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Mesilla cuts worker hours

GRT drop takes toll on tourist town's income

By **TODD G. DICKSON**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Mesilla town trustees on Monday, Dec. 22, agreed to cut back the work week for the town's employees to try to avoid a projected deficit of more than \$250,000 in its \$1.3 million budget.

The shortfall facing Mesilla's municipal government is its heavy dependence on gross receipts taxes, which is primarily driven by tourist dollars.

Despite low gas prices, people aren't traveling as much, nor are people from the region frequenting the town's gift shops, galleries and restaurants as much as they used to.

"People aren't spending as much money as they did," lamented Trustee Carlos Arzabal Jr.

To save money on utilities, the town already switched over to a four-day work week, but with longer hours that still gave employees a full 40 hours each week. Instead of the longer hours, the four days that the town municipal offices are open will stick to the more common 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule, said Mayor Michael Cadena. That will mean the town's 28 employees will be taking home pay for 32 hours, instead of the full 40.

Trustees called the decision very difficult, and they expressed sympathy for the difficulties this will put on the families of those who work for the town, as well as the time of the decision so close to Christmas.

Besides employees, the town's five department heads, the trustees and mayor, members of the town's planning, zoning and historical commission, and

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The shopping never ends



Wendy Martinez picks up some gifts at Barnes and Noble Monday, Dec. 22, at the Mesilla Valley Mall. As the Christmas shopping season ends, the post-Christmas returns and sales of overstocked merchandise begin. Retailers have been reporting customer traffic to be better than anticipated, but that consumers are very bargain-conscious.

STEVE MACINTYRE
Las Cruces Bulletin

'Continuing the Dream' fulfilled

Mesilla Valley Hospice reaches multi-million dollar goal

By **BETHANY CONWAY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Mesilla Valley Hospice will hold a press conference Monday, Dec. 29, to announce the completion of their "Continuing the Dream" expansion project.

Started three years ago when the nonprofit was facing constant shortages in available rooms and space, the campaign has taken more than \$6 million of fundraising

and 150 volunteers to complete.

Additions to the hospice campus will include a new in-home care center and several garden areas, as well as additions to the La Posada building, including a new kitchen, chapel, dining hall, staff gym, maintenance area, donor area and several patient rooms.

It will transform the 18-bed La Posada facility to a 30-bed facility, which will help the nonprofit to eliminate their waiting list.

The facility will also have four fully landscaped garden spaces for patients to enjoy.

"We are the only self-standing hospice facility in the entire state of New Mexico, and have continued to be since 1998," Community Development Director Terra Van Winter said. "For our community of Doña Ana County to build this facility on community dollars to support a not-for-profit organization and to have this wonderful building, it's an attribute for the city to be proud of."

Officials pledge cooperation on future schools

City council, school board hold first joint session on growth

By **TODD G. DICKSON**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Public Schools is preparing to build a new high school, middle school and elementary school over the next few years, and district officials gave city council a full briefing on those plans at a joint meeting Thursday, Dec. 18, with the school board.

As far as anyone could remember, it was the first joint meeting of the two governing bodies that at times in the past had chafed at each other's plans and actions. Officials from both the second-largest school district in the state and the second-

largest school system in New Mexico credited open communications from their new bosses – City Manager Terrence Moore and LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds.

The two boards were first briefed on the future, fourth high school for the city, which will be located on Bureau of Land Management land leased to New Mexico State University near the state Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum off Dripping Springs Road.

Unlike Oñate High School, bringing the city into the early decision-making process should help the city be a partner in addressing issues such as road access, said board member Gene Gant. The building's

problem with roads was its then remote location on the East Mesa.

Rounds said the school district will ask the city to annex the new, 100-acre high school in order to address infrastructure issues like roads, as well as tapping into city water and wastewater systems.

The boards were shown conceptual designs of the new high school and how site development will aim to control storm water runoff concerns – and possibly improve that problem at the adjacent Farm and Ranch Museum. With the neighboring museum, Rounds noted, there's been some talk of creating a future "cultural development."

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Richard Branson and designer Burt Rutan walk aside the Virgin Mothership "Eve" in Mojave, Calif., on the eve of its official rollout on July 28, 2008. Last weekend, "Eve" successfully took a short maiden test flight. The aircraft will carry the SpaceShip2 for a high-altitude drop launch to take passengers on a rocket flight to suborbital space above Spaceport America, located 45 miles north of Las Cruces.

Mothership takes first flight

Spaceliner's carrier test called successful

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The aircraft to carry Virgin Galactic's new fleet of spaceliners into the sky from Spaceport America successfully completed a short, maiden test flight Sunday, Dec. 21, above the Mojave Desert in California.

The Virgin Mothership "Eve" is a larger version of the first White Knight that carried SpaceShipOne for back-to-back suborbital flights to win the \$10 million X PRIZE in 2004 as the first non-governmental system to reach space.

Billionaire Richard Branson bought the rights to develop the system into commercial use with Virgin Galactic, which will fly out of Spaceport America between Las Cruces and Truth or Consequences. The New Mexico project recently won its spaceport license from the Federal Aviation Administration.

The new mothership is made of composite materials and its design was conceived by aviation visionary Burt Rutan and his Mojave-based company Scaled Composites. The carrier is powered by four Pratt and Whitney PW308A turbofan engines and flew for an hour last Sunday morning.

According to SPACE.com, Virgin Galactic has on order five SpaceShipTwo rocket planes and two of the carrier craft, with options on more. When fully operational in 2010, Branson envisions Virgin Galactic flying about twice a day, carrying passengers who paid \$200,000 to reach the edge of planet's atmosphere and gravity pull.

"It all went well ... all the big things worked well," Rutan told SPACE.com. "Overall, 99 percent on target and everybody is really happy."

In the test flight, the aircraft reached an altitude of 16,000 feet.

Christmas giving



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Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of the Las Cruces Catholic Diocese leads children and families in singing Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Eastside Community Center on North Tornillo Street for the fourth Navidad en el Barrio Para Los Niños Christmas Event sponsored by the local chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens. Besides providing Christmas gifts to underprivileged children, the event also recognizes community donors. Ramirez told the children that Christmas isn't about getting gifts, but is a time to celebrate God's love and the love in people's hearts.

Swearing-in ceremony slated

DA will be county's lone Republican

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Winners of the 2008 election from Doña Ana County will gather for a swearing-in ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the county's Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

In all, 25 newly elected and re-elected officials are invited to the ceremony, which includes three new county commissioners,

a new county clerk, a new county treasurer, four state senators, seven state representatives, seven district judges, a magistrate judge and District Attorney Susana Martinez, the only Republican who ran for re-election without opposition.

The Hon. Jerald Valentine, chief judge of the Third Judicial District Court, will administer the oaths of office. Because of limited seating, attendance is by invitation.

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Opinions

The Christmas story

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

By **DAVID MCCOLLUM**
The Las Cruces Bulletin



MCCOLLUM

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

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

Christ Born of Mary

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

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

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

Glory in the Highest

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Luke 2:1-20

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

DAVID MCCOLLUM, publisher



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Continue Dobson column

We read a letter to the editor in your Dec. 19 issue of the Bulletin that was critical of James Dobson and his column. My husband and I are Christian public school teachers and parents who have appreciated his organization's books and other publications, radio programs, etc., for over 30 years now. We have always seen him as giving good counsel and as very loving. Never have we observed any of the objectionable characteristics the letter writer attributed to him. We feel his column offers very helpful advice for our community's families and hope that you will continue to run it in your paper.

KAREN and RANDY OLDHAM

Critic displays intolerance

Whether you were aware of it or not, you have printed (in the Dec. 19, letters to the editor) a perfect example of the observation, "if you don't like the message, kill the messenger."

There was no attempt in the letter to show with reason and wisdom that Dr. Dobson's message is any way incorrect, dangerous or inappropriate.

Further, we have before us a perfect example also of the "tolerance" of those who dislike, oppose, or otherwise disdain truth or ideas of others which should be worthy at least of the courtesy of discussion. This is the very "sin" of which the author accuses Dobson.

He has not supported his argument with reasoned ideas, but has attributed to Dobson attitudes and objectives that exist only in the mind of Mr. Mastellone.

It is in the realm of free speech to hear all sides of the ideas and principles under discus-

sion, not just one person's.

This is an example, also, of political correctness gone mad inasmuch as if one person, and one person only, is offended by the message, the message must be stopped and repudiated by any means necessary.

Keep up the good work.

ARTHUR PERKINS

Polar bears in New York?

The polar bears are back. I received a letter begging for donations to save these adorable creatures, both sides of the outer envelope festooned with pictures of a polar bear family.

For you polar bear huggers please go hug one. I estimate your life would end in about three seconds tops. You see they don't like to be hugged, but they do consider humans as tasty treats.

Do I advocate harming them? No! Leave them alone, vacation on spring break on Florida beaches. It has worked out fine for years, why start messing around with polar bears?

Did you know the top of the Empire State Building might have been at or below ice level once? The nearest beach to New Yorkers would have been about 180 miles to the east of New York Harbor. Polar bears were all over (literally) Manhattan, Staten Island, the Bronx, Brooklyn and we humans had nothing to do with it.

Some will say, "What about the methane gas release from lakes and the oceans?" Seismic burping caused by volcanic activity.

Better question why are we not harvesting it instead of ruining perfectly good corn to make about the same thing?

RON KEITH

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Jay Miller dreaming of a merry Santa Fe Christmas

Spending the Yule in Phoenix just a happy holiday

We'll be spending Christmas in Phoenix again this year. It's easier on the kids and grandkids. Besides our son-in-law always seems to be on call at Mayo Hospital on Christmas Day.

The entire family would rather be in Santa Fe's snow, farolitos, pine trees and icicles. Someday it may start happening again but until then, we will have to muse along with Irving Berlin about the white Christmas we are missing.

The Arizona Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix claims Berlin wrote "White Christmas" while sitting beside its magnificent pool. The verse of the song mentions orange and palm trees swaying but it also mentions being in Los Angeles where Berlin spent time writing movie scores.

The Biltmore says Berlin also was known to stay at that hotel and write songs. The only reason he didn't say Phoenix is that it doesn't rhyme with much of anything.

The Biltmore has been a landmark for nearly 80 years and has hosted many stars. Its pool is said to have been Marilyn Monroe's favorite. Many political events also are held there, including John McCain's election night party.

New Yorkers, of course, say Berlin wrote the song there despite the orange and palm tree references. They contend that since Berlin didn't read or write music, he composed on a piano, which would have been difficult by the pool.

Maybe Berlin wrote it both places. Since he wrote both words and music, he might have written the words by the Biltmore pool. Regardless, it has been the world's most

popular song.

Berlin got the secular Christmas music tradition started on Tin Pan Alley with "White Christmas." Numerous others followed during the 1940s, mostly written by Jewish songwriters.

They weren't offended about Christmas. Many were immigrants, as was Berlin, and they were embracing everything American. And since America is majority Christian, they were willing to participate in the experience without partaking of the religious aspect.

But today the attitude seems to be different. We worry about offending others. "Happy holidays" has replaced "Merry Christmas" in stores and in public places.

The problem isn't that there is a law against Christmas greetings and Christmas displays. Maybe it is a fear that in our litigious society there will be court suits from non-Christians so its easier to save the hassle and back down.

There still are Christmas displays on public property but there will usually be a plastic reindeer or a Santa Claus thrown in. Three years ago, when New Mexico provided the tree for the U.S. Capitol, House Speaker Dennis Hastert decreed that it would be renamed the Capitol Christmas Tree instead of the Capitol Holiday Tree.

Actually, the observance of Christmas has had a mixed history in the United States. Early settlers on the East Coast strictly opposed Christmas celebrations because they encouraged public drunkenness, shooting and swearing.

JAY MILLER
Inside the Capitol



And since the Bible doesn't mention Dec. 25, the date must have been derived from pagan customs. The attitude spread to mainstream churches. Throughout the 1800s, mainstream churches still were trying to hold the line on Christmas celebrations by not accepting the day as a holy one.

But gradually feelings began to change. Clement Clarke Moore's "Visit From St. Nicolas" at mid-century gave a family feeling to Christmas. Political cartoonist Thomas Nast's cartoons created an image of a jolly Santa who gave gifts to children.

By the early 1900s, the retail industry had caught on that Christmas could become a buying bonanza. It is now abundantly obvious where that has led.

Will Christmas always be celebrated in the manner it is now? Will tough economic times mean a long term de-emphasis on compulsive buying? It appears that is what happened this year. Retail merchants are feeling a major pinch. And Christian churches are urging their congregations to find ways to make Christmas a more spiritual day.

Our nation always has had a dynamic society. Change could be coming.

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Coaches should be judged by the content of their character

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

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

This week the controversy is: "Will New Mexico State University hire a black football coach?" I am very offended by the question because it is illegal for government entities to use race as a method of making decisions. Decisions must be based on the content of their character.

More so, after 40 years of having white and black coaches, NMSU is still witless about NCAA Division I sports. It is not about skin color, nor is it about who NMSU picks as coach; rather, it is if the NMSU leaders have learned their lesson about the better-financed programs in football overwhelmingly winning against lesser-financed programs like NMSU.

The question that should have been asked is, "How much longer is NMSU going to play Texas and Nebraska, or in the WAC for that matter, before they either pony up considerably more money for athletics or drop down a division to

programs with equivalent financing?"

The "blackness" or not of the NMSU football coach has nothing to do with the fact that all but the hardcore Aggie faithful fans have turned their backs on NMSU for most of 40 years. There is an old saying in business: The customer is not always right but the customer always is the one with the money. Even more to the point, "If people don't want to come out to the ball park, nobody's gonna stop 'em," said Yogi Berra.

NMSU has held a referendum on their philosophy of running an athletic program. The fans voted with their feet, they want value for value. In fact, the potential NMSU fans really want to believe in the Aggies but have spent 40 years being disappointed.

This upcoming NMSU decision of which sucker, rather coach, to throw in with the lions (not the winless NFL team) cannot be about race because race plays no part in football unless someone of evil intent makes it so. The decision of the next football coach at NMSU is all about if the leadership at NMSU will give the fans what they want.

Look how quickly the fans came to love Reggie Theus, not for the color of his skin but for the content of his character that he brought to our little burg.

He came and a lackluster basketball program became the hottest ticket in town. Again, the fans did not come to see a black coach; they came to trade their hard earned money for a good time and were well rewarded.

Theus is always welcome here in Las Cruces as far as I am concerned. It was really fun to hear him on the radio and see him coaching. He made me feel good. I felt a little of that same enjoyment with former football coach Tony Samuels and none of it with Hal Mumme. Should I mention that one of those two was black? No!

