better understanding of how they can move forward individually or as part of a partnership to invest. Information presented will include examples of how people can invest their IRA in real estate and the possibilities that exist. This is not a sales presentation.

**Date:** Thursday, Dec. 11  
**Time:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Steinborn Training Center  
141 N. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite 141  
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## Business@Branigan Week

### Seminars offered to improve business skills

The week of Dec. 8 is Business@Branigan Week at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. The library will offer seminars aimed at improving the community's business skills. Event topics will range from skills for those just entering the business world to skills for those who are established in the business world. Seminars will be taught by successful retired business executives from the Las Cruces SCORE chapter.

The seminar schedule is as follows:

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| • Monday, Dec. 8     | 9 to 11 a.m. | Personal/Business Income Tax       |
| • Monday, Dec. 8     | 2 to 4 p.m.  | Basic Accounting                   |
| • Monday, Dec. 8     | 6 to 8 p.m.  | Methods of Business Expansion      |
| • Tuesday, Dec. 9    | 6 to 8 p.m.  | How to Start a Home-Based Business |
| • Wednesday, Dec. 10 | 6 to 8 p.m.  | How to Start Your Own Business     |
| • Thursday, Dec. 11  | 2 to 4 p.m.  | Import/Export Businesses           |
| • Friday, Dec. 12    | 9 to 11 a.m. | Marketing for Businesses           |

Please visit the Reference Desk at Branigan Library or the library website calendar at <http://library.las-cruces.org> for a complete schedule of events.

Anyone who will require accommodation for a disability to attend this event, please notify the library 48 hours in advance at 528-4005 or 528-4008 TTY.



# Wanted: Business leaders who inspire others to lead

## Leadership traits ensure business efficiency and productivity

By JULIANNA BARBEE

Director, New Mexico Small Business Development Center at Espanola Community College

Few things are as effective as a global economic crisis for identifying the qualities of leadership most likely to inspire optimism and involvement. Whether it's in the world of politics or business, the most effective leaders exude both confidence and pragmatism and are inclusive and decisive.

Leadership in business means creating an environment in which people's strengths are reinforced and their weaknesses offset, which is why the most effective leaders surround themselves with other leaders, not just experts in their chosen field.

Studies show that when something negative happens within the workplace, blaming the individual or individuals involved can often hinder our ability to see the larger context in which it happened. Recognizing the fallibilities and possibilities of being human allows business leaders to unlock the energies

of every team member and increase collective excellence and performance. A united team can focus on all areas at once rather than succumbing to the natural tendency to pay attention to one problem or opportunity at a time and get lost in the details.

Whether you are a business owner or an employee of a large or small organization, these leadership traits can help you and your business become more efficient and more productive.

**Understand the organization:** A great leader listens to workers about potential problems in the workplace or industry, and then takes steps to improve the organization based on that input. Understanding markets, technologies, culture and competition while applying this philosophy creates a strong team.

**Adapt:** The workplace and the larger business world is always changing, and the market rewards those who learn fast and adapt to change with a positive attitude. The best managers encourage people to learn from mistakes and plan

for crises. By being flexible, they allow others to explore new options and better ways of doing things.

**Know thyself:** A leader who is frank about his or her strengths and weaknesses can surround himself or herself with people whose strengths are complementary.

**Put people first:** Changing work-force dynamics and demographics can make it a challenge to keep people happy in their jobs. Workers are more likely to embrace change and resolve conflicts if they trust workplace leaders to be honest with them about how the change will benefit them and the organization.

**Be decisive:** Long meetings that hash out possibilities but never lead to decisions are exhausting for every member of a business team, and the best leaders realize the importance of being decisive and acting on those decisions. Buy-in is rarely unanimous, but if most team members are on board and all members feel their views are respected, the business can move forward in unity rather than be left behind

by the competition. Good intuition and a focus on the bottom line along with people skills and analytical strength can help business leaders make the right decision most of the time.

**Collaborate:** The most successful businesses foster the exchange of ideas among all areas of the organization, both internal and external.

**Ethics matter:** Leaders with high ethical standards and professionalism inspire those traits in all employees. And employees who embody those principles are respected for their character, reputation and professionalism.

**Innovate:** Creative thinkers can always dream up better ways to get any task done, so encouraging innovation in the workplace can take a business to a new level of productivity.

**Execute:** Vision is just a mirage if it is not executed, so having an operations strategy and action plan will ensure results.

*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 about resources available to New Mexico businesses or to use the capital*

## BRIEFS

### Local Realtors attend international convention

Irma Chavez-May, Teri Camacho, D.I. Babbey, Patty Olson, Erin Stearns, Lana Goodman and Lisa Squires joined real estate professionals from all over North America recently at the EXIT Realty International Convention at Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

This convention is an annual event that brings top real estate professionals together to interact and learn from each other. The convention is designed to promote discussions about issues and trends in the real estate market. A high point of the event was the special awards ceremony presided over by EXIT Realty Corp. International CEO and founder Steve Morris.

"I cannot wait to go again next year," Goodman said. "As a real estate professional, I was able to broaden my industry knowledge in a wide variety of issues. This is an exciting time to be a Realtor and to be part of the EXIT revolution."

### Shopping Late in Mesilla is Dec. 12

The Town of Mesilla and Mesilla businesses have teamed up to host Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Shopping Late in Mesilla Friday, Dec. 12.

The Christmas tree lighting will take place on the plaza at 6 p.m., followed by music by San Albino Church Choir members until 6:30 p.m. Town of Mesilla Mayor Michael Cadena will switch on the Christmas tree lights during the ceremony. The tree will be decorated with ornaments created by students from Mesilla Elementary School.

In addition to the restaurants and businesses that are normally open late, many other Mesilla businesses will have extended hours for late shopping. Some businesses will have refreshments for shoppers.

For more information, call the Town of Mesilla at 524-3262 ext. 116.

### Fed, Treasury provide small-business assistance

With small businesses facing unprecedented challenges accessing credit, the Federal Reserve and Department of Treasury today announced the creation of a new lending facility aimed at providing liquidity to the small business finance markets. This action comes after a House Small Business Committee hearing held last week with senior Fed and Treasury officials calling for such measures to be taken immediately.

During the Nov. 20 hearing, and in a subsequent letter to Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, the Committee pressed the Federal Reserve and Treasury Department for swift action to help a growing number of businesses struggling to secure loans through the Small Business Administration (SBA). The number of SBA loans made through its 7(a) program in the 2008 fiscal year dropped 30 percent from 2007, and since Sept. 15, lending has declined by more than 50 percent.

This decline is being driven in part by problems in the secondary market, which has nearly seized up as investors have stopped buying SBA loans, leaving many lenders without sufficient capital to make new loans. Increasing SBA lending, one of the largest sources of long-term capital for small businesses, will be an important step forward. Today's announcement drew praise from the small business community.

The new facility, called the Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility (TALF), will support the market for SBA lending and provide liquidity for small business loans. Under the TALF, the Federal Reserve will lend up to \$200 billion on highly rated securities backed by small business loans and other assets. The Federal Reserve will lend an amount equal to the market value of the securities less a haircut and will be secured at all times by the securities themselves. The U.S. Treasury Department – through the Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP) – will provide \$20 billion of credit protection to the Federal Reserve to support the TALF.

### NMSU promotes cattle vaccinations

Immunization of calves is the first line of defense for healthy herds and food safety.

Besides protecting the calf from disease, vaccinations help prevent having to use antibiotics later if the cow gets ill, said John Wenzel, New Mexico State University Extension veterinarian.

"The whole idea behind immunization is to prevent disease, rather than treating the disease," Wenzel said. "Vaccinations are especially important now because if we do a good job of immunizing the calves before they get stressed, they don't get sick, or most of them won't get sick; therefore, we don't have to use antibiotics."

The veterinarian of 22 years said not having to use antibiotics "boils down to a food safety issue. We don't have to worry about antibiotic residue or any of that type of stuff if we never have to use them. So the idea is to prepare the calf's immune system so we don't have to use any medication."

A recently reissued publication by the NMSU Cooperative Extension Service titled "Cattle Vaccination and Immunity" written by Wenzel, Boone Carter, extension

animal resources specialist, and Clay Mathis, extension specialist, explains how the vaccination stimulates the animal's immune system prior to significant natural exposure to disease-causing agents, called pathogens.

"The greatest stress in a calf's life is right after it is weaned because there is generally movement that occurs and a lot of exposure to pathogens," Wenzel said. "Anything we can do to minimize the stress and maximize the immune system prior to that stress occurring helps the calf to fight off diseases."

The publication discusses how the immune system works and how the vaccine makes the immune system respond. Included as topics is the difference between a modified live vaccine and a killed vaccine; how booster shots, or second vaccination, create a strong immune response of longer duration; and why it's important to follow the vaccine's label directions.

"The idea is that we want the producer to understand why they are vaccinating so that they will do a better job and hopefully understand how important it is to follow all of the directions when it comes to vaccination schedules," he said. "This paper is to help producers understand exactly why they are vaccinating and the theory behind vaccinations."

The publication may be obtained at NMSU's website at [www.cahe.nmsu.edu/pubs/\\_b/Guide%20B222.pdf](http://www.cahe.nmsu.edu/pubs/_b/Guide%20B222.pdf) or at the county extension office.

### Send us your business briefs!

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People stories with photos have a better chance of being published. A mug shot is fine. Photos may be emailed, brought in or mailed in as either high quality prints (non-digital printout is preferred) or in electronic forms, i.e., CD, memory stick, floppy or zip disks. PDFs, TIFs and JPGs are the best formats to ensure good reproduction quality. Resolution must be at least 300 dpi.

Business and personal briefs must be received by noon Friday for consideration in the next week's Bulletin. Stories may be edited for length or content.



# Feasibility of local 'green crude' production studied

## Southern New Mexico is ideal for large-scale production

The Institute for Energy and the Environment (IEE), part of New Mexico State University's College of Engineering, is in the process of finalizing a proposed grant for approximately \$450,000 to investigate the commercial feasibility of a geothermal, algae-based (algal) transportation fuel production facility.

Luz-Elena Y. Mimbela, IEE project manager, submitted the proposal for funding to a private partner whose support will provide funding for a demonstration area at the NMSU Geothermal Greenhouse Facility (GGF).

"This will augment the anticipated Energy Innovation Fund grant by the state of New Mexico under Gov. Richardson's highly successful mandate to be a Clean Energy State," Mimbela said. As the principal IEE investigator, she is leading the effort in merging the grant and the private funding. The overall objective of the project is to renovate NMSU's GGF to develop a test facility. The facility would investigate the technical and economic feasibility of a commercial-scale geothermal algal transportation fuel operation for replication in southern New Mexico or similar regions with geothermal resources.

Given the triad of decreasing availability/reliability (foreign dependence) of fossil fuel, its rising cost and its detrimental environmental impact, carbon-neutral, renewable fuel sources are critical. The CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from burning biofuel in transport vehicles and in the refinery process are radically reduced. However, not all biofuels are created equally. Like plants, algae require primarily three



**A private partner with NMSU has refined its green crude into gasoline, jet fuel and diesel. Green crude (also called biopetroleum) refers to green-colored crude, which yields clean versions of gasoline from algae, sunlight, carbon dioxide and water.**

things to grow: sunlight, carbon dioxide and water. The most complex marine form of algae are seaweeds, with 10,000 species, and one of the most advantageous sources for new fuel production.

Advantages of algal-based fuel sources include the following: Algae can be grown on non-agricultural land without competition for food or fertile soil, vs. corn, or the

largest domestic biofuel source – soybeans, diverting agricultural cropland; it can use seawater or brackish water (abundant in New Mexico) or even consume pollutants from sewage and power plants, thus not using another critical resource: fresh water. In addition, algal fuel sources are generally biodegradable, organic matter, less likely to cause environmental dam-

age if broken apart or spilled during transport. When done right, algae-generated fuel offers something different: The algal crude can be refined just like petroleum hydrocarbons to produce high-octane jet fuel and gasoline.

"We have abundant sunlight, land, brackish water and the expertise to develop a commercially viable 'green crude' facility," said Abbas Ghassemi, IEE executive director.

Green crude (also called biopetroleum) refers to green-colored crude that yields clean versions of gasoline and diesel from algae, sunlight, carbon dioxide and water. The result is chemically equivalent to the light, sweet crude oil traditionally used for distillation of carbon-based fuels. Green crude blends seamlessly into existing energy distribution and infrastructure systems.

IEE's project has additional innovative advantages over other entities conducting similar research. Southern New Mexico is a premier location for large-scale production of targeted algal strains as a fuel source, and their use of geothermal energy for heating and make-up water. The geothermal water resource will be evaluated as a heating source for both the indoor and outdoor cultivation units to allow for year-round operation of the facility. Other targeted experiments will be carried out to optimize the design and operation of this type of facility in southern New Mexico.

IEE comprises WERC: A Consortium for Environmental Education and Technology Development, CEMRC, and the Southwest Technology Development Institute. For more information, contact Ghassemi at 646-2038 or visit <http://iee.nmsu.edu>.

## Building Las Cruces KorzanOils



STEVE MACINTYRE | The Las Cruces Bulletin

The new KorzanOils location on Solano Drive will be complete in approximately one month. The business, which provides oil changes and automotive services, is locally owned. Wooten Construction Co. is the contractor for the project.

## Time to sell ... or time to buy?

### Staying invested could be beneficial

We're in a recession, which could be severe. Several financial services companies have either collapsed or been bailed out by the government. And the stock market is down about 45 percent since hitting its peak in October 2007. Is this a "perfect storm" that should blow investors out of the market – or is it actually an opportunity for investors to jump back in?

If you're an investor, your first impulse might be to join the "get out while you can" camp. After all, it's no fun seeing the market plunge hundreds of points one day – and then hundreds more the next day. And we keep getting hit by waves of bad economic news. What possible reason could there be for remaining invested in the market, or even adding more dollars to your current investments?

Actually, you might be surprised. Some strong historical evidence suggests that, during a period such as we are now in, you may indeed benefit by not only staying invested, but also increasing your investment dollars in the financial markets. Consider this: In nine of the last 10 recessions, dating back to 1949, the S & P 500 had moved

up by at least 29 percent just 12 months after hitting its lowest point during the recession. Of course, as you've no doubt heard, past performance is no guarantee of future results, but it's interesting to note that the market eventually recovered after each recession.

However, no one can really predict when stocks will reach that low point. It's possible we've already hit it, but it's just as likely that we'll see further drops.

And yet, even if you can't say that we've hit a market low, should you sell your stocks to "cut your losses" and use the proceeds to buy what you perceive as less risky investments? Before making this move, you need to consider some important facts. For example, if you pulled out of the stock market and purchased certificates of deposit (CDs) from a strong financial institution, you could reasonably expect that your principal will be safe and that you will receive the interest payments promised to you. But the interest rate you receive may not even keep up with inflation, so, over time, your investment could end up costing you purchasing power.

On the other hand, if you were to remain invested in the stock market, and if it does follow historical patterns, you do have a chance of making up your losses. Will there be continued volatility in day-to-day price movements? Almost certainly. But keep in mind that, over the long term, a portfolio that contains a reasonable amount of stocks, along with bonds, government securities and other investments, gives you the best chance of achieving your financial goals.

And here's another reason to keep investing: As measured by the price-to-earnings ratio (P/E), stocks are currently inexpensive. If you buy more shares when prices are down, your increased ownership stake should become more valuable when stocks recover – as they have done following every bear market in the past.

It's tough to stay positive during a gloomy market environment. But the most successful investors are often the ones who have the courage to be optimistic when everyone around them is not.

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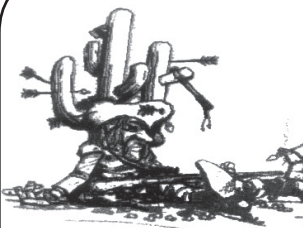
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# At the GLCCC General's Reception



Las Cruces City Manager Terrence Moore speaks with Tom Hutchinson, owner of La Posta de Mesilla, who hosted the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's reception held Monday, Nov. 24, for Brig. Gen. David Mann, White Sands Missile Range commanding general, and his wife Robyn Mann.



Chamber Military Affairs Committee Chair Bill Connor of El Paso Electric, Brig. Gen. David Mann and his wife Robyn and board member Kiel Hoffman of Pioneer Bank



Chamber Treasurer Nikki MacDonald of First National Bank in Las Cruces and Conquistadore Don Buck



Garrey Carruthers, dean of the New Mexico State University College of Business and chamber board member, NMSU Interim President Waded Cruzado and Gary Lenzo of First Community Bank



Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds and WSMR Garrison Commander Col. Gary Giebel



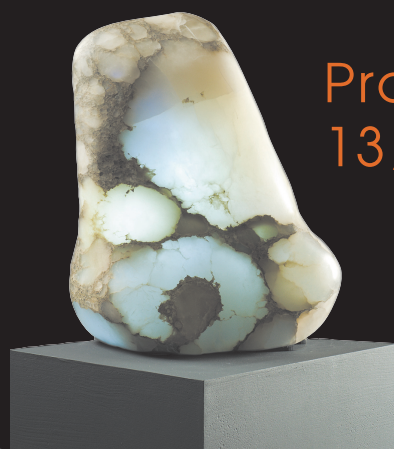
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## Border Artists



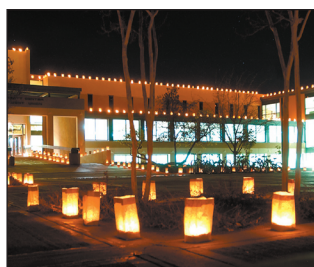
## Benefit Show



Proceeds from annual art show Dec. 5, 6 and 13, to benefit KRWG 90.7 FM public radio



Muralist Linnea Kopp finds inspiration in desert light  
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NMSU's annual 'Noche de Luminarias' on Dec. 7  
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'Four Christmases' comedy kicks off the holiday season  
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# Border Artists and KRWG team up for benefit

## Proceeds from show to support public radio

### Second annual Border Artists Event to benefit KRWG 90.7 FM

4423 Organ Mesa Loop

Opening Reception  
5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6

Last Minute Saturday  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

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"Marion"  
by Suzanne Kane

By JENNA FROSCH  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Two nonprofit organizations are coming together to support and promote one another in the second annual Border Artists Event, a three-day event designed to celebrate the contributions KRWG 90.7 FM radio has made to the surrounding community.

Fine art provided by 20 artists from around the region will be on display at a Quiñones Design-Build Showcase home at 4423 Organ Mesa Loop, and the exhibition will kick off with an opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, with catering from St. Clair Winery and Bistro and music from La Cella Bella. The event is open to the public, and 50 percent of the proceeds raised from the sale go towards KRWG 90.7 FM.

"This is a great example of nonprofits partnering with each other for maximum benefit," says Susan Fitzgerald, development assistant for KRWG public radio. "There's a mutual benefit in that they get recognition for the kind of art they do, and we get proceeds from the sale."

The show continues from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and buyers will get one more opportunity on Last Minute Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, to purchase art as holiday gifts. Toucan Market will provide cookies and cider for the final event.

"The last Saturday will allow people the opportunity to purchase smaller, more affordable pieces of work from the artists," Fitzgerald says.

The art will hang in the Quiñones home, which Fitzgerald says is a good

way for people to envision the art on their own walls.

"This promises to be a tasty and fun gala," Fitzgerald says. "Hanging art in a home really gives people the opportunity to see art hanging on a bedroom or living room wall."

The Border Artists have been active in the regional art community for almost 20 years, and during that time have exhibited at the Mexican Consulate in El Paso; the museums of art in Juarez, Las Cruces and Deming; the Casa de la Cultura in Torreon, Mexico; Charles Inc.; the Patio Gallery; Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery; the Nason House; New Mexico State University's Corbett Center Student Union; and many more venues in the region.

Co-founder Virginia Ness says the pairing of the Border Artists with KRWG is a great partnership.

"KRWG does much of the same things we do by serving the community broadly and helping many entities," Ness says. "Through the arts, the Border Artists strive to give back to the community."

Ness, who helped establish the organization in 1992, is a watercolorist who tends to use traditional subjects in her work. She says the Border Artists work hard to bring quality artwork to the area through shows and participation in similar events.

"We are so appreciative of the community and the many years they have supported us," Ness says.

The Border Artists organization is dedicated to the celebration of the collective region, the diversity and strength of their collective artistic voice. Participating artists include Carolyn Bunch, Tauna Cole, Janice Cook, Sherry Doil-Carter and Tom Gerend, as well as Winfrey Hearst, Annetta Hoover, Suzanne Kane, Cassandra Lockwood, Rosemary McLoughlin, Joyce Macrorie, Diana Molina, Virginia Ness, Jeanne Rundell, Jo-an Smith, Scott Weaver and Bob Willis.

The group's work is reflective of a variety of media and styles including watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, ceramic and sculpture. Styles range from impressionistic to realistic with a broad range in between. Ness says many styles will be available for purchase during all three days of the event, and 50 percent of each purchase is tax deductible as a direct gift to KRWG 90.7 FM.

For more information about the Border Artists, visit [www.theborderartists.org](http://www.theborderartists.org). For more information about the events, call 646-2222.



A piece by Tauna Cole



A piece by Sherry Doil-Carter

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# Las Cruces Railroad Museum shines brightly

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### CHERYL FALLSTEAD

President, Foundation for the Las Cruces Museums



This Friday evening, a trail of luminarias Downtown will lead you to the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, where you will be serenaded with holiday songs, enjoy festive decorations and be tempted by tasty treats. In addition, a modern Burlington Northern Santa Fe diesel engine will be there, decorated by the BNSF Diversity Council for the holidays. All in all, the fourth annual Old-Fashioned Holiday Display is a wonderful way to kick-start your seasonal spirit.

The event kicks off at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5. Entertainment at the historic depot will include the Vista Vibrations Bell Choir, performing at 6 p.m., Central Elementary School's third grade choir at 7 p.m. and the Treble Makers at 7:30 p.m. Santa is scheduled to appear between 7 and 9 p.m. In addition to the luminarias, the entire depot will be filled with holiday decorations and lights, model trains and the sights and sounds of the season.

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum is open year-round, but really shines this one night of the year. Assistant Manager Rebecca Slaughter, Education Curator Joanne Beer and volunteers have been working for weeks to prepare for this big night. To help keep the neighborhood feeling festive, the depot will continue to display holiday lights nightly from 5 to 9 p.m. through Jan. 4.

The museum is housed in a Mission Revival-style depot that was built in 1910 as the city's second depot. The railroad was pivotal in the history of Las Cruces, as it was for many other small towns along the railroad tracks across the country. The city urged the railroad to build its lines and depot here, helping to create the second-largest city in New Mexico. The first Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (AT&SF) train arrived in Las Cruces on April 26, 1881, and passenger service continued in Las Cruces until 1968. The building was purchased by the city in 1992.

There are a number of dedicated volunteers who help make this museum a special place. Volunteers assist in maintaining the model-railroad layout, greeting visitors, leading tours, assisting staff with special projects or providing general help where needed most. One active volunteer is Ed Kosciolk, who serves on the board of the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums as the representative for the museum.

"I've been volunteering at the Railroad Museum since the summer of 2007," Kosciolk says. "Since that time, I've met many other volunteers who offer their special skills and knowledge to benefit the Railroad Museum. Some are extremely well versed in train facts and figures and are therefore great informational resources. Others are very knowledgeable about model trains and the various details related to their function.

Furthermore, many of the museum's visitors are career railroaders who offer very interesting anecdotes about their own personal railroading experiences."

The Railroad Museum and the FLCM were recently offered a wonderful opportunity. The challenge was to raise \$1,000 in new funds to help improve the model-train layout and then an anonymous donor would match it. Kosciolk reports that the challenge grant is close to being met. He says, "This opportunity will allow the museum to offer a new exhibit depicting the impact of railroading on the Mesilla Valley."

If you would like to help meet the goal, you can drop off a donation at the Railroad Museum or send it to the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums at P.O. Box 2783, Las Cruces, NM 88004-2783. Be sure to indicate that it is for the Railroad Challenge Grant. Donations are tax deductible as the foundation is a 501(c)3 organization. You may also make your donation at the museum's gift shop, El Mercado de los Museos, located in the Museum of Art.

The Railroad Museum has a number of programs to offer throughout the year. Earlier this year, the museum hosted Railroad Days for the first time. More than 2,000 people flocked to the museum to see the Rail Runner Express train, which was brought down just for this event, the Doña Ana Modular Train Club's model layouts, historic Harvey Girl and conductor reenactors and a tour of a modern BNSF diesel engine. Next year, Railroad Days are scheduled for May 8 and 9 to coincide with National Train Day, commemorating the anniversary of the joining of the railroad lines from east to west with the Golden Spike.

The museum also has two book clubs, one for children and one for adults, focusing on railroad-themed books. Brown Bag Lectures and film showings take place regularly with a wide range of topics focused on trains and railroads. All of these events are free and open to the public. There is a charge for an upcoming special event, designed to help parents get a respite for some last-minute holiday shopping while the kids have fun: the Decorate a Train Workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, the same day that the video "Choo Choo Christmas" will be shown at 10:30 a.m. Contact the museum for details and to reserve a spot.

With all the exciting holiday events going on, you'll want to wrap up your shopping so you can enjoy them. One way to do that and help the museums at the same time is to shop at El Mercado de los Museos. The gift shop is open regular museum hours (except El Mercado is closed on Mondays), even while the Museum of Art's gallery is closed for the installation of a new exhibit. It will be open during the Winter Fest tonight as well. You can purchase gifts such as Mata Ortiz pots, Oaxacan animals, T-shirts, toy trains, science and nature toys, art and local history books and more.

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## FEATURED ARTIST

# Linnea Kopp: Inspired by the desert light

## Muralist begins art 'drawing on walls'

By JENNA FROSCH  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Using charcoal, acrylic paint and pencil, Linnea Kopp creates large-scale murals for the private homes of her clients, but it all began because she wanted to draw on the walls.

She began doing murals 15 years ago for her friends and family and moved to the Southwest a little more than five years ago from South Carolina.

"Moving from the East to the West was a huge change," Kopp says. "Moving to different environments really gets you to look at things differently."

Kopp attended art school in Georgia at Kennesaw University for a few years and worked toward her studio art degree, gaining exposure to sculpture, photography, printmaking, painting and other media. She was married before she was able to finish the degree, but remained a student in practice, taking art classes at various places, including community centers and colleges.

"There is nothing better than being in an art class with people going for the same goal, whether it's painting a still life or drawing," Kopp says. "When you look at other's work and everyone's is different, it's an important thing for an artist to see the different interpretations."

Kopp works full time at Designer's Mart and started her career in computer drafting and design, which she says kept her focused on the design side of things.

Her mural work is part time, but Kopp says she is never without a project to work on. When beginning, Kopp starts with the client's ideas of what they want in the space they want to fill. From there, Kopp researches and sketches something for the client.

"I like to look at the space, then narrow in on the style of mural I am doing," Kopp says. "I usually have a lot of freedom from there."

Kopp's research usually involves looking up animals or scenery to paint, as well as what kinds of paint to use. For example, one time she painted an outdoor mural that required a special kind of paint and sealant to be weather resistant.

Kopp doesn't specialize in any one style of painting, and she says that's what makes her work exciting.

"That's the real adventure of it," Kopp says. "I work with different people and what they want.

Every project is a learning experience."

In the past, Kopp has done more drawing, but lately she has been experimenting with paints. Most of her experience in painting murals comes from experimenting with different techniques.

**Muralist  
Linnea  
Kopp finds  
inspiration  
in many  
things.**



"Like anything, the more you do it, the more you train your eye to look at things artistically," Kopp says.

She says she loves the drawing aspect and portraits, but has also done sketches of the local desert landscape, a change she loved when moving here.

"There are so many colors here to use," Kopp says.

She says that when she first arrived, she went on a camping trip and walked around the campsite collecting all of the things in nature that held beautiful colors. When was finished and she was admiring her findings, her brother-in-law commented that he didn't know there was that so much color in this landscape.

"In the West, there is clarity and low humidity," Kopp says. "That's the first thing you notice, even if you're not an artist."

Kopp's inspiration comes from a number of places, including the work itself. "I love the challenge of each project and experimenting with different techniques, painting on different surfaces," she says. "Basic art inspirations that are universal are light, shapes and colors ... and I like to paint with bold colors and really enjoy expressing shapes in my work."

Her husband, Steve, has been supportive of her work from the beginning, living with a huge easel that he helped her build in their living room.

"He is my first critic on every project, and I always welcome his point of view," Kopp says.

Kopp says she never stops



Kopp has experimented with abstract art since moving to the Southwest.

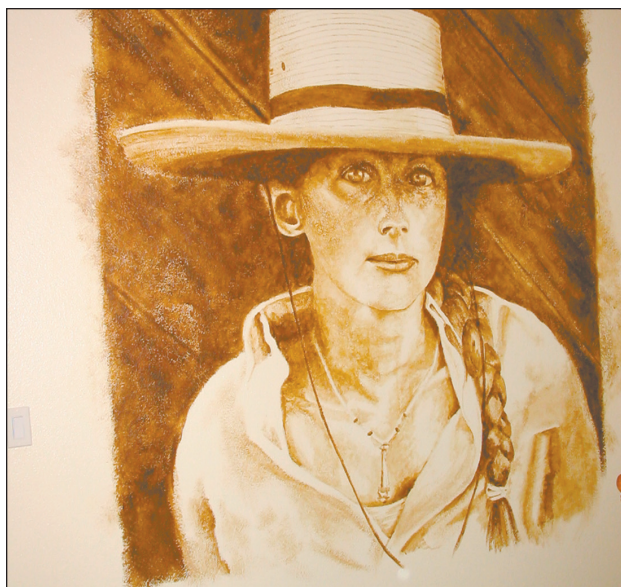


Kopp's outdoor murals require research on which kinds of paint could withstand harsh climate.

learning in her art, using every moment while painting to learn something or try something new.

"I truly think of myself as an art student, not an artist," Kopp says. "I don't have grandiose ideas of where I'll go with my art as long as I have a project going. My long-term goal is to keep working and keep learning because in every project I do, I love learning."

To learn more about Kopp's muralist work, contact her at 527-9188.



Kopp took a photograph from National Geographic to paint on her dining room wall. It is accompanied by a plaque giving credit to the photographer.



**A red  
macaw  
mural,  
shown here  
in Kopp's  
living room,  
was part of  
an outdoor  
installation.**



Kopp began her mural career wanting to draw on walls, in murals like this one.



# Virgen de Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration begins Dec. 10

## Bonfires signal pilgrims' descent from Tortugas Mountain

By **MARVIN TESSNEER**  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

After sundown on Thursday, Dec. 11, three lines of fire will appear on Tortugas or "A" Mountain, signaling that the Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe pilgrims are ascending after a day of prayer at the chapel.