Finally, let me quibble with the moniker "black" because with our new president we are descriptively adrift. Is Obama black or white? Yes to both. So

how do you describe him? President-elect Obama is importantly of African heritage, the first of his heritage to become our president. NMSU has and has had coaches of African heritage. I hope they are a coach at NMSU for the content of their character rather than the color of their skin.

Please NMSU give me a good reason to come to next season's games other than to support the witless policies of competition that have not been successful in 40 years. The battle is not about black and white, it is about giving fans a reason to be joyful.

Theus did that — so it can be done.

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Cowboyness test

One of the hazards of being a colorful duck in the flock is that you are an easy target!

In my travels, my "cowboyness" is routinely tested. If

I'm speaking at a rodeo they will graciously invite me to ride in the grand entry.

It's always a good bet that I better check the cinch myself and be ready. I spoke in the auction barn at Fort Pierre. They asked if I'd ride into the sale ring and furnished me a horse. Upon entering, I had to duck under a door that just cleared the saddle horn. As I appeared in the ring, the crowd cheered and the horse spooked! As we raced around the ring, I had the horse's head pulled clear back to my crotch! On the third pass I bailed out into the auctioneer's box and you could hear the wood splinter as the horse shot under the door!

I've ridden horses in parades, through crowds, on stage, through branding fires and into hotel dining rooms. In one forced exhibition of my roping skills at a ranch rodeo, I had to chase the steer around the arena four times before he finally stopped, exhausted in a corner where I caught him. I explained to my critics that this is representative of how we do it in real life.

When I'm doing a program, I usually wear a colorful shirt and scarf with a braided scarf slide. Some might suggest that in real life "real cowboys" just tie their scarf, but I wear my scarf slide in self defense.

You see, often after a show, my hosts take me out for late night breakfast or a beer at the local watering hole. Occasionally, a belligerent,

loud-mouth, had-one-too-many trouble-maker insists on physically critiquing my attire. As he

approaches, I can quickly jerk the scarf slide off and prevent being strangled.

Recently, a well-meaning lady perused my website and emailed me calling attention to my lack of cowboy correctness. She pointed out that in one picture I was wearing bat wing chaps without tapaderas, that the picture negative was reversed because it made me look left-handed. And, if I was left-handed, God forbid, that I had my rope coiled up and hung on the right side of my swells. Then she quoted Walt Woodward, famous team roper, who said that left-handed heelers should take a week off and then quit. Her criticism was well meant, she said, and only given to help save my reputation. In defiance, I wrote her that I was wearing leggings, not batwings and that the mesquite had worn the wings off my tapaderas.

Then, alas, I realized as I took up my pencil to write the column – with my left hand – that cowboy cartoon characters like Jake, Elmo, Earl and me aren't supposed to win.

I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Foster inducted to 4-H Hall of Fame

Sixteen in state honored in ceremony at NMSU

Doña Ana County resident Larry Foster is among the 4-H leaders and supporters who were inducted into the New Mexico 4-H Hall of Fame in December at New Mexico State University. The induction ceremony included individual recognition for the inductees, an unveiling of new nameplates on the hall of fame plaque and a reception.

The hall of fame, established in 2002, honors 4-H members, volunteer leaders, fair superintendents, advisory board members, 4-H Foundation trustees and former faculty with NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service, which administers 4-H statewide.

"These 16 individuals have given cumulatively more than 436 years of service to the New Mexico 4-H Program," said Frank Hodnett, department head of the Extension Service's 4-H youth development. "Including this group of inductees, we have inducted 146 individuals and couples into the hall of fame."

Joining Foster as this year's inductees were Laura Caffey, Nona Cottrell and Charlie Ortiz, all of Bernalillo County; Jessie Fitzgerald of Cibola County; the late LaHonda Fox and the late Billy Jeff Kyle, both of De Baca County; Johnny Ogden and the late Clara Franklin, both of Roosevelt County; Daniel and Kelly Vallo of Sandoval County; Beatriz Gonzales, Gilbert Segura and the late Mary Baca Olguin, all of Taos County; and Lilly Joy Moon and the late Cecil E. Moon of Quay County.

Foster has been active in the 4-H shooting sports program since its inception in New Mexico. He has helped with the state contest, acting as the event director of the rifle competition for many years. He has also helped to certify many of the volunteer leaders in shooting sports programs throughout the state.

He has volunteered as a hunter education instruc-



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Larry Foster, left, receives his New Mexico 4-H Hall of Fame inductee plaque from Frank Hodnett, 4-H state director, during the annual induction ceremony Dec. 10 at New Mexico State University.

tor. In 1991, he started the Youth Hunter Education Challenge. Through his devotion to the shooting sports, Foster has touched many young people in New Mexico. Many of the youth that came through these programs are now working as game officers with New Mexico Game and Fish, and some volunteer their time helping the youth of New Mexico in the 4-H Shooting Sports and Youth Hunter Education Challenge programs.

Crime Stoppers: March 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.

If you have any information regarding

Wilson's death, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 800-897-2746.

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At the NMSU President's Christmas Party



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NMSU Interim President Waded Cruzado hosted a Christmas party at the Stan Fulton Center on Thursday, Dec. 18, for faculty and friends of the university. At left, Cruzado greets Dr. Rama Devastahali.



Diane Bass and Business College Dean Garrey Carruthers, standing, visit with Brenda and Joe Alvarez of EMI Technologies.



Jennifer Kozlowski, Kevin McGrath and Lenore LaVerne



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C.O. Marricle teaches the importance of agriculture

Students learn where food really comes from

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

C.O. Marricle's method of merging agriculture into his fifth-grade class at Fairacres Elementary School has won him his second straight New Mexico Farm and Livestock Educator of the Year Award.

"I try to incorporate agriculture in all of my classes," he said, which includes reading, science, mathematics, social sciences and language and arts. "Because a lot of the students are under the impression that food comes from the store. And I want them to know that this Mesilla Valley has its roots based on agriculture."

He works agriculture into social studies by assigning students to research a person who was involved in agriculture and write a biography. The students

carry the message to other students with what Marricle calls his Wax Museum. His students station themselves in the halls with nametags, and, when passing, students press the nametags and "they give the farmer's biographical presentation," Marricle said.

In his Onion Math, his students measure onion rings to determine the relationship between diameter and circumference. Anna and Steve Lyles of the Lyles Family Farm donate chile, tomatoes and onions to his class so the students can make salsa, and he also incorporates that into a mathematics lesson.

"We pour the salsa into different shaped containers with gradations to show volume," he explained. "And they learn by the gradations that the shape of the containers doesn't change the volume."

Dalene Hodnett, director of the bureau's Agriculture in the Classroom program said of Marricle's award: "C.O.'s students are

very fortunate to have a teacher who is so passionate about education. They benefit daily from his interest in our state's history of farming and ranching and how that ties into modern food production."

As the award recipient, Marricle will attend the National Agriculture Conference June 23-27 in St. Louis.

Marricle's program includes a "classroom garden," which he is planning to enlarge and to add better teaching tools. The old garden measures 8-by-16 feet and is bordered by old wooden cross ties. Last year, students raised tomatoes and watermelons using drip irrigation, part of their water conservation instruction. But he is looking beyond that with plans to add three old tractor tires with five-foot diameters to build raised gardens.

"The tire colors and raised garden mass will retain more heat to promote growth," Marricle said. "By doing

this, we'll be recycling tires and conserving water. We should get excellent plant growth and we'll monitor the plants to see how the raised gardens improve growth."

Farmers are concerned at the rate cropland is being converted into residential and commercial development, and he is making students aware of the trend through land stewardship.

"If the housing and commercial development pattern continues, the valley no longer will be an agricultural land," he said. "The prices of land and farm operating costs are going up, and we have to learn how to get the most out of the land that we have. I teach my students that this can be done through improved farm techniques, technology and education to use less land to get more production."

"I feel that kids today need to have a clear and working knowledge of how important agriculture is to our country," he said. "They need to know that histori-

I always point out that the first leaders of our country were farmers. Washington, Adams and Jefferson were agriculturists.

C.O. Marricle
Fairacres teacher



MARVIN TESSNEER | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Fairacres Elementary teacher C.O. Marricle and student Noah Pierce discuss what he learned while making wreaths for the language and arts class.

cally, agriculture is the backbone of any country."

Each year, his students present an Agriculture Day when people from New Mexico State University, FFA and 4-H Club, NMF&L Bureau, Curtis Creighton of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee and businessmen give talks. Parents help as volunteers.

The Arnold Brothers pecan partnership planted two mature pecan trees on the campus as an instructional aid.

"The students could watch how they transplant pecan trees with a mechanical tree spade," Marricle said. "And they are responsible for watering and pruning the trees and weed control."

One of his next projects will be installing a compost tumbler, a barrel holding fermenting compost that the students flip to get a good mixture. The compost would contain grass clippings, leaves and cafeteria leftovers.

"The compost would be used as a mulch in our garden and around our trees," he explained. Students have planted more than 20 trees.

Marricle has attended Agriculture in the Classroom conferences the last three summers, plus the national conference last summer in Costa Mesa, Calif.

"I was able to network with other educators, gather ideas and materials and take part in workshops and field trips," he said. "Presentations by national award winners inspired me to apply for the state award again this year in order to qualify for the national award. This was a wonderful experience, and I plan to use the knowledge I gained to expand my students' knowledge and appreciation for agriculture in our county."

Marricle was one of several applicants for the award, and in his application he wrote: "I always point out that the first leaders of our country were farmers. Washington, Adams and Jefferson were agriculturists. My students are exposed to agriculture because we are in a rural setting. I feel that we are fortunate to be able to have fresh produce that is grown locally. As a former FFA student, I feel that the impact that agriculture has had on me

is extremely positive, and I want my students to experience that same impact. I always reinforce the concept that food doesn't come from the store.

"My students learn about self-sufficiency, supply and demand, cause and effect as it applies to agriculture. We discuss why we need to maintain and be stewards of the land and how the housing growth affects agriculture. I emphasize how precious water is and how to conserve it. I am planning to track the hours we've spent working in our garden this year so students can see the economic impact of paying laborers to maintain and harvest our crops."

Each spring, Fairacres fifth grade teachers conduct a science fair. This year Marricle's students will conduct activities involving the plant-life cycle, seed germination, water conservation and recycling. He brings Cody Lightfoot's Mobile Dairy to the school to demonstrate how milk is produced, safe food handling and how to make butter.

In many of his agricultural activities students are required to write journals and reports. Several other activities take his students out of the classroom:

- A partnership with Steve and Anna Lyles who provide produce for the Harvest of the Month at their U-Pick Garden. Students select pods to make chile salsa and learn about safe food handling.
- Trips to the Southern New Mexico State Fair where students interview fair volunteers and present their findings in class.
- Participation in the El Paso Electric Co. conservation awareness program. Students conduct surveys with their parents about water and electricity conservation. And they receive kits that contain compact fluorescent bulbs and water-saving shower heads.
- Tours of the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park, Jornada Range Experiment Station and the Mesilla Bosque State Park where students learned about the encroachment of non-native plants on pasture land, improved cattle breeding, rotating pastures to avoid overgrazing, wildlife and how humans affect nature.



The Outdoor Classroom is an important part of Marricle's agriculture program and these students work on the garden: Noah Pierce, Jay T. Arnold, Erick Cereceres and Johnathon Hidalgo.

City participates in safe-house program

Children in danger can look for McGruff signs

In early 2009, Las Cruces will become the third community in the nation – and the first in New Mexico – to put a McGruff Safe House program in place, thanks to the Las Cruces Public Schools Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools Program. Cooperating partners include the City of Las Cruces and Mayor Ken Miyagishima, the Las Cruces Police Department, the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department and the Mesilla Town Marshal's office.

Under the program, homes are identified as safe houses with large, colorful signs in their front windows. That way, if a Las Cruces child gets lost, is being chased by a dog, feels threatened by an adult or another child or finds him- or herself in any kind of a "dangerous, scary situation," that child can go to a McGruff Safe House where they will be guaranteed shelter until authorities are contacted, said Title IV Coordinator Dennis Zamora.

"Safe havens are essential for our kids," said Zamora. "Our goal is to have a McGruff Safe House in every part of our community by the end of 2009."

Here's how the McGruff Safe House program works:

Individuals are asked to sign up to make their homes safe houses for Las

Cruces children by Friday, Jan. 9.

Background and fingerprint checks will be conducted on Fridays, Jan. 16 and 23, on every adult in every house before that house is approved as a McGruff Safe House.

The background checks will be conducted by the Las Cruces Police Department and the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, thanks to a grant LCPS received from the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), said Zamora.

The house resident volunteers receive training in appropriate responses to children and how to help.

Each home approved as a McGruff Safe House must have a working telephone on its premises, so parents and/or the appropriate law enforcement agency can be contacted immediately.

The program's official kickoff will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the LCPS Administration Building, said Zamora.

The application form to become a McGruff Safe House volunteer is on the LCPS website: www.lcps.k12.nm.us. Look for the yellow McGruff Safe House logo.

Zamora said the program also will include a McGruff Safe Truck program. After staff background checks are conducted, trucks in the LCPS

Physical Plant Department fleet will be identified with highly visible McGruff Safe Truck stickers. Then, if a child is lost or afraid, he or she can approach the individuals in that vehicle for immediate help. No private vehicles will be included in the program, he said.

"I am proud that the Physical Plant can help in providing a service that can have such a positive impact upon a child," said PPD Director Bobby Stout.

"We want to make every child in Las Cruces feel as safe as we possibly can, no matter what," said Zamora. "The McGruff Safe House/Truck program is a fantastic way for our entire community to work together for child safety. And, with the NCPC grant paying for the background checks and signage, there is virtually no cost to the school district or the community," he said.

The Las Cruces McGruff Safe House/Truck program is being administered by a committee comprised of Zamora; Mesilla Elementary School counselor Ollie Ziehl and kindergarten teacher Jeana Gutierrez; Doña Ana Elementary School counselor Rebekah Martinez and first-grade teacher Kerry Sandoval; Central Elementary School counselor Maria Escobedo and first-grade teacher Reba Gantz; LCPD Officer Eric Sanchez; Town of Mesilla Deputy Marshal Jeff Gray; and Doña Ana County Sheriff's Deputy Alan Franzoy.

For more information, contact Zamora at 527-5868 or dzamora@lcps.k12.nm.us.



In the News

Spelling bee scheduled

The Oñate High School Performing Arts Center will host the 2009 Las Cruces City Spelling Bee beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, said Columbia Elementary School Assistant Principal Kathy Norris. Norris, LCPS Director of Elementary Instruction Elizabeth J. Marrufo and Assistant Principals Rosa Apodaca (MacArthur Elementary) and Marcie Behrens (Mesilla Park Elementary) are working together to prepare for this year's event, said Norris.

Norris said a total of 29 Las Cruces schools are expected to participate in this year's event, including 21 elementary schools, five middle schools, one charter school and two private schools.

NMSU professor and Las Cruces actor and director Richard Rundell will again serve as word pronouncer, as he has done for many years.

Norris noted a couple of changes in the 2009 event from previous years:

"Words for the spelling bee will come from the 'Spell It! 2009' study guide that the students get for free from their schools. This year, words will also come from the list of words from the School Bee. These words are not given to the students to study," said Norris.

"We will pick the winner and second-place winner to go

to the state bee. Before, our one winner would go to the Regional Bee in El Paso. They have changed this so that we go to our state bee in Albuquerque," said Norris. The state spelling bee will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at Highland High School in Albuquerque.

For more information, contact Norris at 527-1561 or knorris@lcps.k12.nm.us.

Emergency training offered

Emergency response personnel from seven southern New Mexico counties will be among the first to participate in a pilot program to test a national format for developing an agricultural emergency annex to their county emergency operations plan.

During the Strengthening Communities Through Agrosecurity Planning training, participants will discuss the agricultural industry in each of their counties and what would be the response procedures within their counties during an agricultural emergency, whether it is caused by natural disasters, disease or humans.

New Mexico State University's College of Agriculture and Home Economics' Southwest Border Food Safety and Defense Center, the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Extension

Service academy nominations made

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman has announced his nominees from southern New Mexico for admission to each of the nation's four service academies.

Each year Bingaman selects students for nomination to the Air Force Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy, the Military Academy and the Naval Academy. The United States service academies are the country's premier officer-training programs.

The selection of nominees was based on the recommendations of Bingaman's Service Academy Nomination Review Board, which is made up of New Mexicans from around the state. The board recommends candidates according to academic achievements, extra-curricular activities and leadership potential. Each academy will make the final selection for an offer of appointment in the coming months.

Among the students nominated are:

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Kyle A. Casci
Las Cruces High School

United States Military Academy

Clinton L. Essary
Alamogordo High School
Croix C. Miller
Oñate High School
Scostia Peterson
Alamogordo High School
Katherine L. Stone
Oñate High School

United States Naval Academy

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At the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference



Participants of the 76th Joint Civilian Orientation Conference watch an AV-8B Harrier take off from the flight deck of the USS Iwo Jima in Greece. The Harrier does not need a typical runway, as it takes off vertically. The JCOC is the Pentagon's oldest existing outreach program, which teaches civilian leaders about the military and national defense.

KEVIN J. GRUENWALD
U.S. Defense Department



JERRY MORRISON | U.S. Defense Department

Participants in the 76th Joint Civilian Orientation Conference board a Marine CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter en route to the USS Iwo Jima in Souda Bay, Greece. The JCOC participants took a seven-day trip through the European Command.



U.S. Defense Department

Las Cruces City Manager Terrence Moore visited the Pentagon as a participant of the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference in September. From the Pentagon, Moore and his classmates visited military installations throughout Europe. He recently shared his experience with members of the White Sands Missile Range's Association of the U.S. Army.



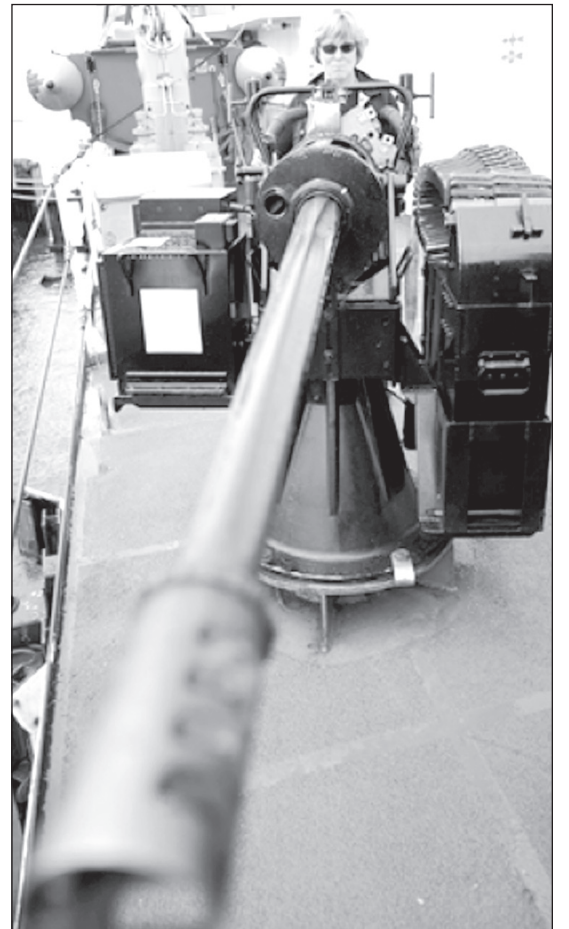
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It was a bumpy ride as participants took a boat tour over the horizon on the Naval Air Station in Rota, Spain.



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Nearly 50 Americans from all walks of life participated in the 76th Joint Civilian Orientation Conference tour, which began at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.



JERRY MORRISON | U.S. Defense Department

"I preferred the AK-47 myself," Moore said about his experience with military weapons. Here the participants are on a tour aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Dallas docked on the Naval Air Station in Rota, Spain.

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Thursday - 6:30 pm

Doña Ana County Commission meetings.

Friday - 5:30 pm

5:30 pm - LCPS School Board Connection
6:30 pm - Rebroadcast of the Planning and Zoning Meeting.

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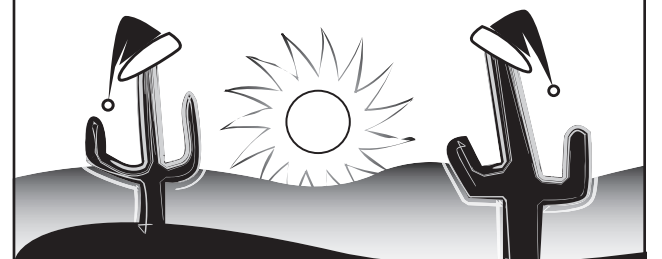
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NMSU Police hits 50th anniversary



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Mel Holguin, left, and his brother Lou Holguin look at old pictures of the early New Mexico State University Police Department that celebrated its 50th anniversary on Monday, Dec. 22, at the NMSU Police Department headquarters. Looking on at far right is Art Marquez, NMSU Police's first chief in 1958. Before NMSU President Roger Corbett created the university police department, the campus was sporadically patrolled by the Sheriff's Department and State Police. Still, the department started off small with three patrol cars, which inspired a joke from those days: "Calling all car."



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While waiting in line for food to be served outside NMSU Police headquarters, current NMSU Police Chief Jaime Chavez, middle, visits with Marquez and Holguin. Holguin helped Marquez start the campus police department in 1958. Before establishing the NMSU Police Department, Marquez was a deputy sheriff and Holguin was a city police officer.

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Federated Republican Women officers



The Doña Ana County chapter of the Federated Republican Women recently elected new officers. They are, from left, Anna Mae Evans, vice president; Betty Brooks, secretary; Catherine Fuller, president; Dawn MacPherson, treasurer; and Mary Thompson, past president. The group holds regular luncheons with guest speakers and participates in several charitable activities throughout the year.

Seeing Green

Green is everywhere, but what does it mean? Green means environmentally friendly products that reduce harmful emissions of Carbon Dioxide CO₂ or lower the amount of energy used. It can also mean keeping "green" in your pocket. Sun-Tech Services, Inc., wants you to know it pays to Go Green!

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Coming Up

Lake Lucero tour Saturday

Two ranger-guided trips to the gypsum crystal beds of Lake Lucero, the source of the white sands, are scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 27.

Reservations are required and can be obtained by calling White Sands National Monument headquarters at 679-2599 or 479-6124, ext. 236. A special use fee is charged for the tour; \$3 per person ages 16 and older, \$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.

The first tour will begin at 10 a.m. at the Small Missile Range Gate intersection with U.S. Highway 70, 25 miles west of White Sands National Monument headquarters, between mileposts 174 and 175. The trip will return to the Small Missile Range Gate at 1 p.m. Participants will drive their own vehicles 17 miles over paved roads across the White Sands Missile Range to the Lake Lucero trailhead, then hike 3/4 mile to the lake.

The second tour will begin at 2 p.m. at the Small Missile Range Gate.

The trip will return to the Small Missile Range Gate at 5 p.m.

All vehicles should have a spare tire and sufficient gasoline for the 34-mile round trip to the Lake Lucero trailhead. Each person should have sufficient drinking water, a snack if desired, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, stout walking shoes and suitable dress for the weather. Cameras may not be used while passing through the missile range, but are encouraged for use while at the monument lake area.

Space academy deadline nears

Wednesday, Dec. 31, is the deadline for math and science teachers to apply to the 2009 Honeywell Space Academy Program.

See the application at www.honeywell.com/hhs, or visit www.spacecamp.com/webmail/0812Honeywell/HWScholarship.pdf for scholarship information.

The 2009 program will take place at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. on June 14-18, June 21-25 or June 28 to July 2.

Teachers can apply for the advanced program at www.spacecamp.com/webmail/0812Honeywell/2009HoneywellApplication.pdf. The deadline for that application is Jan. 15.

For more information, contact Kat Balch, director of education for the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, One Tranquility Base, Huntsville, AL 35805, or visit www51.honeywell.com/hhs/contactus.html to send an email.

Mountain View Market lecture

Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, will present their Natural Health Dinner Lecture Series from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday Jan. 3, and Saturday, Jan. 10. Katharine Lark Chrisley, will speak on maintaining good health through nutrition. The \$75 admission fee includes dinner. Pre-registration is required by Monday, Dec. 29. For more information or to register, call 523-0436.

Advisory council set to meet

The Las Cruces Public Schools District Advisory Council (DAC) will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, in Conference Room A of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249.

DAC was created in 1994 and is comprised of representatives from every LCPS school.

DAC meets the first Monday of each month throughout the school year.

Upcoming meetings during the remainder of the 2008-09 school year are scheduled for Feb. 2, March 2, April 6 and May 4.

For more information, contact Kathy Vigil at 527-5802 or kvigil@lcps.k12.nm.us.

Learn healthy food choices

Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, will host a presentation by Sophia Starheart on food choices, recipes and supplements that help with "getting the glow," from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7. Admission to the event, titled "Raw For Beauty," is \$55.

For more information, call 523-0436.

Tech rescue group meets

The Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad will be having its monthly team meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Metropolitan Deli, 1001 E. University Ave., next to Kinko's. Anyone interested is encouraged to join. For more information, contact 650-6062 or visit www.omtrs.org.

SWQH announces next meet

The Southwest Quarter Horse Association will hold its next show on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 10 and 11, at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

Exhibitors who compete in the show can earn points to qualify for competition in the American Quarter Horse Association or AQHA youth division championships.

In addition to performance events, the show includes halter classes that judge horses on balance, muscling and breed characteristics.

Learn to grow a garden

Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, will host a presentation "Growing a Garden of Delights" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11. Admission is \$22.

For more information, call 523-0436.

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Library computer classes

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will offer another series of computer classes during the month of January. The classes include: Know Your PC, Internet for Beginners, Know Your Library Online, Word 2007, Power Point 2007 and Excel 2007. Registration is required for all classes.

Registration will be in person only from 8 to 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 5, by calling 528-4005 after 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 5, to register by phone or by visiting <http://library.las-cruces.org> to register online. Class size is limited to six people.

Visit the Reference desk at Branigan Library or the library website calendar at <http://library.las-cruces.org> for a complete schedule of classes.

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.

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.

Sojourning Masons meet

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.

For more information, call 642-0257 or 525-2159, or visit www.zianet.com/ae4w/dad78.



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Notice is hereby given that upon the recommendation of the Rio Grande Natural Gas Association Board of Directors, monthly residential customers charge to furnish natural gas service to all its residential customers in Dona Ana County will become effective on Jan. 1, 2009.

APPENDIX: A

Monthly Customer Charge January 1, 2009 – Residential, \$11.00

A complete copy of the tariff is available for inspection at the RGNGA office located at 715 E. Idaho 2-B, Las Cruces, NM 88001. For public input call (575) 526-6157.

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APPENDIX: A

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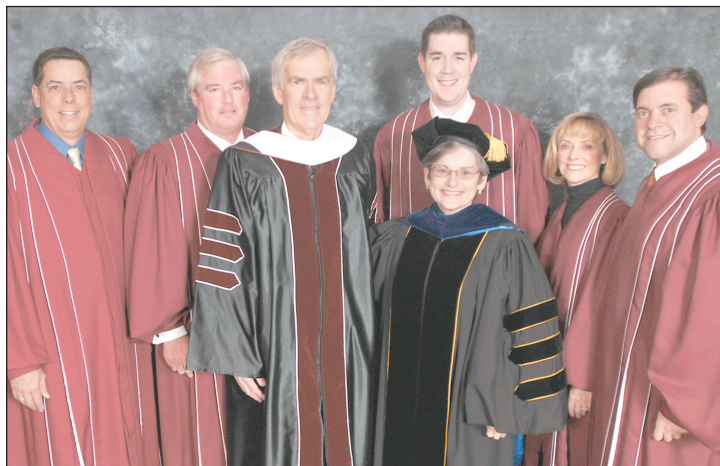
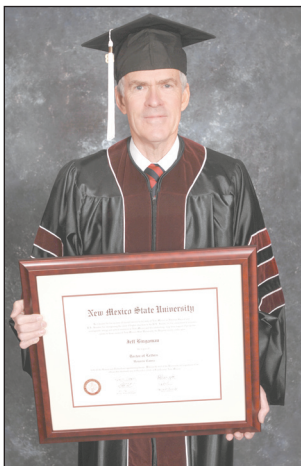
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Bingaman awarded honorary doctorate by NMSU

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman holds his honorary doctoral diploma he received from New Mexico State University at the university's Dec. 13 commencement ceremony. With the retirement of Sen. Pete Domenici, Bingaman will be the senior senator from New Mexico next month.



U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, third from left, poses with NMSU Interim President Waded Cruzado and members of the NMSU Board of Regents just prior to the Dec. 13 commencement ceremony.

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Planning

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Rounds said he's pushing for the new high school to open its doors by August 2011 and for ground to be broken on its construction by this coming June or August.

The district also will be asking the city to annex some land along Peachtree Hill Road on the East Mesa, where state trust will be used for the construction of a new elementary and middle school.

The new school campuses, Rounds said, will provide plenty of green space and bike paths.

"In all site development, we're very cognizant of shared use and green space between buildings," he said.