While the pilgrims are at the summit, Bishop Ricardo Ramirez will celebrate Mass. The pilgrims also will be making quoyotes, or walking staffs, from desert plants for the walk back to Tortugas in the dark.

The annual celebration is based on the historical legend that in 1531 Juan Diego, a converted Indian, said that he saw an image of the Dark Virgin on Mount Tepeyec, a hill outside of Mexico City. According to the legend, religious leaders doubted his story and asked for proof. And he gathered some roses in his tilma, an apron-like garment, at Mount Tepeyec and presented them to Bishop-Elect Juan de Zumaraga, and the Virgin's image was reproduced on the tilma. The image is still part of the dancers' outfits, and the tilma is displayed in the Basilica de Guadalupe outside of Mexico City by Mount Tepeyec.

The history of the Tortugas celebration has been handed down through families and there are no written records. The oral history relates that a group of Indians from Mexico passed on the Guadalupe tradition to local

Indians, Tewa or Tegua, in the early 1900s.

But eventually, new restrictions prevented the Mexican Indians from crossing the international border at random, and the local group formed its own ceremonies and music, according to the oral history.

The early dancers who perform religious ceremonies came from Hacienda Ascarate, north of the Holy Cross Retreat.

The earliest ceremonies were held at the hacienda and at the mountain, and the velorios were held in a home adjacent the Acequia Madre where the Wells Fargo Bank now stands. Other activities were held at the casique's, or chief's, home, which during that time was at 343 E. Amador Ave., and in a grove of cottonwoods on the east side of El Paseo Road, according to the oral histories.

An outsider, Eugene Van Patten, encouraged the participants to organize a legal entity so they could acquire land where they could conduct their religious ceremonies according to their traditions. Van Patten was a retired Army colonel who had married an area Indian girl, Benita Burrole.

The ceremonies participants organized the Corporation of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1914 and acquired land in what is now Tortugas to conduct their ceremonies. Van Patten was named the first president. The corporation papers were renewed in 1964 for 99 years.

The original Tortugas site contained 40 acres, but it has been reduced through the years. It still contains the buildings that are used in the ceremonies, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Capilla, Casa del Pueblo and Casa de Comida.

The danzantes will start the ceremonies at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, when they will escort the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in a candlelight procession from the La Capilla, where it is held during the year, to the Casa del Pueblo where an all night velorio, or vigil, will be conducted.

The danzantes will be led by malinches, young girls dressed in white, an Indian custom. Being preceded by innocent girls was a sign of peace.

At 5 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, the participants will carry the image in a candlelight procession to the sanctuary.

In the morning of Friday, Dec. 12, during a Mass, the investiture of the fiesta mayordomos will be conducted. The mayordomos for this celebration are Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Chavez and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hernandez, and the mayordomos for next year will be Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Flores, Art Montoya and Sylvia Apodaca.

The traditional feast will be held at noon in the Casa de Comida.

During the three-day celebration, corporation dancing groups will be paying homage to the Virgen de Guadalupe, Pueblos, the original group dressed in Indian garments; danzantes, with their decorated coronas, sashes and tilmas; and two matachine groups, La Danza Azteca Chichimeca and La Danza Guadalupeana.

# 'Tis the season for 'Noche de Luminarias'

## Annual NMSU event kicks off the holiday season

The 24th annual "Noche de Luminarias," held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Corbett Center Student Union, offers the New Mexico State University and Las Cruces communities the opportunity to enjoy a peaceful night of lights and entertainment before the rush of the holiday season.

"Noche de Luminarias" (Night of Lights) is one of the largest luminaria displays in southern New Mexico with 5,000 luminarias lining the sidewalk from the Educational Services Building to Jordan Street. Las Cruces High School Band members set up the luminarias.

Entertainment will include performances from the NMSU Aggie DanceSport group in the Corbett Center auditorium and "Vista Vibrations," the Vista Middle School Hand Bell Choir, at Crossroads, also located in Corbett Center. Performance times will alternate to give audience members the chance to view both performances. Both groups have performed at "Noche de Luminarias"

in the past. Refreshments also will be served in Corbett Center and the NMSU Bookstore will be open for holiday shopping.

Trolley rides provided by Frontier Adventures will be offered from 6 to 9 p.m. The rides will go from the east side of Corbett Center, around the duck pond and back.

Bruce Vandevender, assistant director of campus activities, said "Noche de Luminarias" was started by the student union, campus program board and campus housing as a way to kick off the holiday season.

"It started with housing, and then Corbett got involved and it grew from there," Vandevender said. "I like that it isn't a lot of commercialism and hoopla. It's just a nice time to walk around, listen to carolers and reflect before the hustle and bustle of the holidays."

The tradition of lighting luminarias in New Mexico dates back to the early 16th century. Small fires called luminarias, also known as farolitos, the Spanish word for

"little lanterns," were placed along the roads and churchyards to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ and guide individuals to midnight Mass. By the early 19th century, settlers in the United States were hanging Chinese lanterns from their doorways, but found the lanterns to be expensive, so many began to burn candles buried in sand and placed in small paper sacks.

Today, the luminaria is used throughout the Southwest as a symbol of hospitality and welcoming to all that cross its path during the holiday season.

"Noche de Luminarias" is coordinated by Campus Activities and sponsored by Auxiliary Administration, Associated Students of New Mexico State University, the Dean of Students, Office of Facilities Operations and Corbett Center Student Union.

It is free and open to the public.

"I encourage everyone to join us," Vandevender said. "If you experience it once, you'll want to come back every year."



Corbett Center Student Union will be lit up with luminarias at the annual "Noche de Luminarias" event Sunday, Dec. 7, on the New Mexico State University campus.

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# Friday, DECEMBER 5

## ✿ BORDER ARTISTS OPENING RECEPTION TO BENEFIT KRWG 90.7 FM

The Border Artists are teaming up with KRWG 90.7 FM for a benefit art show, which will begin with an opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at St. Clair Winery and Bistro, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla.

The event will feature music from La Cella Bella and 50 percent of all sales at the opening and during the sales event will go towards KRWG 90.7 FM. Artists include Carolyn Bunch, Tauna Cole, Janice Cook, Sherry-Doil Carter and Tom Gerend. Also showing will be Winfrey Hearst, Annetta Hoover, Suzanne Kane and Cassandra Lockwood.

Call 646-2222 or visit [www.theborderartists.org](http://www.theborderartists.org) for more information.

## ✿ ARTISTS PERSPECTIVE AT BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

In conjunction with the exhibit INK: Tattoos as Personal Expression now on display at Branigan Cultural Center, Alex Trujillo will present "Tattoos from an Artist's Perspective" at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5. The program takes place during the City's WinterFest celebration and the Downtown Ramble.

Trujillo, a local tattoo artist, will speak about tattoos from the artist's perspective. He has been tattooing for more than five years and is an undergraduate student at New Mexico State University. Following his 30-minute presentation, Trujillo will be on hand for a question-and-answer session. The exhibit will remain open through Jan. 24, 2009.

The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., is located at the north end of the Downtown Mall. The exhibit and program is free and open to the public.

The Cultural Center will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, as part of the monthly Downtown Ramble. Regular galleries hours are 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://museums.las-cruces.org> for more information.

## ✿ SNMMDS HOLIDAY CONTRA DANCE

The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society, a nonprofit organization that sponsors dances, will hold a holiday contra dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, two blocks west of the plaza. This will be the only contra dance in December. Lonnie Ludeman and Lewis Land will teach and call all dances to the live, old-time music of SNMMDS Band. Beginner dance lessons are at 7:30 p.m. There will be refreshments. The cost is \$5. Call 522-1691 for more information.

## ✿ DOWNTOWN RAMBLE

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Downtown Ramble  
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La Casa Bazaar  
Virgen de Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration

### DATE

Fri., Dec. 5  
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Fri., Dec. 5-Sun., Dec. 7  
Wed., Dec. 10-Fri., Dec. 12

### LOCATION

Downtown Mall Galleries  
Downtown Mall  
Dickerson's Event Center  
Mesilla Plaza

Ramble, held the first Friday of each month at galleries and businesses along the Downtown Mall from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5. The Las Cruces Museum of Art will not be open for the Dec. 5 ramble. The Downtown Ramble is the monthly artwalk hosted by the art galleries and other venues in the vicinity of the Las Cruces Downtown Mall. The galleries are open from 5 to 7 p.m. During this time, refreshments are served and special events, such as the opening of an art show with receptions for the artists will occur. The special events will generally be accompanied by a separate announcement describing the details of that event.

A map that shows the location of the galleries along with contact information is available at most of the galleries as well as by downloading from M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery website at <http://mphilipsgallery.com>.

## ✿ LA SOCIEDAD PARA LAS ARTES READING

La Sociedad Para Las Artes will present poets Wayne Crawford, Joseph Somoza and Richard "Dick" Thomas at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Hardman Hall, Room 106, on the New Mexico State University campus. Crawford, Somoza and Thomas, current or recent editors of the Sin Fronteras Journal, are also the editors of Sin Fronteras Press. Each has had more than 100 poems published in literary journals and magazines.

MFA graduate student Kara Dorris will also read.

## ✿ BLACK BOX THEATRE PRESENTS 'COPENHAGEN'

No Strings Theatre Company presents the Tony Award-winning play "Copenhagen" written by Michael Frayn and directed by Zac Bannister, at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

The story is of a group of scientists who are working on nuclear fission during World War II.

Tickets are \$10 regular admission and \$9 for students and seniors over 65. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 523-1223 or visiting [www.no-strings.org](http://www.no-strings.org).

## ✿ NMSU THEATER PRESENTS 'CINDERELLA'

The American Southwest Theatre Company at New Mexico State University Theatre Arts presents "Cinderella" at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Hershel Zohn Theatre.

The classic fairy tale about a poor girl, a handsome prince and a glass slipper is fun for the whole family.

Audience members are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped

toy to give to Toys for Tots. Last year's toy drive helped nearly 4,000 children in the area.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and NMSU faculty and staff and \$10 for students. Call the ASTC box office at 646-4515 or 800-646-ASTC for more information.

## ✿ LCCT PRESENTS 'A DICKENS' CHRISTMAS CAROL'

The Las Cruces Community Theatre presents "A Dickens' Christmas Carol," a comedy by Mark Landon Smith inspired by the classic holiday tale by Charles Dickens, at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the LCCT, 313 N. Downtown Mall.

The tale is a spoof that follows the Styckes Upon Thump Repertory Company as they embark on their 15th annual tour of the Dickens classic.

The show runs through Dec. 21. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students, \$5 for children 6 and under, and \$6 per seat for groups of 10 or more. Call 523-1200 or visit [www.lcctnm.org](http://www.lcctnm.org) for reservations.

## ✿ CALLEJONEADA CELEBRATION IN DOWNTOWN LAS CRUCES

Embracing a Mexican tradition in Las Cruces is on its way from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, on the Downtown Mall. The Las Cruces Downtown is kicking off a new event called the "Callejoneada" in Downtown Las Cruces during the WinterFest. The Callejoneada is a Las Cruces version of a traditional Mexican and Spanish rambling street party with strolling mariachis and folkloric dancers.

The plan is to regularly schedule the Callejoneada event at locations throughout Downtown and develop the event as a regional draw, local attraction and tourism activity with varying kinds of music throughout the years. The Callejoneada will become a new tradition in Las Cruces. As the only community in the United States doing the Callejoneada, it will be a developing mark of distinction for Downtown Las Cruces.

Call 532-1693 for more information.

## ✿ LA CASA BAZAAR


The La Casa Bazaar, an annual fundraising event for La Casa, the shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children, will be held at the Dickerson's Event Center, 3900 W. Picacho Ave., and will open with a preview from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and continue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and from 10 a.m.

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## EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

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## Saturday, DECEMBER 6

### ☼ NMSU DANCE PRESENTS "TIS THE SEASON"



The New Mexico State University Dance Program will end its 2008 season with "Tis the Season," a performance by the NMSU dance companies, Crimson Rhythm Dance Sport Company, Sol y Arena and Contemporary Dance Theater. Under the direction of Debra Knapp, this diverse program honors the holiday spirit.

Debra Knapp will open the show with "How Many Days Left," a dance that demonstrates the mad and hectic push through the holidays. It has been two years since Debra has performed for the Las Cruces community.

"Tis the Season" will be presented at the Rio Grande Theatre at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the Pan American Center box office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the door.

Call 646-2070 for more information.

### ☼ BORDER ARTISTS BENEFIT FOR KRWG 90.7 FM

Almost 20 artists, a cadre of loyal public radio advertisers and supporters and staff at KRWG 90.7 FM have joined forces to stage an exciting three-day fine art event designed to celebrate the multiple contributions of KRWG 90.7 FM to the regional community.

The exhibition will be held at a Quiñones Design-Build Showcase home at 4423 Organ Mesa Loop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. The opening reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at St. Clair Winery and Bistro.

Call 646-2222 or visit [www.theborderartists.org](http://www.theborderartists.org) for more information.

### ☼ BARNES & NOBLE SHOPPING EVENT

Barnes & Noble Booksellers is making holiday time a little sweeter for teachers by offering personalized service and extra savings at a special Holiday Educator Shopping Event on Saturday, Dec. 6.

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Teachers may call ahead with their holiday

shopping lists and pick up those items the day of the event. The Barnes & Noble store at the Mesilla Valley Mall will have a mini breakfast from 9 to 10 a.m. and the opportunity for educators to register for fabulous door prizes.

Call 522-4728 for more information.

### ☼ HOLIDAY SALE AT THE STUDIO OF MARIA CRISTINA

Angelica Wagner is the culinary artist who will be featured in an open house in the Studio of Maria Cristina, to be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, inside the Old Tortilla Factory in Mesilla. Music and refreshments will be served. Spontaneous dancers are doubly welcome and will be duly rewarded with an additional 10 percent discount.

This is also the night when Maria Cristina's artwork will be on sale in time for Christmas, with up to 30 percent off (with the right password) on everything from jewelry to felt work and hand-painted ornaments to canvases. Call 312-9530 for the password and for more information.

This month's special features are Day of the Dead Nativity scenes which also include "The Magi" and the "Flight from Bethlehem" art prints and hand-painted mini-retablos.

### ☼ THE SWING DANCERS OF MUNSON CENTER

Couples and singles 50 and older are invited to dance with the Swing Dancers of Munson Center at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., Saturdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Doors open at 6:30, and there is a \$6 cover charge. Mark Coker will provide this week's entertainment. Call 528-3000 for more information.

### ☼ VOZ VAQUEROS ANNUAL CONCERT

Voz Vaqueros, the singing men of Las Cruces, will hold their 38th annual Christmas Concert at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Good Samaritan Village auditorium. Call 635-0197 for more information.

### ☼ KISSING BALL WORKSHOP



Create a holiday kissing ball using fresh greenery such as sage, rosemary, santolina and mistletoe to bring classic scent and whimsy to the home. Enchanted Gardens offers two holiday workshops on Saturday, Dec. 6. Joan Kief of San Ysidro Lavender Fields leads participants through the process of making a holiday kissing ball beginning at 12:30 p.m. This is followed by a workshop stuffed with holiday giftwrap ideas. The kissing ball workshop costs \$15 and includes all materials. Reservations required. The giftwrap workshop begins at 2 p.m., and is free to Enchanted Gardens Benefit Members or \$7.50 to the public. Reservations requested. Enchanted Gardens is located at 270 Avenida de Mesilla. Call 524-1886 for more information and reservations.

### ☼ ARTIST'S SHOWCASE AT EL PASO SADDLEBLANKET

El Paso Saddleblanket Co., 6926 Gateway East, will host an artist's and writers showcase from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Artists include Connie Weaver, Oscar Moya, Krystina

Robbins, Carlos Urritia, Julie Caffé-Cruz, Edison Harshbarger, Henry Potter, Manny Guerra, Robert Sean and Albert Alvidrez.

### ☼ MESILLA VALLEY WRITERS MEETING

The Mesilla Valley Writers will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the first floor lounge, Building E, University Terrace Good Samaritan Village. Go east on Buena Vida Circle to the end of the blue metal fence; turn right into driveway and park. In celebration of their writing accomplishments, attendees will have an opportunity to read from their own published works (3 to 4 minutes), whether fiction, nonfiction or poetry.

The Mesilla Valley Writers meet the first Saturday of every month, opening with a short business meeting and light refreshments. Annual dues are \$10. All are welcome. For more information, contact Bob Sanchez at 521-4212 or [bobsanchez1@comcast.net](mailto:bobsanchez1@comcast.net).

## Sunday, DECEMBER 7

### ☼ 'A CELTIC YULETIDE WITH MICHAEL LONDRA' AT THE SPENCER THEATER

The former star tenor of "Riverdance" shares his vocal beauty with the young Irish band An Dochas (armed with pipes, whistles, fiddle, Bodhran, guitar, bass and drums) in traditional and contemporary Celtic Christmas songs. Tickets are \$49 and \$46 and the show is at 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Call 336-4800 or visit [www.spencertheater.com](http://www.spencertheater.com) for more information.

### ☼ SIN FRONTERAS: WRITERS WITHOUT BORDERS READING

Sin Fronteras: Writers Without Borders and Friends of the Branigan Library will bring two outstanding authors, Stefi Weisburd and Craig Holden, to the Sunday Reading Series at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. The event is free and open to the public. Reception and book signing follow the reading.

The late Gene Frumkin, well-known New Mexico poet, was a friend of Stefi Weisburd's family when Stefi was very young. Frumkin and Stefi's father, Mel Weisburd, started Coastlines literary magazine in Los Angeles in the 50s, so poetry was in the air for her at a very early age. She says, however, that she "didn't really come back to poetry until my 40s," at which time she took classes with Gene Frumkin and was in his poetry group for several years before his death. Weisburd is the author of "The Wind-Up Gods" (Black Lawrence Press, 2007), which won the St. Lawrence First Book Award. "Barefoot," a collection of poems about naked feet (for children), is out this year from Wordsong Press. A Breadloaf scholar, Stefi is a winner of The Nation/"Discovery" Prize in 2002, and her poems for adults have appeared in The American Poetry Review, The Gettysburg Review, Poetry, The Paris Review, Ninth Letter, Sin Fronteras, Born.com and others.

As a hiker, hunter and dog person, Craig Holden says he has found a home in New Mexico. He says, "I am usually out in the desert three or four times a week with the hounds, hiking and exploring ... we've visited with coyotes, jack rabbits, lizards, a horned toad, a box turtle and hawks." Holden is the author of the novels "The River Sorrow," "The Last Sanctuary," "Four Corners of Night," "The Jazz Bird," "The Narcissist's Daughter" and "Matala." He is a recipient of the Great Lakes Book Award in Fiction, and was a featured guest at the Festival International du Roman Noir in Frontignan, France. His books have been translated into a dozen languages. He has taught at the Universities of Michigan and Toledo, and is currently the visiting writer at New Mexico State University.

### ☼ 'WE THREE KINGS' ALBUM RELEASE AND PERFORMANCE

Grammy-nominated world vocalist, composer and arranger Perla Batalla continues to defy genre with her sixth CD release and very first holiday



album, "We Three Kings." As a gift to the community and as a part of her national CD release tour, Batalla will perform in the Mesilla/Las Cruces area at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at San Albino Basilica in Mesilla, sponsored by The Border Book Festival/Cultural Center de Mesilla and San Albino Basilica. Donations will be accepted.

Batalla's legendary prowess coupled with fearless and inspirational arrangements celebrate love, family and the true meaning of the season. The CD is produced by Batalla with memorable performances by her daughter, Eva Batalla-Mann, Dave Palmer, Chaz Benton, Debra Dobkin, Karen Hammack, Charles Fritchel and many more.

"We Three Kings" was released Nov. 12 by Mechuda Music and sells for \$17 at the Cultural Center de Mesilla, 2231 Calle de Parian. For information on the concert, contact The Border Book Festival/Cultural Center de Mesilla at 523-3988 or 496-2351, email [bbf@zianet.com](mailto:bbf@zianet.com) or visit [www.borderbookfestival.org](http://www.borderbookfestival.org).

### ☼ LA CASA BAZAAR

Music, mailboxes and marvelous merchandise will be featured at the La Casa Bazaar, an annual fundraising event for La Casa, the shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. The Bazaar will be held at the Dickerson's Event Center, 3900 W. Picacho Ave., and will open with a preview from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and continue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

Tickets for the preview party are \$12 and may be purchased in advance or at the door. This is an evening when vendor booths have special items for sale as well as some great bargains. Prime time shopping on Friday includes snacks, a beverage and smaller crowds.

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## Monday, DECEMBER 8

### ☼ 'A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES' AT THE BLACK BOX THEATRE

"A Child's Christmas in Wales," a play reading which is an annual Christmas event at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, and features No Strings Theatre Company donors and volunteers will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8. Bruce Wilson, an actor from Silver City, will be reading the role of Dylan Thomas. Tickets are \$7. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 523-1223 or online at [www.no-strings.org](http://www.no-strings.org).



## GALLERIES & OPENINGS

### Opening this Week

#### © RIO GRANDE THEATRE

A show titled "Americana Revisited, Part 2" created by local art educator Shelley Black, will be presented Friday, Dec. 5 through 29, in the El Paso Electric Gallery and Carolene De Mesilla Information Center & Gallery at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. The show will open with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5.

Black majored in fine arts at the University of Southern California, and graduated in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in art. During her freshman year, she illustrated "Your Future in Archaeology" by Dr. Gerald A. La Rue.

While still attending college, she worked as staff artist for Dr. W. J. Bennett Jr. on an archeological dig under the auspices of the American Schools of Oriental Research and the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem, with funding provided by the Smithsonian Institution. This position took Black to the Middle East in 1971 to work onsite and continued after returning to Los Angeles until 1978 when the study was published.

Black developed her artistic endeavors in technical drawing by branching into architectural illustration and rendering, and pursued fine arts through freelance work, which included short story illustrations. She understudied to Nina George, a well-known, award-winning surrealist painter who introduced her to the limited palette and inspired further direction in oils on canvas.

Currently working as an art instructor for the Las Cruces Public School District, Black enjoys teaching at the high school level. Her proficiencies include various 2D applications such as drawing, painting and printmaking. Students have successfully completed advanced placement

requirements and received college credit at the high school level under her tutelage.

Her work includes a broad range of technique and application, ranging from portraiture to non-objective abstraction. Black attempts to bring forth the vibrancy of the world around us through art by focusing on color and poignant moments of life.

The galleries at the Rio Grande are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Gallery volunteers are needed; contact the DAAC office at 523-6403 for more information.

#### © COTTONWOOD GALLERY



"Roaring Fork River" by Joe Dominick, at the Cottonwood Gallery

The Cottonwood Gallery and City of Artists Promotional Association presents a stimulating photography show titled "The Environment on the Edge," which will showcase pieces using digital and silver gelatin techniques as well as fractal skills in photography. The featured photographers are Joe Dominick, Kurt Van Wagner, Teri Van Huss, Lidio Rivera, Cheryl

Fallstead, Katja Mayfield, Sharlene Glock, Susan Frary and Pat Jonker. The show runs Friday, Dec. 5, through Jan. 18, 2009, and can be viewed at the Southwest Environmental Center located at 275 S. Downtown Mall.

#### © M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

During the Downtown Ramble for December, M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery will open a one-woman show for Carolyn Bunch, an artist that has been very active in the community for several years. The show will run through December. Also, 10 percent of all gallery art sales during December will be donated to La Casa Inc., a nonprofit organization whose program offers safe housing, counseling and support services to victims of domestic violence and their children.

Call 525-1367 for more information.

#### © DW WILLIAMS ART CENTER

An exhibition by Elizabeth Hillman, candidate for a master's of fine arts, will open with a gallery reception at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at DW Williams Art Center, University Avenue at Solano Drive. The exhibition will run concurrently with the Warhol exhibition and retablos currently showing in the gallery. All exhibitions will run through Dec. 23. Gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Call 646-2545 for more information.

#### © MASTERY IN LIFE CENTER

Raul Madrid, a remarkable individual with cerebral palsy who just celebrated his 50th birthday, will greet guests at an artist's reception for a number of his original works from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Mastery in Life, at the north end of the Downtown Mall. Madrid's works include a variety of techniques and media, including watercolor, collage and acrylic on panel. His vibrant and expressive works were created with minimal use of one foot. The show continues through December. Call 373-1971 for more information.

Following the artist's reception, Mastery in Life's "Howling Coyote Coffeehouse" begins open mic night at 7 p.m.

#### © IN EFFECT GALLERY

In Effect Gallery, 514 W. Griggs Ave., will host an opening reception from 6 to 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5, for their December show titled "The Birthday Suit: Black & White and in Color." Featured artist of the month will be Danielle Lozano, a local artist/photographer. Lozano has an impressive collection of black and white "erotic" photographs, which gave birth to the December theme. Numerous other local artists have entries as well. There is a lot of good, underexposed talent in the Mesilla Valley, as this show will demonstrate. Additionally, In Effect will accept layaway purchases just in time for the holidays.

While not obscene or pornographic, the subject matter is more adult-oriented. It is for this reason the gallery will be limiting entry to those 18 and older only, so as not to potentially offend any unsuspecting parents.

The December opening coincides with the first Friday Downtown Ramble, as well as the holiday luminaria celebration in the Alameda Historic District. Located just around the corner from Pioneer Park, the gallery is an easy walk for those meandering through all the festivities.

In Effect Gallery is the only gallery in the area to give 80 percent of the sale price back to the artist. The gallery only shows works of local artists. Best described as "urban-contemporary," In Effect is truly a unique venue for the arts in Las Cruces. Regular gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 526-1551.

#### © MIMBRES REGION ARTS COUNCIL

The Mimbres Region Arts Council (MRAC) will present the 2009 Print Portfolio from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the MRAC Office inside the Wells Fargo Bank building, 1201 Pope St., in Silver City. The public is welcome. Light refreshments will be served. The MRAC Gallery is sponsored by Christine's Interior Design.

This is the third MRAC Print Portfolio (formerly the Print Project) and is a fundraiser for the Arts Council. Twenty-five artists produced 40 prints each for the 2009 Silver City Print Portfolio. A collection of this artwork is assembled into folios. Each artist receives a collection; the remaining 15 folio collections are available to the art-collecting community for \$500, proceeds benefit the Mimbres Region Arts Council. This year's portfolio has also been published in book format and is available for \$40.

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### NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

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#### New Exhibit:

#### "Elements from the Front Range Contemporary Quilters"

Opens Dec. 15

Elements from the Front Range Contemporary Quilters features 40 quilts. Inspired by the themes and atmosphere of the West, these artists explore the concept of elements from a wide array of perspectives.

The exhibit will be on display through Feb. 8.

#### Special Presentation:

#### "Cowgirl with Some Sand" Dec. 11, 7 p.m.

Gale Ginn, a retired bronc buster, cowgirl poet, and riding double in films, talks about her work with Hollywood stars such as Shelley Winters, Alan Ladd and Joseph Cotten. Following a 75-minute feature film called "Untamed Frontier," Ginn, now a Las Cruces resident, will talk about her career. She will be joined by film buff and movie reviewer, Jeff Berg. Free.

#### Festive Family Fun

Dec. 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For children ages 4 to 12,  
accompanied by an adult.

Spend a fun-filled day at the museum with your child. Learn how various cultures have celebrated the winter holidays. Create imaginative decorations, take a musical trolley ride and hear stories. Don't forget to bring your lunch. Pre-registration is required. \$20 for one child and one adult; additional children and adults are \$5 each.



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## GALLERIES &amp; OPENINGS



Work by Richard Bergquist and Susie Bergquist, at Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery



"Thunderstorm" by Rebecca Courtney, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum



"Navajo Girls" by Carolyn Bunch, at M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery

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The 2009 Print Portfolio is dedicated to the memory of Tad Van der Weele, a well-known Grant County artist and special friend of the Arts Council. Participating artists include Carlos Aguilar, M. Fred Barraza, Tiffany Bass, Jean Bohlender, Patricia Clayton Leff, Dee Connett, David del Junco, Mary Frances Dondelinger, Lois Duffy, Paula Geisler, Marilyn Gendron, Diana Ingalls Leyba, Gloria Maya, Phillip Parotti, Eric Renner and Nancy Spencer, Carlene Roters, Allen Sanders, Rita Sherwood, Marcia Smith, Jeff Turner, Sandy Urban, Tad Van der Weele, Joseph Wade, Zoe Wolfe and Melanie Zipin.

The Mimbres Region Arts Council is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the cultural life of southwestern New Mexico by providing quality programs that nurture and inspire a love and understanding of the arts. In 2008, MRAC was the top-rated arts council in the state by New Mexico Arts, a Department of the New Mexico Office of Cultural Affairs.

Call the MRAC office at 538-2505 or visit [www.mimbresarts.org](http://www.mimbresarts.org) for more information.

#### © TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 South Solano Drive, will host the gourd art of Joanna Bradley and Kathe Stark from Friday, Dec. 5, through Jan. 2. An artist's reception will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. The reception is open to the public.

Stark has been working with gourds since moving to Las Cruces from the Midwest 10 years ago. Through trial and error, her art has evolved to include burnt and carved designs adorned with ink, dyes, paint, pine needles and feathers. The shape of the gourd points the way towards a design and method of embellishment. Both vessels and masks are created harkening to the rich Native American history of the Southwest. Stark's work has been featured in the galleries of the Rio Grande Theatre.

Bradley has had a lifelong interest in the gourd as canvas. She has participated in art shows in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas for 14 years. She received an award for the most creative entry in the Angel Fire ArtsFest. Bradley's art has been featured at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery and the Main Street Gallery in Las Cruces.

Bradley and Stark explore the wide palette of possibilities offered by gourds as an art form. Both use various gourds and a full array of decorating techniques. The finished pieces offer a Southwestern flair that makes it a unique gift for the holiday season.

Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281 for more information. The gallery will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 31.

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## Continuing this Week

#### © NEW MEXICO FARM AND RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The spirit of living in the rural Southwest is reflected in the "Western Heritage" art show presented at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, through March 28, 2009. Paintings, sculpture, wood crafting, gourd art and photography created by the members of the City of Artists Promotional Association inspire a deeper appreciation of New Mexico's rich heritage and can be viewed during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### © GLENN CUTTER JEWELERS AND GALLERY

Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery will host Susie and Richard Bergquist through Dec. 31. The Bergquists are well-known ceramic artists from San Simon, Ariz. Susie Bergquist does figures based on American Indian Folklore made of ceramic. There are coyotes, wolves, birds, ravens, owls, deer and many other animals. She also does ledger drawing depicting Indian history. Her wall pieces are called Mojaves and are hummingbirds, bears, rabbits, porcupines and other creatures. She will also have some etchings, engraving and reduction linocuts.