All agreed the meeting was useful to council members and they vowed to meet more regularly in the future. Moore said he would like to go even further and hold a similar meeting with the school board and county commission.



Herb Torres, associate superintendent for operations at Las Cruces Public Schools, talks about future schools to a joint meeting Thursday, Dec. 18, of the school board and city council.

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Mesilla

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Municipal Judge Lionel Fietze all agreed to 20 percent cuts in the compensation they receive.

"This is truly an across the board effort," Cadena said. "I don't know anyone who's happy about this. But we really don't have any other choice."

The cuts – along with further reductions in utility expenses with the reduced hours – is expected to trim about \$150,000 from the shortfall. The cuts begin Jan. 4, 2009, and will last until at least June 30, 2009.

Arzabal made a point to confirm that the cutback in hours won't mean a reduction in health and other benefits for the town's employees.

Meanwhile, local merchants at Monday's meeting asked the trustees to work with them to make a stronger effort to attract tourists. A starting place, they said, is to put off banning them from using "sandwich-board signs" to help them attract business. The town recently sent letters to a number of businesses informing them that they were violating the town's signage code.

Janyce Leone whose Solamente de Mesilla shop is just off the main plaza told the trustee that putting out a "sandwich-board sign" with the words "Got salsa?" has increased her business by 76 percent.

Some kind of signage needs to be permitted to help attract tourists and other customers to the businesses, said Kathleen Foreman of Josefina's Gate.

In light of the budget crunch, the trustees and mayor said they are willing to work with the merchants to find creative solutions that still respects Mesilla's "old town" character.

Free Christmas tree recycling offered

Compost also available

Las Cruces residents who need to dispose of their Christmas trees can have them recycled. The City of Las Cruces Recycling Center, 2855 W. Amador Ave., will chop old Christmas trees and turn them into compost.

Residents can drop off their trees during regular Recycling Center business hours:

Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

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Closed on Sundays

The center will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day and close early at 2 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Trees must not have trunks larger than five inches in diameter. Residents must also take off all decorations and tinsel. Free compost is available at the Recycling Center.

Residents who do not wish to have their trees recycled can have them picked up by the city's Grappler Service. However, if trees are picked up, they will be thrown away and not be turned into compost.

For more information, call the Solid Waste Department at 528-3700 or go to www.las-cruces.org/utilities.

RESERVOIR UPDATE

The Natural Resources Conservation Service's Snow Telemetry stations reported two feet of snow in higher elevations as storms moved across the mountains in northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado.

The Upper Rio Grande Basin snow pack is 115 percent of average, compared with 147 percent a year ago, according to the NRCS report.

The Rio Grande flow at San Marcial measuring station is 752 cubic-feet-per-second, 54 percent of average, as it continues to receive irrigation return flows from southern Colorado. The Bureau of Reclamation expects the flow to continue from 700 to 800 cfs for the rest of December.

The reservoir storage figures are:

- Elephant Butte – 617,269 acre-feet, 31 percent of a full reservoir, an increase of 6,350 acre-feet, 59 feet below the spillway, elevation 4,348 feet.
- Caballo – 21,271 acre-feet, 9 percent of capacity, up 473 acre-feet.

At MMC's Christmas tree auction

PHOTOS BY TODD DICKSON



Memorial Medical Center pathologist Maureen De Armond admires the tree she won in the hospital's tree auction.



Memorial Medical Center coder Estela De Los Santos, left, with help from co-worker Sandra Gonzales, carries the tree she won in the hospital's tree auction Friday, Dec. 19. To raise money for the Salvation Army, staff bid on different decorated trees in the administration lobby.

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Is it all about the location?

Different businesses need different places

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We've all heard that nothing is more important than "location, location, location." There's no doubt that location is one of the most important factors when opening a business, and there's a reason why the "better" locations are more expensive. But does that piece of "prime" commercial real estate work for every business?

There's a lot more that must go on behind the scenes when selecting the right home for a business. Factors like the length of a lease, type of space, utilities, fixtures, amount of space required and zoning all come into play, no matter the business.

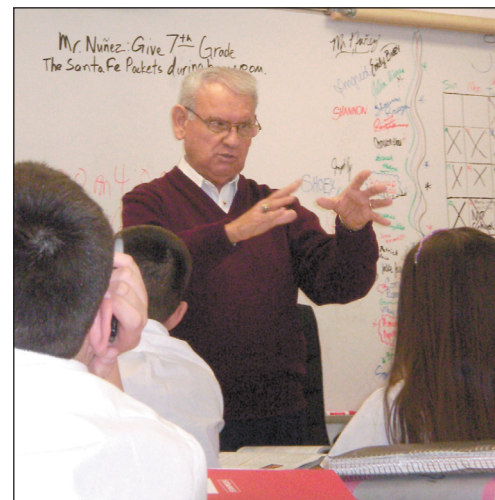
Naturally, certain types of businesses in Las Cruces are restricted to certain areas — manufacturing facilities and a designer clothing boutique are not exactly next-door neighbors and never should be, unless of course they're opening up in Houston.

The rest of the decision depends on the type of business and the type of customer you'd like to attract. The "convenience" store needs to be in a convenient location, which means, in many cases, on a frequently traveled thoroughfare. The upscale boutique should be in an upscale part of town. Other businesses, such as restaurants and hotels, can decide their location based on the location of other businesses or attractions. How many restaurants surround the Mesilla Valley Mall? How many hotels have the name "airport" attached to them? There's almost guaranteed success with that concept, unless of course, you try to open a Mexican chain restaurant near the mall when there are plenty of great, authentic spots in town. But, as you know, there's much more to that story.

The importance of location not only drives up the price of certain real estate, but it also can negatively impact the pricing of an area.

Remember my column on El Paseo? It was once a main thoroughfare, and now that growth is moving toward the east, the road is not a destination anymore. However, a new grocery store off Wyatt Drive and renovations coming to the Albertsons shopping center near Idaho Avenue may change that area altogether because people love new places to shop.

Case and point: the new Walgreens on El Paseo. I wonder how many people went across town just to see if the new store had something that no other Walgreens has in the world. There's nothing different, yet the store's parking lot is still full. When it was across the street, that lot had more standing water than cars.



Dolores Connor (Citizen of the Year), Cowboys for Cancer Research Committee Chairs Geraldine and Denny Calhoun (Nonprofit of the Year) and Las Cruces Catholic School teacher Michael Nuñez were among those honored by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce last year. Vote for this year's recipients using the ballots on Page A21.

Community asked to choose

Chamber award deadline is Jan. 1

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce is seeking input from the community to select the citizen, nonprofit and business of the year. Each recipient will be recognized at the chamber's annual awards banquet Friday, Jan. 23, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

The Citizen of the Year award, sponsored this year by Sitel, recognizes a community member for his or her outstanding contributions. Last year's winner was City Councillor Dolores Connor.

The nonprofit of the year will be selected from the 12 nonprofit organizations featured each month in The Bottom Line. Last year, Cowboys for Cancer Research was

honored, and committee chairs Denny and Geraldine Calhoun accepted the award.

The Business of the Year, sponsored by Steinborn GMAC Real Estate, will be presented to one of the 12 member businesses that have been honored throughout 2008. Of the 12 businesses last year, Adventure Travel, owned by Bill and Wanda Mattiace, was selected as the winner.

Also recognized at the banquet will be the recipients of the Crystal Apple Award, which honors a local educator; Volunteer of the Year, which will be selected by chamber staff; and Conquistadore of the Year, selected by the GLCCC Conquistadores.

The cost to attend the annual banquet is \$65 per person or \$650 for a corporate table of 10. For more information, contact the chamber at 524-1968.



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Bill and Wanda Mattiace, owners of Adventure Travel, received Business of the Year honors at the chamber's annual banquet last year.

Local printer practices lean manufacturing

100 percent of local newsprint is recycled

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In an industry that has been negatively tagged as harmful to the environment, local printer Signature Offset is going against the grain by using lean manufacturing practices and developing a sustainable printing concept.

"It's more than using recycled paper," said Signature Offset Sales Manager David Justus, who was part of the marketing team that helped define sustainable printing last year. "It's looking at the entire process, using low VOC (volatile organic compound) chemicals, not wasting a lot of paper. It's saving the company money as well as saving the environment."

High-VOC chemicals are classified as air pollutants by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and can be potentially harmful to a person's health. Using US Ink's Spectra High-Strength line of environmen-

tally conscious inks, Signature Offset uses products that are made from agricultural sources such as soybean oil and wood rosin for their cold web offset process. Other printers may use a heat-set process, which requires more energy to "cook" the ink and bond the chemicals to the paper, making it difficult to recycle, Justus said.

According to the company's website, all of Signature Offset's 30-pound newsprint is made from recycled post-consumer waste, and all the paper waste is pre-sorted for recycling — "from the cores used to handle the rolls to the wrappers used to protect the paper on the rolls." The Las Cruces plant uses 100 percent recycled post-consumer waste, saving approximately 19,159 trees.

From an already printed newspaper, such as the Las Cruces Bulletin, Justus said the ink can be extracted from the paper and reused in addition to the paper itself.

See **Printing** on PAGE A21



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Pressman Benito Espino controls the press at Signature Offset. The plant uses 100 percent recyclable materials when printing newspaper and has developed a sustainable printing concept.

IN GOOD COMPANY: JUNGA JUICE

A healthy stop for Las Cruces

Junga Juice also offers coffees, teas and pastries

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When Vicki Voss opened Junga Juice in March 2007, she provided a healthy alternative for Las Cruces and business expertise that some franchisees never have the opportunity to acquire.

Before she opened the smoothie shop, Voss worked for the Junga Juice corporate office in Missoula, Mont., in an administrative position.



In a brightly colored atmosphere that also includes free wireless Internet service, customers have "a great place to hang out," said Junga Juice owner Vicki Voss.

"It helped me understand the full operation," she said.

Working in an office all day was not something she wanted to do, however.

"I kinda got bored," she said. "I enjoyed working with customers, and I decided I wanted my own store."

While the office position was not stimulating, the Montana winters also were too cold for the former Las Cruces.

"I used to live in Las Cruces, and I love the climate," Voss said. "One winter in Montana was enough for me."

So she returned to the mild weather with her new concept of the Junga Juice franchise, opening her smoothie bar on the east side of town at 3961 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 21. It didn't take long to gain a loyal following.

"Las Cruces is friendly and inviting," she said. "I worked with corporate, and I felt like I gained a lot of experience through that. And our products are the best. They're best tasting products, and they have great nutritional value."

Junga Juice offers smoothies made with 100 percent fruit juice and the "best-tasting" yogurts and sherbets, Voss said.

"There's no high-fructose corn syrup in any of my smoothies," she said.

But that's not all the brightly colored smoothie bar offers. Voss said many customers don't realize Junga Juice also has iced and hot coffees, teas, wheatgrass products, freshly squeezed juices and fresh-baked pastries and pretzels.

"That makes us very unique," she said. "Customers have come in and said we're better than any other smoothie bar in town."

Customers' favorite time to come into Junga Juice is during the lunch hour.



The Junga Juice location at 3961 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 21, has a lot of potential, owner Vicki Voss said.

"Smoothies offer nutritional value for meal replacement," she said, "and we have free wireless Internet. That meets a need for people to come and hang out."

Lately, as with many businesses around town, business has slowed for Voss, but she's making up for it.

"People who have come in every day are cutting back, and I'm working a lot of hours and cutting back on staff hours," she said. "It's been tough, but there is great potential in this area because the city is growing on this side."

"And I'm really proud of our products. That keeps me coming to work every day. I know that people are really enjoying it."

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IN GOOD COMPANY: JUNGA JUICE

Q & A: Talking business with owner Vicki Voss

What inspired you to go into business?

The opportunity to bring Junga Juice to a new area and to be responsible for the direction of a business.

What is unique about your business?

We offer 29 varieties of smoothies, each with its own captivating taste made with 100 percent real juice and fresh fruit. We have 14 different Junga Jolts to customize your drink to you own special nutritional needs. Plus we offer coffee, teas, chai teas, fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-squeezed carrot juice and a fresh-squeezed veggie blend that contains carrots, celery, beets and parsley. We also have wheatgrass and açai products available.

Who are your customers?

Everyone

Where do you see the business in five years?

More locations in different areas of the city

What is your business philosophy?

To provide excellent customer service, a quality product and a fun place to visit

What is the best part of your job?

Connecting with my customers, providing great-tasting healthy products and interacting with my employees

How do you keep your competitive edge?

Implementing my customers' suggestions and testing new products

How are you marketing the store?

I've used every marketing tool available – print, billboard, radio, etc.

What do you look for in an employee?

I look for someone that has an outgoing personality, a strong



Junga Juice owner Vicki Voss said her great-tasting products motivate her to come to work each day. The store not only offers smoothies, but also includes coffees, teas, pastries, pretzels and freshly squeezed juices.

NATISHA HALES
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work ethic and works well with others.

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

Expanding the menu to include Açai products

What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?

I am always looking for ways to improve our goals of providing excellent customer service and a quality product.

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

Smoothies, \$3.95 to \$5.95
Coffee, hot or cold, \$1.65 to \$3.75
Teas, \$1.25 to \$3.60
Fresh pastries, \$1.25 to \$1.75
Hot pretzels, \$2.25 to \$3
Açai products, \$1.99 to \$34.99
Wheatgrass products, \$1.50 to \$28
Fresh-squeezed juices, \$3.50 to \$4.50

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?

My past work experience

What advice would you give to others starting a business?

To keep an open mind, maintain a positive attitude and treat your staff with respect

What obstacles do you face or have you overcome?

Making sure that I receive quality and proper products from my suppliers and rising costs.

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

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Printing

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"It can be used up to five times in that process," he said. "The newspaper that you're reading, the ink and the paper could have already been used five times. When they cannot use the paper anymore, it becomes other things – tissue paper, insulation."

Even the printing plates used by the plant are made from 100-percent recycled material, which is the same aluminum to make soda cans. One recycled plate is

the equivalent of 22 cans, and since they began to use recycled plates, the company has recycled the equivalent of nearly 6 million cans. Using plates from recycled cans has also helped save more than 7 million gallons of gasoline.

"Because we are a direct-to-plate business, this means that the films and the high-VOC chemicals used to develop those films are now obsolete," according to the website.

For Signature Offset, the sustainable printing process begins before the paper is even made, Justus said.

"We get our paper from managed forests from North America," he said. "The forests

themselves are a sustainable process."

With all of the recycled paper purchased by the company, they are reported to save more than 139,000 trees, and all of the paper made from virgin pulp came from sustainable forests of the South Carolina Forestry Association and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

"This is a concept we came up with ourselves," Justus said. "The printing industry didn't have anything at the time. It's a huge industry, and we're pretty much the only ones out there. (Other companies) employ large-format cold web printing, but that's different than what we do."

“It’s saving the company money as well as saving the environment.”

DAVID JUSTUS,
sales manager

Business of the Year

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NOMINEES

☐ **January:**
Digital Solutions

☐ **February:**
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Harley-Davidson

☐ **March:**
Sisbarro Dealerships

☐ **April:**
Surefire Promotional
Products

☐ **May:**
Allen Theatres

☐ **June:**
Waltrex - Johnny Walter

☐ **July:**
La Posta de Mesilla

☐ **August:**
Burger Time

☐ **September:**
NAI 1st Valley

☐ **October:**
Cruces Trophy

☐ **November:**
FirstLight
Federal Credit Union

☐ **December:**
Memorial Medical Center

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact Person in the Business: _____

Nominator: (no anonymous nominations will be accepted) _____

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

1. Contributions to community welfare

2. Participation in community activities

3. Promotion of business progress in community

4. Professional development and advancement opportunities for employees

5. Demonstration of leadership in business community

6. Support of the strategic vision of the Chamber

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1. Participation in community activities and civic enterprises

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

3. Leadership within the community

4. Cooperation with individuals and civic organizations

5. Previous awards

6. Support of the strategic vision of the Chamber

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Nonprofit of the Year

NOMINEES

☐ **January**
Community Action Agency

☐ **February**
Big Brothers Big Sisters of
Southwestern New Mexico

☐ **March**
Tresco Inc.

☐ **April**
Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces

☐ **May**
American Red Cross of
Southwest New Mexico

☐ **June**
La Piñon Sexual Assault
Recovery Services

☐ **July**
Honor Flight Network
of New Mexico

☐ **August**
Las Cruces Optimist Club

☐ **September**
Mesilla Valley CASA Inc.

☐ **October**
United Way of
Southwest New Mexico

☐ **November**
SCORE Las Cruces Chapter 397

☐ **December**
March of Dimes

Nonprofit Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact person in organization: _____

Nominator: (no anonymous recommendations will be accepted) _____

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

1. Diversity and depth of services offered

2. Impact and contributions to the community

3. Development and training of volunteers

4. Years of service to the community

5. Cooperation with other organizations

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New Year's forecast: Outlook is gloomy

Things still look better for Las Cruces



CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

I have an unusual New Year's tradition – one that I enjoy and that I'm pretty good at. Yes, while others are enjoying the last eggnog and cleaning up the Christmas wrapping in anticipation of New Year's Eve partying,

I spend my time calculating forecasts for the next year. Here are this year's prognostications.

The outlook for the national economy is not very pleasant. The financial sector and especially the real estate market are a mess. The Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) initiated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury has failed to defrost frozen lending, and the result is a credit crunch like none seen for at least 30 years. The credit crunch has spilled

over into other sectors – construction, manufacturing and retailing, in particular. Of special concern is the auto industry. Indeed, the problems in Detroit are legion. Sales are expected to be about 10 million units, down from the more typical 15 million units.

On the positive side, the TARP has managed to prevent any further major failures since Bear Stearns, Bush's auto bailout means that industry will avoid collapse at least through March, and President-elect Obama is promising a major stimulus package. All of these are positives for the national economy. In addition, falling energy prices should encourage consumer spending, helping to turn the national economy around.

According to the mavens who determine these things, the national economy has been in recession since December 2007, and the consensus among economists is that the recession will continue at least through July. If it does, it will mean that the current downturn, at 18 months, will be the longest recession in the post-World War II era. I tend to agree with the consensus. My forecast is for continued recession at least until the summer followed by a recovery.

In New Mexico, the state economy may have entered recession. As of October, employment growth statewide was one-tenth of 1 percent. When November's and December's data comes in, it may very well be that New Mexico will see overall employment decline for the year. If we do, it will be the first such drop since the early 1980s. Besides employment, other indicators – falling gross receipts tax revenue, major layoffs in

copper mines, the bankruptcy of Eclipse Aeronautics, cutbacks at the national laboratories and falling oil and natural gas prices – all bode ill for the state economy.

On the other hand, our state is relatively insulated from business cycles, having a small manufacturing sector. Moreover, President-elect Obama has suggested that he will target directly help to states as part of his stimulus plan. Taking everything into account, I forecast that the state will finish the year out with zero to -0.5 percent employment growth, and next year will see little or no employment growth. Gross receipts will be flat, which means a fall of about 3 percent, once inflation is taken into account.

Las Cruces is likely to do relatively well, although economic growth will slow compared to what we are used to. Our main advantage is continued expansion of the military, which will add approximately 1 percent to local employment growth. Of setting this is the slowing national and state economies. I expect employment growth to average 1 percent during 2009.

Unfortunately, the slowdown in local growth coupled with layoffs at local businesses will mean rising unemployment. We should see unemployment creep up over the next year. For Las Cruces who lose their jobs, regardless of what the overall economy does, 2009 may be pretty bleak. For those who are more prosperous, next year may be a good time to keep those less fortunate in mind. My final forecast for this new year is that there will be continued need for generous hearts and charitable wallets.



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Ribbon Cutting Cinderella's Pet Sitting Service



NATISHA HALES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Gregory Tolmasoff cuts the ribbon among board members of the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces during a ceremony for Cinderella's Pet Sitting Service. While owners are away, the business will "treat your pets like royalty."

A resource for the developmentally disabled

Therapy center funds strengthened by Community Foundation

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

In 1960, when a group of nine mothers of children with disabilities found there were not adequate services for their children or their families within southern New Mexico, they founded Zia Therapy Center in Alamogordo. Now, almost 50 years later, Zia Therapy Center continues with help from organizations like the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM).

Zia Therapy Center, an active member of the Association of Developmental Disabilities Community Providers, is a nonprofit organization managed by a volunteer board of directors. Each year, the center serves more than 1,000 individuals with disabilities or associated with disabilities through a variety of programs including early childhood education, adult programs, teen programs and child care. The organization is able to stay financially strong with the help of an endowment created through the CFSNM.

"The CFSNM provides the opportunity for Zia, and other nonprofits, to have an endowment, an opportunity we likely would not have taken on, on our own. Agencies like Zia benefit from the knowledge and expertise of the foundation's staff, community leadership and professional investment management," Richard

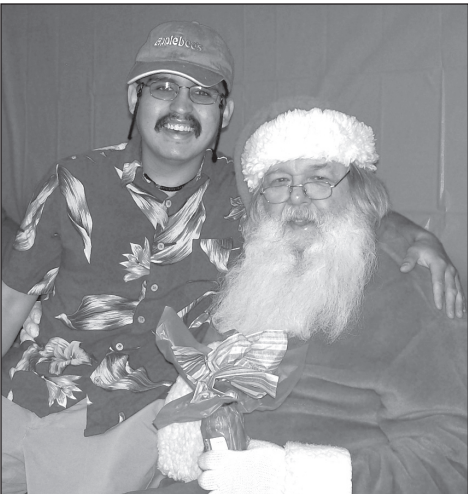


Barbaras, chief executive officer of Zia Therapy Center, said. "The endowments we create in the Community Foundation are a permanent source of capital, providing assistance today and in the future."

An endowment is a permanent fund that is created through a legal agreement, and then professionally managed by the CFSNM. Once an endowment is created, the principal from the funds lasts forever, and continues to produce earnings. A portion of the earnings can be used for grants, scholarships, programs and specific community needs. In addition to the portion of the funds used for the program, a portion of earnings is returned to the principal of the endowment and a portion is earmarked for management of the endowment. An endowment can be named as the donor wishes. For example, some endowments are created in memory or honor of an individual or with a family or corporate name.

The mission of Zia Therapy Center is to provide therapy and educational services to individuals and families with special needs in order to foster behaviors which maximize individual and family strengths and to enable individuals and families to reach their fullest potential.

By following their mission, Zia Therapy Center offers a hands-on approach to early childhood education by taking



A Zia Therapy Center client visits Santa.

advantage of a young child's natural abilities and interests. Early childhood educators use the Focused Portfolio Process to assess the developmental level of young children, and as children reach new developmental milestones, the teachers are trained to record the information. The information is then used to create developmentally appropriate learning environments, taking in what is known about how children learn and challenging children to reach new developmental levels.

Zia Therapy Center's Child Care and

Zia Therapy Center

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Development Program enrolls children from 6 weeks through 5 years of age, and all classes provide developmentally appropriate activities and learning experiences designed to help children achieve developmental milestones.

Zia Therapy Center provides respite care, temporary or emergency care, for an individual with disabilities for the purpose of assisting the family or caregiver. This type of care is often provided so families can take care of their own needs while their loved ones are cared for by qualified professionals.

"Generous donations to Zia Therapy Center through CFSNM help ensure that individuals with disabilities are provided opportunities in community settings for activities which support their individual definition of a meaningful day and enhance their quality of life," Barbaras said.

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 for information about making a charitable contribution to your community.

Local builders, Realtors feel economic pinch

2008 income loss exceeds \$120 million

"Multi-million dollar producer" is a term commonly used by realty agents to quantify the aggregate value of the property sales they closed during a particular month, year or number of years. Homebuilders also use the term as one of their methods of measuring production levels. While there's still no shortage of multi-million dollar agent and builder producers in our little neck of the desert, the right to use the moniker is becoming more and more difficult to achieve.

Take our Las Cruces-area Realtors, for example. According to the Multiple Listing and Information Service (MLIS) arm of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR), the total value of the 1,205 new and existing-homes, townhomes and condominiums sold in our area between Jan. 1 and Nov. 23 of this year totaled \$265,708,444. Sounds like quite a bit, huh?

While it is indeed a tidy sum, the fact remains that it is \$124,786,186 shy of the \$390,444,603 value of the 1,750 new and existing homes sold during the same period in 2007. Multiply the \$124 million shortage by the 5.18 percent realty commission the National Association of Realtors (NAR) cites as the current average, and the decline in Las Cruces-area Realtor income through the first 11-3/4 months of this year approaches \$6.5 million. That's not sales volume, that's income!

Las Cruces area homebuilders were impacted even more severely than were the Realtors, according to the MLIS figures. The \$88,435,719 value of the 373 new

Las Cruces Area Home-Sale Volume			
Year	New-Homes	Existing-Homes	Total
2007	\$157,936,728	\$232,507,902	\$390,444,630
2008	\$88,435,719	\$177,272,275	\$265,708,444
Change	(\$69,501,009)	(\$55,235,627)	(\$124,786,186)
Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing & Information Service (MLIS) Copyright 2008 Gary Sandler Inc. *MLIS is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors.			

homes, townhomes and condominiums sold this year falls short of last year's \$157.9 million value of the 639 units sold by a whopping \$69,501,099. Multiply the \$69.5 million shortage by the 20-percent gross margin cited by local builders as the average needed to turn a profit, and the result is a year-to-date income shortfall of \$13,900,202.

As a group, Las Cruces-area Realtors and builders earned around \$120 million less in profits and fees through the first 11-3/4 months of this year than they did during the same period last year.

The \$120 million income shortfall is just the tip of the iceberg, however. What about the jobs, wages, local taxes and impact fees associated with the development

GARY SANDLER'S
Real Estate Connection

and construction of the homes that failed to materialized this year? Then there are the wages and profits from the construction itself that won't be spent for local products and services.

There are also the actual homeowners themselves, who spend about three-fifths of their income on goods and services sold in the local economy. It is also typical for a household to pay 1.25 percent of its income to local governments in the form of taxes, fines and user fees.

According to information provided by the Las Cruces Homebuilders Association (LCHBA), the total one-year impact on the typical U.S. metropolitan area for every 100 single-family homes built includes: 284 jobs, \$1.8 million in local taxes and \$16 million in income in salaries, wages and income to business owners.

I don't know about you, but I think we should thank our lucky stars that we live in an area that is growing economically (albeit at a reduced pace), and where home prices remain fairly stable. In addition, the influx of military personnel to the area is projected to add 1 to 2 percent growth to our local economy through 2012, according to Christopher Erickson, assistant professor of economics and international business at New Mexico State University.

Will Dr. Erickson's projection come true? I hope so. If it does, it'll just be a matter of time until I ...

See you at closing!

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

Change In Realtor and Builder Income 2008 vs. 2007				
	Volume-New	Volume-Existing	Multiplied By	Estimated Income Loss
Builders	(\$69,501,009)	N/A	x 20% Avg Margin	(\$13,900,202)
Realtors	(\$69,501,009)	(\$55,235,627)	x 5.18% Avg Fee	(\$6,461,358)
Change in Gross Income - 2008 vs 2007				(\$120,364,126)
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BRIEFS

Local chef recognized in New Mexico Magazine

Larry Campos, executive chef for the Double Eagle Restaurant, has been selected as the Chef's Pick for the December issue by New Mexico Magazine. Chef's Pick honors one chef in the state as outstanding and asks his suggestions for what someone should eat in his restaurant. Campos recommends starting with the smoked salmon on parmesan toasts with capers and crème fraiche, then enjoying a bowl of New Mexican Tortilla Soup. For the entrée, Campos suggests one of the aged steaks with a double-baked stuffed potato and a slice of meltaway apple pie for dessert.

"I'm extremely pleased to have been selected during

the holidays," Campos said. "I love cooking for the family groups that come in at this time of year."

New Mexico Magazine is published by the New Mexico Department of Tourism and sends out more than 1 million copies per year.

Construction management firm named for Spaceport America

The New Mexico Spaceport Authority has announced the selection of Gerald Martin Construction Management of Albuquerque to oversee the construction of Spaceport America, the nation's first purpose-built commercial spaceport. Gerald Martin Construction Management will represent the NMSA in all aspects of design team and contractor

integration, quality control, value engineering, scheduling and budget management.

Gerald Martin Construction is a division of Gerald Martin General Contractor, an award-winning construction company founded in 1974 and headquartered in Albuquerque with offices in Santa Fe, Taos and Tempe, Ariz. For the spaceport project, Gerald Martin's team will include specialists experienced with aviation facilities, fire/EMS facilities servicing aeronautic and rocket facilities and working with NASA.

This week's licensure from the FAA/AST and naming of a construction management firm is indicative of the progress of the new spaceport project. The NMSA currently projects vertical launch activity to increase in 2009, and construction with the terminal and hangar facility for horizontal launches completed by late 2010.