Richard Bergquist does santos, or saints, clay creations that sit on a shelf with objects representing the miracles of the saints at the base. Each saint has the professed blessing on the back of the pieces. He also does clay wall angels and nativity sets.

The two make all of their own ceramic clays from scratch. She makes figures from stories she draws of her own unique style. The

figures are embellished with beads, fabric and hair the way the original Mojave Indian figures were.

#### © BLACK BOX THEATRE

"Photos and Fibers," an exhibit by John Gustinis and Joan Jensen, is currently on display at thetheatregallery at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. John Gustinis studied physics in Rochester, N.Y., then worked as a technician and engineer at several universities. Jensen studied art in Pasadena and then history at the University of California at Los Angeles. They met in 1971 in San Francisco while both were involved in the anti-war movement. This is their first exhibit together.

After moving to Las Cruces in 1976, they studied art at New Mexico State University off and on. Gustinis branched out into photography and Jensen into fiber arts. They claim to be modernists at heart, growing up during the era of abstract expressionism, but have ventured on to include more representational objects in their work as well, including landscapes, insects and plants. They spend much time outdoors. Jensen hikes while Gustinis kayaks. These experiences find a way into their art in many ways: colors, textures, images, forms, light and shadow.

The gallery is open one hour before all performances at the Black Box Theatre and by appointment by calling 523-1223.

#### © LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

LCPS annual Middle School Art Show will continue through Jan. 31, 2009, in the lobby gallery of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249. The show includes art by students from LCPS middle schools, using a variety of media.

For more information, contact LCPS Coordinator for Visual and Performing Arts Bonnie Hosie at 527-5860 or [bhosie@lcps.k12.nm.us](mailto:bhosie@lcps.k12.nm.us).

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# LCPS Talent Show



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"Head Over Heels" performs at a talent show Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Lynn Middle School. The talent show is part of a campaign at the school to raise money and awareness in the fight against leukemia and blood-borne cancers.

## Museums

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Be sure to come by the Railroad Museum for the holiday lights and displays, and then come back again to soak up the interesting displays. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Admission is free, but donations are always welcome to support programs and acquisition of artifacts. For more information about this and other city-operated museums, go to their website at <http://museums.las-cruces.org>. You can call the Railroad Museum at 647-4480. The Depot is located at 351 N. Mesilla St., at the intersection of Las Cruces Avenue and Mesilla Street.

## Las Cruces Museums Calendar

Special museum events for December are listed below. These are in addition to exhibits that are ongoing, such as INK: Tattoos as Personal Expression and La Charreada: Fotos de Los Charros Magnificos! at the Branigan Cultural Center and Every Body Eats at the Museum of Natural History. In the list, MNH is the Museum of Natural History, RRM is the Railroad Museum, MoA is the Museum of Art and BCC is the Branigan Cultural Center. For more information about museum events, hours and locations, visit <http://museums.las-cruces.org>.

### Thursday, December 4

MNH - Science Café, 5:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 5

RRM - Old Fashioned Holiday Display, 5 to 9 p.m.

BCC - First Friday Ramble, 5 to 9 p.m.

### Saturday, December 6

RRM - Video "Wild West Tech," 10:30 a.m.

MNH - Desert Treks Caravan trip to Lake Lucero, pre-registration required

MNH - Saturday Science Class: chemistry, 11 a.m.

MNH - FETCH!, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

MNH - Sky Safari at La Llorona Park, 7 p.m.

### Sunday, December 7

MNH - FETCH!, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 12

MoA - "Innovation &amp; Change: Great Ceramics" opens to the public, regular museum hours

### Saturday, December 13

RRM - Citizens for Rail Security talk, 11 a.m.

MNH - FETCH!, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

### Sunday, December 14

MNH - FETCH!, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 16

Descubra el Desierto, 7 p.m.

### Friday, December 19

BCC - In The Nick of Time Craft Workshop, 1 to 4 p.m.

### Saturday, December 20

RRM - Video "Choo Choo Christmas," 10:30 a.m.

RRM - Decorate a Train Workshop, 1 to 3 p.m.

BCC - In The Nick of Time Craft Workshop, 1 to 4 p.m.

### Sunday, December 21

MNH - FETCH!, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

### Thursday & Friday, December 25 & 26

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### Saturday, December 27

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# Bulletin Restaurant Guide

## Chef brings changes to Café España

Three-meal restaurant features dishes that fit every budget

By JENNA FROSCH  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Café España, housed inside the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, is seeing many changes, including the addition of a new executive chef and the menu updates he is implementing.

Robert Mullen, formerly of the Camino Real in El Paso, joined the staff two months ago and has worked to bring in more worldly cuisines and unique flavors to the Café España menu.

"We are interested in making some changes and updating dishes while keeping with the tradition to the heritage of this area," Mullen says.

A distinctive atmosphere reminiscent of a hacienda-style cocina offers restaurant patrons the opportunity to enjoy the comforts of home. Mullen describes the cuisine as contemporary Southwestern, melding traditional American dishes with a Mexican flair.

"We aren't just a Mexican food restaurant," Mullen says. "We have really unique entrees and all of our food is made fresh in house."

General Manager Rick Galligan says Hotel Encanto's parent company, Heritage Hotels, takes pride in making sure their hotels take the local flavor into account when developing their restaurants.

"Heritage Hotels is focused on the culture and heritage of the local area," Galligan says. "In Café España, it is the traditional Southwestern flair that is found in Las Cruces and is a unique part of the state."

The restaurant offers breakfast and lunch, as well as a more upscale dinner menu. To start, try the Jalepeños Azul, spicy jalepeños stuffed with a mix of cream cheese,



Café España, inside of Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, offers upscale fare with a Mexican flair.

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For an entrée, one of the most popular items is the red chile and brandy-grilled duck, a tender breast of duck marinated with New Mexico red chile and Presidente Brandy, pan seared then finished with orange pan-dripping sauce. Another favorite is the Strip Steak Tampiquena, a New York strip steak slice on the bias, cooked Tampiqueña-style with roasted peppers, onion and tomatoes and served with two crab enchiladas, a choice of chile verde or roja and refried beans.

"We use choice cuts of meat, high-grade beef," Mullen says.

Café España also offers a wide

selection of wines to compliment any meal, with offerings by the glass or by the bottle. A full bar is also stocked to quench any thirst.

"After dinner, patrons can head to Azul for an after-dinner drink," Galligan says.

The restaurant is available for private parties, business meetings or luncheons. They will be developing a wine dinner in the near future for Valentine's Day, as well.

They will offer a Christmas buffet for \$29 per plate with seatings from 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. The menu includes tomato, green chile and chicken soup, roasted corn salad with grilled peppers, onions and black beans; entrees include chile-rubbed prime rib au jus, smoked ham with dried plum sauce, pecan-crusted trout and mango salsa, chicken relleno with salsa verde and mesquite pork loin with honey guajillo sauce. The meal also includes appetizers and desserts, and the price is all-inclusive. For reservations, call 532-4257.

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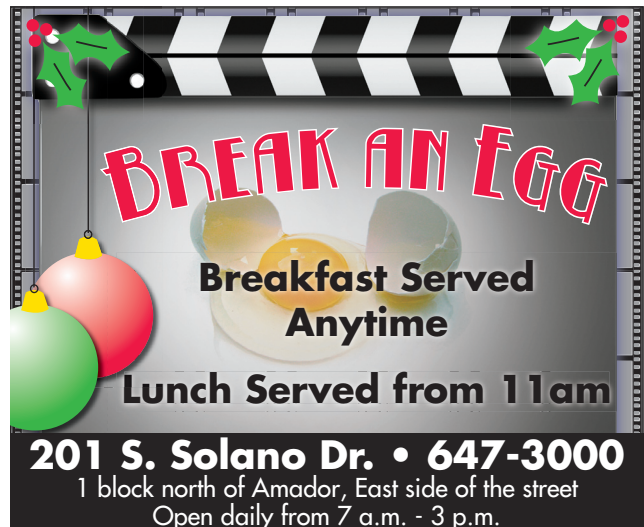
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# NMSU professors display artwork in Santa Fe

## Recognition important for university art department

Four professors in the New Mexico State University Art Department have work featured in Santa Fe galleries during the fall 2008 semester.

Rachel Stevens has an individual exhibit titled "Falling Up" at the Zane Bennett Contemporary Gallery, including installations of white, transparent sculptures resembling architectural towers and other large-scale sculptures that playfully explore themes of shoes and travel. Many of the works were inspired by her 2006 experience as a Fulbright scholar in Nepal,

including a floor-to-ceiling sculptural tree, which rounds out the collection. The show will continue through Friday, Dec. 6.

The other NMSU faculty members have art displayed as part of group exhibits. David Taylor's photo constructions were chosen by the curators of the "Water Planet" exhibit, featuring artwork by 23 artists known both regionally and throughout the world, for display in the New Mexico State Capitol Rotunda First Floor Gallery. The display runs through Friday, Dec. 12.

"Having faculty work in galleries at the

state capital, an important center for international contemporary art, speaks well for the department," said Spencer Fidler, NMSU Art Department head. Fidler had several multiple-plate color etchings in the Delaney Newkirk Contemporary Gallery on Canyon Road in an October exhibit called "Pulp Friction," a title punning the process used to make the contemporary prints in the exhibit.

Craig Cully's oil paintings were selected for the 2008 Realism Invitational exhibit at Klaudia Marr Gallery also on Canyon

Road. The work consists of 2.5-by-2.5-inch still life subjects of small objects in intense monochromatic color fields, including Hershey's candy kisses in different colored wrappers.



Intaglio print "Cultivation" by Spencer Fidler



A Hershey's kiss is one of the still life oil on panel paintings by Craig Cully



Sculptures resembling architectural towers by Rachel Stevens



Photo construction "Coulee/Christening" by David Taylor

# 'Harry and Tonto' road trip across the U.S.

## CineMatinee movie is a heartwarming tale of youth and middle age

The CineMatinee movie for Saturday, Dec. 6, is "Harry and Tonto" (1974, 115 minutes, rated R). When his comfortable New York City apartment building is torn down, 72-year-old widower and retired college professor Harry (Art Carney) temporarily moves in with his eldest son but finds his daughter-in-law less than enthusiastic.

Perhaps inspired by his grandson, Norman (Josh Mostel, son of Zero), who is currently immersed in Zen

philosophy, Harry decides to postpone his search for new lodgings to fulfill a lifelong ambition to travel across the country to California. With his beloved cat, Tonto, Harry hits the road, planning to stop and visit his other children – Shirley (Ellyn Burstyn), a daughter who lives in Chicago, and youngest son, Eddie (Larry Hagman), who lives on the West Coast. During his journey, Harry encounters several situations that cause him to examine what life

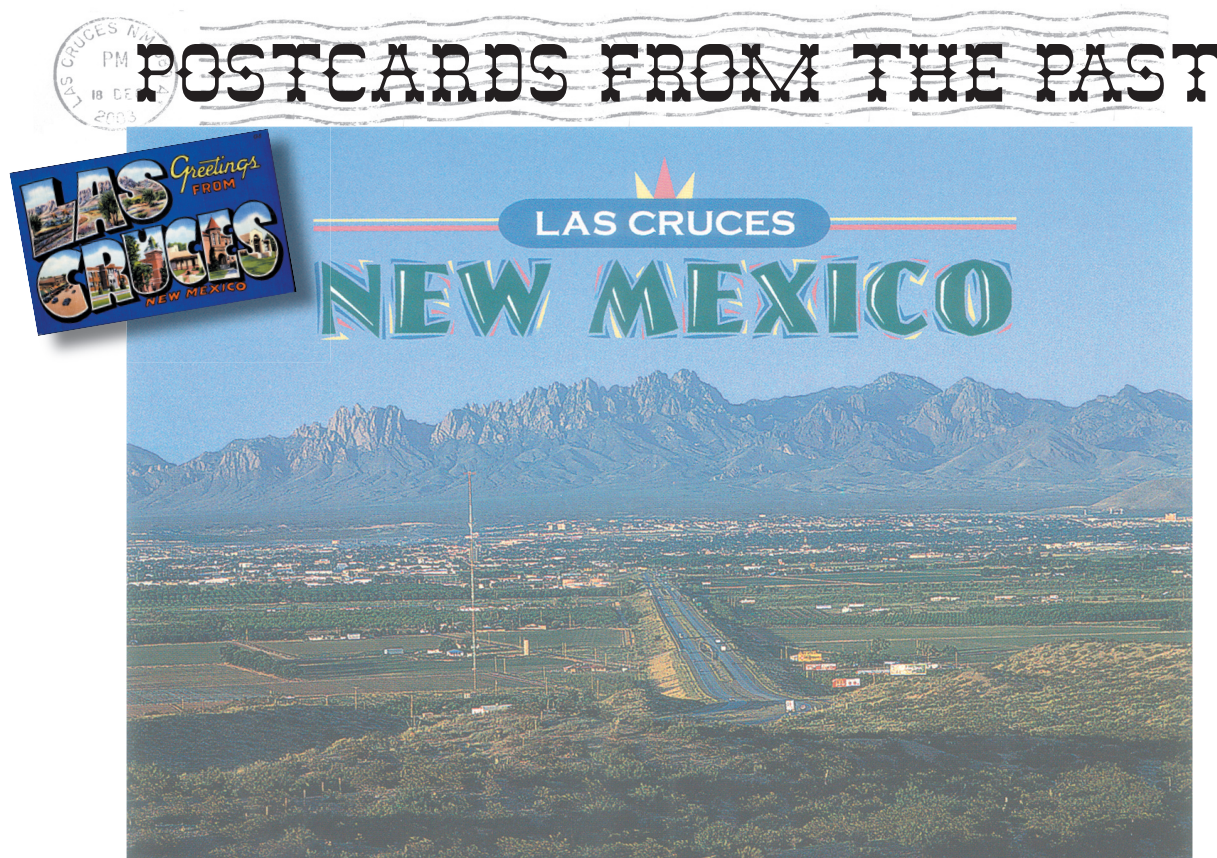
means to him.

"Harry and Tonto" is a sweet, sentimental road movie that draws force and relevance from Carney's touching and subtle performance, which won him an Academy Award.

Incredibly, after nearly 25 years on television, this was the actor's first major feature film role. In this gentle film, writer-director Mazursky shows the innocence of youth and the disappointment of middle age, but offers solace in old age if the internal energy that once produced ambition is rediscovered and prompts us to hope for better things to come.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m., and admission is \$4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$1. The theater is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. Call 524-8287 for more information.

A unique blend of movies, past and present, often with an emphasis on life in the West – which could mean the new West, the old West or anything in between – and "movies that missed you," films that are notable but never had a lot of publicity, the CineMatinee series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art as well as entertainment. At least one film a month for this series has a "New Mexico Connection," drawing from the vast pool of movies made in the state (nearly 500) or perhaps featuring a star/story from New Mexico talent.



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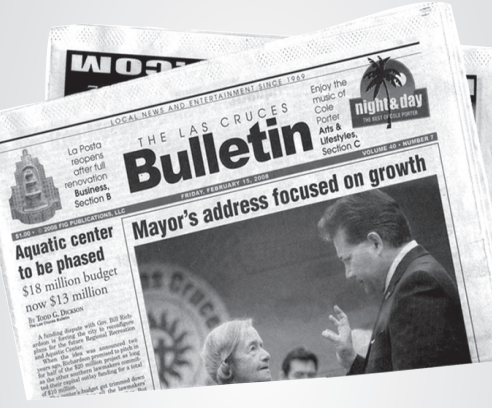
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PBS	(2)	22	Suze Orman: Women & Money			Great Scenic Railway Journeys: Celebrating North America						Brain Fitness 2: Sight and Sound			
CBS	(3)	3	NFL Football Houston Texans at Green Bay Packers. (Live) [cc]						NFL	NFL	Motorcycle Racing	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		
ABC	(7)	7	Paid Prog.		Everyone Prays	American Lat.		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Entertainment Tonight		
FOX	(8)	14	NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at New York Giants. [cc]						NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Pittsburgh Steelers. (In Stereo Live) [cc]						
NBC	(9)	9	3 Wide Life		Athlete	Skiing	Golf Del Webb Father/Son Challenge -- Final Day. From Orlando, Fla.					Paid Prog.	NBC News		
CW	(14)		Saved-Bell		Saved-Bell	*** "La Bamba" (1987) Lou Diamond Phillips.		Reporter	Fearless	Latino	LaTination	Chris	The Game		
WGN	(15)		*** "A Shot in the Dark" (1964) Peter Sellers.			** "Inspector Clouseau" (1968) Alan Arkin.			*** "The Pink Panther Strikes Again" (1976)						
ESPN	(26)		PBA Bowling			College Football Final		Rodeo 2008	PRCA National Finals -- Third Round. (Taped)			Bull Riding			
ESPN2	(27)		Wm. Soccer		Women's College Soccer: NCAA Cup Final			Series of Poker		Series of Poker		Series of Poker			
USA	(31)		(9:54) "Bring It On"		** "Happy Gilmore" (1996) Adam Sandler.			*** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell, Paul Rudd. [cc]							
TNT	(32)		Lara Croft		** "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" (2003)			** "The Librarian: Quest for the Spear" (2004)		"Librarian: King"					
TBS	(33)		"The Whole Ten Yards" (:15) ** "Zoolander" (2001) Ben Stiller. [cc]			(:15) * "A Night at the Roxbury" (1998) [cc]			** "Old School" [cc]						
SPIKE	(34)		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		
COM	(35)		** "Malibu's Most Wanted" (2003) [cc]			** "The Ladies Man" (2000) Tim Meadows. [cc]			*** "The Wedding Singer" (1998) [cc]						
LIFE	(39)		"Mr. St. Nick" (2002) Kelsey Grammer. [cc]			** "Noel" (2004, Drama)			Penélope Cruz. [cc]		* "Holiday Affair" (1996)		Cynthia Gibb. [cc]		
FOOD	(40)		Home		Big Daddy		Rachael	Road	Diners	Diners	Food	On Plate	Cakes	Cakes	
HGTV	(41)		My Kitchen		Deserving		Myles	Desperate	Dime	Color	Divine	First Place	25 Great Holiday Ideas		
A&E	(43)		Rookies		Rookies		Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	CSI: Miami [cc]	
HIST	(44)		Decoding the Past			The Wehrmacht [cc]		The Wehrmacht (N)		The Wehrmacht (N)		The Wehrmacht (N)		The Wehrmacht (N)	
TLC	(45)		The New Detectives			The New Detectives		The New Detectives		The New Detectives		The New Detectives		Arms Exploded	
DISC	(47)		Gettysburg: Battle			Survivorman		Storm Chasers [cc]		Storm Chasers [cc]		Storm Chasers [cc]		Storm Chasers [cc]	
ANPL	(50)		Animal Cops Houston			Orangutan Island [cc]		Orangutan Island [cc]		Orangutan Island [cc]		Orangutan Island [cc]		Weird, True & Freaky	
FAM	(51)		(10:30) *** "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) Daniel Radcliffe. [cc]						*** "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004)						
DISN	(52)		Movers		Handy	Handy	Charlie	** "Zenon: The Zequel" (2001)		Phineas		Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	
NICK	(54)		Jimmy Neutron: Gen.		Barnyard		Barnyard		Zoey 101 [cc]		SpongeBob		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	
AMC	(57)		(10:00) "Close Encounters of the Third Kind"			*** "Gremlins" (1984) Zach Galligan. Premiere. [cc]			Willy Wonka & Chocolate"						
SCIFI	(59)		(8:30) *** "Merlin" (1998)			Tin Man A tornado sweeps a young woman away to a darkly magical realm.								Brothers	
CNN	(62)		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Special Investigations		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Lou Dobbs This Week		
CNBC	(63)		Thinner		Profits		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.		P90X		Thinner		
MSNBC	(64)		"Dear Zachary: Letter to a Son About"			Twist of Fate A case of mistaken identity.			A Deadly Affair		Meet the Press [cc]				



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ESPN	(26)	SportsCenter		Bowl Selection Special (Live)					SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)				
ESPN2	(27)	Series of Poker		Series of Poker		Rodeo 2008 PRCA National Finals -- Fourth Round.					Rodeo: 2008 PRCA National Finals		Football		
USA	(31)	House		House "Skin Deep"		House "Sex Kills"		House "Clueless"		The Starter Wife		** "For Love of the Game" (1999)			
TNT	(32)	"Librarian: King"		"Librarian: Curse of Judas"			Leverage		"Librarian: Curse of Judas"			Leverage			
TBS	(33)	(4:00) "Old School"		"Anchorman: Legend of Ron"			"Anchorman: Legend of Ron"					** "Orange County" (2002)		Zoolan	
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		*** "Live and Let Die" (1973)			
COM	(35)	** "Waiting ..." (2005) Ryan Reynolds.				** "Accepted" (2006) Justin Long.			S. Park		Choco	Silverman	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
LIFE	(39)	"Eve's Christmas" (2004) Elisa Donovan.			"Flirting With Forty" (2008, Drama)			Grey's Anatomy		Wife Swap		Blush: Artist			
FOOD	(40)	Challenge		Challenge		Holiday Extra.		Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Holiday Extra.		Iron Chef America	
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HIST	(44)	Extreme Trains		'70s Fever (N)				History Rocks		Crash		'70s Fever			
TLC	(45)	Superhuman		Life as a Giant		Wealth Hunters (N)		Lottery Chg.		Life as a Giant		Wealth Hunters		Lottery Chg.	
DISC	(47)	Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers (N)		Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers	
ANPL	(50)	Weird, True		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars	
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NICK	(54)	"Merry Christmas, Drake & Josh" (2008)				Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Cosby	Cosby
AMC	(57)	"Willy Wonka"		** "Prancer" (1989) Sam Elliott.				** "A Christmas Carol" (1984)				** "Christmas Eve" (1947)		Carousel	
SCIFI	(59)	(4:30) ** "The Brothers Grimm" (2005)			** "Tristan & Isolde" (2006) James Franco.					Estate of Panic		Cha\$e			
CNN	(62)	Newsroom		CNN Presents "Scream Bloody Murder"			D.L. Hughley-News		Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		
CNBC	(63)	Diabetes   Wall St		Wal-Mart: America's Most Powerful Co.				Swoosh! Inside Nike		City of Money		Big Brother, Big Business Surveillance.			
MSNBC	(64)	Buried Secrets		Slaves, Suburbs		"Dear Zachary: Letter to a Son About"			Slaves, Suburbs		"Dear Zachary: Letter to a Son About"				

MONDAY EVENING												DECEMBER 8, 2008			
		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	News-Lehrer		BBC	Antiques Roadshow		The Boomer Century		1946-2046 <sup>(66)</sup>		Smiley	BBC	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	(3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Big Bang	Mother	Two Men	Worst	CSI: Miami (N)		News (N)	Late Show	Late Late	
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Charlie Brown	Boston Legal			"Made in China; Last Call"			News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live
FOX	(8) 14	Dr. Phil <sup>(66)</sup>		News (N)	Two Men	Sarah Connor	Prison Break (N)		News (N) <sup>(66)</sup>			Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Chuck (N) <sup>(66)</sup>	Heroes (N) <sup>(66)</sup>		Worst Enemy			News (N)	Tonight Show	Late	
CW	(14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Gossip Girl (N)	Privileged (N) <sup>(66)</sup>		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		Cheaters	Eye Eye	
WGN	(15)	7th Heaven <sup>(66)</sup>		Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN	(26)	Monday Night Countdown			NFL Football Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Carolina Panthers.						SportsCenter (Live) <sup>(66)</sup>		NFL Primetime (N)		
ESPN2	(27)	Women's College Basketball			Billiards: Trick			Billiards: Trick		Billiards: Trick		Rodeo: 2008 PRCA National Finals			
USA	(31)	NCIS "SWAK"		WWE Monday Night Raw (In Stereo Live) <sup>(66)</sup>						Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		"Brothers Grim"	
TNT	(32)	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		The Closer <sup>(66)</sup>		Without a Trace		Without a Trace	
TBS	(33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Name	Name	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	*** "Spanglish" (2004)		
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		*** "First Blood" (1982) (In Stereo)				The Ultimate Fighter		CSI: NY <sup>(66)</sup>		Star Trek: Voyager	
COM	(35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Choco	Silverman	Daily	Colbert
LIFE	(39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Flirting With Forty" (2008, Drama) <sup>(66)</sup>			Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden	
FOOD	(40)	Challenge		Good	Good	Dear Food Network			Diners	Diners	Good	Unwrap	Dear Food Network	Diners	Diners
HGTV	(41)	My	House	To Sell	Curb	Amazing Potential			House	House	Buy Me	Beyond	To Sell	Curb	Amazing Potential
A&E	(43)	CSI: Miami <sup>(66)</sup>		Intervention		Intervention "Coley"			The First 48 <sup>(66)</sup>		The First 48 <sup>(66)</sup>		Intervention		Intervention "Coley"
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels (N)		Underworld			Ancient Discoveries		Ancient Discoveries		Modern Marvels		Underworld
TLC	(45)	Little	Little	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	17 Kids	17 Kids	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	17 Kids	17 Kids
DISC	(47)	Made	Made	De	De	Hot Planet (N)			Made	Made	De	De	Hot Planet		
ANPL	(50)	Into the Lion's Den		Dogs 101 <sup>(66)</sup>		It's Me or the Dog			Animal Cops		Dogs 101 <sup>(66)</sup>		It's Me or the Dog		Animal Cops
FAM	(51)	Night	Cran	** "Jingle All the Way" (1996) <sup>(66)</sup>			Home Videos			The 700 Club <sup>(66)</sup>		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	(52)	Phineas	Phineas	Replace	Replace	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	** "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) <sup>(66)</sup>			Wizards		
NICK	(54)	Zoey 101	Drake	Pets	Dora	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	(57)	(3:30) "Prancer"		** "Two Weeks Notice" (2002) <sup>(66)</sup>			(:15) *** "Mystic River" (2003)			Sean Penn. <sup>(66)</sup>		(:15) "Baby Boom"			
SCIFI	(59)	Lost <sup>(66)</sup>		Lost <sup>(66)</sup>		Lost <sup>(66)</sup>		Lost <sup>(66)</sup>		Gundam	Gundam	Darkness	Darkness	Ripley-Believe	
CNN	(62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live			Anderson Cooper 360 <sup>(66)</sup>		Larry King Live		Cooper 360		
CNBC	(63)	CNBC Reports					On the Money			Saving GM		Mad Money		Fast Money	
MSNBC	(64)	Hardball <sup>(66)</sup>		Countdown		Maddow Show			Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball <sup>(66)</sup>		Countdown

TUESDAY EVENING												DECEMBER 9, 2008				
		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	News-Lehrer		BBC	Nova (DVS)		Frontline (In Stereo)		Independent Lens		Smiley	BBC	Charlie Rose (N)		
CBS	(3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	NCIS "About Face"		The Mentalist (C)		Without a Trace		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late	
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Home Videos		Jim	Jim	Eli Stone "Help!" (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX	(8) 14	Dr. Phil (C)		News (N)	Two Men	House (N) (C)		(:01) Fringe (C)		News (N) (C)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &	
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	The Biggest Loser: Families (N) (C)					Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Tonight Show		Late	
CW	(14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	90210		Privileged (C)		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		Cheaters	Eye Eye	
WGN	(15)	7th Heaven (C)		Nash Bridges (C)		Nash Bridges (C)		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner	
ESPN	(26)	College Basketball				Score	College Basketball Texas vs. Villanova.					SportsCenter (Live) (C)		NFL Live	Fast	
ESPN2	(27)	Football	NFL Live	Madden	Madden	NBA Coast-to-Coast (Live) (C)					SportsCtr	Strongest	Rodeo: 2008 PRCA National Finals			
USA	(31)	(4:30) "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"				House "Paternity"		House (C)		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Psych (C)		
TNT	(32)	"Librarian: Curse of Judas"				Leverage (C)		Leverage (N) (C)		Bones (C)		Leverage (C)		Without a Trace		
TBS	(33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Office	Office	Frank TV	Sex &	Sex &	King	Blue Collar Comedy		
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		MAN	MAN	CSI: NY (C)		Star Trek: Voyager		
COM	(35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	Brian Regan		Daily	Colbert	Brian Regan		Daily	Colbert	
LIFE	(39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Rita	Wife Swap (C)		Blush: Artist		Will	Will	Frasier	Wife Swap (C)		Blush	
FOOD	(40)	Challenge		Cookie Swap		Dear Food Network		Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Dear Food Network		Cakes	Cakes	
HGTV	(41)	My	House	To Sell	Kitchen	Secrets	Stagers	House	House	My	Potential	To Sell	Kitchen	Secrets	Stagers	
A&E	(43)	The First 48 (C)		The First 48 (C)		The First 48 (N)		Manhun	Manhun	Jacked	Jacked	The First 48 (C)		The First 48 (C)		
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels		The Universe (C)		The Universe (N)		Extreme Trains (N)		Mega Disasters		The Universe (C)		The Universe (C)		
TLC	(45)	I Am My Own Twin		My Shocking Story		Mystery Diagnosis		Med. Examiner		My Shocking Story		Mystery Diagnosis		Med. Examiner		
DISC	(47)	Made	Made	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs (N)		Sturgis: Live to Ride		Sturgis: Live to Ride		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		
ANPL	(50)	Wolf Within (C)		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Animal Cops		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Animal Cops		
FAM	(51)	Garfield	Cat-Hat	"A Dennis the Menace Christmas" (2007)				Seuss	Garfield	The 700 Club (C)		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid	
DISN	(52)	So Raven	So Raven	Cory	Cory	Phineas	Phineas	Suite Life	Montana	"Ultimate Cmas Present"				Wizards	Wizards	Life De
NICK	(54)	Zoey 101	Drake	OddPar	Neutron	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	
AMC	(57)	*** "Pulp Fiction" (1994, Crime Drama)				John Travolta. (C)		Jackson-Tribute		*** "Pulp Fiction" (1994, Crime Drama)				John Travolta. (C)		
SCIFI	(59)	Estate of Panic		Chase (C)		ECW (Live)		Chase (N) (C)		Quest for Atlantis: Startling New Secrets				Ripley-Believe		
CNN	(62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (C)		Mad Money		Larry King Live		Cooper 360		
CNBC	(63)	CNBC Reports				On the Money		The Big Idea		Mad Money		Fast Money		To Be Announced		
MSNBC	(64)	Hardball (C)		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball (C)		Countdown		