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report December 19, 2008

Las Cruces Home Builders Association						
Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20086589	Medical Construction Group	City of Las Cruces & County Of Doña Ana	Comm/Add	2450 S. Telshor Blvd.	\$800,000.00	\$2,451.60
20086555	Desert Hills Roofing	Nora Potter	Reroof	3161 Las Placitas Road	\$7,750.00	\$73.41
20086594	Wild West Construction	Lamar E. & Mary Gail Gwaltney	Reroof	1005 El Paseo Road	\$12,500.00	\$101.39
20086612	Mesa View Homes LLC	Blue Horse Development Inc.	Res/New	2886 San Miguel Court	\$0.00	\$1,450.70
20086638	M.L. Lindsey	Jill L. & M. Lindsey Tellez	Reroof	4780 Wilt Ave.	\$3,000.00	\$45.43

Doña Ana County Building Permit Report December 19, 2008


Las Cruces Home Builders Association						
Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
34339	Self	Armando & Joyce Garcia	Reroof	9 Paz Garcia Court	Del Cerro Estates Plat #2	\$90
34232	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	8002 Inca Dove Ave.	Inspiration Heights Ph II	\$442
34236	Ramcon Inc.	Alan Davis	Reroof	4669 Spanish Dagger St.	Mission Bell Est Unit 1	\$200
34237	GL Green & Associates	Sanford Miller	Res/New	5401 Four Winds St.	Anasazi Estates 3	\$835
34239	C.D. General Contractors Inc.	David Smith	Reroof	1400 Railroad Road	N/A	\$55
34246	Jornada Construction	Amanda Sanchez	Res/New	574 Putter Circle	Fairway Estates	\$387

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PROFILE

Ron Camuñez:

Having a grand ol' time in the Mesilla Valley

Seventh-generation Las Cruces loves his community and family

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Ron Camuñez knows Las Cruces – the history, the people and the politics. He knows it all, not just because he's a seventh-generation Las Cruces, but he's also heavily involved in the community where he lives.

"We're one of the pioneer families of Las Cruces," Camuñez said. "My great-grandfather Fidel Sanchez was a deputy sheriff with Pat Garrett, and they were neighbors. We come from a long line."

Now, Camuñez is continuing that line.

Owner of a political and emergency-management consultancy, he makes it a point to get involved with the community. His fascination with both industries started when he was a kid.

"I've always loved politics, followed by emergency management," he said. "When I was in high school, I was on the student council. Like probably every other kid, I wanted to be the president of the United States."

He continued his political passion after he graduated from New Mexico State University, when he ran against his cousin for probate judge.

"I was 25 years old, and I only lost by 300 votes," he said. "That was my first taste, and that really sparked my interest."

He put politics on the backburner and worked for the local American Red Cross chapter as the director of emergency response services.

Politics still interested him, and although he thought of running for governor of New Mexico, Camuñez decided he would work behind the scenes.

"I helped (former Gov.) Garrey Carruthers and (U.S. Sen.) Pete Domenici get into office when they first ran," he said. "It's nice to put people to the position that they really want."

While Carruthers headed to Santa Fe, and Domenici moved into his office in Washington, D.C., Camuñez held the fort down in Las Cruces and continued his involvement with the Republican Party of Doña Ana County and the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of New Mexico.

"I've been involved since I was old enough to vote," he said. "I saw the need for honest, fair politicians."

He became more involved in the Republican Party of Doña Ana County when he became secretary of the organization.

"The party was really stagnant, and

the chair at the time didn't really know the movers and shakers of the community," he said. "I always say I'm related to half of the community, so I took the chair on and said we need to be involved. It's a business, so we need to act like a business."

From there, the Republican party became members of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces, and Camuñez was a regular at

Rotary Club, Lions Club and Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance meetings.

"To secure a place in the community, we have to be involved in the community," he said. "We need to be out there and let people see us. We ought to be proud. My goal was to get us out in the community, and that's what's happened."

After the 2008 primaries, Camuñez resigned from his

post with the Republican party so he could assist candidates with their campaigns.

"Reality sets in as a Republican in a state where the majority is Democrat," he said. "Even if we got every Republican to vote, it was still not enough to win. We had to reach across the aisle. There are many Democrats who are moderate or conservative and have the same values."

Despite the efforts, all Republicans who ran for office in Doña Ana County lost their races.

"It was a hard time," he said. "It was hard to raise money and times are changing. The party has to regroup and get back to its primary goal, which is fiscal conservation and strong family values. It should turn around in the next year or two."

In the meantime, Camuñez continues to help candidates by providing them with a strategic plan and a clear-cut advertising budget.

"Candidates have got to meet the voter face to face, and they have to have a clear, concise message," he said.

When he's not involved in politics, Camuñez volunteers to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee, which assists Doña Ana County with preparation and implementation of the Emergency Operations Plan. That plan includes hazardous materials and incorporates first respondents to an emergency, such as fire and police departments.

While his consultancy keeps him pretty busy, the longtime resident still takes time to get involved with the community he has seen change over the years.

"One of the worst changes we've seen in the community is the urban renewal,"

he said. "I'm glad to see we're revitalizing Downtown, and it was a big mistake to lose St. Genevieve's Church."

"We've expanded so much toward the East Mesa. Where the mall is now, we used to go rabbit hunting. It's just unbelievable how this community has changed."

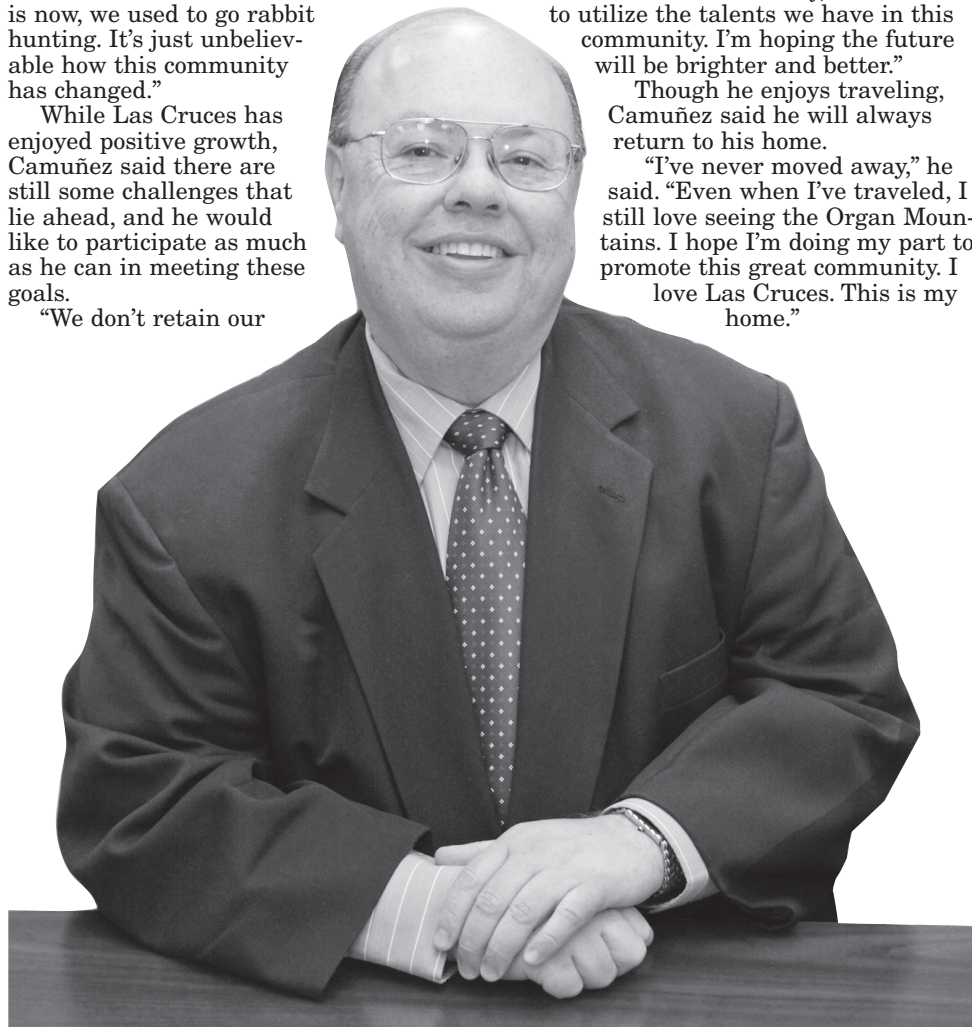
While Las Cruces has enjoyed positive growth, Camuñez said there are still some challenges that lie ahead, and he would like to participate as much as he can in meeting these goals.

"We don't retain our

talent that comes out of New Mexico State University," he said. "As civic and educational leaders, we need to create partnerships so we can work together. We have a wonderful university, and we need to utilize the talents we have in this community. I'm hoping the future will be brighter and better."

Though he enjoys traveling, Camuñez said he will always return to his home.

"I've never moved away," he said. "Even when I've traveled, I still love seeing the Organ Mountains. I hope I'm doing my part to promote this great community. I love Las Cruces. This is my home."



Ron Camuñez

Political and emergency-management consultant

Family

- Son of Barney Camuñez and Alice Montoya
- Grandparents Alfred and Josephine Camuñez
- Two sisters
- Three nephews, one niece and one great-nephew

Education

- Bachelor's degree in political science, New Mexico State University
- High school diploma, Las Cruces High School

Organizations

- Past president, Las Cruces Lions Club
- Member, Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces
- Member, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
- Past secretary, Republican Party of Doña Ana County
- Past chair, Republican National Hispanic Assembly of New Mexico
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

Awards

- Highest Chivalier, International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay
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- One of the "Outstanding Young Men in America"
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CHURCH NEWS

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNIONS

Trinity Lutheran Church – ECLA, 2900 Elks Drive, will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship at 5 and 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, and a Christmas Day Communion Worship at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 25. Worship on Sunday, Dec. 28, will be centered around "Lessons and Carols." The community is invited to attend all of these worship services. For more information, call the church at 523-4232.

CHRISTMAS DESSERT NIGHTS

Faith Bible Institute is now enrolling students for the Spring 2009 semester. FBI is a satellite school that provides a through-the-Bible study course. This is a three-year course that is divided into six semesters and taught on a college level. Classes meet on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. for approximately three hours. Upon successfully completing the six-semester course, students will receive a Bible College diploma. Spring semester is from Jan. 22 to May 7. For more information, visit Temple Baptist Church, 2300 E. Missouri Ave., or call 522-4411.

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.

KELP RADIO MINISTRY

Calvary Chapel Las Cruces announced the launch of a radio ministry on local station KELP 89.3 FM. The program features the teaching ministry of Pastor Robert "Bob" Ortega Jr., as he teaches from the Word of God. The program can be heard 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on 89.3 FM. For questions, comments or prayer regarding the program, call the church fellowship at 524-0985.

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JIM HILLEY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Special masses at St. Genevieve's Catholic Church, 100 S. Espina St., will celebrate the feast day of the church's patron saint and the beginning of 150-year anniversary commemorations for St. Genevieve's Parish.

St. Genevieve's to host special masses in Jan.

Bishop Ramirez to begin 150th anniversary events

On Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, the parish of St. Genevieve's Catholic Church will celebrate the feast day of their patron saint, St. Genevieve of Paris. A special mass will be held at noon at the church, 100 S. Espina St. This will also mark the beginning of the 150-year anniversary of the establishment of the church in 1859.

In its early years, the Catholic community of Las Cruces was served by the priest from Doña Ana village and met in a small jacal used as a chapel. In 1859 a separate parish was formed and a church built. Father Manuel Chavez was installed as the first pastor. The parish adopted St. Genevieve of Paris as its patron saint.

She was born in 422 in Nanterre, a small village four miles from Paris. Genevieve consecrated her life to God as a nun at a young age. Due to her encouragement of the residents of Paris to pray and do penance, it is believed that Paris was saved from attack by the Huns.

In the later 1800s, before the coming of the railroad to Las Cruces, a beautiful statue of St. Genevieve was imported from France, shipped by rail to Kansas City and brought to Las Cruces by oxcart.

Members of the St. Genevieve Historical Society, as well as other members of parish ministries are helping to plan a festive service followed by a reception with refreshments. A highlight of this event will be the use of some artifacts from the old church previously located on Main Street. There will also be a display of a variety of such artifacts. On this special day, the bells of St. Genevieve's will ring out to mark the occasion.

Bishop Ricardo Ramirez will celebrate a special mass at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, and will bless the new church pews, which are expected to be installed by that time.

The St. Genevieve community is very proud of its long history in the Mesilla Valley. Many members can trace generations of their families back to the original church. Their memories associated with the church are being documented in an oral history project currently under way.

Teaching good writing skills to children starts in the home

The 'middle child' has trouble finding their place

I've always had an interest in creative writing, primarily because I had a teacher who encouraged me to express myself and gave me the skills to do it. My kids, however, have not had that exposure. The school system just doesn't teach writing skills anymore. How did you come to be a writer, and how might I give my children a nudge in that direction?

It is true that writing skills are seldom taught today. That was evident a while back when I was considering hiring a Ph.D. candidate from a large university. I called her major professor for a recommendation. He spoke highly of this woman and said he was sure she would do a good job for me. I then asked if she was an adequate writer. He said, "Are you kidding? None of my students has strong writing skills. Young people don't learn to put their thoughts on paper these days."

He was right.

It hasn't always been that way. I remember diagramming sentences and learning parts of speech when I was in elementary school. It was a major part of the curriculum. Also, my parents encouraged and helped me grow in this area. I wrote a letter to a friend when I was nine years old. My mother then suggested that we read it together. I had written, "Dear Tom, how are you? I am just fine." My mom asked me if I thought that sounded a little boring. She said, "You haven't said anything. You used a few words, but they have no meaning." I never wrote that phrase again; although that is the typical way a child begins a letter.

Looking back, I can see how, even at an early age, my mother was teaching me to write. In addition, I was also fortunate to have a few English teachers who were determined to teach me the fundamentals of composition. I had one in high school and another in college who insisted that I learn grammar and composition. They nearly beat me to death but I'm glad they did. I earn a living today, at least in part, with the skills they gave to me. Especially, I would like to say "thanks"

Focus on the Family

By Dr. James Dobson



to Dr. Ed Harwood. His classes were like marine boot camp, but what I learned there was priceless.

It's not terribly difficult or time-consuming to encourage and teach kids some of the basics of grammar and composition. One approach is to ask a family member to correspond with your child and encourage him or her to write back. Then when the reply is written, sprinkle a few corrections, such as the one my mother offered, with a generous portion of praise. Finally, entice that youngster to engage in a little creative expression. As for what you can do to compensate for the de-emphasis on writing in school, I really don't know — except to seek instruction outside the classroom.

The teaching of writing has gone out of style — much like the old "homemaking" classes for girls. But it is an incredibly valuable craft that your child can use in a wide variety of settings. Don't let him or her grow up without developing it.

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Does the middle child really have greater adaptive problems than his or her siblings?