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PBS	(2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Emperors of the Ice		P.O.V. "Inheritance" (N) [cc]		Heart Art		Smiley	BBC	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	(3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY (N) [cc]		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Pushing Daisies (N)		Private Practice (N)		Dirty Sexy Money		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	(8) 14	Dr. Phil [cc]		News (N)	Two Men	Secret Millionaire		Bones [cc]		News (N) [cc]		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Little Spirit		Life (N) [cc]		Law & Order (N)		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	(14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Stylista [cc]		Stylista (N) [cc]		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	(15)	7th Heaven [cc]		Home Videos		Legend of		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN	(26)	SportsCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball: Cavaliers at 76ers				NBA Basketball: Suns at Lakers				SportsCenter [cc]			
ESPN2	(27)	Football	NFL Live	College Basketball: TCU at Indiana				Boxing		SportsCenter [cc]		Rodeo: 2008 PRCA National Finals			
USA	(31)	NCIS "Twilight"		House [cc]		Monk [cc]		*** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. [cc]				Law Order: CI		In Plain Sight [cc]	
TNT	(32)	Law & Order		Law & Order		"Librarian: Curse of Judas"				** "Jumanji" (1995)		Robin Williams.		** "Jumanji" [cc]	
TBS	(33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	* "King's Ransom" (2005)		
SPIKE	(34)	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC Fight for the Troops (In Stereo Live)						UFC Fight for the Troops (In Stereo)			
COM	(35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama   S. Park	S. Park	Choco		Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Choco	Daily	Colbert
LIFE	(39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"The Road to Christmas" (2006) [cc]			Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden	
FOOD	(40)	Challenge		Holiday Extra.		Dear Food Network		Dinner: Impossible		Good	Unwrap	Dear Food Network		Dinner: Impossible	
HGTV	(41)	My	House	To Sell	Get Sold	First	First	House	House	Amazing	Haulin	To Sell	Get Sold	First	First
A&E	(43)	CSI: Miami [cc]		Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter		Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter	
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest [cc]		UFO Hunters (N)		UFO Files [cc]		Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest [cc]	
TLC	(45)	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Solved [cc]		Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Solved [cc]	
DISC	(47)	Made	Made	Time Wrp	Time Wrp	MythBusters [cc]		Prototype This! (N)		Prototype This!		Time Wrp	Time Wrp	MythBusters [cc]	
ANPL	(50)	The Natural World		Maneaters [cc]		Animal Precinct		Animal Cops		Maneaters [cc]		Animal Cops		Animal Precinct	
FAM	(51)	Christ	Pooh	Santa Claus		Rudolph's-New Year		Jack Frost [cc]		The 700 Club [cc]		Whose?   Whose?		Paid	Paid
DISN	(52)	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	"The Cheetah Girls 2" (2006) Raven. [cc]			Wizards	Life De	
NICK	(54)	Zoey 101	iCarly	Sponge	OddPar	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	(57)	"Quigley Down"		*** "Posse" (1993)		Mario Van Peebles. Premiere.			*** "Ride With the Devil" (1999) Skeet Ulrich.				** "Blown Away"		
SCI FI	(59)	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Estate of Panic (N)		Ghost Hunters		Estate of Panic		Cha\$e [cc]	
CNN	(62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 [cc]		Mad Money		Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	(63)	CNBC Reports				On the Money		The Big Idea		Mad Money		Fast Money		To Be Announced	
MSNBC	(64)	Hardball [cc]		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball [cc]		Countdown	

THURSDAY EVENING											DECEMBER 11, 2008				
		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	News-Lehrer		BBC	Aggie	New Mex	Globe Trekker		Travels	Moment	Aggie	BBC	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	(3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Survivor: Gabon		CSI: Crime Scn		(:01) Eleventh Hour		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Ugly Betty [cc]		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	(8) 14	Dr. Phil [cc]		News (N)	Two Men	Secret Millionaire		You Smarter?		News (N) [cc]		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Name	Kath-Kim	Office	30 Rock	(:01) ER (N) [cc]		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	(14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville "Toxic"		Supernatural [cc]		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	(15)	7th Heaven [cc]		** "Treasure Planet" (2002) (In Stereo)				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN	(26)	SportsCtr	2008 ESPNU	College Football Awards			High School Football			SportsCenter [cc]		NFL Live	Baseball	SportsCenter [cc]	
ESPN2	(27)	Baseball Tonight		College Basketball				2008 ESPNU College Football Awards (N)			Rodeo: 2008 PRCA National Finals				
USA	(31)	NCIS "Kill Ari"		House "Pilot" [cc]		House "Histories"		House "Fidelity"		Law Order: CI		The Starter Wife		Law Order: CI	
TNT	(32)	Law & Order		NBA Basketball: Celtics at Wizards					NBA Basketball Portland Trail Blazers at Utah Jazz.				Inside the NBA		
TBS	(33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Sex &	Sex &	* "Anaconda" (PA)	
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		TNA iMPACT! (N) (In Stereo) [cc]				The Ultimate Fighter		Jackass	Jackass	Rock	Married...
COM	(35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama   S. Park	S. Park	Silverman		Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Silverman	Daily	Colbert
LIFE	(39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Christmas Child" (2003, Drama) [cc]				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD	(40)	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Dear Food Network		Cakes	Cakes	Un	Unwrap	Dear Food Network		Cakes	Cakes
HGTV	(41)	My	House	To Sell	Myles	Rate	Ext Liv	House	House	Property	First	To Sell	Myles	Rate	Ext Liv
A&E	(43)	CSI: Miami [cc]		The First 48 [cc]		The First 48 [cc]		The First 48 [cc]		Manhun	Manhun	The First 48 [cc]		The First 48 [cc]	
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Gangland [cc]		Underworld		Rogue Waves [cc]		Modern Marvels		Gangland [cc]	
TLC	(45)	Overhaulin' [cc]		American Chopper		American Chopper		LA Ink (N) [cc]		American Chopper		LA Ink [cc]		American Chopper	
DISC	(47)	Made	Made	HowStuffWorks (N)		De	De	Mining the Moon (N)		Mining the Moon		HowStuffWorks		De	De
ANPL	(50)	The Ultimate Guide		Dolphin Murder		Natural World [cc]		Animal Cops		Dolphin Murder		Natural World [cc]		Animal Cops	
FAM	(51)	Rudolph's-New Year		Without Santa		Rudolph-Island of Misfit Toys		Night		The 700 Club [cc]		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	(52)	Emperor	Emperor	Cory	Cory	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	** "The Thirteenth Year"			Phineas	Wizards	Life De
NICK	(54)	Zoey 101	Drake	Neutron	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	George	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	George	Lopez
AMC	(57)	(3:30) "Posse"		*** "The Day the Earth Stood Still"				** "Star Trek: Nemesis" (2002) Patrick Stewart.				"Close Encounters-3rd Kind"			
SCI FI	(59)	*** "The Thing" (1982) Kurt Russell.				"Yeti" (2008) Peter DeLuise, Carly Pope.				** "King Cobra" (1999) Pat Morita.			Ripley-Believe		
CNN	(62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Planet in Peril: Battle Lines		Cooper 360		Larry King Live		Cooper 360			
CNBC	(63)	CNBC Reports				On the Money		Russia Gamble		Mad Money		Fast Money		To Be Announced	
MSNBC	(64)	Hardball [cc]		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball [cc]		Countdown	

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Black Box Theatre  
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523-1223  
Tickets: \$7-\$10  
Through Dec. 7

*A Dickens' Christmas Carol*  
Las Cruces Community Theatre  
313 N. Downtown Mall  
523-1200  
Tickets: \$5-\$8  
Through Dec. 21



Wil Moore, Kathi-Jane and Melanie Neilsen star in "A Dickens' Christmas Carol" at the Las Cruces Community Theatre, opening Friday, Dec. 5.

## Boba Cabaret performs 'Happy Holidays!' show

Dinner theater full of Christmas classics

Live at the Boba Cabaret presents "Happy Holidays!" running Friday and Saturday nights Dec. 5 through 20.

This heart-warming, festive song and dance show will feature some of the most beloved Christmas classics ("White Christmas," "Silver Bells," "The Christmas Song" and more), as well, as some lesser known, but wonderful holiday tunes. "Happy Holidays!" will feature the vocal talents of Janet Mazdra, Margie Brouhard, Chris Waggoner and Ryan Thorp. Musical accompaniment will be provided by Tom and Karen Warren. This musical review show is guaranteed to offer a fun and festive holiday celebration for the whole family and to instill the Christmas spirit in the hearts of young and old alike.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m. with show time at 7 p.m. Cocktail show begins at 8:15 p.m. with show time at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner shows are \$25, which includes hors d'oeuvres, a dinner



The cast of "Happy Holidays!" will present traditional and contemporary Christmas classics as part of the Boba Cafe Cabaret beginning on Friday, Dec. 5.

entrée and beverage (beer and wine included). The 8:30 p.m. cocktail performance tickets are \$8 per person. Students and seniors are \$6 per person.

Call 647-5900 for more information and reservations. Boba Café is located at 1900 S. Espina St.

## LCCT begins 'A Dickens' Christmas Carol' Dec. 5

Production revamps the holiday classic

Las Cruces Community Theatre presents "A Dickens' Christmas Carol," a comedy by Mark Landon Smith inspired by the classic holiday tale by Charles Dickens. Directed by Les Boyse, this hilarious spoof follows the Styckes Upon Thump Repertory Company as they embark on their 15th annual tour of the Dickens classic.

The company's reigning diva feigns illness, however, certain that without her in the show, the production will be canceled. But the show must go on, and the acting troupe, populated with both over-the-hill and upstart actors, continue without her, shuffling roles and putting the sweet

understudy into the lead actress' role.

LCCT's production features Bob Singer, Jasmine Singer, Shaun Hadfield, Melanie Nielsen, Kathi-Jane, Wil Moore, Crystal Odom and PJ Waggamann, and opens on Friday, Dec. 5, with a gala performance catered by Roberto's. The show runs through Sunday, Dec. 21, with performances on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m., and Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m.

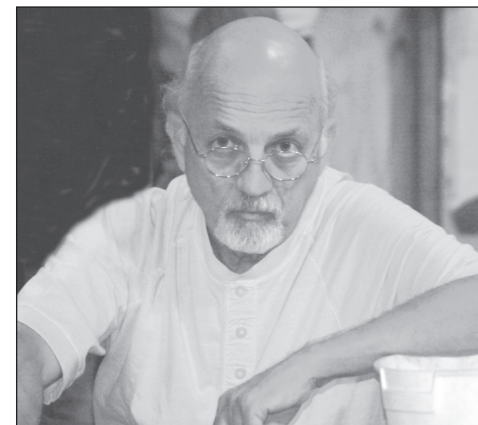
Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students, \$5 for children 6 and under and \$6 per seat for groups of 10 or more. Reservations can be made by calling the theater at 523-1200, or at the theater's website, [www.lcctnm.org](http://www.lcctnm.org).

## 'A Child's Christmas in Wales' to show for one night only

Black Box Theatre presents annual reading

"A Child's Christmas in Wales" play reading, an annual Christmas event at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, and features No Strings Theatre Company donors and volunteers. The reading will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8.

Bruce Wilson, an actor from Silver City, will be reading the role of Dylan Thomas. In the past six years, Bruce has been involved in several theater companies, including the Community Theatre of Terre Haute (Indiana), Theatre Group New Mexico (Silver City) and the Black Box Theatre. He has been on stage nearly 20 times, with his favorite roles being Otto Frank in "The Diary of Anne Frank," Nunzio Christano in "Over the River and Through the Woods" and Gaston in "Picasso at the Lapin Agile." He has directed, produced, stage-managed and worked behind the scenes on lights, sound, props and run-crew. He is the author of several short plays and in 2007, had the lead role in a short film that premiered at an Indiana film festival. Wilson is currently working on his master's degree in English and his-



Bruce Wilson will read "A Child's Christmas in Wales," an annual event at the Black Box Theatre on Dec. 8.

tory at Western New Mexico University.

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# Audiences will be well served to see this Czech film

## 'I Served the King of England' at the Fountain Theatre

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

An interesting but at times bewildering film, "I Served the King of England" takes us on the life journey of Jan Dite, whose good luck is paramount to his aspirations – wealth and beautiful women. A dark comedy, "King of England" begins with a flashback for Dite, who has been freed from prison by the communists (of all people) and who is recounting how he ended up in prison to begin with.

In a silly silent scene, he flashes back to the beginning of his career in the food business, via the sale of some hotdogs to a man who is leaving on a train. "Unable" to reach the man in time to return his hefty amount of change, Dite gleefully pockets the unintended tip, which sets up the mood for his other adventures with money ... always at the right place at the right time, and usually by accident. His wisdom with money leads him to be an occasional and slight con-man, which will help him reach his goal of being rich – an ambition that leads him to prison.

The young Dite spends some of this cash and much of the rest of his earnings as a waiter at a pleasant restaurant, on a strumpet with whom he becomes smitten. Again, it is through money (he also loves tossing coins on the ground to watch people – rich and poor – dive for them) that Dite learns

about life, this time it is his sexual awakening.

He works his way through the ranks of the finest restaurants of Prague, seducing ladies and waiting on wealthy men and mining their wallets, until he finds himself as an underling at the city's finest, the Hotel Paris. It is here that he meets the city's best maitre d', who at once becomes mentor and foe.

But life is about to change for everyone and forever. World War II has commenced, and Czechoslovakia has become a Nazi prize. Although Dite's job is "safe" as the miscreant Nazi's lap up the luxury of the hotel while shipping off any employee who shows even the slightest objection, Dite meets a true "Femi-Nazi," Liza, who becomes his bride.

Her dedication to the cause leads her to the front lines, while Dite's blonde hair and blue eyes lead him to a castle which allows him the chance to procreate with any number of "perfect" Aryan women, who shun clothing at all times.

Director Jiri Menzel seems to have made it a prerequisite that every female character in the film, all of whom are of course flawless in their beauty and enchantment, must appear at least half naked in one scene and have to alert us to his flawless penchant for the joys of sex.

As directed by Menzel, whose previous work includes "Closely Watched Trains" (both films are based on novels by Czech author

Bohumeil Hrubel) Dite becomes a sort of "every" man until his marriage to the hardcore Liza, at which time he becomes a traitor to his homeland. It is easy to follow his ironic and fun journey to wealth and bedrooms, especially since he is slight of stature and certainly doesn't have a sparkling personality. He is an easy fellow to like and root for, until we realize how selfish Dite really is.

His humanness finally comes to notice when he spies a trainload of prisoners about to be hauled away to concentration camps, and he makes a valiant effort as he chases the train to give them food through an opening in the railcar. But by then, I felt it was all for naught. Dite fell out of favor with me, never mind his comedic spirit and cunning ways. He became another of the voluntary ignorant – supplementing his life by living off of others.

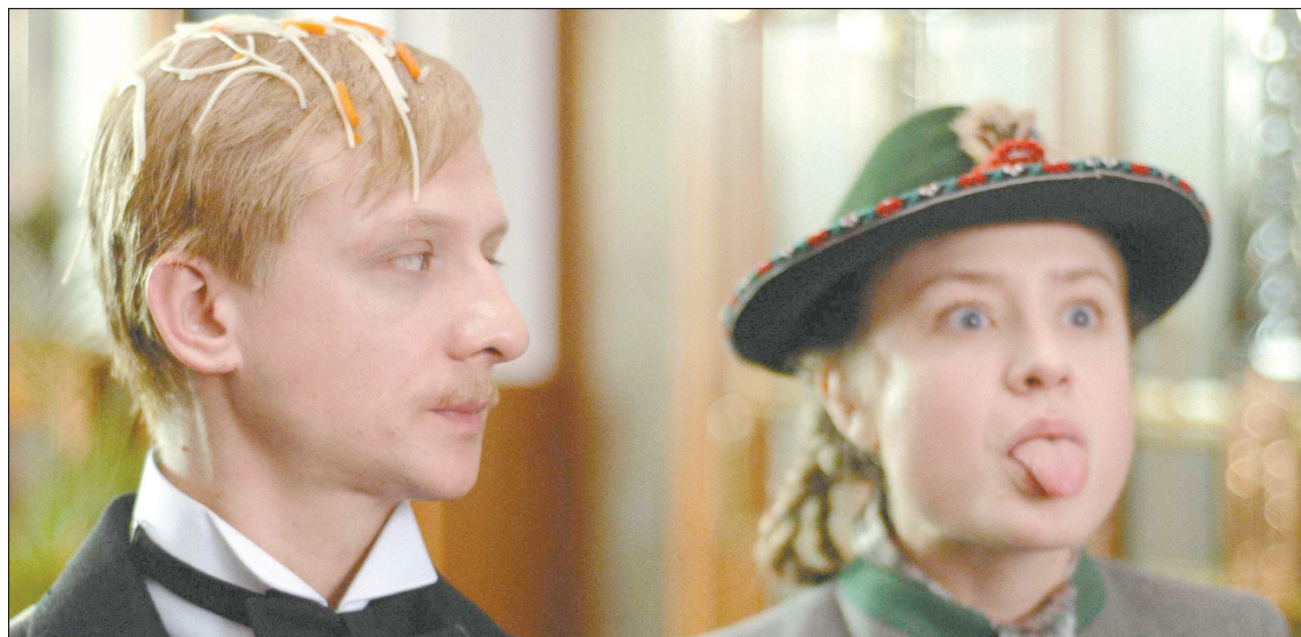
"I Served the King of England" is a great picture to be sure. Its execution and sense of detail and history are nearly flawless, as is the direction and cinematography. It is, however, a shame that Dite, even in old age, becomes someone who fails to garner our sympathy as he spins the tales of his youth.

*Jeff Berg is 50-perent Czech and would be glad to consider sampling your homemade kolachky, even if he can't spell it.*  
jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com.

**FILM REVIEW**

This film opens Friday, Dec. 5, at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. It is two hours long, and would certainly be rated R for bedroom escapades. It is in Czech and German with good subtitling. Showtimes are at 7:30 p.m. nightly through Thursday, with a 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee on Dec. 7.

**GRADE**  
**B+**



Ivan Barnev as Jan Dite and Julia Jentsch as Liza star in "I Served the King of England," now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

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# AT THE MOVIES

## 'Four Christmases' is a feel-good holiday movie

### All-star cast contributes laughs and heart

REVIEW BY JENNA FROSCHE  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

What would YOU do if your Christmas plans for a trip to Fiji were ruined by fog, and you were forced to visit all four sets of parents in one day? Fill a theater with plenty of laughs in a feel-good holiday movie, that's what.

In "Four Christmases," a holiday comedy released by New Line Cinema for the Thanksgiving weekend, Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon star as Brad and Kate, a couple who have been together for three years, and each year take a trip for Christmas to avoid spending the holidays with their families. On this year's trip, however, the two run into a problem with fog that grounds their flight. After they are interviewed by a television station, their parents are clued in to the fact that their kids are actually in town.

Both sets of parents are divorced, so they are forced to visit four separate houses, experiencing new and unique challenges at each one. Both feel they have a strong relationship with each other, but soon the stresses of family take their toll and the couple begins bickering and fighting just as their parents do.

An all-star cast, including Robert Duvall as Brad's father and Sissy Spacek as his mother, give the picture added acting quality. In addition, Jon Voight stars as Kate's father and Mary Steenburgen as her mother. All four add a certain variety of talent that isn't normally found in a slapstick holiday comedy.

In numerous scenes, the comedy of Vaughn lightens the mood, even while the two are engaging in serious conversation about their relationship. Vaughn is known for his ad-libbing in films and there is no shortage of his version of funny in this flick.

Witherspoon delivers her role flawlessly, playing the slightly neurotic Kate to a tee. It's hard not to love her character, who grew up attending "fat camp" and "eating her feelings," as is revealed at her mother's house.

Vaughn and Witherspoon don't lack for chemistry on

the screen, despite more than a one-foot difference in height. Watching the two play a couple is convincing, if not eerily so, and his humor rarely outshines that of her sweet sarcasm.

This film is sure to put even the most Scrooge-ish person into the holiday spirit, showing viewers that family is an important part of getting to know someone in any relationship. It is a heartwarming tale of two people realizing what they want despite the setbacks of a single day.

If you want a movie to kick off the holiday season with a laugh, this is the film for you.

### FOUR CHRISTMASES

Rated PG-13 for some sexual humor and language  
1 hour, 22 minutes

Directed by Seth Gordon

Written by Matt Allen and Caleb Wilson

Released by New Line Cinema

Starring: Vince Vaughn as Brad; Reese Witherspoon as Kate; Robert Duvall as Howard (Brad's dad); Sissy Spacek as Paula (Brad's mom); Jon Voight as Creighton (Kate's dad); Mary Steenburgen as Marilyn (Kate's mom); Dwight Yoakam as Pastor Phil; Tim McGraw as Dallas; Jon Favreau as Denver; and Kristin Chenoweth as Courtney



Reese Witherspoon stars as Kate and Vince Vaughn stars as Brad in New Line Cinema's romantic comedy, "Four Christmases."

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# Picking the Flicks

Movie information from [www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com). Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

## Bolt (2D & 3D)

**Rated:** PG

**Critics' Consensus:** Bolt is a pleasant animated comedy that overcomes the story's familiarity with strong visuals and likable characters.

**Starring:** The voice of John Travolta

**Director:** Chris Williams



## The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

**Rated:** PG-13

**Critics' Consensus:** A touching and haunting family film that deals with the Holocaust in an arresting and unusual manner, and packs a brutal final punch of a twist.

**Starring:** Vera Farmiga  
**Director:** Mark Herman

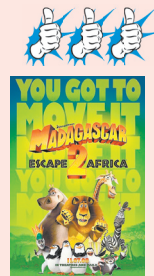


## Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

**Rated:** PG

**Critics' Consensus:** An improvement on the original, with more fleshed-out characters, crisper animation and more consistent humor.

**Starring:** The voice of Ben Stiller  
**Director:** Eric Darnell, Tom McGrath



## Changeling

**Rated:** R

**Critics' Consensus:** Beautifully shot and well-acted, Changeling is a compelling story that unfortunately gives in to convention too often.

**Starring:** Angelina Jolie, Gattlin Griffith, Jeffrey Donovan, John Malkovich, Jason Butler Harner

**Director:** Clint Eastwood



## Eagle Eye

**Rated:** PG-13

**Critics' Consensus:** Eagle Eye is a preposterously plotted thriller that borrows heavily from other superior films.

**Starring:** Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Rosario Dawson, Michael Chiklis  
**Director:** D.J. Caruso



## Quantum of Solace

**Rated:** PG-13

**Critics' Consensus:** Brutal and breathless, Quantum of Solace delivers tender emotions along with frenetic action. Not as good as franchise reboot Casino Royale, but still impressive.

**Starring:** Daniel Craig  
**Director:** Marc Forster



## Role Models

**Rated:** R

**Critics' Consensus:** Role Models is a frequently crude, always-funny comedy with the cast providing solid work throughout.

**Starring:** Paul Rudd, Seann William Scott, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Jane Lynch

**Director:** David Wain



## Twilight

**Rated:** PG-13

**Critics' Consensus:** Having lost much of its bite transitioning to the big screen, Twilight will please its devoted fans, but do little for the uninitiated.

**Starring:** Kristen Stewart  
**Director:** Catherine Hardwicke



## Transporter 3

**Rated:** PG-13

**Critics' Consensus:** This middling installment in the Transporter franchise is a few steps down from its predecessors, featuring generic stunts and a lack of energy.

**Starring:** Jason Statham  
**Director:** Olivier Megaton



## Four Christmases

**Rated:** PG-13

**Critics' Consensus:** Despite a strong cast, this sour holiday comedy suffers from a hackneyed script.

**Starring:** Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon, Robert Duvall, Jon Favreau

**Director:** Seth Gordon



## Australia

**Rated:** PG-13

**Critics' Consensus:** Built on lavish vistas and impeccable production, Australia is unfortunately burdened with thinly drawn characters and a lack of originality.

**Starring:** Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, David Wenham  
**Director:** Baz Luhrmann



## Fireproof

**Rated:** PG

**Critics' Consensus:** Not available  
**Starring:** Kirk Cameron, Erin Bethea, Ken Bevel, Jason McLeod  
**Director:** Alex Kendrick



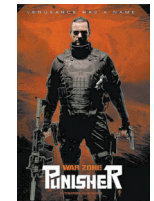
## Delgo Nothing Like the Holidays The Day the Earth Stood Still

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## Punisher: War Zone

**Rated:** R

**Starring:** Ray Stevenson, Dominic West, Doug Hutchison, Colin Salmon  
**Director:** Lexi Alexander



## Secret Lives of Bees

**Rated:** PG-13

**Starring:** Queen Latifah, Dakota Fanning, Jennifer Hudson, Alicia Keys  
**Director:** Gina Prince-Bythewood



## New this week ON DVD

• Tuesday, Dec. 2 •

### The Dark Knight

**Rated:** PG-13

**Genre:** Action, Drama

**Starring:** Christian Bale, Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, Gary Oldman, Anthony Michael Hall, Michael Jai White, Nestor Carbonell, Melinda McGraw, Nathan Gamble

**Director:** Christopher Nolan

### Horton Hears a Who!

**Rated:** G

**Genre:** Family, Comedy

**Starring:** The voices of Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Carol Burnett, Isla Fisher, Dane Cook, Seth Rogen, Will Arnett, Dan Fogler, Amy Poehler, Jaime Pressly, Jonah Hill, Selena Gomez

**Director:** Jimmy Hayward, Steve Martino

### Man on Wire

**Rated:** PG-13

**Director:** Ben Stassen

## TOP GROSSING

• November 28-30 •

Rank	Movie Title (Week No.)	Weekend Gross
1	Four Christmases (1)	\$31,069,826
2	Bolt (2)	\$26,581,002
3	Twilight (2)	\$26,344,032
4	Quantum of Solace (3)	\$18,833,552
5	Australia (1)	\$14,800,723
6	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (4)	\$14,207,329
7	Transporter 3 (1)	\$12,063,452
8	Role Models (4)	\$5,284,000
9	The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (4)	\$1,696,187
10	Milk (1)	\$1,453,844



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### Upcoming Films

**Dec. 5 - Dec. 11** / *Served the King of England* (2007, Czech Republic/Slovakia, 120 minutes, subtitled, Dir: Jiri Menzel)

**Dec. 12 - Dec. 18** *August Evening*

(2007, USA, 127 minutes, subtitled, Dir: Chris Eska)

**Shows nightly at 7:30, Sunday Matinee at 2:30**

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**Dec. 6 — Harry and Tonto** (1974, 115 minutes, Rated R)

**Dec. 13 — Christmas in the Clouds** (2001, 95 minutes, Rated PG)

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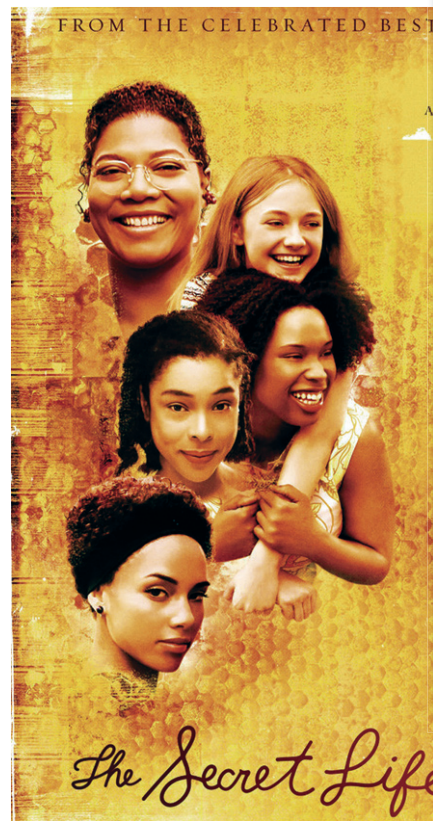
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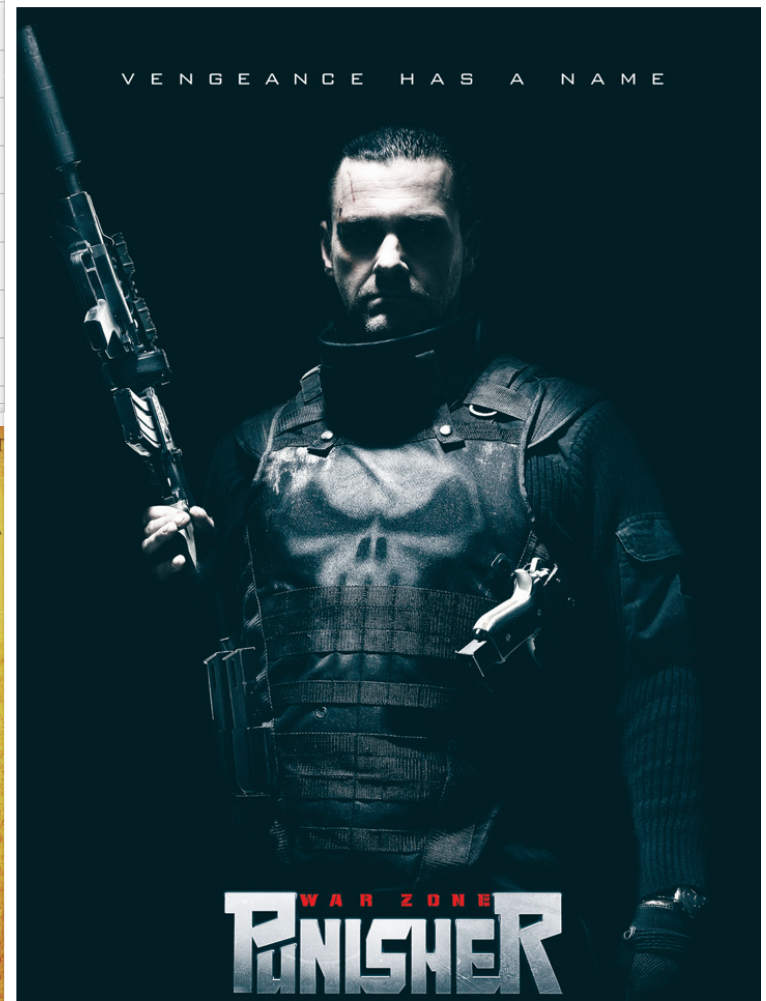
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## Old friends set to battle

**JOHN KEITH**

*Sports Editor*



Call it a polite I-10 rivalry. Soft, congratulatory, almost.

We're talking New Mexico State vs. UTEP in women's basketball. Darin Spence, the Aggies' coach, vs. Keitha Adams, who directs the Miners. Two old friends – in and out of the ring.

"We've known each other for a long time," Spence said. "We coached against each other in junior college in Kansas. She's a good person. We have a long and good relationship. Yeah, we talk once in a while, usually during recruiting season."

These two mentors will undoubtedly trade hellos again Sunday afternoon, prior to the scheduled 5:05 p.m. tip-off in the Pan American Center. It will be the Aggies and Miners in round two. On Nov. 20, UTEP edged Spence's troops, 54-50, in El Paso.