The middle child does sometimes find it more difficult to establish his or her identity within the family. She enjoys neither the status of the eldest nor the attention given to the baby. Furthermore, she is likely to be born at a busy period in the life of her parents, and especially her mother. Then during her preschool years, her precious territory is invaded by a cute little newborn who steals Mama from her. Is it any wonder that she often asks, "Who am I and where is my place in life?"

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.

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We ought to choose our words carefully to be sure that we give good words; for example, words to express our love and words to show compliment. We should be sure to share words of security. Instead of words to wound, words to build should be that of the Christian. We need to tell those we love words of satisfaction. To those with difficulties, we should share words of kindness and helpfulness.

Words fitly spoken are words that are spoken at the right time for the occasion. To be sure, your

spouse would probably enjoy to hear how much you love him or her. Your children would be strengthened with words of praise and satisfaction. Your employer would be helped with words of gratitude spoken from you today.

This time of year, we tend to grab generic gifts to appease those around us. But truly, A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. Perhaps the best gift we will give is the gift of a fitly spoken word.

I leave you with wonderful words spoken to us by our great God. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Joh 3:16

Doug Cowan
Pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church

Looking Back

This week in the history
* of the Mesilla Valley *



**MARVIN
TESSNEER**
Out of the Past

75
years ago
1933

- The Lions Club distributed candy and toys to 800 children during its Christmas party at the Armory. E.D. McIntosh played Santa Claus.

- Fannie Webb Locke of Mesilla won the Better Homes and Gardens Certificate of Endorsement for her wedding cake recipe for its dependability, excellence in taste and family usefulness.

- In a sign of the Great Depression, Popular Dry Goods was advertising men's suits, \$16.95; suede jackets, \$4.95; sweaters and flannel shirts, 89 cents; socks, 5 cents; dress shoes, \$2.49, women's silk dresses, \$5.90; shoes, \$1.89; and sweaters, 98 cents.

50
years ago
1958

- White Sands Missile Range reported that it had test fired more than 2,000 missiles during the year.

- Joe Lopez scored 19 points for Las Cruces as the Bulldogs, after trailing by 12 points, defeated El Paso-Cathedral 61-60.

- Dolores Del Rio was starring in "A Donde Van Nuestros Hijos?" at the Plaza Cine.

- The Aggies canned 26 out of 36 free throws at they topped Rice Institute 58-53. In two road games, however, they lost to Oklahoma University 57-52 and Tulsa 60-58.

25
years ago
1983

- The U.S. Circuit Court in Denver ruled District Court Judge Howard Bratton's decision on New Mexico's ban on exporting water was "vacated, null and void." In 1980, El Paso's Public Board filed for permits to drill 266 wells to transport unappropriated water across the state line for municipal and economic purposes. State Engineer Steve Reynolds rejected the requests, El Paso sued and Bratton ruled that New Mexico had failed to prove its ban on water exportation was not a violation of the U.S. Constitution's Commerce Clause, as El Paso contended. The state Legislature also passed statutes banning exportation of water that would impair existing water rights and harm water conservation. El Paso vowed to continue litigation.

- Powerful El Paso-Jefferson easily handled Las Cruces High 60-41, leaving the Bulldogs 1-8 and Jefferson 14-1.

10
years ago
1998

- The city started construction on St. Genevieve's Catholic Church memorial in the Downtown Mall adjacent to the Bank of the West, which had been constructed on the



Yucca plants in bloom outside of Las Cruces. Early Spanish settlers also called them Velas del Desierto because they seem to glow in the dark.

former church grounds. The memorial is 33 feet high, 75 feet long and 45 feet wide and was constructed with private funds.

- Coach Lou Henson's defense held San Diego State's shooting to 33 per-

cent as the Aggies took care of San Diego 66-55.

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on any ongoing programs. **Senior programs will be closed Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 25, 26, 27 and 28, 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 (Senior water exercise class) is held from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

■ 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 beginning at 8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 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. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

■ 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) is on break and will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

■ 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 will resume on Monday, Jan. 5, at the Munson Senior Center from 1:45 to 3 p.m., and intermediate line-dancing class will resume on Friday, Jan. 9, 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.

■ PINOCCHLE

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

The creative writing class is on break and will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

■ MENS POOL TOURNAMENT

A free Mens 8-Ball Pool Tournament open to men 50 years of age and older is at the Munson Center on the last

Wednesday of each month. Sign-up is from 8 to 9 a.m., and the tournament starts around 9:15 a.m. Gift cards are awarded for first and second place winners. For more information, contact Dan Carrillo at 528-3111.

■ LADIES POOL TOURNAMENT

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

■ MOVIE DAY AT MUNSON

Movie Day at Munson Center is at 1:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month in the Conference Room. Call Mark for title information at 528-3406 or email mmumper@las-cruces.org. Free popcorn is served. Movie suggestions are welcome at the Munson Library and at the front desk.

■ 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, while 75 cents is suggested on Wednesday.

■ TRIP TO CITY OF ROCKS DEC. 30

This month's trip will be on Tuesday, Dec. 30, to the City of Rocks. Cost is \$5 for the trip plus entry fee to park. The trip will depart Munson center at 8:30 a.m. Sign up in advance is required. Pack a lunch, sunscreen and plenty of water. Contact Shaunna at 528-3000 for more information.

■ 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 one 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.

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■ FATHERHOOD PROJECT

The New Mexico Young Fathers' Fatherhood project meets each Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at 1190 Foster Road. For more information, call 532-1536.

■ 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.

■ BLOOD ANALYSIS

Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, will provide nutritional blood analysis from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17. Appointments can be made for a half-hour analysis for \$45.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 523-0436.

■ HEALTH CARE COMMENT SOUGHT

A meeting to hear public comment on needed reforms to the nation's health care system will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at the home of Patti Graff, 2182 Foxtail Drive. Graff is a retired teacher and life insurance underwriter and she is especially interested in hearing from local seniors. For more information contact Graff at graffique@zianet.com.

■ MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets each month from 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of each month at Good Samaritan Society Village Social Center Building, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the Creative Arts Room. For more information, leave a message at 523-9177.

■ LOST VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Cheryl Black, psychologist is facilitating a group therapy for adults who have lost vision. Sessions will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. There will be two sessions to choose from: Mesilla Park from 9:30 to 11 a.m. or at the Munson Senior Center from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Please sign up either in person or by phone with Angelica at the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000.

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Vicki Johnson provides relief for hospitalized children by reading

Auxilian recently gave away her 350th book at MMC

By **BETHANY CONWAY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Since 2007, Memorial Medical Center Auxilian Vicki Johnson has spent her days in retirement reading to children in the hospital's pediatric unit. Armed with a bag full of books, she allows each child to pick their favorite, which will be theirs to keep.

Johnson is excited to spread the word that she recently gave away her 350th book.

"How this got started is what is so wonderful to me," she said. "It was just this little thing that I got going, and it turned into a wonderful program."

While Johnson initially bought the books herself, an anonymous donor who heard about the program now provides all the books, which accommodate a diverse age group.

"I have them categorized. If there is someone that is 11 years old, I bring a book that is age appropriate," Johnson said, crediting her ability to choose the right books to her background in education.

According to Lynda Taylor, director of auxiliary services, it's about making the children feel as comfortable as possible.

La Casa seeks another \$125,000 in donations

Money needed for expansion

Despite economic hard times, local businesses and area residents are helping La Casa Inc., Doña Ana County's Domestic Violence Shelter, raise \$125,000 by June 30, 2009. This money is needed to pay for the remaining construction costs of the Capital Campaign Construction and Expansion Project that will add 10 new shelter bedrooms and increase counseling facilities.

Recently, Randall Hempling, CEO of MountainView Regional Medical Center, presented La Casa with a \$10,000 check for the Capital Campaign. Anthony Martinez, manager of the Wal-Mart on Valley Drive, gave \$2,000. The employees of the Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino raised \$2,000 towards the construction project.

Local businesses are placing donation jars in their businesses to help pay for the construction costs. M. Philip's Fine Art Gallery is donating 10 percent of their December sales towards the Capital Campaign.

Chris Sanders, local musician, compiled and produced a musical CD, "Peace Begins at Home." This CD features music from local music artists and 100 percent of the proceeds goes to the Capital Campaign. The CD is \$20 and can be purchased at La Casa.

Individual donations ranged from \$20 to \$3,500. La Casa now needs to raise \$100,000 to meet its goal.

La Casa provides shelter to domestic violence victims and their family for Doña Ana County. La Casa's counseling programs include counseling to resident and nonresident victims, a children's counseling program, parenting classes and the Batterer's Intervention Program. Last year, La Casa provided services for 2,361 people and provided 42,584 meals and snacks to domestic violence victims and their children. The average shelter stay was 26 days.

Shelter programs include GED and ESL classes. La Casa also assists in helping transition women from the shelter into new apartments and jobs.

"When a child is here, it is so hard on the family," Taylor said. "If you have a child that's hurting, you want to make the hurt go away."

For Johnson, it's not just about the children, but about offering caregivers who spend day and night in the hospital a chance to take a break, whether it is for a meal, a shower or a cup of coffee. For example, one mother who hadn't even had time to go home, take a shower and grab a change of clothes was thankful when Johnson offered to stay and read to her child while she left the hospital for a short while.

"She had no relief," Johnson said. "She was a single mom, and she had stayed there all night."

Johnson said she knows her work is making a difference when she is approached outside of the hospital time and time again by children and mothers who remember her. Not

long ago, while Johnson was shopping in Wal-Mart, she felt a small child hug her around the legs. It was one of those she had read to during his time at MMC.

"His mom said, 'You may not remember him, but you read to him and gave him a book, and he still talks about it,'" Johnson said.

The nurses in the pediatric unit even keep her phone number handy on their Rolodex in case there is ever a child alone or a child that is becoming very restless.

"I am the one that leaves feeling blessed at the end of the day. If you can put a smile on somebody's face or you know that you've helped somebody, then it's all worth it. You make life a little easier for somebody."

Those interested in volunteering as an auxilian can call Taylor at 521-5555.

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Best & worst

movies of 2008



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Picks and Pans: The best and worst movies of 2008

'The Wrestler' and 'Drillbit Taylor' top the best list

By JEFF BERG
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

It was an interesting year in terms of the continued difference in opinions between moviegoers and reviewers.

A good comparison might be made between two completely opposite movies. "Beverly Hills Chihuahua," which, at press time, had made \$92 million at the box office, had been drubbed by critics and listed on www.imdb.com – the all-knowing movie site – as one of the 100 worst movies ever made, garnering a 2.3 out of 10 from viewers. I've not seen "BHC."

On the other hand, a film that has become a critic's darling, the dark, dark, dark French comedy, "A Christmas Tale," ended up in my "worst" of the year list, and has only been able to muster less than \$1 million at the box office in its limited release, thus far. It has a 7.4 from IMDB users.

Certainly, most people still go to the movies for entertainment and escape, a trend that seems to be continuing as a number of distributors of smaller independent and foreign films went belly-up this year, while others struggle. (Although the good news is that some new distributors such as Magnolia and Shadow are stepping up to fill the void with some very fine movies.)

With everyone watching their budget, one can hope that this trend will change and more people will start to see film, at least on occasion, as a form of art as well as a form of entertainment.

So, with that in mind, here is my annual list, albeit brief, of noteworthy films that I saw in the past year. Some of these titles played here already and others will screen in 2009, and others, well, you're on your own if you want to see them.

Documentaries

"Our Spirits Don't Speak English: Indian Boarding Schools" is a horror story of a failed government policy to "kill the Indian, save the man" ... "Cats of Mirikitani" is a touching film about a Japanese

internment camp survivor turned street artist and the woman who helps him ... "Girls Rock" is about a camp that helps young women ages 8 to 18 advance their lives through music ... "Encounters at the End of the World" is Werner Herzog's realistic look at Antarctica ... and "Man on Wire" is the taut-and-true tale of a daredevil who walked a high wire between the World Trade Center towers in the 1970s.

Flicks that are just now making the rounds or will soon

"The Wrestler" tops this list easily. Don't let the title fool you, since this wonderfully moving character study offers outstanding performances by comeback-needing actors Mickey Rourke and co-star Marisa Tomei ... "Cumbia Connection" is a Mexican love story that tells its tale mostly through wonderful Cumbia music and near-perfect cinematography. I've never seen a picture quite like this one ... "Quiet Chaos" is an endearing Italian feature – mostly comedic – about a man who becomes so overly protective of his young daughter after the death of his wife that he sets up his office in a park across from her school ... "Cherry Blossoms" is a touching German tale of an elderly man who loses his wife and finds acceptance and life lessons from a young traditional Japanese dancer ... "Doubt," a fine ensemble drama with Meryl Streep and Philip Seymour Hoffman might be the best film I saw in 2008, followed closely by the beautiful Swedish picture "Everlasting Moments, Slumdog Millionaire," a very original drama about a young Indian man who has to "prove" himself in order to claim a prize from a popular television show, and "Milk," the bio-pic about gay activist Harvey Milk.

Now out on DVD

"The Visitor," tells the story of a lonely man and how his life is changed by two migrant musicians ... "OSS 117," is a great parody of all things Bond – James Bond. "Chop Shop" is the story of a young man

learning the auto parts business on the dirty streets of NYC ... "When Did You Last See Your Father," is an absolutely moving drama ... same with "The Grocer's Son" ... "Elegy" is a winter/spring romance starring a perfectly cast Ben Kingsley and Penelope Cruz and "Frozen River" (on DVD Jan. 27) is a chilly tale of wintertime human smuggling and redemption.

Stuff from the past that I just uncovered this year

"Time to Leave," depicts a self-absorbed gay photographer who tries to figure out his life after he discovers he has cancer ... "Monsieur Hire," a French thriller about an introverted middle-aged man who is suspected of murder because he is "different" and the dark but realistic Burt Lancaster World War II film, "The Train."

Guilty pleasures

Yes, I do have some, and here is where I confess ... "Drillbit Taylor," great expectations by some made this a box office flop, but its comedy and sweetness were both hooks for me ... "Swing Vote," made in New Mexico, totally unbelievable, totally entertaining ... "The Pope's Toilet" oh, relax – it is just a story about a man who, like his neighbors, wants to cash in on an impending visit by the Pope, and builds a pay for use toilet in his Uruguayan village.

Other notables

"Shotgun Stories" (no, it is not about guns), "Irina Palm" stars aging folk/rock singer Marianne Faithfull as a sex club worker in this ultra dry comedy/drama, Gus Van Sant's "Paranoid Park," "Finding Amanda," a vastly underrated Matthew Broderick comedy, "Four Minutes" (from Germany), "Year of the Fish," a modern day Cinderella story in the unique style of animation called rotoscope and "Beauty in Trouble," from the Czech Republic, oh, and "Moscow Belgium," a delightful story



Misty Upham as Lila and Melissa Leo as Ray in "Frozen River"

of a middle-age working mom caught between two would-be suitors.