Sunday's game will be televised on AggieVision, and fans are asked to wear crimson in support of NMSU's team.

"We had the ball with a chance to win it at the end," Spence said about the earlier meeting in El Paso. "Just didn't work out."

"We kind of waited around during the game, and that's not our style. We're a much more aggressive team offensively than that."

"Defensively we had too many blown assignments. We had just come off of a loss and we're still trying to find ourselves."

The Aggies, 3-3 before Thursday's game against New Mexico in the Pit, have matured since the earlier loss to the Miners, says Spence. "We've grown up. Improved."

He's basing his opinion on last weekend's two victories against Loyola Chicago (64-56 on Friday) and Texas A&M Corpus Christi (74-47 Saturday) in the Ags' Thanksgiving Holiday Tournament.

There has been productive play from several on Spence's team. His daughter, sophomore guard Madison Spence, has averaged 21.7 points and five assists in three games before Thursday's meeting at UNM. "And Tyshae (Walton, senior guard) has been playing tough defense," Spence said. "Her role is defense first, offense second. She's been doing both well."

The Aggies' coach likes the progress of guard Danisha Corbett who shot 10 of 10 from the free-throw line against Loyola, a single-game school record. She grabbed a career-high seven rebounds against Texas A&M Corpus Christi, and she's scored 11 3-pointers this season, seventh best in the WAC.

Spence says that the Miners, like NMSU, have a young squad. "A lot of new faces," he said. "They're quick, and they have good perimeter shooters. That's how they beat us earlier. They execute their offense well."

And how, I asked, would Spence evaluate his very own coaching so far this season? He laughed. "I guess you could say I'm still a work in progress."



STEVE MACINTYRE | The Las Cruces Bulletin

The 2008 Aggie Volleyball team and coach Mike Jordan let out a cheer last Sunday when they found out they would meet St. Mary's in the first round of the NCAA regional tournament Friday at Berkeley, Calif.

## Early turnaround propels Ags into NCAAs

### NMSU opens with St. Mary's in volleyball

By **JOHN KEITH**  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The turnaround, according to coach Mike Jordan, began at the Stanford tournament last Sept. 12.

New Mexico State's volleyball team was wobbling through the early season with an un-Jordanesque 3-7 record. Inexperience and an insanely challenging schedule that featured six opponents ranked in the top 20 – two in the top five – was too heavy a burden.

"We were on a four-game losing streak,"

Jordan said. "After we'd lost our first two games of the tournament to Stanford and Santa Clara, I didn't know quite how to approach the situation. I thought I'd be patient with them. We'd played a tough schedule. We had a new team, and I didn't want to beat them over the head."

That, recalls Jordan, is when Lindsey Yon, the Aggies' all-WAC senior outside hitter, asked if she could talk to him privately. "She said, 'You know Mike, we need the old coach back. It's almost like you feel that it's OK with the losses. We need you to get tough with us like you used to.'"

Jordan, known for his stern, sometimes slightly profane approach, verbally blistered his squad before they took the floor in the tournament finale against Santa Barbara.

"I jumped them pretty good," he said. "I told them they were expected to win. I ordered them to win. And we've done pretty well ever since then."

NMSU sailed into the first round of the NCAA regional tournament with a 25-8 record and a No. 25 national ranking in the polls. They will open at 7 p.m. Friday against St. Mary's of California (20-7) in Berkeley, Calif. Should the Aggies

See **Tournament** on PAGE D7

## LCHS seniors reach their destiny

### Bulldawgs face Eldorado for state title

By **CRAIG MASSEY**  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When the current Las Cruces High School senior class was sophomores, many of them stepped into important roles as starters for the football team. Observers believed that the talented group was destined for great things and might just be the team that could take LCHS back to the state championship game.

Two years later, the 30-member senior class has led the team to a 12-0 record and a spot in the Class 5A title game. The Bulldawgs take on the 12-0 Eldorado Eagles at 1 p.m. at Wilson Stadium in Albuquerque on Saturday.

The Bulldawgs won state titles in 1999, 2000 and 2002 under head coach Jim Miller and have reached the semifinals twice since then.

"We've been knocking at the door," Miller said. "It's hard to get there. We know because we've been there."

"I'm excited for these kids. We couldn't ask for a better scenario."

The Bulldawgs reached the championship game by defeating the Mayfield Trojans in the semifinals last Saturday at Aggie Memorial Stadium, 35-7.

After a tight first quarter, the Bulldawgs broke open the game with a series of big plays and a dominating defensive effort. The win ended Mayfield's reign as state champions. The Trojans had won it all the past three years.

The semifinal battle between LCHS and Mayfield hardly resembled the two teams' earlier meeting this year, a 22-21 win by Las Cruces.

"We controlled the clock this time," said Miller. "We watched the film of the first game, and we didn't play well. We were too hyped for that game, so we had to get control of our emotions. We also challenged our defense, and they were great. We gave up only one big play, and we also forced two interceptions and two fumbles."

Miller says he sees some similarities between Mayfield and Eldorado. LCHS didn't play Eldorado during the regular season, but Mayfield did and the Trojans fell to the Eagles in overtime, 26-20. It was the second near loss for Eldorado, which escaped Clovis with a 22-21 overtime win during the regular season. To reach the title game, Eldorado again beat Clovis, this time, 10-7.

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A. KURZ | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Coach Jim Miller enjoys the moment with his wife Amy and his 10-year-old son Cameron following Las Cruces High's 35-7 victory over Mayfield last Saturday.



# High School EVENTS SCHEDULE

## 5-A Football Championship, Saturday, Dec. 6

#1 Las Cruces vs. #2 Eldorado ..... Wilson Stadium, Albuquerque ..... 1 p.m.

## Las Cruces High School

**Boys Basketball** ..... Saturday, Dec. 6 ..... at Los Lunas ..... 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 9 ..... at Jefferson ..... 7:15 p.m.  
 Thu.-Sat., Dec. 11-13 ..... at Mt. View Tournament... TBA  
**Girls Basketball** ..... Friday, Dec. 5 ..... at El Paso ..... 7:15 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 9 ..... Chapin ..... 7 p.m.  
 Thu.-Sat., Dec. 11-13 ..... at Moriarty Tourn. .... TBA



## Mayfield High School

**Boys Basketball** ..... Friday, Dec. 5 ..... at Los Lunas ..... 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, Dec. 6 ..... Belen ..... 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 9 ..... at Chapin ..... 7:15 p.m.  
 Friday, Dec. 12 ..... at Americas ..... 6 p.m.  
**Girls Basketball** ..... Friday, Dec. 5 ..... Montwood ..... 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 9 ..... Silver ..... 7 p.m.  
 Thu.-Sat., Dec. 11-13 ..... at Rio Rancho Tourn. .... TBA



## Oñate High School

**Boys Basketball** ..... Fri.-Sat., Dec. 5-6 ..... at Jefferson Tourn. .... TBA  
 Tuesday, Dec. 9 ..... at Canutillo ..... 7:15 p.m.  
**Girls Basketball** ..... Saturday, Dec. 6 ..... Roswell ..... 2 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 9 ..... Parkland ..... 7 p.m.  
 Friday, Dec. 12 ..... Loretto Academy ..... 7 p.m.



## MV Christian Schools

**Boys Basketball** ..... Friday, Dec. 5 ..... at Cobre ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Dec. 6 ..... Socorro ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 9 ..... Hot Springs ..... 7 p.m.  
 Thu.-Sat., Dec. 11-13 ..... Tularosa Inv. .... 6:30 p.m.  
**Girls Basketball** ..... Fri.-Sat., Dec. 5-6 ..... at Texico Inv. .... 6:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 9 ..... Animas ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Thu.-Sat., Dec. 11-13 ..... Lake Arthur Inv. .... 6:30 p.m.



# Bulldawgs face Eldorado

State 5A championship on the line in Albq.

On Saturday, Dec. 6, the Las Cruces Bulldawgs (12-0), the team that has been ranked No. 1 in the state for most of the season, will face Albuquerque Eldorado (12-0), the team that has been ranked No. 2 for most of the year.

Like the Bulldawgs, the Eagles are undefeated, and they are loaded with senior players. In our radio broadcast of an Eldorado game against Mayfield earlier this year, we saw the Eagles accomplish what very few teams have been able to do since 1995. They left the City of the Crosses with a win over the three-time defending champion Trojans.

Nobody should underestimate the tenacity of this Eldorado team. The Eagles are big and confident. They have imposing receivers with good hands. And these receivers will present the Bulldawgs with tough match-ups.

On the other hand, Eldorado will also have to contend with some tough match-ups. The Bulldawgs feature a multi-faceted offensive attack. Quarterback Dante Caro has rushed for more than 1,000 yards this season and he has passed for nearly 2,000 yards. And Caro is merely the second-most dangerous weapon in the Bulldawg offense. Tailback James Hall has racked up nearly 2,000 yards on the ground this season, and he has scored 27 touchdowns. Hall is also a tremendous threat returning kickoffs and a great receiver out of the backfield. Mix in an outstanding and deep receiving corps lead by Jacob Lilley and Patrick Jaquess and you have what amounts to a defensive coordinator's nightmare.

When the Eagles have the ball in Wilson Stadium Saturday, we expect them to look for opportunities to use their big

**JIM SPENCE**  
*From the  
 Radio Booth*



receivers to their advantage. Also, we expect them to try to impose their physical will on the Bulldawg defensive line in their ground game. When the Dawgs have the ball, we expect Eldorado to get a steady dose of Hall and Caro. If Eldorado makes the mistake of over-committing to stop the Bulldawgs' formidable running game, we look for the LCHS passing game to take advantage of their defensive alignment imbalances and make big plays.

Based on what we have seen, the battle in the trenches between these two teams will be very competitive. Assuming there is no edge in either the turnover count, the kicking game or the trench battles, we expect the lethal combination of speed and illuiveness that James Hall and Dante Caro bring to the table to be difference makers.

Obviously, there are plenty of "ifs" in this analysis. There are many phases of the game to consider. However, we think local fans should feel good about the chances for the Bulldawgs to win their fourth state championship since 1999.

For the 13th time since 1995, Jeff Matthews and I will have the privilege of providing local sports fans with live radio coverage of a state championship football game. Our pre-game show begins at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, on KSNM-AM 570.

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## Amber Simpson

Senior, Volleyball

Senior middle hitter Amber Simpson guided the NMSU volleyball team to a pair of victories over Virginia Commonwealth in three sets Nov. 27, and in five sets at New Mexico Nov. 28. The Quincy, Ill., native posted a season-high 17 kills along with two blocks on senior night against VCU. She then recorded 14 kills and seven blocks at UNM.



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# On the green

## This golfer gives thanks Let's count our blessings at Thanksgiving

As I write this column I'm lounging in a beachfront bungalow on Oahu's North Shore, listening to the warm Pacific waves gently lap onto the sand a few feet away. It's Thanksgiving Day and I'm feeling very thankful. Having just played a fun round at the Turtle Bay Resort (ala Big Break V), I'm thankful that I'm an American and have a place like Hawaii for vacation. And now the solitude of the beach has given me pause to reflect on the many other things I'm thankful for, particularly as a golfer.

First, I'm thankful that, here in Las Cruces, we have eight fine golf courses to choose from. Eight? You say. In addition to the University course, Picacho, Sonoma Ranch and Las Cruces Country Club, there are Sierra del Rio, WSMR, Santa Teresa and Desert Lakes, all within an easy commute.

We can all be thankful for the golf-friendly climate we enjoy in southern New Mexico. In winter it's warmer than Dallas, and cooler than Phoenix in summer. Year-round golf is definitely a Chamber of Commerce type draw for visitors and retirees who think about settling here.

I'm thankful for the fact that playing golf here is affordable. If you have played golf around much of the rest of the United States you quickly realize that this is a bargain. Green fees are reasonable, and private club dues are inexpensive by comparison. I also appreciate the absence of "visitor" rates here. Hawaii is nice but they triple your green fee if you don't live there.

During the 20 years I have been living and golfing in Las Cruces I've been thankful that we have a Professional Golf Management program at NMSU. It's been my pleasure to mentor some of the young PGM graduates as they establish themselves in rewarding careers in the golf industry.

The two folks who took the initiative back in 1988 in getting the PGM program started are Herb Wimberly and Guy Wimberly, both longtime PGA professionals. We should all be thankful that Herb and Guy anchored their entire PGA careers here in New Mexico. Guy Wimberly successfully managed three golf courses in Albuquerque for several decades, and is currently head of golf operations at Sierra del Rio. Herb Wim-

berly is thought of as "Mr. Golf" in our land. After having coached the Aggie men's golf team for 31 years, Herb was elected to the Golf Coaches Hall of Fame in 1993. He, of course, is my partner in Performance Golf Schools, now in its 10th year. Thanks Herb and Guy.

Moving away from our local interests I'd like to say thanks to Captain Paul Azinger and the victorious U.S.

Ryder Cup Team for bringing the Cup back to our shores. Thanks for putting to rest (for now) the nasty grumbling about how the Americans are inept, selfish individuals who can't play a "team" game because they're too pampered, egotistical, rich and private. Like the Euros aren't?

While on the subject of the pros, thank you for one Eric Compton. The 29-year-old Compton not only made it through the first stage of Q-school, but also took advantage of a sponsor's exemption by making the cut at the PGA Tour's finale event, the Children's Miracle Network Classic. He has a lot of heart. In fact, he's on his third heart! He had his first

heart transplant at age 12. Then after suffering a near-fatal heart stoppage in May, he had another transplant, this time the heart of a 26-year-old All-American volleyball player who died in a motorcycle accident. A former U.S. Walker Cupper, and an All-American golfer at Georgia, Compton definitely has tour talent. But maybe his larger talent is providing us with inspiration.

I don't know about you, but I certainly am very thankful for modern golf equipment. I include club designers, engineers, suppliers, even the actual makers of our clubs, mostly in China. The innovations in recent years have been astonishing, and the quality is pretty good. Without my Pro v-1 ball, and sans my lengthened big-headed (460cc) titanium driver, I'd still be maxing



**DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD**

*Golf Doctor*

out my persimmon drives at 195, instead of 260. Us older folks definitely all owe thanks to equipment, none more so than the guys who are playing the "ultimate Mulligan," the Champions Tour.

Speaking of high-tech equipment, my thanks go especially to the folks who bring us the GPS distance measuring devices and the laser shot rangefinders. They say information is power, which is certainly the case in competitive golf. The rangefinders can't hit the shot for you, but they can take a lot of the guesswork out of how far you have to go. Since we don't have caddies here, and yardage markers and flagstick indicators are notoriously inaccurate, distance measuring technologies have been a godsend.

Even though I'm a critic of many of the golf commentators on television, I remain truly thankful that we have plenty of golf to watch. At our house, on a Sunday final round of a major, we're glued to the TV, no matter how long the coverage. The drama is there even if Tiger isn't leading. And despite my sense that they promote way too much fluff, I'm still thankful for the Golf Channel. Let's face it, it's there, 24-7, even when there's no football, no police chases and just junk on the shopping channels.

Lastly, we should all be thankful for our golfing friends and companions. I have been fortunate enough to get to play with some wonderful golfing partners, folks who make golf worthwhile. These are mates who hope you make the putt, console you when you can't find a swing, and force you to play your best golf to come out on top. If you play with a regular group, let your buddies know that you appreciate their camaraderie. Thanks, golf god.

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## OÑATE HIGH SCHOOL




### Cindy Burciaga

Cindy Burciaga is a 16-year-old junior at Oñate High School. She plays on the girls' varsity basketball team. Burciaga is averaging seven points per game so far this season. She brings many positive attributes to the team. Burciaga is hard-working, easy going, friendly and outgoing. She has a great personality and enjoys school, hanging out with her friends and reading.



### Tim Jacobi

Tim Jacobi is a 14-year-old sophomore at Oñate High School. He plays on the boys' varsity basketball team and is averaging four assists and five rebounds per game. He is a tremendous leader with a bright future at Oñate High School. His coach shared that he is the most unselfish player he has ever coached. He has a 4.0 GPA, and when not in school or on the court, he enjoys family time and hanging out with friends.



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# AGGIE INSIDER

## Rio Grande rivalry alive

NMSU's fans are still juiced over UNM and Aggie events

Even though the Rio Grande rivalry is a non-sponsored event, there still is enough "juice" between the New Mexico Lobo and New Mexico State Aggie fans to make it an event worth stirring up.

The Aggies women's basketball team opened up its series Thursday, Dec. 4, coming on the heels of Mike Jordan's squad putting the spikes on UNM just after Thanksgiving. In ole Pete's mind, the volleyball win evens the score from the football season with three more basketball games yet to be played. The nature of rivalries is the nature of sports itself. The Aggies have two of the best with the Lobos and UTEP just down the road. The national media doesn't notice them, but you'd be hard pressed to say the intensity between the three of them is any less than a PAC-10, Big 12 or ACC rivalry.

Seeing the young athletes on the Olympic sports teams talk about an upcoming tennis match or swim meet with their rivals shows Pete that caring about Crimson and White pride is alive and well, no matter what sport is being contested.

Men's hoops fans have to wait a little bit for their series to start as the Miners won't arrive at the Pan Am until the day after graduation, Dec. 14. The Aggies head down glory road the following Saturday. The Lobos are waiting in their



lair for NMSU two days before Christmas, a week later they will be front and center on the parquet floor. Some students are naturally grumbling about the lateness of the games, but the game versus Kansas and the timing of the returns with Long Beach State and North Texas forced the lateness of the schedule.

Pete can remember a late December game with UTEP that got "snowed out," actually postponed a day, because of some heavy duty snow flakes that covered the Mesilla Valley. The Aggies also went to El Paso in late February in 2002 to accommodate the Miners.

The fact remains you could have the game played at 2 a.m. in the Meerscheidt parking lot and the fans would show up just the same. An old saying is it's better to deal with the devil you know rather than one who is a stranger. You can see how that translates to the development of a rivalry. Don't get ole Pete wrong, I don't think the Miners or Lobos are the devil, we just like to "give them the devil" when we meet them in sports.

PETE

## Ag football to continue its climb despite change

NMSU facilities to be improved

The change in coaching of NMSU football is an evolution of the program. The search for a new coach will be aided by the presence of Ernest Wilson and Joe Lee Dunn from Hal Mumme's staff. Charley Johnson, being given the reins of the program, will help as well.

The commitment by the school and Athletic Director McKinley Boston are still strong and the fans' commitment should stay strong as well. To attract good talent, you have to have facilities comparable to the teams you have to beat. The Aggies' Fieldhouse will be expanded and modernized in the off season for the new staff to use. This will only augment the jumbotron, the Fulton Center and the top-notch weight room and practice facility already in place.

The fact that NMSU is going to retool the leadership of the program is no reason to think things will slide. Wilson and Dunn's presence should help keep good recruits interested until a new coach is selected. The next head man will be one who believes in the passing game and the spread offense. That point was emphasized at the Tuesday news conference by Dr. Boston.

Dunn has another year on his contract, which means the improvement shown on the defensive side of the ball should continue. Early this fall, I wrote that the team was



"one step away" from the next plateau. I still believe that.

But in addition to the change in coaching there has to be a continued increase in support for the program through season-ticket sales and other financial backing. You will not be able to catch the people you are chasing if they have twice the money you do.

There are so many positive pillars in place, including membership in a good football league. There are many steps to the top of "A" Mountain. We are half way up the trail, and the positives that have been instituted will only be augmented with the new regime.

Hail and Farewell: My predecessor as radio play-by-play voice of the Aggies, Tom Dillon, has passed away. I was given the opportunity when Dillon left to do the UTEP games in 1976. He then moved on to Phoenix to broadcast Arizona State and the NFL Cardinals. He was a gentleman and a great broadcaster and a friend.



## This Week In Aggie Athletics

Saturday, Dec. 6

Swimming and Diving  
Northern Arizona  
Flagstaff, Ariz.  
11:30 a.m.

Men's Basketball  
North Texas  
Denton, Texas  
6 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 7

Women's Basketball  
Utah State  
UTEP  
Las Cruces  
5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 30

Men's Basketball  
Long Beach State  
Long Beach, Calif.  
5 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 11

Men's Basketball  
Sacramento State  
Las Cruces  
7 p.m.

## Did You Know ...

The NMSU volleyball team has a 1-0 all-time record over Saint Mary's. The Aggies swept Saint Mary's in Las Cruces Sept. 18, 1987.

## Trivia Question

**Q:** The Aggie men's basketball team is looking for its 20th win over North Texas, Dec. 6. What conference did the Aggies belong to when they played the Mean Green?

**A:** NMSU and North Texas were conference foes in the Sun Belt.



## Aggie student-athlete spotlight



**Wendell McKines**  
Sophomore  
Forward

Sophomore forward Wendell McKines posted his first double-double of the season with 16 points and 11 rebounds at Long Beach State, Nov. 30. He was 8-of-14 from the field,

marks that tied his career highs. McKines leads the team in rebounding with 7.8 boards per game and ranks fourth in scoring with 11.3 points per contest.



**Madison Spence**  
Sophomore  
Guard

Sophomore guard Madison Spence helped NMSU even out its record last week where she averaged 17.5 points, 4.0 assists, 2.0 rebounds and 1.5 steals in wins

over Loyola-Chicago and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Spence has scored 15 or more points in her last four games, and she is tied for the WAC lead in scoring (17.0) and field goal percentage (.500).



**Lindsey Yon**  
Senior  
Volleyball

In her final two home games of her career, senior outside hitter Lindsey Yon paced the NMSU volleyball team to wins over Virginia Commonwealth and New Mexico. She had

13 kills against the Lobos along with seven digs and two aces. Yon also recorded seven kills versus VCU.



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# LCHS advances to finals — with 35-7 win over Mayfield



Mayfield quarterback Austin Hooker tries to dodge Las Cruces High's Dante Caro.



The Bulldogs' James Hall falls out of bounds.



Jacob Lilley of Las Cruces High celebrates after his touchdown.

Mayfield Coach Michael Bradley is all smiles after Mayfield's first and only touchdown.



James Hall, the Bulldogs' running back, was the game's leading rusher with 181 yards and three touchdowns in the state 5A semifinals at Aggie Memorial Stadium Saturday, Nov. 29.



PHOTOS BY  
A. KURZ

Matt Syner, Julian Flores, Desiree Clark and David Salazar celebrate Las Cruces' win.

Fans of  
Mayfield: Judi Apodaca, Christa Pennington and Valerie Eagle



## FORECLOSURE SALE

15790 B St., Organ, NM • 3BR, 1 Bath, 1040 Sq. Ft.

Government Bid: \$40,965 • As-is appraisal value: \$50,200

DATE: December 12, 2008 TIME: 1:55 P.M.

Sale Location: Main Entrance, 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM

Legal: Lot 19 & 20. Block 33, Organ Townsite, Doña Ana Co., NM.

Property is not available for normal inspection as they are still owned by private individuals. However, if the property is abandoned, interested parties can contact the local Rural Development office to see if an inspection of the property can be made. Foreclosure is still pending in the NM District Court. Under some circumstances the sale may be canceled. Rural Development will not pay brokers or finders commission for successful bidders.

Terms Of Sale: Bid amount to be paid by the end of the day of sale payable to the Public Trustee. Payment must be made in U.S. currency by cashiers check or certified check. All Taxes plus interest due are the responsibility of the Buyer.

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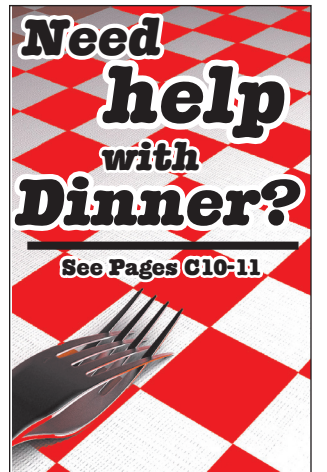
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## LCHS destiny

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"Eldorado is an aggressive football team," Miller said. "They have some talented guys on offense, and they're big up front on both sides of the ball. They're similar to Mayfield in some aspects."

The Eagles are led by a pair of outstanding senior receivers in Ross Williams and Jami Abdullah. The quarterback is junior Armin Day.

While Eldorado has a balanced offense, Las Cruces' big-play offense has proven it can strike from anywhere on the field, through the air or on the ground. The Bulldawgs are led by dual-threat quarterback Dante Caro, running back James Hall Jr., fullback Will Bruce, tight end Patrick Jaquess and receiver Jacob Lilley. An experienced offensive line paves the way.

"We just need to continue doing what we've been doing," said Miller. "If it's not broke, don't fix it. We'll correct some things, and we know we have to prepare. As much as we prepared last week (for Mayfield), we'll have to do much more this week."

"We have a senior-dominated team with good senior leadership," the coach added. "That's what got us this far and we're hoping it gets us the rest of the way."

## NCAA Tournament

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triumph, they play the winner of the Cal Berkeley-Siena College match.

"It's a tough bracket," Jordan said. "St. Mary's is about like we are talent-wise. It should be an even match. Cal is super tough. We'll have to play over our heads to beat them."

This will be NMSU's third-straight post-season appearance and its fifth in the last six seasons.

Jordan believes this season's team is his best defensively here. "This is the best blocking and digging team we've had," he said.

"Offensively, it's close. But I think that the 2006 team was slightly better than this one. We had Kim Oguh and Amber Smipson, two great middle hitters. Jackie Choi was our setter and she was awfully good."

Jordan has already jumped out of the gate in recruiting. With the impending loss of Yon and Simpson to graduation, he signed 6-0 outside hitter Kayleigh Giddens from Lubbock, Texas, a junior college all-American. "She could turn out to be the very best we've put on the court," Jordan said. "She has tremendous leaping ability and arm speed."

The Aggies have also inked versatile Ellen Miks, 5-11 outside hitter and gifted defensive specialist from Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. Sierra Whittaker, a setter from Houston, Texas, will also join Jordan's flock next season.

"We'll start next season pretty young again," the Ags' coach said. "We plan to play another tough schedule, but I think by the middle of the season we could be better than ever."

**Mike Jordan will be going home when his New Mexico State volleyball team faces St. Marys Friday in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Berkeley, Calif. Jordan is a native of Oakland.**

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Madison Spence  
from Las Cruces  
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# LEGALNOTICES

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**NOTICE OF AUCTION BY SEALED BID FOR PLANT WATER CONSERVATION LEASE OF STATE TRUST LAND**

**Doña Ana County, New Mexico State Land Office**

The Commissioner of Public Lands is offering to lease, for plant water conservation, 1,158.65 acres in Doña Ana County. Sealed bids, marked "BID FOR PLANT WATER CONSERVATION LEASE", should be submitted on or before the time and date and to the place stated below in paragraph A. The sealed bid is for a Forty (40) year lease of the lands described below in paragraph B. The most important terms of the lease are summarized in paragraph C. The requirements and qualifications of any and all bidders in this sealed bid are stated in paragraph D. If you would like a draft of the lease being offered for bid, or if you require any further information, please address your request as described in paragraph E. The Commissioner has set a minimum bid of \$1,000.00 for the lease, over and above the first year's base rent, and the other required deposits set out in paragraph E below. Bidders are, of course, encouraged to offer additional bonus amounts over the minimum bid. The Lease will be awarded to the qualified bidder successfully bidding the highest bonus. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to cancel this auction. In the event that the auction is cancelled, interested parties will be notified.

**A) Sealed Bid:**  
Date: January 5, 2009  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Place: New Mexico State Land Office  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

**B) Description of the property to be leased:**  
Lot 3, Lot 4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4 of Section 2; NE1/4, SW4, SE1/4 of Section 10; E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., Doña Ana County, New Mexico, containing 1158.65 acres, more or less.

**C) Summary of the Lease:**  
The term of this lease shall be for Forty (40) years. The State Land Office has received an application for a long-term lease of the lands proposing to use 798.65 acres for the purpose of growing forage for livestock, using discharged water from a nearby cheese plant, and any necessarily related agricultural activities, including but not limited to, grazing livestock; The remaining 360.00 acres will be held for future development subject to Lessor's right to withdraw the non-productive land at any time that Lessor can demonstrate a higher and better use.

**D) Rental Rate:**  
Minimum base rent has been established at \$8,706.50 per year with annual adjustments upward by two percent (2%).

**E) Bidder Qualifications.**  
In order to qualify as a bidder, interested parties must (a) comply with the applicable lease auction requirements, (b) can demonstrate at least 20 years of experience in the successful management of a cheese plant with discharge facility that can have an agricultural component; (c) are creditworthy; (d) are authorized to do business in New Mexico, and, (e) can and will comply with all Lease terms.

Further, prospective bidders must include in their bid a deposit of \$37,256.21 in the form of a certified or cashier's check or bank money order, made payable to the Commissioner of Public Lands.

This amount represents:

1. Application Fee \$ 50.00
  2. First year's base rent \$ 8,706.50
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The deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded.

**F) How to Obtain a Copy of the Lease, or Other Information:**  
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Disabled individuals who require aids to participate in the long-term business lease sealed bid may call 505-827-5768; or Fax 505-827-6157, and/or TTY (800) 659-8331. Upon request, any relevant documents may be available in alternative formats.

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

Dated in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 28th day of October, 2008.

Patrick H. Lyons  
Commissioner of Public Lands  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Pub # 8274  
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 2009

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

No. CV-08-1644

**INDYMAC MORTGAGE, F.S.B., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ROBERT PRICE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on December 10, 2008, 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 4723 Diamante Court, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 163 in Block D of Los Enamorados Estates Final Plat-Replat No. 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Los Enamorados Estates Final Plat-Replat No. 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on 07/27/2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 722-727.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 4, 2008, being an action to

foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$153,687.22 and the same bears interest at 7.875% per annum from October 1, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,354.26. 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. 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 (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master  
  
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Attorney at Law  
P.O. Drawer 16169  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2008-2095

**TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DAVID R. MUNOZ, and if married, JANE DOE MUNOZ (true name unknown), his spouse; TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendant(s).**

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Lot 32, DOS LAGOS SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 3734 on 03/20/2003 in Book 20 Page(s) 289-90 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 4, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$250,660.86 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from October 11, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,880.02. 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. 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 (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(505) 525-2711

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

No. CV-08-2175

**INDYMAC MORTGAGE F.S.B., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**NANCY QUIMSON-BOOTH and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth in the above-entitled cause of action. Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth fail to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and/or John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:  
Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A.  
4501 Indian School Road NE, Suite 101  
P.O. Box 3509  
Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509  
(505) 254-7767  
FAX: 254-4722/4706

Date October 23, 2008

By Deborah A. Nesbitt  
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A. VALENTINE, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 6 day of November, 2008.

NADINE SANCHEZ  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By Melissa A. Lundien  
(SEAL) Deputy

Pub #8327  
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 2008

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

No. CV 2008-901  
Judge Valentine

**MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION Plaintiff,**

v.

**ANTONIO HERNANDEZ; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF FRED M. WARREN, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF MARNA A. WARREN, DECEASED; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; Defendants,**

**SHARON LOPEZ and GARY WARREN, Cross Plaintiffs,**

v.

**ANTONIO HERNANDEZ, Cross Defendant.**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT TO RECOVER ON PROMISSORY NOTE AND FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE**

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

TO: ANTONIO HERNANDEZ

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the above named Cross Plaintiffs have brought suit by Cross-Claim in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, against you in Cause No. CV-2008-901 on the Civil Docket of said Court, the general object of which is to recover on their promissory note on which you are the maker, and foreclose their mortgage securing payment of the above note which mortgage covers the following described real estate, situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, to-wit: Lot 2A of U.S.R.S. Tract 1S-80A and 81, Replat No.1, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk, Doña Ana County,

New Mexico on December 20, 1988 in Book 16, Page 2, Plat Records.

The above described real property is generally known as 193 Yucca Road, San Miguel, New Mexico 88058.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that unless you enter your appearance in said cause and plead to the Complaint on or before the 5th day of January, 2009, judgment by default will be rendered against you in said cause.

Cross Plaintiffs' attorney is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 N. Main Street, P.O. Drawer 1837, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-1837.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 17 day of November, 2008.

Nadine Sanchez  
Court Administrator

By:/s/Joe M. Martinez  
Deputy  
Joe M. Martinez

Pub #8329  
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

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

No. CV-2008-1772

**LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of June 1, 2006, GSAMP Trust 2006-HE4, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JESUS D. ORTEGA, aka JESUS DANIEL ORTEGA; GLORIA V. ORTEGA; LAURA VILLA; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on December 17, 2008, 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 1683 Joshua Court, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 23, BLOCK 5, MESA VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, 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 FEBRUARY 6, 1976, IN BOOK 12 PAGE(S) 39-40 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 4, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$134,773.31 and the same bears interest at 8% per annum from October 4, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,215.45. 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. 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 (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-524-2121

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

No. CV-2008-2161

**COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., for the Benefit of NB Holdings Corporation, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ERNEST WILLIAMS, JR., and if married, JANE DOE WILLIAMS, (true name unknown), spouse; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on December 17, 2008, 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 4511 Camino Dos Vidas, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 38, Block M, DOS SUENOS ESTATES, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4230 on 09/28/2005 in Book 21 Page(s) 352-57 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 14, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$188,267.34 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from October 17, 2008, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the

date of sale will be \$2,198.60. 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  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-524-2121

Pub #8332  
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2008-1771

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MATTHEW A. MOZIEJKO, aka MATTHEW ALAN MOZIEJKO; LESLIE A. MOZIEJKO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on December 17, 2008, 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 2812 Carretas Court, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 6 in Block numbered A of Legends West Subdivision Phase 1, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Legends West Subdivision Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on January 11, 2005 in Plat Book 21, Folio 105-106.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 14, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the



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above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$152,030.17 and the same bears interest at 10.20% per annum from October 16, 2008, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,676.56. 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  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-524-2121

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## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1978

**LASALLE BANK  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
as trustee under the  
Pooling and Servicing  
Agreement dated as of  
June 1, 2006, GSAMP Trust  
2006-HE4, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RICHARD STANTON  
and, if married, JANE  
DOE STANTON, (True  
Name Unknown), his  
spouse; JOHN DOE and  
JANE DOE, (true names  
unknown), Tenants,  
Defendant(s).**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on December 17, 2008, 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 1033 Brownlee Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lot 3, PALMERS SUBDIVISION REPLAT NO. 12, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on August 9, 2005, in Book 21 Pages 288-289 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 13, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$61,048.28 and the same bears interest at 8.75% per annum from October 16, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$922.00. 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. 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 (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,  
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-524-2121

Pub #8335  
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-657  
Judge Robert E. Robles

**CHARTER BANK, a federally  
chartered savings  
bank, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RENEE GUILLIAMS,  
ALEJANDRO MISQUEZ  
AND CITIZENS BANK OF  
LAS CRUCES, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will, on December 30, 2008, 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 10, Block L, COLLEGE HEIGHTS, BLOCK L, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on June 13, 1956, in Book 7 Page(s) 68 of Plat Records.

The address of the real estate is 1829 Boston Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 4, 2008, 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 \$109,094.52 (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 stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on November 13, 2008.

John A. Darden, III,  
Special Master  
P.O. Box 578  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
88004-0578  
(505) 541-6655

Submitted by:  
VOGEL CAMPBELL &  
BLUEHER, P.C.  
6100 Uptown Blvd., N.E.,  
Suite 500  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
87110  
(505) 884-8444

Pub #8338  
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

**Magdalena Cota  
Petitioner,**

vs.

**Reyes Garza  
Respondent.**

NO. NM-08-1509  
JUDGE Mike Murphy

## 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.

(Petitioner's Name and Address)  
Magdalena Cota  
118 Mesquite St.  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

WITNESS the Honorable Mike Murphy, 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 12th day of November, 2008.

**NADINE SANCHEZ  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT  
COURT**

BY:/s/Elizabeth Vasquez  
Deputy

Pub #8341  
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

## STATE OF NEWMEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-1906  
Judge: Robles

**ARNALDO T. LOYA,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**EULALIA BENAVIDEZ  
VARELA, Deceased, Her  
unknown heirs, any  
unknown Person claiming  
through her, and any other  
Unknown person making  
claim adverse to the  
Plaintiff, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Tb: Unknown heirs of the following deceased person: Eulalia Benavidez Varela, any unknown person claiming through her, and any unknown person making claim adverse to the Plaintiff.

**GREETING: YOU ARE  
HEREBY NOTIFIED** that a civil action is now pending in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico wherein Arnaldo T. Loya is the Plaintiff, and you are the Defendants.

The general object of said action is to obtain a judgment and decree of Quiet Title to the property described in the complaint in the cause.

Unless you file a responsive pleading in this action within thirty (30) days of this publication, judgment granting the relief prayed for will be granted.

The Attorney for the Plaintiff is Ben A. Longwill, 741 N. Alameda Blvd. #4, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County on this 7 day of Oct, 2008.

**NADINE SANCHEZ  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT  
COURT**

By: Richard Armijo

Submitted by:  
/s/Ben A. Longwill  
Ben A. Longwill  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
741 N. Alameda Blvd. Ste. 4  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
575-524-4141

Pub #8342  
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 2008

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LORETTA JEAN LAMPE, Deceased,

No. PB 2008-76  
Judge Valentine

## NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

**Patsy J. Lampe, Personal  
Representative of the estate  
of Loretta Jean Lampe,  
deceased, gives the following  
Notice:**

1. This Notice is being mailed on the date of filing this Notice to the following persons:

Patsy J. Lampe  
4426 Los Arboles Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

Ronald D. Lampe, Jr.  
432 W. 3rd St.  
Cortez, CO 81321

Wilbert Lampe  
HCR-46 Box 425  
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

Donald Lampe  
1072 E. Pine St.  
Central Point, Oregon 97502

Lynn Lampe Evans  
1775 Cedar Springs Ct. North  
Liberty, IA 52317

2. Patsy J. Lampe, has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Loretta Jean Lampe, deceased.

3. A hearing on the Petition of Patsy J. Lampe has been set for December 22, 2008, at 8:30 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico before the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine.

/s/Patsy J. Lampe  
Patsy J. Lampe  
Personal Representative 4426  
Los Arboles Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

KENNETH L. BEAL P.C.  
/s/Kenneth L. Beal  
KENNETH L. BEAL  
Attorney for Personal  
Representative  
P.O. Box 725  
Las Cruces, NM 88004  
505-526-5511

Pub #8343  
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 2008

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF OTERO TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-763 II

**LITTON LOAN  
SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ADELAIDA HOPPE aka  
IDA M. ESTIELLA and, if  
married, JOHN DOE A,  
(True Name Unknown),  
her spouse; JOHN DOE  
and JANE DOE, (true  
names unknown), Tenants,  
Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendants Adelaida Hoppe aka Ida M. Estiella and John Doe A (True Name Unknown) possible spouse of Adelaida Hoppe aka Ida M. Estiella

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1162 Mimosa Avenue, in the City of Alamogordo, New Mexico, more

particularly described as: LOT SEVENTY-FOUR (74), MISSION HILLS, UNIT TWO (2), ALAMOGORDO, OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A., 4501 Indian School NE, Suite 101, Post Office Box 3509, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509, 505-254-7767.

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES WAYLON COUNTS, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Otero County, this 18th day of November, 2008.

**JAN PERRY  
CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT**

By Nicole Prather

(SEAL) Deputy

Pub #8344  
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2155  
Judge: Robert E. Robles

**BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF  
DOÑAANA COUNTY,  
Petitioner,**

vs.

**JAMES NORVAL BUSH,  
THE ESTATE OF NORVAL  
ARTHUR BUSH, THE  
ESTATE OF EVELYN M.  
BUSH, ALL UNKNOWN  
OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS  
OF THE PROPERTY  
INVOLVED, Respondents.**

## PETITION FOR CONDEMNATION

**Petitioner states that:**

1. Petitioner is the County of Doña Ana duly created under New Mexico law and the property authority under the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Mexico to institute and prosecute this action in eminent domain on behalf of the State of New Mexico.

2. Petitioner has the authority to condemn the property herein pursuant to §§ 4-37-1, 4-36-10 and 3-26-1 NMSA.

3. It is necessary for the Petitioner to acquire by condemnation the property, property rights, easements and licenses herein sought for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing or improving for public purposes and for the purpose of accomplishing the removal of any and all encroachments upon the right of way and for all other purposes in connection with construction of a wastewater treatment plant, lines and other necessary facilities and roads located at 312 Paloma Blanca Drive, Chaparral, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

4. This action is brought pursuant to and under the terms of Laws of 1959, Chapter 324, as amended, NMSA 1978 §§ 42-2-1 to 42-2-24.

5. The particular description of the property Respondents sought to be condemned is hereinafter described by an accurate surveyed metes and bounds description under the property designation, as well as by reference to a map attached thereto and marked Exhibit "A."

6. Petitioner seeks to acquire the aforesaid property, or property rights, in fee simple and to require the removal of any improvements or encroachments on the property sought to be condemned.

7. In addition to the property, Petitioner seeks to acquire a license to enter Respondents' remaining land for the purpose of removing improvements and encroachments, if any, on the portion of land sought to be condemned, or to protect the portion of the improvements which remain on Respondents' land.

8. The Petitioner has been unable to agree with one or more of the Respondents having an interest in the property as to just compensation to be paid for the property to be acquired; the amount offered by Petitioner as just compensation for the property is \$26,000.00, for the construction and erection of a lift station, a component of the Chaparral wastewater collection and treatment system project. Just compensation is based upon an appraisal prepared for the Petitioner with a valuation date of May 6, 2008. The property has not increased in value to date.

9. There may be unknown claimants possessing an interest in the property. The names or residences of those Respondents are unknown and remain unknown after due inquiry has been made by Petitioner; certain Respondents do not reside within the state or cannot be found therein after Petitioner has made due inquiry and search for them, and it is, therefore, necessary for Petitioner to obtain constructive service upon them by publication.

10. The names and addresses of all Respondents who own or occupy the property or who own the property rights sought to be acquired are shown under the numerical parcel designation as well as any facts of legal disability, deceased owners, unknown owners, and property and property rights held in trust, insofar as they are known to the Petitioner after a search of the County records.

11. Petitioner alleges that parties designated as "UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE PROPERTY INVOLVED" claim some title or interest in the property involved in this action. Petitioner has made due search to ascertain the identity of such persons, but such identity is unknown and cannot be ascertained by Petitioner.

12. The following Respondents have been identified by Petitioner to own or have a possible interest in the parcel described below:  
**Parcel of Property:**  
312 Paloma Blanca Drive  
Chaparral, NM 88081  
James Norval Bush  
The Estate of  
Norval Arthur Bush  
The Estate of  
Evelyn M. Bush  
ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS  
OR CLAIMANTS OF THE  
PROPERTY INVOLVED  
**Estate to be acquired:**  
Fee Simple  
**Amount Offered:** \$26,000.00  
**Parcel 1:** All that portion of property as described in Warranty Deed recorded in Book 305, Page 658 of the Doña Ana County Clerks Office, being also described as Lot 25, Block L of Chaparral Subdivision Number Two, said Lot 25 being located within Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 5 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, Chaparral, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said Lot 25 being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the Southwest corner of said Lot 25, of said Block L said point also being North 0° 13' 40" West 80.00 feet and North 89° 48' 22" East 697.13 feet and North 0° 10' 26" West 1299.69 feet and North 89° 48' 22" East 147.29 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 23 of said township and Range; thence following along the West line of Lot 25, North 0° 10' 26" West 610.00 feet to a point at the Northwest corner of said Lot 25; thence following along the North line of Lot 25, North 89° 48' 22" East 147.24 feet to a point at the Northeast corner of said Lot 25; thence following along the east line of Lot 25, South 0° 10' 26" East 610.00 feet to a point being at the Southeast corner of said Lot 25; thence following along the South line of Lot 25, South 89° 48' 22" West 147.24 feet to the point of beginning.

**WHEREFORE,** Petitioner prays for an order and judgment of this Court granting to Petitioner the fee simple title to the property sought to be acquired and heretofore described, or granting to Petitioner such lesser interest in the property or property rights sought to be acquired as set forth in the Petition and as is necessary for this public project.

Petitioner further prays that Respondents be restrained from hindering or interfering with the occupation and control of the premises by the petitioner; and that the Petitioner be granted the right to enter upon the Respondents' remaining land for the purposes of removing encroachments, or to protect the improvements remaining on the Respondents' land.

Petitioner further prays that the Court determine the respective interests of the Respondents and the damages, if any, which the Respondents may jointly or severally sustain as a consequence of the taking for, and establishment of, this public works project.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/Fred Kennon  
Fred Kennon  
Assistant County Attorney  
County of Doña Ana  
845 N. Motel Blvd  
Las Cruces, NM 88007  
(575) 647-7225  
(575) 525-5925

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## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2155  
Judge: Robert E. Robles

**BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF  
DOÑAANA COUNTY,  
Petitioner,**

vs.

**JAMES NORVAL BUSH,  
THE ESTATE OF NORVAL  
ARTHUR BUSH, THE  
ESTATE OF EVELYN M.  
BUSH, ALL UNKNOWN  
OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS  
OF THE PROPERTY  
INVOLVED,  
Respondents.**

## APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY ORDER OF ENTRY

**COMES NOW** the Petitioner and applies, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 42-2-6, to the Court for a Preliminary Order of Entry, and as grounds for its application states:

1. The Petitioner has determined the necessity and expediency of the acquisition described in the Petition and has indicated the reasons for requiring a speedy occupation



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as shown by the Affidavit of Assistant County Manager Sue Padilla, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

2. The Petitioner will deposit with the Clerk of the Court the amount of its offer of just compensation as a condition of the Preliminary Order of Entry, to wit: \$26,000.00.

3. The deposit of the offer of just compensation will provide sufficient surety for the payment of compensation, and a surety bond is not necessary.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Court make and issue a Preliminary Order of Entry granting the Petitioner, its agents, contractors and employees the right to immediately enter and occupy the premises sought to be condemned, and to do such work thereon as may be required, and to restrain the Respondents from hindering or interfering with the occupation of the premises and the doing thereon of the work required.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/Fred Kennon  
Fred Kennon  
Attorney for Petitioner  
845 N. Motel Blvd.  
Las Cruces, NM 88007  
(575) 647-7225

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

No. CV-2008  
Judge:

BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF  
DOÑA ANA COUNTY,  
Petitioner,

vs.

JAMES NORVAL BUSH,  
THE ESTATE OF NORVAL  
ARTHUR BUSH, THE  
ESTATE OF EVELYN M.  
BUSH, ALL UNKNOWN  
OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS  
OF THE PROPERTY  
INVOLVED, Respondents.

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT  
OF APPLICATION FOR  
PRELIMINARY ORDER  
OF ENTRY

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
ss.

Sue Padilla, being duly sworn,  
deposes and says:

1. I am the Assistant County  
Manager for Doña Ana  
County.

2. I make this Affidavit from  
personal knowledge.

3. It is necessary for the County  
to secure this Preliminary  
Order of Entry for the prop-  
erty sought to be acquired in  
this lawsuit for installation of  
wastewater facilities, specifi-  
cally for construction of a lift  
station, a component of the  
Chaparral wastewater collec-  
tion and treatment system,  
prior to the completion of the  
lawsuit proceedings for the fol-  
lowing reasons:

a. The construction of the  
overall wastewater system in  
Chaparral, New Mexico is a  
comprehensive project that  
depends on the timely comple-  
tion of construction of facilities  
on the property that is the  
subject of this lawsuit before  
other parts of the system may  
be constructed.  
EXHIBIT A

b. Delay in the construction  
of this project will result in  
increased construction costs  
which are ultimately borne by  
the taxpaying public.

c. Prompt and immediate con-  
struction of the wastewater  
system will improve the health  
and sanitary conditions of the  
community by treating the  
effluent that is currently being  
discharged to septic tanks  
throughout the community. It  
will also eliminate the signifi-  
cant costs, both economic and  
risk to health, of the tempo-  
rary methods now being used  
to transport and dispose of  
wastewater produced at the  
schools in the area.

d. Prompt and immediate con-  
struction of the wastewater  
system will enable the County  
to take the fullest advantage  
and secure the benefits of the  
applicable federal funding.

/s/Sue Padilla  
Sue Padilla  
Assistant County Manager  
Doña Ana County

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN  
TO before me this 2nd day of  
September, 2008, by M. Sue  
Padilla.

/s/Susanna Limon

Notary Public  
My commission expires:  
4-20-12

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2155  
Judge: Robert E. Robles

BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF  
DOÑA ANA, Petitioner,

vs.

JAMES NORVAL BUSH,  
THE ESTATE OF NORVAL  
ARTHUR BUSH, THE  
ESTATE OF EVELYN M.  
BUSH, ALL UNKNOWN  
OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS  
OF THE PROPERTY  
INVOLVED,  
Respondents.

PRELIMINARY ORDER  
OF ENTRY

This cause coming on to be  
heard on Petitioner's applica-  
tion for a Preliminary Order  
of Entry, pursuant to NMSA  
1978, § 42-2-6, permitting  
the Petitioner to immediately  
enter and occupy the premises  
sought to be condemned and to  
do such work thereon as may  
be required, and the Court,  
being sufficiently advised in  
the premises, FINDS the  
Application is well-taken, and  
a Preliminary Order of Entry  
should issue;

IT IS, THEREFORE,

ORDERED AND DECREED  
the Petitioner's Application for  
Preliminary Order of Entry  
is granted, and Petitioner is  
granted the right to immedi-  
ately enter and occupy the  
premises sought to be con-  
demned and to do such work  
thereon as may be required.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED  
AND DECREED in further-  
ance of the work as may be  
required, the Petitioner is  
also granted a license as to  
Respondents' remaining land  
for the purpose of removing  
improvements and encroach-  
ments, or to protect the por-  
tion of the improvements  
which remain on Respondents' land.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED  
AND DECREED unless  
objection to this Preliminary  
Order of Entry is filed within  
ten (10) days after personal  
service on Respondents of the  
Notice hereof, or within three  
(3) days after the last date of  
publication of the Notice there-  
of on those Respondents not  
personally served, the Court  
shall proceed to make this  
Preliminary Order of Entry  
permanent; shall restrain the  
Respondents from hindering or  
interfering with the removal of  
any and all improvements and  
encroachments on the rights  
of way, and the occupancy  
and control of the premises by  
Petitioner and from interfering  
with the work required; and  
all subsequent proceedings  
shall only affect the amount of  
compensation allowable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED  
AND DECREED the condition  
for issuance of the Preliminary

Order of Entry is the deposit  
of \$26,000.00 with the Clerk of  
the Court as Petitioner's offer  
of just compensation; the filing  
of a surety bond to the benefit  
of the Respondents shall not  
be required. This Preliminary  
Order of Entry shall only  
be in force and effect upon  
the deposit with the Clerk of  
the Court of the sum stated  
above.

Robert E. Robles  
DISTRICT JUDGE

PREPARED AND  
SUBMITTED BY:  
/s/Fred Kennon  
Fred Kennon  
Attorney for Petitioner  
845 N. Motel Blvd.  
Las Cruces, NM 88007  
(575) 647-7225

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2155  
Judge:

BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF  
DOÑA ANA COUNTY,  
Petitioner,

vs.

JAMES NORVAL BUSH,  
THE ESTATE OF NORVAL  
ARTHUR BUSH, THE  
ESTATE OF EVELYN M.  
BUSH, ALL UNKNOWN  
OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS  
OF THE PROPERTY  
INVOLVED,

Respondents.

NOTICE OF  
PRELIMINARY ORDER  
OF ENTRY AND NOTICE  
OF CONDEMNATION

TO: The above-named  
Respondents, and each of you:

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU,  
ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED  
that the Court has granted  
the Petitioner a Preliminary  
Order of Entry to immediately  
enter and occupy the prop-  
erty described below and to do  
such work thereon as may be  
required, and that unless you  
file objections thereto within  
ten (10) days after personal  
service of this Notice upon you,  
or within three (3) days after  
the last date of publication of  
this Notice if you be not per-  
sonally served, the Court shall  
enter a Permanent Order of  
Entry restraining you forever  
from hindering or interfering  
with the occupation and use  
of the property; and further,  
that all proceedings subse-  
quent to the Permanent Order  
of Entry shall deal only with  
the amount of compensation  
due to you for the taking of the  
property.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU,  
ARE HEREBY FURTHER  
NOTIFIED that a Petition for  
Condemnation for public utility  
purposes, to wit: construction,  
installation and maintenance  
of a lift station, a component of  
the Chaparral wastewater col-  
lection and treatment system,  
and all appurtenances neces-  
sary thereto, has been filed  
against you in the above-num-  
bered cause with the Clerk of  
the District Court of Doña Ana  
County, New Mexico, in which  
county the property, or a part  
thereof, is located, and which  
property is described generally  
as all that portion of property  
of 312 Paloma Blanca Drive,  
Chaparral, New Mexico, being  
also described as Lot 25, Block  
L of Chaparral Subdivision  
Number Two, with such prop-  
erty more fully described in  
the petition on file in said con-  
demnation cause.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU,  
ARE HEREBY FURTHER  
NOTIFIED that the amount  
offered as just compensation,  
shown in the Petition for  
Condemnation with each sepa-  
rate numerical tract designa-  
tion, has been deposited by the  
Petitioner with the Clerk of the  
District Court and a portion  
or all of the amount offered  
may be withdrawn by a person  
having an estate or interest  
in the property described in  
the Petition on file. This with-  
drawal may be made only by  
order of the Court upon proper  
motion.

YOU, AND EACH OF  
YOU, ARE HEREBY COM-  
MANDED to file and serve an  
answer, as provided by law, to  
the Petition on file herein with  
thirty (30) days after service  
of this Notice on you or thirty  
(30) days after the last date  
of publication of this Notice,  
if you are not personally  
served. Unless you so appear  
and answer, the Petitioner  
will apply to the Court for  
judgment as demanded in the  
petition and as provided by  
law. This judgment will fix  
the amount of compensation  
due to you for the condemna-  
tion of the property at the  
amount offered and deposited  
by Petitioner.

The name and address of  
attorney for Petitioner is: Fred  
Kennon, Assistant County  
Attorney, County of Doña  
Ana, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las  
Cruces, New Mexico, 88007.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I  
have hereunto set my hand  
and seal of the District  
Court of Doña Ana County,  
New Mexico, this 9th day of  
October, 2008.

Nadine Sanchez  
Clerk of the District Court

[Seal]

By: Elizabeth Vasquez  
Deputy

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Dates 11/28, 12/5, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2155  
Robert E. Robles

Board of County  
Commissioner DAC  
Plaintiff (s)

v.

Bush, J. et al,  
Defendant (s)

ORDER REQUIRING  
SCHEDULING REPORTS  
AND A DISCOVERY  
PLAN AND LIMITING  
STIPULATIONS TO  
ENLARGE TIME FOR  
RESPONSIVE PLEADINGS

IT IS ORDERED:

A. Plaintiff shall serve a copy  
of this order on each defend-  
ant with the summons and  
complaint and file a certificate  
of such service. Parties other  
than plaintiffs who assert  
claims against others who  
have not been served with this  
order shall serve a copy of this  
order on those against whom  
they assert claims with the  
pleading asserting such claims  
and shall file a certificate of  
such service.

B. Sixty (60) days after the  
complaint is filed, parties of  
record shall file a scheduling  
report with copies to oppos-  
ing parties and the assigned  
judge. Parties shall confer  
and are encouraged to file a  
Joint Scheduling Report, LR3-  
Form 2.12 NMRA for Track A  
or LR3-Form 2.13 for Tracks  
Band C, (See Appendix to  
these local rules for all forms)  
or, if they cannot agree, file an  
individual Scheduling Report,  
LR3-Form 2.13 NMRA.

C. Any party who enters the  
case more than sixty (60) days  
after the filing of the com-  
plaint shall file a scheduling  
report within ten (10) days.

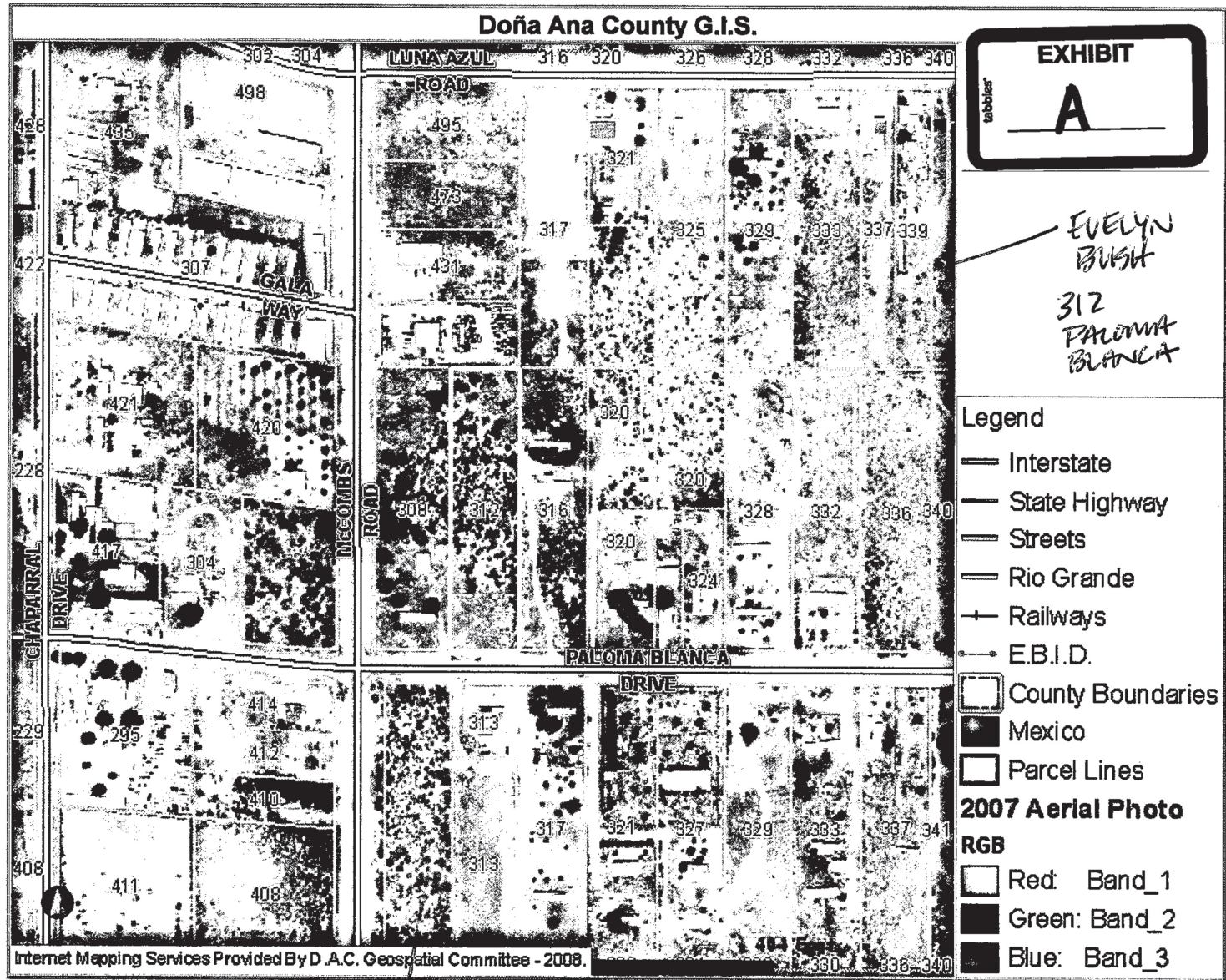
D. If all parties are not of  
record within sixty (60) days  
of filing the initial pleading, the  
party making claims against  
the absent parties (Plaintiff  
for Defendants, Third-Party  
Plaintiffs for Third Party  
Defendants, etc.) shall, within  
five (5) business days after  
the 60th day, file and serve  
parties of record and deliver to  
the assigned judge, a written  
explanation following LR3-  
Form 2.14 NMRA, "Delay in  
Putting the Matter at Issue".

E. Counselor parties who do  
not have attorneys may not  
stipulate to an enlargement  
of time greater than fourteen  
(14) days for the filing of a  
responsive pleading without a  
motion and order. The motion  
shall state with particularity  
the reason an enlargement is  
in the best interests of the  
parties. A copy of the motion  
and stipulation shall be deliv-  
ered to all parties as well as  
counsel. The enlargement  
requested shall be for a speci-  
fied time.

F. When all parties have been  
joined and the case is at issue,  
the parties shall immediately  
notify in writing the assigned  
judge and the alternative dis-  
pute resolution coordinator.

G. If appropriate, the court  
will refer this matter to settle-  
ment facilitation under Part  
VII of the Local Rules of the  
Third Judicial District Court.

H. For cases subject to arbitra-  
tion under Local Rule LR3-  
706 NMRA, the parties may  
file a written stipulation to



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waive facilitation with a copy to the ADR coordinator and the assigned judge within sixty (60) days after the complaint has been filed or ten (10) days after all parties are joined if LR3-Form 2.14 NMRA has been filed. If the parties cannot stipulate, the party seeking waiver of facilitation may file a motion for relief from facilitation.

I. Within seventy-five (75) days from the date the Complaint was filed, or fifteen (15) days after the case is at issue if LR3-Form 2.14 NMRA has been filed, the parties shall either: (1) Stipulate to a discovery plan and file the stipulation with the court, or (2) Request a hearing to establish a discovery plan pursuant to Paragraph F of Rule 1-016 NMRA.

(3) In the absence of a stipulated discovery plan or a timely request from a party for a hearing to establish a discovery plan, the following discovery plan shall go into effect: Within one-hundred (100) days after the complaint was filed or fifteen (15) days after a party has entered the suit, whichever is the later date, each party shall provide to all other parties:

a. The name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have discoverable information relevant to disputed issues raised by the pleadings, identifying the subjects of the information; b. A copy of, or a description by category and location of, all documents, data compilations, and tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of the party that are relevant to disputed issues raised by the pleadings;

Delivered with the Summons to Plaintiff this 3 day of September, 2008.

NADINE SANCHEZ  
Court Administrator

By: Joe Martinez  
Clerk

Pub #8345f  
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 2008

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**In the Matter of the Estate of FRED MONROE WARREN, Deceased, and MARNO AMALIE WARREN, his wife, Deceased.**

No. PB 2008-73 Judge  
Valentine

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that SHARON LOPEZ has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 20th day of November, 2008.

/s/Sharon Lopez  
Sharon Lopez  
Personal Representative  
P.O. Box 2388  
Mesilla Park, New Mexico 88047

Pub #8346  
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 2008

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1710  
Judge Robles

## WHITE SANDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, v.

**JOHN A. FLORES and GLADYS RICO-FLORES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION), MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, INC. and STATE OF CALIFORNIA (DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES), Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Monday, December 29th, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at offices of HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT P.C., 1660 Hickory Loop, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the below described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1205 Percha Creek Way, Las Cruces, NM, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 7, Block J, CAVE CREEK SUBDIVISION PHASE 2B AT SONOMA RANCH SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on December 21, 1999, in Book 19 Pages 357-358 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 21, 2008 against Defendants John A. Flores and Gladys Rico-Flores, being an action to foreclose a real estate mortgage under which Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first and prior lien against the above-described real estate securing payment of its Judgment in the amount of \$263,102.37.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that Plaintiff, or its successors, has the right to bid at such sale all of its Judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its Judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The proceeds of the sale shall be applied to pay any costs incurred for the maintenance and protection of the property, to satisfy the Judgment in favor of Plaintiff including the Judgment Amount, accrued interest at the rate of 8.75% per annum from November 21, 2008 through December 29, 2008 in the amount of \$2,396.75; Special Master's fee in the amount of \$200.00, plus publication costs in the amount of \$466.02; for a total amount of \$266,165.14. Additional reasonable attorneys' fees may be awarded upon application to the Court and would be satisfied from the proceeds of the sale. Any additional proceeds remaining after the satisfaction of the above will be applied as determined by the Court.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all

recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

**NOTICE IS FINALLY GIVEN** that the Special Master may continue the sale from time to time if necessary without republishing Notice of Sale so long as the Special Master appears at the designated times schedule for said sale and announces the postponement thereof to another specific date.

/s/ELAINE KAUFMANN  
Special Master

Submitted by:  
HOLT BABINGTON  
MYNATT P.C.

/s/ANNAMARIE DELOVATO  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 2699  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004  
(575) 524-8812

Pub #8349  
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 12/12,  
12/19, 2008

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. PB-08-110 (Valentine)

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GENEVIEVE E. KRIEGER, Deceased.**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: November 24, 2008

/s/Gail Butler  
Gail Butler,  
Personal Representative  
of the estate of Genevieve E. Krieger, Deceased

PREPARED &  
SUBMITTED BY:  
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.  
Attorney at Law  
P. O. Box 366  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366  
(575) 524-0833  
(575) 526-0960 (fax)

/s/Joseph M. Holmes  
Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #8350  
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 2008

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2313

## COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

**NARCISO TRUJILLO, if living, if deceased, THE**

**ESTATE OF NARCISO TRUJILLO, DECEASED, and if married, JANE DOE TRUJILLO, (true name unknown), his spouse; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF NARCISO TRUJILLO, DECEASED; STATE NATIONAL BANK; TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendant(s).**

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Narciso Trujillo, if living, if deceased, The Estate of Narciso Trujillo, Deceased, and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Narciso Trujillo, Deceased, is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action. Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:  
Susan C. Little &  
Associates, P.A.  
4501 Indian School Road NE,  
Suite 101  
P.O. Box 3509  
Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509  
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November 6, 2008  
By Deborah A. Nesbitt/  
Sean E. Garrett  
Attorney for Plaintiff

Pub #8351  
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D0307CV200802113

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2005-5, Plaintiff,**

v.

**FELIPE AGUIRRE; ISIDRA AGUIRRE; OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SUIT

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO** to the above-named Defendants Felipe Aguirre and Isidra Aguirre. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at as 304 Terry Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 11, Block B, ALAMEDA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, 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 February 20, 1964, in Book 9 Page 19 of Plat Records; Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on

or before January 19, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
CASTLE MEINHOLD &  
STAWIARSKI  
By: Sharon Hankla  
Sharon Hankla  
Karen Howden  
Weaver 999 18th St.,  
Suite 2201, Bin 1  
Denver, CO 80202  
(800) 286-0013;  
(303) 285-2222  
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable ROBERT E ROBLES, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 19th day of November 2008.

Nadine A Sanchez  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: M Longwill  
Deputy

08-1210/ Aguirre, Felipe;  
P502185

Pub #8352  
Dates 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 2008

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D0307CV200801980

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST 2005-3, Plaintiff,**

v.

**FELIPE AGUIRRE; ISIDRA AGUIRRE; OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SUIT

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO** to the above-named Defendants Felipe Aguirre and Isidra Aguirre. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 4227-4233 Holliday LN, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: See Exhibit A Exhibit "A" January 4, 2005 Description of a 0.800 Acre Tract A tract of land situate North of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of Lot 8, Block 31, Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Subdivision "A", plat filed March 30, 1911, and August 4, 1911, in Doña Ana County Records, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract; Identical to the Southwest corner of Lot 8, Block 31, Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Subdivision "A"; Thence, from the point of beginning, N. 41 degrees 03' 30" W., a distance of 219.03 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Northwest corner of this tract; Thence N. 49 degrees 24' 00" E, a distance of 181.25 feet to a 1/2" iron found on the Easterly line of a 15.00 foot wide road and utility easement, know as Holliday Lane; Identical to the Westerly line of a 50.00 foot wide transmission line easement; for the Northeast corner of this tract; Thence along the Easterly line of Holliday Lane, S. 29 degrees 37' 20" E., a distance of 223.01 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the

Southeast corner of this tract; Thence, leaving Holliday Lane, S. 49 degrees 21' 30" W., a distance of 137.03 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 0.800 acre land, more or less. Subject to a 15.00 foot wide road and utility easement parallel and immediately adjacent to the Easterly boundary and an 8.00 foot wide irrigation easement parallel and immediately adjacent to the Westerly boundary. Also subject to all other easements and reservations of record. Information in the perparation of this description derives from Warranty Deed recorded in Book 244, Page 670, of the Doña Ana County Records. A plat was prepared under Job No. 04-12-1128. Filed Noted by Scanlon White, Inc., License No. 9433. /s/Ted G. Scanlon, PS 9433 Job No. 04-12-1128 brady 626 Exhibit A Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before January 19, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
CASTLE MEINHOLD &  
STAWIARSKI  
By: Sharon Hankla  
Sharon Hankla  
Karen Howden Weaver 999 18th St.,  
Suite 2201, Bin 1  
Denver, CO 80202  
(800) 286-0013;  
(303) 285-2222  
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable ROBERT E ROBLES, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 19th day of November 2008.

Nadine A Sanchez  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
By: M Longwill  
Deputy

08-0448/ Aguirre, Felipe;  
P502188

Pub #8353  
Dates 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 2008

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinances at The Regular City Council Meeting on December 1, 2008:

1. Council Bill No. 09-025; Ordinance No. 2488: An Ordinance Repealing LCMC Section 28-186 through Section 28-265 Commonly Referred to as the Industrial Liquid Waste Disposal Ordinance, Repealing LCMC Section 28-266 through Section 28-300 Commonly Referred to as the West Mesa Industrial Liquid Waste Disposal Ordinance, and Enacting a New Liquid Waste Disposal Ordinance to be Codified as LCMC Section 28-186 et seq.

2. Council Bill No. 09-026; Ordinance No. 2489: An Ordinance Enacting an Interceptor and Grease Trap Ordinance to be Codified as LCMC Section 28-220 et seq.

3. Council Bill No. 09-027; Ordinance No. 2490: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico Taxable Variable Rate Demand Industrial Revenue Bonds (F&A Dairy Products, Inc. Project), Series 2008 in Two Series in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$19,500,000 to Refund and Redeem the City's Prior Bonds and to Finance the Costs of Construction, Acquisition and Installation of Certain

Equipment and Related Real Estate Improvements for the Manufacture of Cheese to Be Located in the City; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Certain Documents in Connection with the Bonds; Providing the Terms, Sale Price and Other Matters Relating to the Bonds; and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds Solely from Certain Revenues and Other Funds and Assets of F&A Dairy Products, Inc. and with Respect to the Series 2008A Bonds, from a Letter of Credit Issued by Wells Fargo Bank, National Association for the Account of F&A Dairy Products, Inc.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 2nd day of December 2008.

Esther Martinez, CMC  
City Clerk

Pub # 8354  
Dates 12/5, 2008

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV 08-2330  
Judge Robert E. Robles

## CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

**LETICIA YSABEL JUAREZ AND CORRINE ARZABAL BENAVENTE, Defendants.**

## AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on January 15, 2009, 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 10, Block 8, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES NO. 24-PHASE 2, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 3, 2003, in Book 20 Pages 259-260 of Plat Records.

The address of the real estate is 2920 Jennifer Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 14, 2008, 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 \$111,390.81 (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 stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improve-

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

Notice is further given that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on December 1, 2008.

John A. Darden, III,  
Special Master  
P.O. Box 578  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0578  
(505) 541-6655

Submitted by:

VOGEL CAMPBELL &  
BLUEHER, P.C.  
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Suite 500  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110  
(575) 884-8444

Pub # 8355  
Dates 12/5, 12/12, 12/19,  
12/26, 2008

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-2131  
Judge Robert E. Robles

## CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

**ROBERT L. NUNEZ, Defendant.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on January 8, 2009, at 10:10 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:

Lot 16A, SUNRIDGE ESTATES, REPLAT NO. 1 (A TOWNHOUSE SUBDIVISION), in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 2960, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on May 29, 1997, and recorded in Book 18, Pages 693, Plat Records.



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The address of the real estate is 3234 Highridge Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 19, 2008, 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 \$153,774.93 (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 stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

the property, if any.

Notice is further given that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on December 1, 2008.

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

Submitted by:

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12/26, 2008

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

No. CV-2008-1983

Judge Jerald A. Valentine

**CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**WANCHAI PETERSON,  
JOHN DOE AND JANE  
DOE (unknown occupants), Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on January 8, 2009, at 10:05 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 67 of Legends West North Phase 1, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Legends West North Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 27, 2006 in Plat Book 22, Folio 83-91.

The address of the real estate is 2862 Meriwether Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 19, 2008, 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 \$166,603.51 (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 stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

ing 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 stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

Notice is further given that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not

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

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on December 1, 2008.

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

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87110  
(575) 884-8444

Pub # 8357  
Dates 12/5, 12/12, 12/19,  
12/26, 2008

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on November 12, 2008, Leslee Alexander, 5950 Shalem Colony Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-2038-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 ceasing use of well LRG-2038-POD1 located within the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM where X=1453885 feet, Y=500615 feet N.M. State Plain Coordinate System Central Zone NAD83, and by continuing the diversion

of a to be determined acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater claimed supplemental to the surface rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) from a replacement well drilled to a depth of less than 200 feet and fitted with 4 inch casing and located where X=1454079 feet, Y=500817 feet N.M. State Plain Coordinate System Central Zone NAD83, on land owned by the applicant for the continued irrigation of .999 acres all of which is located within the Pt. NE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 20 and NW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of projected Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM. All the above located on map LRN-4 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey Subfile No. LRN280040081A. Proposed change location of well LRG-2038-POD2 can be found at 5950 Shalem Colony Trail, Las Cruces NM. Old well LRG-2038-POD1 will be retained for other water right owners.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop Suite J, Las Cruces NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last

publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest-as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

Pub #8358  
Dates 12/5, 12/12, 12/19,  
2008

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
IN THE PROBATE  
COURT  
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF GEORGIA P.  
COURTNEY, DECEASED.**

No. 08-0183

**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 (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed in the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address:  
180 W. Amador Ave.,  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Dated: December 2, 2008

/s/ Michael Courtney  
Michael Courtney  
1805 Pinehurst  
Las Cruces, NM 88011  
(575) 522-8243

Pub #8359  
Dates 12/5, 12/12, 2008

**Important Notice to Time Warner Cable customers in the following communities:**  
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Pub #8361  
Dates 12/5, 2008

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

No. CV-2008-2236  
Judge: Valentine

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES,  
ex rel., LAS CRUCES  
POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
Petitioner,**

vs.

**RICHARD MANCHA,  
JAIME MANCHA, AND  
1999 Mazda 4DR, TAN;**

**VIN:  
1YVGF22C9XS891946;  
Texas License Plate No.  
K09BHP Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY  
OF ACTION**

To: Richard Mancha, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1999 Mazda 4DR, Tan; VIN: 1YVGF22C9XS891946; Texas License Plate No. K09BHP.

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

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

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly  
Deputy City Attorney  
P.O. Box 20000  
575-541-2128  
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8362  
Dates 12/5, 12/12, 12/19,  
2008

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

No. PB 2007-46  
Judge Valentine

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF LANA  
LADAWN SWARTZ,  
DECEASED.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
ON PETITION FOR  
ORDER OF COMPLETE  
SETTLEMENT OF  
ESTATE BY PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Richard H. Swartz, Personal Representative of the estate of Lana LaDawn Swartz, deceased, gives the following Notice:  
1. This Notice is being mailed on the date of filing this Notice to the following persons:

Richard Henry Swartz  
1500 Mariposa Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Wendy Nicole Oertel  
1555 Telslor, Apt. D32  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

Brandon D. Swartz  
2014 Corn  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Eric Christopher Swartz  
1500 Mariposa Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

2. Richard H. Swartz, has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Lana LaDawn Swartz, deceased.

3. A hearing on the Petition of Richard H. Swartz has been set for December 23, 2008, at 8:30 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico before the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine.

Richard H. Swartz  
Personal Representative  
1500 Mariposa Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

KENNETH L. BEAL P.C.  
P. O. Box 725  
Las Cruces, NM 88004  
575-526-5511

Pub #8363  
Dates 12/5, 12/12, 2008



**OUTLET PRICES**

**2007 CHEVROLET COBALT** 4Dr ACI **\$9,995\***  
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**2004 PONTIAC GRAND AM** **\$9,995\***  
(Used #10070. Tax, title license & dealer transfer service fee additional.)

**2003 CHEVROLET SILVERADO** X-cab, 4x4 **\$10,999\***  
(Used #10073. Tax, title license & dealer transfer service fee additional.)

**2007 CHEVROLET MALIBU LT** **\$11,995\***  
(Used #10110. Tax, title license & dealer transfer service fee additional.)

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(Used #10091. Tax, title license & dealer transfer service fee additional.)

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**2007 MAZDA 6 GT** **\$12,995\***  
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decorator Mariann Novack  
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# Featured Home: 7004 Calle Arcos Court



One of the first Build Green New Mexico homes in Las Cruces, this showcase entry by Desert Sage Building and Development is not only stylish, but also extremely energy efficient.

## Details

**Address**  
7004 Calle Arcos Court

**Square footage**  
3,138

**Bedrooms**  
Three

**Bathrooms**  
Two and a half

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Taking advantage of the morning sunlight, the great room is bright and inviting.



Built in the style of a Tuscan cottage, the home is filled with masonry work, which interior designer David Miller said is typical of the style.

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Below: With a mixture of different cabinetry and stone, as well as copper and granite, the kitchen is truly reminiscent of the Old World. Designer David Miller even managed to hide the state-of-the-art appliances.

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# Life in Las Cruces just keeps getting greener

## Inside Desert Sage Building and Development's first certified Build Green New Mexico home

By **BETHANY CONWAY**  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

After creating several energy-efficient, environmentally friendly homes, it was time for David and Michelle Gordon of Desert Sage Building and Development to take "green" to the next level.

With their first certified Build Green New Mexico home recently completed at 7004 Calle Arcos Court, they are now helping to set the "green" standard in southern New Mexico.

"I think David has always been conscious about building energy-efficient homes," said Kaye Miller of Steinborn GMAC Real Estate. "With every home he has built, he is trying to get closer and closer to what he hopes would be the most desirable home."

Going through an entire certification process, the Gordons worked closely with inspector Miles Dyson of Inspection Connection LC on every aspect of the home from the pouring of the slab, during which they had to be careful not to disturb the natural setting surrounding the home, to the selection of the appliances.

The criteria for the BGNM certification, known as the BGNM checklist, includes an energy-efficiency requirement along with a number of options addressing a range of "green" items from which the builder must select a minimum number. According to the BGNM website, "because the checklist has a variety of green options for a builder to choose from, every builder may build 'green' a little differently."

According to Brian Crawford, project manager with Desert Sage, the Gordons were able to gain points from features like exceeded insulation, Low-E windows, an exceptional ventilation system, the use of reclaimed and recycled materials and even the home's location in Picacho Mountain, Las Cruces' premier "green" subdivision.

"This is one of the first Build Green New Mexico homes in southern New Mexico," Crawford said. "This house actually has a ventilation system that runs 24 hours a day. Instead of pulling all of the energy from the heating and cooling units, we actually pull it from

outside so it saves us cost. We are not consuming a lot of energy to heat and cool this house."

Other green characteristics include 14-SEER refrigerated air units, an energy-efficient appliance package, carpet made from corn and a Home Energy Rating Systems score of 58, which means the home is 40 percent more efficient than most. It is also solar ready.

While the green elements are a major part of this upscale residence, a major goal was showing that building green can be done with style. It was David Miller, Desert Sage's in-house designer, who took on the task of creating a stunning interior.

"We tried to make the technology kind of recede into the background," David Miller said. "We really wanted to stress that although it is green, all of the technology is very transparent."

Walking into this large, open home filled with Canterra marble and dark-stained woods, one is instantly transported to the Italian countryside. Only the floor's saltillo tile serves as a reminder of the desert Southwest, which they chose because it is considered renewable.

"The whole idea for this house was a Tuscan cottage," David Miller said. "We did a lot of research to figure out what an authentic Tuscan Cottage would actually look like, and one of the key parts of it was to use a lot of

masonry."

They even had the front door custom made to look like one they saw in a photograph of an ancient Tuscan building.

Using a mixture of cabinetry and colors, David Miller made the kitchen in this brand-new home almost seem like it has a history.

"We tried to emulate cabinet packages that you would find in the Old World," he said.

Along with tile around the island that reminds one of cobblestone streets, the kitchen also includes a large copper-clad hood over the range and exposed wooden trusses, both built by Desert Sage's own craftsmen.

Adding wooden panels to the refrigerator and finishing the other appliances in a bronze color, they managed to hide all of the Energy Star-rated appliances in the background, bringing more attention to the

“We did a lot of research to figure out what an authentic Tuscan cottage would actually look like ...”

DAVID MILLER,  
interior designer



Taking the combination of Saltillo tile and wood found in the home's floor, which was a big hit during showcase, interior designer David Miller created his favorite design on the wall of the powder room.

cabinetry.

Along with a formidably sized bedroom, the master suite includes a master bathroom that takes this Tuscan cottage to a whole new level. The tub, surrounded in Canterra marble, falls under the ultimate definition of luxury.

"With the arches and the stonework, it has a real spa feel to it," David Miller said.

Of course, the home wouldn't be complete without a courtyard and back patio to enjoy the views and weather found in this premier subdivision. Using recycled brick from a wrecking company in El Paso, the courtyard floor is a mixture of several colors and textures.

With its green features, great style and open floor plan, David Miller said this Picacho Mountain home will suit a variety of homebuyers.

"What's really great about this particular layout is that it will appeal to a wide range of people," he said.



Stone archways and a big comfy tub make the master bathroom take on the look of a luxury spa.



One of two great places to relax outdoors, the back patio includes one of the home's four fireplaces.



## Around-the-house item: pine cones

# Take inspiration from nature

## Fill the home with pine cones for the holidays

By BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Getting the home ready for the holidays doesn't always have to involve store-bought items. Creating a seasonal centerpiece or mantel decoration can be achieved using something found in your very own backyard.

Pine cones come in all shapes and sizes and are perfect for decorating the home for Christmas. They can be decorated with glitter and made into ornaments or even scented and used to bring a delightful holiday smell to the bathroom.

While some Las Cruces might be lucky enough to have an overabundance of pine trees, those who do not and wish to decorate the house with them still have some options. There are actually companies that specialize in selling pine cones and other natural products, many of which can be found online.

Those who don't have any pine trees nearby and would prefer not to purchase them might want to take a trip to Ruidoso. After a short hike in the woods, one can come away with a basketful.

Before beginning arts and crafts projects using pine cones, soak them overnight in a large bucket of water. This will cause the pine cones to close up and force out any bugs that may be hiding inside. After soaking them, reopen the pine cones by

placing them on a foil-lined baking sheet and baking them in a 225-degree oven for about 30 minutes.

Once they are dry, put them to use in any of these craft projects.

**1. Make an ornament:** The easiest way to put pine cones to use for Christmas is by making pine cone ornaments. Either roll the pine cones in white glue or spray them with aerosol craft glue, and then just cover them with glitter.

They can also be spray painted several colors or just painted white to take on the look of a snowy winter.

Ribbons and bows can be added to a pine cone using a hot-glue gun to facilitate hanging them on the tree.

**2. Create a homemade air freshener:** Using pine cones, ground ginger, ground cinnamon, craft glue and a foam brush, anyone can create their own homemade air freshener. Dilute one-part craft glue with one-part water in a small container. In a small bowl, combine three tablespoons ground ginger and the three tablespoons ground cinnamon. With a foam brush, paint the pine cone with the glue and water mixture and sprinkle the spice mixture over the pine cone. Allow the glue to completely dry. The spiced pine cones will carry a wonderful holiday smell and can be used as part of tabletop decorations or placed strategically around the room in bowls to carry the smell through-

out the house.

**3. Accent a wreath:** Pine cones can be tied or wired onto a holiday wreath to add a bit of the outdoors.

**4. Create a centerpiece:** Using colorful Christmas ornaments and pine cones, one can create a stunning holiday centerpiece. Arrange pine cones strategically around Christmas ball ornaments in a basket or glass bowl. Place the arrangement in the middle of the holiday table.

**5. Feed the birds:** While this is not a winter suggestion, pine cones can be used year-round to make bird feeders. First, find a large pine cone and tie three or four pieces of yarn or string around the top to make a hanger. (It is essential to do this



A stunning pine cone centerpiece can be put together in no time at all using natural resources.

first because the project will get messy.) Spread peanut butter all over the pine cone, and then roll the cone in birdseed. Place it in the freezer for about half an hour until it is hard then hang it on a tree.

## New to the Market

### December 5, 2008

**\$400,000 -  
\$499,999**

**\$425,000 - Sierra de Las Uvas** - 18820 Highway 185, This property is worth the drive. Riverfront home with expansive windows look out over the Rio Grande with desert cliffs as a backdrop. The home has handmade antique doors, Saltillo tile with prints, a private fishing deck, windmill, barn, corrals and more. Mobile home will be removed. MLS# 805349 Billie Haynie

635-8921, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$410,000 - Las Alturas** - 5273 Redman Road, Very nice home in an area that is close to NMSU and I-25. New features include wood floors, granite throughout and new carpet. This home sits on a lot that is more than an acre and great mountain views. Palm trees greet you as you pull up to this beautiful home. MLS# 805212 Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$300,000 -  
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**\$395,000 - Talavera Area** - 5036 Apex Mine Rd., 3 acres of land and a stylish Bill Quinones home, full of light and air. 4 bedrooms or 3 bedrooms and a large office/game room. Big views of the Organs, Robledos and Doña Ana mountains and city lights. Only 10 minutes drive to the hospital or university. Some handicapped features. Directions: University Ave. to

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# Christmas shopping with Mariann

## Humorous and tech-savvy gifts top this year's list



Are you ready for Christmas? As a decorator, I have my eye out for unique, creative and fun gifts. In my search for the most unusual Christmas gifts, I found some that gave me a special feeling along with a smile.

To start my list with the funniest gift, I had to laugh when I first spotted this little trinket. I won't keep you guessing; it is from Pier 1 Imports. The gift comes in a round, slender green-striped small tube. It is Magical Reindeer Food, claiming the fastest way to get Santa to your house. If Santa's reindeer come within 100 miles of your home, they will smell the Magical Reindeer Food and come immediately, bringing Santa and his sleigh to deliver your presents.

Here is how it works, right before going to bed on Christmas Eve, sprinkle the Magical Reindeer Food all across your yard. As soon as you're done sprinkling the food, go right to bed as fast as you can so the product will work. The product is only edible for reindeers and costs \$1.50.

People often wonder the origin of the custom of having a Christmas tree in the home. We will probably never know for sure, but through the ages, there were those who believed that evergreen trees were magical. Even in winter, when all the other trees and greenery were brown and bare, the evergreen stayed strong and green. Homes were decorated with these trees in the hope of enticing the spirits of the woods inside to bring good luck in the coming year. The Christmas tree through the ages has represented a celebration of the renewal of life.

The most unusual Christmas tree, and the second item on my list, can be found at Kitchen Kraft of Las Cruces. It is an upside-down Christmas tree. Laura



**Just as the "Three Kings" delivered frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child shortly after his birth, you too can deliver this same package to a beloved friend or relative.**

Stadjuhar, the designer of Kitchen Kraft, designed and decorated the tree. I recommend that you come and see this one for yourself. The beauty of the tree is the way the ornaments hang freely in the air and catch your attention. Having the tree upside down, the Christmas packages fit snugly underneath. The tree has three sections with lights and comes with a sturdy stand.

Creativity comes from M&Ms candy, the third humorous Christmas gift on my list. Today, you can personalize this famous candy with your name and photo. Simply pick your color, upload a photo, add a message and select your packaging. Family loves to see personalization on any gift, and [www.MyMMs.com](http://www.MyMMs.com) puts your face

and words on M&Ms.

The most incredible gift is the invention of the iPhone 3G from Apple. I was first introduced to this amazing piece of technology by my son. This small instrument provides three products in one revolutionary phone, including a widescreen iPod and a breakthrough Internet device. The viewer can enjoy music or a full-length movie, have a phone conversation or access the Internet and email over their cellular network. It makes it easier to multitask, and it weighs only 4.7 ounces. But what was most exciting was the sound of the Bose headphones – the clarity and beauty of sound was beyond words.

Looking for the spiritual Christmas gift leads me to the tradition of gift giving

with the story of the Three Magi and the fifth item on my list. These three kings offered gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child shortly after his birth, and these were considered the first gifts. These symbolic gifts of the Magi are at Kitchen Kraft. The three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh are packaged in a satin-lined treasure trove. It features 23-carat gold floating in a hand-blown glass globe, the frankincense is from the Boswellia tree, as was the gift brought by Balthasar. Myrrh is from Arabia, the source of the finest myrrh, and comes from the same region as the gift brought by Caspar. What a special gift to add to the nativity scene. By the way, if you are looking for a nativity scene, Kitchen Kraft has a beautiful selection.

The trend in the design world has been green. Green is for the holidays and also for the environment. For a great idea, start collecting those brown paper grocery sacks for wrapping your Christmas presents. Turn the sacks inside out and wrap your Christmas gifts. What makes the brown paper come alive is the ribbon. Create and tie the Christmas package with red or blue gingham ribbon, then add a colorful small ornament into the bow. You may even surprise yourself.

In today's busy days with so much stress and worry, the joy of Christmas can be covered up. Beyond the glitter, fears and struggles, take time to pause and receive the fullness of Christmas joy. Our greatest joy comes when we are thankful for who we are and the blessings we have in America.

*Mariann Novack is a design consultant and welcomes your comments at 541-9484 or [marnvck@aol.com](mailto:marnvck@aol.com). Building a home, remodeling or considering interior decorating? Give Novack a call.*



This year, try an upside-down tree.



Nativity sets are growing in grandeur.



Go green this Christmas by wrapping presents in used grocery bags.

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Dripping Springs Road, Right on Soledad Canyon and Left at the firehouse heading uphill towards the mountains. Left on Apex Mine Road Priced to sell. Kathe Pass, 644-8068, RE/Max Classic Realty 524-8788 MLS#805380

**\$329,900 - Soledad Canyon** - 4939 Chippewa Trail, A well-

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**\$200,000 - \$299,999**

**\$299,900 - Jornada/Las Colinas** - 3105 Rio Arriza Loop, 2,600 sq. ft., two by six frame construction, 4 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths; granite counters; custom wood cabinets; spacious pantry; stainless-steel appliances; water softener; "Antique bronze"

plumbing and light fixtures; ceiling accents; walk-in closets; separate sinks with granite counters; jetted garden tub; spacious walk-in shower. Home should be completed by Thanksgiving. MLS# 805142 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$295,900 - Telshor Area** - 1910 Imperial Ridge, A large home with lots of upgrades,

new hardwood, carpeted flooring and fresh paint. The in-ground pool makes the lush green backyard perfect for outdoor fun. There is also extra parking/storage on the side of the property for your cars, boat, small trailer or a basketball court. MLS# 805421 Shannon Dumais 649-2772 or Joelle Smith 523-2850, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$289,500 - Mesilla Area** - 1975 Avenida de Antigua, A charming southwest home close to Mesilla is a rare find in the Tierra Verde subdivision and is located on a cul-de-sac with a gated courtyard entry. There are front and back patios plus an enclosed sunroom. Split bedroom plan. Walk-in closets in all bedrooms. MLS#

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# A bold perspective on building

## Hernandez wants to be a big part of the community

By BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Growing up in Deming, builder John Hernandez experienced what some might call an adventurous childhood. Put to work on numerous tasks around his mother's house, it seemed as if he was always involved in a building project.

"When we were kids, she bought a one bedroom house. By the time we left, it was three bedrooms, three baths, and she moved the kitchen three times," Hernandez said.



Builder John Hernandez, owner of JR Hernandez Custom Homes, said he has hopes to one day run for public office.

They even turned the home's flat roof into a pitched roof, which brings back interesting memories for Hernandez.

"At the end of the day, they had to give me a bath in turpentine because I was full of tar," he said. "It was terrible."

Though he values some experiences more than others, he always appreciated his mother's adventurous spirit.

His mother Mercy passed down her energetic personality to Hernandez, and he gives her credit for his vision and creativity.

"We learned a lot from our mom. One day I wanted a swimming pool, and she said, 'OK,'" he said, enumerating another humorous story involving a large muddy hole in the backyard.

After serving in both the Army and Marines, Hernandez returned to Las Cruces and, as a staff member, helped build something important to the entire community – MountainView Regional Medical Center. While working as a surgical tech, he watched the hospital become the institution that it is today.

"I actually helped open the hospital," he said. "They have a huge plaque at the front, and it's nice to have my name up there."

Building his own house in 1999, Hernandez was anxious to get out and do the same for others. After building a second house for himself and finding it difficult to come across someone willing to take a chance on a new builder, he built his first spec home, which turned out to be a big hit.

"I ended up selling that house, and I ended up building it four times in different versions," he said.

After building a list of clients, today he builds mostly custom homes for close clients and friends.

"You hear so many horror stories, but with me, you are going to enjoy it, you are going to have fun," he said. "You are going to want to come out every day and see what is going on."

Today, he has made his mark in many places other than the plaque at MountainView. He has built 15 homes, averaging four homes a year.

## Details

**Featured Builder**  
John Hernandez

### Company

JR Hernandez Custom Homes

### Address

P.O. Box 2898, Mesilla Park, NM 88047

### Phone

650-2542

### Organizations

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

### Family

- Wife Zenia, works for the Southern New Mexico Cancer Treatment Center
- Daughter Valerie, 19, student at NMSU
- Son Nathan, 6

"I've built all over Las Cruces," he said. "I build from the lowest end to the highest end. I put the same amount of details."

According to Ginger Moore, his Realtor, client and friend, his success comes from his thoroughness and care for every detail of the job.

"He has to oversee every aspect," Moore said. "John really does everything. He designs a house. He does all the interior design. He goes with you to pick out every light fixture, every mirror, tile, colors, appliances, every single thing."

Along with his quest for perfection, Moore said a big part of his success is a result of his great personal-

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# Featured builder: John Hernandez

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ity. When he recently built a home in Sonoma Ranch Estates for her mother, she said he was always ready and excited about the next step.

“John has the energy of 10 people,” she said, “and he is so approachable that everybody just calls him if they have a question.”

While he is the ring leader, Hernandez also knows that building a house involves a team of people and credits the great group behind him.

“I am really lucky,” he said. “I expect a lot from my subs, but I make sure I treat them really good and take care of them.”

After entering his first home in the Las Cruces Home

Builders Association 2008 Fall Parade of Homes, Hernandez has already seen his clientele grow.

While he has a great appreciation for Southwest style, he is hoping to travel in the future and explore different building styles, such as those found in Italy and Spain.

“I am always looking for new ideas,” he said. “My ultimate goal is to be proud of every home that I build and to make sure my clients enjoy the process as much as I do.”

In the future, his approachability could prove to be more important than ever. Hernandez said the best thing about building houses is helping people, and one of his long-term goals is to run for office.



In this home at 4301 Venetian Loop, John Hernandez included a central room with many outdoor elements like stuccoed walls and an aluminum ceiling.

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John Hernandez’s first showcase entry featured a huge front patio that was a favorite feature for attendees of the 2008 Fall Parade of Homes.

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Homes Sold Existing	17	7	20
Pending Home Sales (All)	129	145	230

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$275,000	\$234,900	\$211,565
Median Price Existing	\$125,000	\$210,500	\$156,225

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,436	1,449	1,721
Real Estate Agents	600	605	630

Average Days on Market (All)

This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
141	160	143

“Homes” include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)\* for the period 11/24/08 - 11/30/08  
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# Holiday decorating with a green twist

## Don't forget about the environment this Christmas

When it comes to the holidays, nothing says welcome like a well-adorned home. From wreaths to holiday lights to fresh greenery, even the simplest home design can transform into a magical setting with the addition of holiday decorating elements.

### Green on the inside

For a new twist on an old tradition, why not make the reason for this holiday season "green." With some innovative thinking, there are dozens of ways to make the home, the celebrations, the decorations and even the gift wrap green. Here are a few green ideas from Pella Windows &

Doors and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

- A fresh evergreen tree is eco-friendly, as long as those who buy one plan to recycle it. According to the National Christmas Tree Association, most cut holiday trees are grown on tree farms, so their stock is replenished regularly. And used trees can be ground into woodchips to mulch the garden or yard, help prevent erosion at a local watershed or provide fish and wildlife habitat. Be sure to check with local officials on area recycling plans and pick up schedules for trees.
- This Christmas, wrap gifts in recycled or reused wrap-

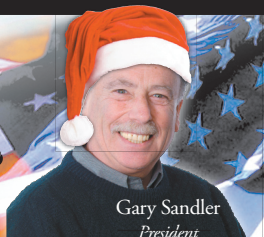
ping paper or even the comics or a page with a favorite story from the local newspaper. Consider giving gifts that don't require much packaging, like concert tickets or gift certificates. Or choose gift bags that can be reused.

- Send recycled-content greeting cards to reduce the amount of paper that is wasted every year on the sending of Christmas cards. Paper cards can also be recycled if they are used as gift tags. For the ultimate in paper saving, send electronic greeting cards. Some great options can be found online.
- About 40 percent of all battery sales occur during the holiday season for use in cameras, video recorders and all the new toys that are stocked under the tree. Buy rechargeable batteries to accompany electronic gifts, and consider giving a battery charger as well. Rechargeable batteries reduce the amount of potentially harmful materials thrown away and can save money in the long run.
- Turn off or unplug holiday lights during the day. Doing so will save energy, and can also help the lights last longer. Also, consider investing in light-emitting diode (LED) lights.

Using these simple steps, it is possible for anyone to be environmentally conscious this winter and make the holidays even brighter.

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**\$280,000 - Doña Ana South** - 140 Coues Deer Ave., A great Southwest home with two-by-six construction, an oversized garage, entertainment center, surround sound, and two fireplaces (one fireplace is outside). MLS# 805350 Beulah M Gatlin 642-7621, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$249,900 - Elks Club** - 210 Gonzales Drive, Large renovated home. Close to town. Owner financing, reasonable rates. MLS# 805441 Brenda Allen 644-8112 or Debbie Nachtsheim 640-3238, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$235,600 - San Andres** - 2312 Isaacks Lane, one bedroom, one bath, kitchen, living room, office apt. attached with 1-car garage. Apartment rents for \$550 and house rents for \$825. MLS# 805254 Laurel A Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$214,500 - Elks Club** - 3457 Park Ridge Place, A beautiful Southwest home with an open floor plan, vaulted ceilings and skylights. This home includes a full stainless-steel appliance package, breakfast

bar and walk-in pantry; built-in entertainment center with surround sound; and his and hers walk-in closets. The backyard features a patio, fountain, gazebo and water fall. MLS# 805355 Renee Frank 496-7727, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$210,000 - High Range** - 2939 Scenic Circle, This home sits on a cul-de-sac and has large bedrooms, courtyard and covered patio with ceiling fans. Features include a gas fireplace in the living room; large walk-in closet; beautiful chandelier in the dining room; a breakfast bar in the kitchen; and ceiling fans in all bedrooms and living room. MLS# 805329 Laurel A Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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# Fill your entire home with inviting aromas

## These top-five spices can add zing to holiday baking

It's hard to imagine a festive winter holiday without the aroma of baking wafting through the home. Certain spices – such as allspice, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and vanilla – claim the holidays as their own.

“Baking is an integral part of the holidays, and there are certain spices that are integral to the holiday baker,” says Kendall McFarland, product development manager at Frontier Natural Products Co-op. “Many of the most popular recipes use the same types of spices, and these spices most certainly take the cake, so to speak.”

- **Allspice:** Many people believe allspice is a mixture of cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg, hence the name, but it

is actually the dried fruit of a small evergreen plant. It is especially delicious in cakes, cookies and pies.

- **Cinnamon:** One of the oldest and most widely used spices, cinnamon has a variety of uses and is a staple in most household spice racks. It is made from the bark of a cinnamon tree, which rolls up into what is commonly known as a cinnamon stick during the drying process. Easily recognized by its aroma, cinnamon adds warm sweetness to fruit pies and pairs especially well with apples.
- **Cloves:** One of the earliest spices to be traded, cloves are native to Indonesia and are actually dried flower buds. Ground cloves are used in baking and are most often found in gingerbread, spice and fruit cakes, raisin or nut bars. Cloves add a kick to pumpkin pie, a traditional holiday favorite.
- **Nutmeg:** Historically a prized spice, nutmegs are the dried seeds of the nutmeg tree. Nutmeg's sweet taste is excellent in puddings and custards, and it's delicious mixed in with French toast batter. Try freshly grating a whole nutmeg for even more flavor.
- **Vanilla:** Introduced to Europe by the Spanish conquistador Hernando Cortes, vanilla has a rich history and a richer flavor. It comes in three forms: whole pod, powder and extract. It is one of the most widely used ingredients in baked desserts and icings.



During the holiday season, spices can add an extra punch to that family meal.

These spices can be used independently, or as a complement to each other to produce rich and interesting flavors. The key is to buy high-quality spices that contain robust flavors and aromas. Check local natural- and whole-food stores in the area for any of these great spices, which can come in handy anytime of year. Try a Honey Spice Cake and fill the home with spicy holiday aromas.

### Honey Spice Cake

1/2 cup butter  
1 cup honey  
2 eggs  
3/4 cup buttermilk or yogurt  
2-1/2 cups whole-wheat flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1 cup raisins that have been softened by soaking, drained

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat butter, honey and eggs together. Add buttermilk and mix well. Sift dry ingredients together, and add to the butter mixture. Mix well. Stir in the raisins. Pour into 8-inch square cake pan. Bake for 30 minutes or until done.

Frost with this delicious cream cheese recipe:

1/2 pound cream cheese, softened  
1/4 cup unsalted butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
3 cups powdered sugar

Make cream cheese frosting by combining ingredients in a mixing bowl. Beat with an electric mixer until smooth. Add powdered sugar and continue beating until smooth. Spread frosting over top and sides of cake.

### Cinnamon Raisin Rolls

4 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature  
1/2 cup brown sugar, packed  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 cup raisins, soaked in warm water for 15 minutes and patted dry  
1/2 cup pecans  
1 roll (half of a package) phyllo dough  
1/4 cup (half of a stick) butter, melted but not hot

Place cream cheese, brown sugar and cinnamon in bowl of a food processor. Blend until smooth. Add raisins and pecans and pulse until pecans are chopped to pieces about 1/4-inch in size.

Place 1 sheet of phyllo dough (see Note) on a flat

work surface. Brush with melted butter. Repeat until you have 6 layers of phyllo. Spread a thin layer of cream cheese filling over phyllo, leaving 1-inch dry lengthwise and 1/2-inch dry on the short side. Roll up lengthwise like a jellyroll. Repeat until all phyllo and filling is used up. Cover and chill logs for 1 hour.

When ready to bake, preheat oven to 375. Cut each log into 12 slices using a serrated steak knife. Place each slice, seam-side down, 1-inch apart on un-greased cookie sheet. Bake 12 to 15 minutes until golden brown. Makes about 36.

Note: Keep phyllo dough covered with a damp paper towel while working to keep it from drying out and becoming brittle.

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**\$169,900 - High Range -** 2155 Sagecrest Avenue, This townhome is move-in ready and includes a refrigerator, washer and dryer. This well-maintained home features a great room floor plan and a sun room. The intimate covered back patio offers fabulous sunsets! Split bedrooms afford privacy and the office/study could easily be converted into a guest room. MLS# 805208 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$149,900 - Picacho Hills/Laqui -** 7105 Justin Court, Fabulous one-acre lot with views of the valley, city lights and the Organ Mountains. This corner lot on a cul-de-sac offers many possibilities for home design and placement. Bring your architect and your imagination! MLS# 805122 Mary Mulvihill 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$144,900 - Jornada/Las Colinas -** 4982 Wendall Road, Great three bedroom,

two bath, 1,400 sq. ft. home. Covered patio, covered porch; Low E windows. MLS# 805279 Tyler Morsbach 993-0317 or Kameron Johnson 523-2850, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$134,990 - Jornada/Las Colinas -** 4946 Sherwood Road. Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1167 sq. ft. home. Hand-laid tile, solid-wood cabinets, Low-E windows, plus a covered porch and patio. Great floor plan. MLS# 805261 Quint Lears 523-2850, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$110,000 - Picacho Hills/Laqui -** 1574 Arco de Goya, Prime Picacho Hills lot on a cul-de-sac in Mansiones de Galicia subdivision. A large lot at .667 acres with incredible unobstructed views of the Organ Mountains. This lot was sold originally in 2007 and is now back on the market and priced to move quickly. MLS# 805182 Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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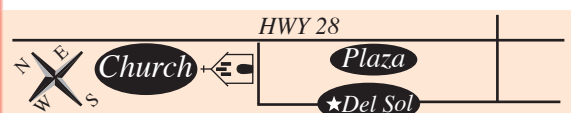
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# Are they fire-breathing dragonflies? Not quite

## Unique insect keeps on going after all these years

Doing some reading this week, I found an article about a common insect that most people are lucky enough to see, but usually not quick enough to see up close.

The dragonfly is one of those rare insects that doesn't bite or sting humans, nor do they cause problems for crops. Instead, they look for water where they can enjoy helping to control the mosquito population.

Did you know they've been around almost as long as Bobby Bowden and Joe Paterno? Older than dinosaurs, the dragonflies come in more than 6,000 species – in all shapes and sizes.

Female dragonflies lay eggs in or near water, often on floating or emergent plants. When laying eggs, some species will submerge themselves completely in order to lay their eggs on a good surface. It's a little-known fact that most of a dragonfly's life is spent in a different form, beneath the water's surface, using internal gills to breathe and using extendable jaws to catch other invertebrates or even vertebrates such as tadpoles, fish, etc.

As for their unusual name, there is an interesting theory about its origin according to researchers at Texas A&M University, which can be found in a book written by Eden Emanuel Sarot in 1958 titled "Folklore of the Dragonfly: A Linguistic Approach."

He theorized that the name dragonfly actually



**While the dragonfly's name may be scary, this harmless insect spends its days lounging and controlling the mosquito population.**

came about because of an ancient Romanian folktale. In the folktale, the devil turned a beautiful horse ridden by St. George (of St. George and the dragon fame) into a giant, flying insect. The Romanian names the people supposedly referenced to this giant insect (when



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translated into English) mean "St. George's Horse" or, more commonly, "Devil's Horse." According to Sarot, the peasantry of that time actually viewed the Devil's Horse as a giant fly and they may have started referring to it as the "Devil's Fly" (instead of Devil's Horse). He stated that the Romanian word for devil was "drac," but that drac was also the Romanian word for dragon. He thought that eventually the Romanian name for the Devil's Fly was erroneously translated to the English dragonfly, and this eventually evolved into the "dragonfly."

So next time you're out, try and find one and capture the moment on film, because they are quite striking and harmless for such a mischievous name.

*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](http://www.trulynolen.com).*

# Finding luxurious holiday gift ideas for less

## Ideas for those on a tight holiday budget

It's holiday shopping season again, and for those of us that love to give life's little luxuries as gifts, the economic downturn may affecting their plans. But luxurious doesn't necessarily equal expensive. With a little ingenuity, anyone can give lavish gifts on a limited budget.

Luxuries are the items that go above and beyond the necessities. They make life more comfortable and can take those shopping troubles away, at least for a little bit. Spirits, jewels and personal-care items are all wonderful holiday gifts that can fit into even a small giving budget.

### Wine

Look online or ask the expert at the local liquor store for the best wines under \$20. Keep an open mind and explore different varieties of grapes from different (and affordable) regions of the world. Up-and-coming regions that offer some great wine picks include Chile, Israel, South Africa and Washington State. Remember to check out local wineries for some delicious and reasonably priced pours.

### Candles

Everything – dinner, a bath, reading a book – is better by candlelight. Candles make great gifts, but the high-end versions are priced anywhere from \$60 to \$600. Why pay for



a designer candle when it its possible to customize a candle to fit the style of the gift recipient? Find a gently scented candle in an inexpensive clear or frosted glass container. Embellish the outer glass with beautiful paper, small faux gems or natural items for a one-of-a-kind gift.

### Spices

What better way to add a pinch of luxury to your everyday dinner than with rich, exotic spices? In the case of spices, less is more, and small containers go a long way. Check out local Asian, Indian and African markets for affordable options (as well as recommendations on how to use them) or shop online for great deals. Hot chilies, vibrant yellow saffron, Indian garam masala and sage are all high-impact and versatile spices.

### Soap

Boxes of "luxury" soap can cost \$50 or more. Visit a local natural foods store and purchase a few bars of creamy goats' milk soap. Find some beautiful fabric remnants to wrap the soap in and seal up your package with a fleur-de-lis sticker for a low-cost replica of boutique soap.

### Designer goods

Plenty of designers are lending their names to collections sold at discount



**Pearls are one of the least-expensive and most desirable jewelry choices around.**

retail outlets. So, go ahead and buy a designer jacket as a gift, but make sure it's from the nearest big-box store instead of a pricey boutique. This way one gets the name and the label without spending thousands of dollars.

### Jewelry

Pearls are among the more affordable, and appreciated, holiday jewelry choices. Freshwater pearls are the most versatile of all pearl varieties and come in many shapes and colors such as white, pink, lavender and even black. The website [www.PearlParadise.com](http://www.PearlParadise.com) offers freshwater pearl necklaces, bracelets, earrings and sets starting at just \$19. For a different look, try cultured akoya pearls.

Every woman, no matter what her age or style, should have a beautiful strand of pearls. The website is the first western company in the world to own an akoya pearl farm, enabling them to produce the highest quality pearls. A classic strand of black or white akoya pearls from [www.PearlParadise.com](http://www.PearlParadise.com) starts at just \$170.

When it comes to luxury, go with quality over quantity. Instead of a leather coat, buy a pair of cashmere-lined leather gloves. Instead of a designer satchel bag, scale down with a small designer clutch. And remember, time is the ultimate luxury. A "gift certificate" promising to make a candlelight dinner or to watch the kids so someone can have a relaxing bubble bath is often the best and most heartfelt luxury of them all.



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# This Christmas, give the gift of spice

There are plenty of cookbooks and salsas to spread the warmth this winter

Only 20 more days 'till Christmas! If you're seeking suggestions for gifts, perhaps I can help. No. 1 on my list is – you guessed it – anything having to do with chile pepper. Today, I offer a slew of savory ideas, from chile-charged books to calendars to car emblems. If you have a pod-perfect suggestion, fire me an email. I'll share them with readers in next week's column. ¡Buenas fiestas, chileheads!

## Fruit Sauce

"Secrets of the Tsil Café" is a savory novel that includes recipes like this one.

**1/2 to 1 cup raspberries or other New World fruit**  
**2 ancho chiles**  
**2 to 3 tablespoons cocoa**  
**1 finely ground allspice seed\***  
**Marigold honey to taste**  
**Maple syrup for liquid and taste**

Put the fruit and chiles (cut into pieces) into a saucepan with a small amount of water. Heat until the dried chile is fully reconstituted, and has fully flavored the fruit. Blend until smooth, then return to saucepan and add coca, allspice, honey and maple syrup. Heat until thickened. Let cool, then pour over pudding. Top with more fruit. Watch other eaters for signs of pleasure.

\*Allspice (the cinnamon/clove of the New World): The Spanish called this little black berry pimienta de Jamaica (Jamaican pepper). Though it looks like a peppercorn, it is the seed of a West Indian evergreen tree. It spices sweet dishes made with pumpkin or avocado or sweetens hot-pepper dishes.

## Chile-Sparked Sweet Potato Soup

"Real Women Eat Chiles" is a cookbook tome loaded with traditional and inventive recipes such as this spicy soup.

This soup seems quite hearty and has a wonderful flavor, yet a serving has fewer than 150 calories. I particularly like the topping of crispy, crunchy tortilla shoestrings, which are very thinly cut, and toasted corn tortillas.

**2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dices**  
**4 scallions, thinly sliced (1 tablespoon sliced tops reserved for garnish)**  
**1 cup evaporated skim milk**  
**1 tablespoon ground, pure hot red chile, or to taste**  
**Few grates of fresh nutmeg**  
**Baked tortilla shoestrings for garnish (recipe below)**

Place the potatoes, scallions and 1 cup of water in a 2-quart glass or microwavable plastic bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave on full power for 10 minutes (see note).

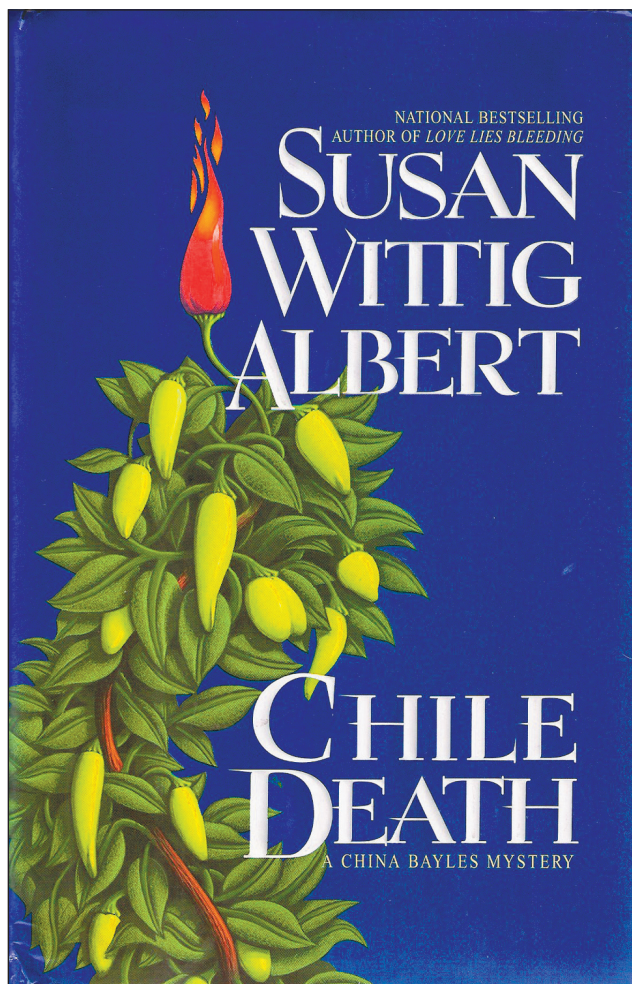
Transfer the potato mixture to a food processor. Add the milk and 2 teaspoons of the chile and process until pureed. Stir in the nutmeg. Return to the 2-quart container and microwave for about 2 minutes, or until hot. Serve each bowl garnished with the reserved chile, scallion and corn tortilla.

Note: To cook conventionally, place the sweet potatoes, 1-cup water and scallions in a heavy, medium saucepan, cover and simmer for about 15 minutes or until fork-tender. Purée as above, and heat to serving temperature.

Cooking time: 10-12 minutes in a microwave oven, 20-30 minutes in a conventional oven. Yields 4 servings.

## Tortilla Strips

**8 corn tortillas (6-inch size)**



Mystery novels underscored with chile pepper recipes, tales and lore make ideal gifts for this fiery-hot holiday season.

**Dust of your choice, such as Southwest seasoning salt or rub, ground pure red or green chile, dry southwestern salad dressing, or dip mix**

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Place the tortillas on a cutting board and cut them into 4 to 6 pieces. Arrange evenly on 1 large or 2 medium baking sheets. Dip your fingertips into a small bowl of water and sprinkle the tortillas or spray with a mister. Place the tortillas in the oven and bake for 5 minutes. Turn each piece and bake for 5 minutes longer. Remove from the oven and lightly sprinkle with whatever seasoning you wish, or shake the pieces in a bag containing the seasoning. These chips are best served warm. Freeze any remaining for reheating and serving later.

## Chile Pepper Liniment

"Chile Death" is a page-turner mystery that begins and ends at a Texas chili cook-off. Each chapter begins with bits and pieces of chile tales and lore and unusual recipes. This one by Alma R. Hutchens can be found in Chapter 19 on page 288.

**Tincture of capsicum (chile pepper, 2 fluid ounces)**  
**Extract of lobelia, 2 fluid ounces**  
**Oil of wormwood, 1 fluid dram**  
**Oil of rosemary, 1 fluid dram**  
**Oil of spearmint, 1 fluid dram**

Mix together and use externally as a liniment for sprains, bruises, rheumatism and neuralgia.

## Other fiery-hot gift ideas

Check out Amazon.com for bargain prices on these items:

Hot and Tasty Recipe Calendar for 2009 (Zebra Publishing, \$15.99)

"The Great Chiles Rellenos Book" (Ten Speed Press, May 2008, \$16.95)

"Frida's Fiestas: Recipes and Reminiscences of Life with Frida Kahlo" (Clarkson Potter, \$37.50)

"Secrets of the Wholly Grill: A Comic Novel about Software, Barbecue, and Cravings" (\$25)

Organic Rio Grande hot chile pepper - 50 seeds (Hirt's Gardens, \$2.99)

Solid sterling-silver chile pepper pendant (Silvermoon, \$9.90)

The Chile Grill 12 (Barr Brothers, \$26.99) can hold 12 stuffed jalapeños.

The red chile car emblem (Ring of Fire Enterprises, \$10.05)

Nine-ounce tin of chile-dusted pecans from Stahmanns found in La Mesa and Old Mesilla (<http://www.stamanns.com>).

Gourmet Southwestern condiments, meal mixes, salsas and seasonings blends from Tia Rita's and The Truck Farm in Las Cruces ([www.newmexicosown.com](http://www.newmexicosown.com)).

Ol' Gringo chile sauces and salsas (<http://www.olgringo.com>)

Bhut Jolokia seeds – the hottest of hot-pepper seeds – from the NMSU Chile Pepper Institute (CPI) Chile Shop ([www.chilepepperinstitute](http://www.chilepepperinstitute)). Note: Extremely hot and extremely difficult to grow. See CPI website for more details.

La Posta Chile Shop in Old Mesilla features every thing peppered with chiles including salsas, hot sauces, dips, snacks, linens, kitchenware, pottery, cookbooks, candy, painted tiles and posters (<http://www.laposta-de-mesilla.com>).

*Sunny Conley, a former Las Cruces, 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](mailto:sunnyconley@earthlink.net).*

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**\$99,999 and below**

**\$96,000 - High Range -** 3650 Morning Star Drive, Incredible unobstructed views of the mountains. Must see to believe. Carpeted balcony (patio); Phase 2

Morningstar Condo. Second Floor; one bedroom, one bath, with washer, dryer, refrigerator and dishwasher. MLS# 805233 Laurel A Coyle 575-650-3500 or Sarana Placker 642-6643, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$92,315 - Valley View - 520**

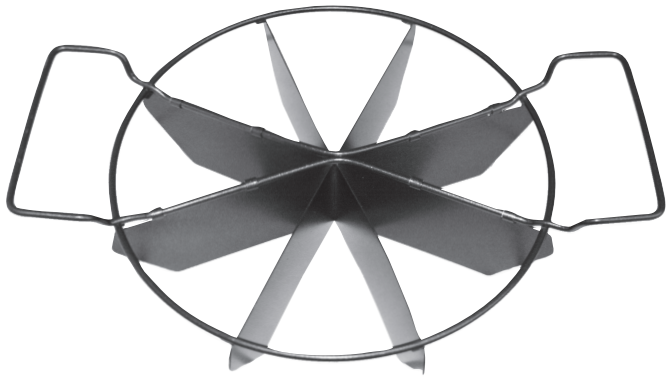
Colorado Avenue, Corner lot. Price includes two lots deeded separately; house sits on .1165 acre Zoned R-3. Buyer to satisfy themselves as to what can be done to the property with planning/zoning. MLS# 805219 Ronald Leone 642-7593, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$65,000 - South Valley -** 3329 Winterhaven Drive, Refurbished 2 bedroom 1 bath, 1978 model manufactured home .17 acre. Great yard, new roof, new paint, needs some work. 2-car carport, workshop. RE/MAX Infinity Jonathan Oshida or Cosette 524-8202 MLS#805262.

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Don't make a pie mess this Christmas. Use the pie slicer to make the ultimate pie presentation.

# The perfect slice of pie

## Gadget makes holiday meals even easier

By BETHANY CONWAY  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

So Thanksgiving is already over, and all that good food found its way into the bellies of hungry Las Cruces. For those who think they missed out, don't worry. There is plenty more feasting to come in December as families gather together and celebrate in the way they know best – with a smorgasbord of delightful dishes.

Perhaps the best part is the dessert – apple pies,

pumpkin pies, pecan pies, lemon meringue pies and more. There is no better way to top off a meal than with a piece of warm pie and a scoop of ice cream.

When it comes to removing a piece of pie intact from its tin, that's another story entirely. Just when one thinks a piece is cut through and ready to come out, it falls apart on delivery. For those notoriously bad pie cutters, check out this handy little tool.

### What is it?

The pie slicer is a wire rack that divides a pie into eight perfectly sliced, perfectly sized slices without any fuss. The sectioner is placed in the pan before baking, creating the perfect pie result. It will fit in any normal-sized pie pan.

### How does it work?

Before using the pie slicer for the first time, make sure to wash it thoroughly with soap and water. To use it, coat all surfaces with a non-stick spray. Make the pie as usual, then before placing the pie in the oven, insert the pie slicer firmly to make sure it cuts through the dough. Bake the pie as directed, and then allow it to cool completely before removing the slicer. For those planning a large bake sale or a huge family gathering, this little gadget may be just the thing to help create that perfect after-dinner treat.

### How much does it cost?

Like many gadgets out there, the pie slicer comes in different degrees of quality. Stainless-steel racks are ideal for the job and cost about \$20, but those of lesser quality can cost anywhere from \$10 to \$16.

### Where can it be found?

The local kitchen supply stores usually carry them, especially during the holidays. If not, like almost every thing else on Earth, they can be found online.

### Helpful hint:

It doesn't stop with pies. These dividers come in many shapes and sizes, and are even made to cut perfect slices of brownies and cakes.

*Featured kitchen gadget:  
the pie slicer*

### Quick and Easy Pumpkin Pie

- 1/2 cup canned or cooked pumpkin or squash
- 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- 12 ounce can of evaporated milk
- 1 unbaked pie shell



Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a large bowl combine pumpkin, sugar, salt, spices and molasses. Add eggs and milk and mix thoroughly. Pour into unbaked pie shell and bake at 425 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes. Let cool. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

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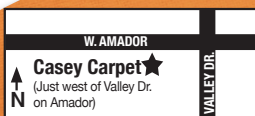
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