Disappointments and turkeys

"Trouble the Water" – the most over-hyped documentary of the year about a couple of New Orleans losers who accidentally shot a few minutes of horrific tape during Hurricane Katrina ... "Expired," a hugely unsatisfying sexist comedy with Samantha Morton, the boorish and moronic "Gomorrah," the pointless "Priceless" and, surprise, "A Christmas Tale."

So, here's hoping that, if you haven't already, you'll make it a resolution in 2009 to see movies that might challenge you in some way. The Fountain Theatre, of course, will offer you at least 52 chances to do so this year, and as you travel, check out similar venues, such as Tucson's Loft Theatre, The Guild in Albuquerque or The Screen, Santa Fe Film Center and CCA in Santa Fe.

After all, how many more talking dog movies do we need to see?

The person who comes closest to guessing how many movies I saw in 2008 wins two tickets to the Fountain Theatre. Email me at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com before noon on Thursday, Jan. 1. Hint: It is more than 100 in spite of my best efforts.



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Tenecia Yeboah sings a solo in the song "Down in Bethlehem" during the performance.



Rev. Mike Edwards conducts the orchestra and the crowd during a song when everyone was invited to join in.



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"The Christmas Pudding," created, compiled and adapted by David Birney and directed by Jan H. Wolfe has performances at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26 and 27, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

The play is a Christmas celebration told in songs, stories, poems and tales from some of the world's greatest classical writers that evokes the real spirit of Christmas. Tickets are \$10 for regular admission and \$9 for students and seniors over 65. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 523-1223 or at www.no-strings.org.

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☞ ARTISTS AND WRITERS SHOWCASE
AT EL PASO SADDLEBLANKET

El Paso Saddleblanket, 6926 Gateway East, will host the Artists and Writers Showcase from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27. Participants include Nina Eaton, Jesse Lujan, April Milton, Robert Skimin, Ben Avant, Sally Backey-Avant, Carlos Corella, Manny Guerra, Manny Guerra, Susan Wester Perez and Albert Alvidrez.

☞ FAMILY STORYTELLING AT
COAS BOOKSTORES

COAS Bookstores present family storytelling from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27. The storyteller at the Downtown Mall location will be Douglas Jackson and for the Solano Drive location, the storyteller will be Sarah Addison "Juba" and Sharlene Whittern. A free book is given to all children who attend.

Monday,
DECEMBER 29

☞ IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN

Hop on down to the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, for stories and fun activities about frogs. This special vacation week program is for children ages 7 to 11.

Tuesday,
DECEMBER 30

☞ STITCH 'N' VISIT

Visit with other people doing portable fiber arts. To participate, bring a portable craft, such as knitting, crochet, cross-stitch or embroidery. The focus of the group is good conversation and sharing creative ideas. The group meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Unravel Yarn Shop and

Gallery, 300 N. Downtown Mall. All meetings are free and open to the public. Contact Susan Armstrong at 522-2984 or susana50@juno.com for more information. Visit <http://lascrucesstitches.multiply.com>.

☞ SWINGING SENIORS
NEW YEAR'S DANCE

The Swinging Seniors of Munson Center will host an early New Year's dance and potluck with music by Jim Corrons from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Admission to the dance is \$6. Call 528-3000 for more information.

Wednesday,
DECEMBER 31☞ NEW YEAR'S PROGRAM
AT BRANIGAN LIBRARY

Ring in the New Year at this special vacation week program for children ages 7 to 11.

At 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, come to the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library to enjoy stories and make a noise maker to celebrate the New Year.

Friday,
JANUARY 2☞ LITERARY OPEN MIC NIGHT
AT THE RIO GRANDE THEATRE

Theater Manager David Edwards recently announced the addition of "Literary Open Mic" nights beginning from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 2. The renovated, two-story adobe Rio Grande Theatre is located at 211 Downtown Mall. Authors should prepare a five- to six-minute presentation (generally three pages of poetry, prose or a performance piece). A sound system will be provided. Host for the event is poet and editor Wayne Crawford.

First Fridays were selected for the Literary Open Mic Nights to coincide with the monthly Downtown Ramble art walk in which many Downtown and near Downtown art galleries remain open from 5 to 7 p.m. Although no intermission is planned, authors are encouraged to ramble before the reading as well as to come and go as needed. Call Wayne Crawford at 541-8073 or email wayne1@zianet.com for more information.

Tuesday,
JANUARY 6☞ EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT
THE RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The Doña Ana Youth Choir will perform a special concert at the Rio Grande Theatre at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6. The concert is in preparation for the 2009 New Mexico All State Music Festival in Albuquerque Jan. 7 through 10.

Every Other Tuesday performances always begin at 5:30 p.m. and are free to the public. For more information, call 523-6403.

Wednesday,
JANUARY 7

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☞ Upcoming Events ☞

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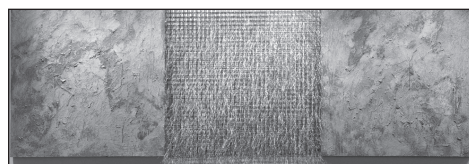
☞ EL PASO BLUES SOCIETY

The El Paso Blues Society will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Cockpit Lounge, 9828 Montana Ave. From 8 to 11:30 p.m., there will be a jam session. Drums, bass rig will be provided. All others must bring amps and guitars. Participants can jam on a first come first serve basis and will play blues only. Call 915-526-0719 for more information.

Thursday,
JANUARY 8☞ LECTURE SERIES AT THE FARM
AND RANCH MUSEUM

The New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum will present a lecture series by Sherry Robinson titled "Apache Voices" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8. The presentation includes an overview of Apache history, culture and values.

Robinson, an award-winning journalist, is the author of "Apache Voices" and "El Malpais, Mt. Taylor and the Zuni Mountains." Robinson is working on a second Apache book about the Lipan Apaches. Admission is free and the program is co-sponsored by the New Mexico Humanities Council.

Saturday,
JANUARY 10☞ ARTIST'S DIALOGUE AT THE PRESTON
CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

Preston Contemporary Art Center will host an Artist's Dialogue presentation at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, by relief sculptor Susan Venable. There is no admission charge for the event.

Susan Venable creates subjective works of art that are both striking and contemplative. Her zen-like approach is intentional and is represented by the honesty in her choice of materials and processes. She combines fiber techniques in copper wire with oil and encaustic panels based on a metal grid. She creates physical metaphors wherein the works' structural aspects are poetically articulated. Materials she uses are ancient and of the earth. Copper, representing fire and light, is one of the earliest-known substances used in art. Both steel and copper have been chosen for their properties, both real and symbolic, of strength. The origins of her work are found in the art of primitive societies where the earth's elements and resources were paramount. In keeping with her commitment to the environment, the metals are all fabricated of recycled materials.

The Preston Contemporary Art Center is

located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. For more information, call 523-8713 or visit www.preston-contemporaryart.com.

☞ UNRAVELER'S KNITTING GUILD

The Unraveler's Knitting Guild will meet at the home of Jan Harrison at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. Judith Ameriks and Kathleen Coventry will present a demonstration of the ravelry.com website. Knitters of all levels are welcome. Contact Harrison at 541-9284 for more information.

☞ SWINGING DANCERS
OF MUNSON CENTER

Couples and singles 50 and older are invited to dance with the Swinging Dancers of Munson Center at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and there is a \$6 cover charge. Mark Coker will provide the entertainment. Call 528-3000 for more information.

Sunday,
JANUARY 11☞ ARTIST'S DIALOGUE AT THE PRESTON
CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

Thomas Schiff will give a demonstration of techniques used in creating panoramic architectural photography as part of the Artist's Dialogue at the Preston Contemporary Art Center at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11.

A photographer since childhood, Schiff has worked in various photographic formats for 40 years. In a journey to find a new artistic vision, he turned to panoramic photography in 1994. He is a lifelong resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. In creating his panoramic photographs, the camera is mounted to an extended tripod and rotates 360 degrees or more upon its axis, exposing film in a continuous strip as it turns. Schiff looks for key visual elements on which to anchor the image, becoming the starting point from where the camera's movement is calculated. Schiff has three published books of images shot with his Hulcherama 360 Panoramic camera: "Panoramic Cincinnati" (1999), "Panoramic Ohio" (2002) and "Panoramic Parks of Cincinnati" (2005). In 2003, the "Panoramic Ohio" project included a touring exhibition that opened at the Cincinnati Art Museum.

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☞ WATERCOLOR SOCIETY MEETING

The New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at Good Sam's, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, off of Telshor Boulevard near Memorial Medical Center, in the arts and crafts room in the administrative wing (there is parking close to the entrance). The January program will feature 2008 Spring Workshop instructor Nancy Frost Begin, who will demonstrate and share ideas on plein air painting. Non-members are welcome. Call Jan Addy at 526-5374 for more information.

CALL TO ARTISTS

© KCOS TV ART DAYS AUCTION

KCOS-TV's Art Days 2009 art auction will showcase the talents of some of the area's most celebrated and renowned artists along with some exciting new talent.

KCOS can sell approximately 200 items in the time allotted and will accept donations on a first-come first-serve basis. The deadline for submission is Feb. 6. Original art, antiques, collectibles and celebrity items are very popular and create a lot of interest when KCOS has them early enough to feature them in advance.

Art received in the office no later than Jan. 9 may be previewed in the February Viewer Guide and on the KCOS TV website.

The artist's works will be featured over four days on KCOS. The auction will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 18 and 19, from 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, and 2 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22.

The auction allows viewers to place bids on recent works that have been generously donated by the artists. Proceeds go to fund public television station KCOS in order to allow it to continue to provide quality programming for the entire Southwest region.

Contact Alicia Meier at 915-590-1313 or ameier@kcostv.org for more information.

© CITY OF ARTISTS

City of Artists Promotional Association was formed to promote the arts in the Las Cruces, Mesilla and surrounding areas. Through the website, local venues, association with galleries and other business groups who are actively building an interest in the arts, CAPA is working to create a nationally known arts community in Las Cruces. Anyone interested in joining City of Artists should log on to www.cityofartists.org for a membership form.

© WINNERS CIRCLE SHOW CALL TO ARTISTS

Enter an art piece that has specifically won a first place, best of show or notable recognition. Award information should accompany the entry, which may have an indication of on loan, sale price or not for sale. This blockbuster, Winners Circle Show, will usher in the New Year at 2009's first Downtown Ramble. Call 523-2950 or email bluegateflodoc@aol.com for more information.

SEND OUT YOUR OWN CALL TO ARTISTS

The Las Cruces Bulletin welcomes all calls for artist submissions within the Las Cruces area. Send information about a gallery or event to arts@lascrucesbulletin.com or deliver to the Bulletin office at 840 N. Telshor Blvd., Suite E. Please include submission guidelines and deadlines, as well as a phone number and/or email address for those with questions.

© FOR LOVE OF ART CELEBRATION SEEKS ARTISTS

The Town of Mesilla seeks artists to participate in the seventh annual For the Love of Art Celebration on the Mesilla Plaza from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14.

Work must be original and created by the displaying artist. Artist must be present during the event. No imported, kit or commercial objects accepted. Artist must have, or obtain, a business license in the Town of Mesilla effective for the year March 15, 2008, through March 14, 2009.

In 1999, February was declared For the Love of Art Month in Las Cruces. The event in Mesilla is held in conjunction with the Las Cruces celebration in an effort to promote art and the business of art.

The deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31. For more information, call the Town of Mesilla at 524-3262, ext. 116, or email kmedina_tom@comcast.net.

© LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is currently accepting proposals for solo and group exhibitions by artists living and working in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas to exhibit work in 2010. The prospectus is available online at the Museum of Art website <http://museums.lascruces.org> and includes more information on proposal requirements. The deadline for submissions is June 19, 2009.

Artist proposals must include a brief statement on the proposed exhibit including media, general content of the show and proposed use of floor space. The proposal package should also include artist

résumé, artist statement and 10 to 20 thumbnail images of works for each of the artists included in the proposal.

Prominent members of the New Mexico artist community have been selected as the jurors including Cyndi Conn, visual arts director/curator of the Center for Contemporary Arts in Santa Fe, Arif Khan, gallery director of the Tamarind Institute in Albuquerque, and Preston Thayer, director of the University Art Gallery at New Mexico State University. This is a wonderful opportunity for regional artists to show their highest quality work and receive museum level exposure. Past exhibitions have included installations, sculpture, large-scale drawings and a variety of other media.

Call 541-2221 or email jmiller@las-cruces.org for more information.

© MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre has immediate openings for local artists of all media and styles, including contemporary and abstract. For further information, call 522-2933, drop by the gallery or visit www.zianet.com/mvartgallery.

© WHITE SANDS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The White Sands International Film Festival is now accepting entries into the 2009 competitive program being held April 23-26, 2009. Four categories for entry include Narrative, Documentary, Latino Film Showcase and New Mexico Film Showcase. Films shot in New Mexico will receive a waived entry fee. Cash prizes or special jury awards will be given in each category. In particular, the festival is interested in: films that deal with contemporary issues, that celebrate the human spirit, that deal with the Latino or Hispanic world, that have been made in New Mexico or ones with good story telling, acting, writing and direction. For submission information, visit www.wsiff.com.

© MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is seeking local artists to display their fine artwork. Selections will be made by a jury group. For information, call 522-2933 or pick up an application at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla.

THEATER

Black Box Theatre presents 'The Christmas Pudding'

Christmas celebration told in various ways

"The Christmas Pudding," created, compiled and adapted by David Birney and directed by Jan H. Wolfe, has performances at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26 and 27, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. The play is a Christmas celebration told in songs, stories, poems and tales from some of the world's greatest classical writers that evoke the real spirit of Christmas.

Wolfe, an award-winning El Paso director, started a new theater production company called Framed Wolfe Productions. The "initial voyage" will be "The Christmas Pudding," a show that Wolfe fell in love with at first reading.

"There are no jingle bells or ho, ho, ho's or other commercially-oriented pieces. This isn't a story, but rather a series of classic stories, poems, essays, letters and

old-fashioned caroling, which take you into the true mood of the season," Wolfe says. "I am Jewish, and I found this material uplifting, noble, majestic and very accessible. You leave feeling full of the joy of this season of giving and sharing."

Readings include, amongst others, pieces by George Bernard Shaw, Shakespeare, Longfellow, Mark Twain, O. Henry, Luke and Charles Dickens. Even young King Arthur makes an appearance as he pulls the sword from the stone. Humorous and mystical poems are interspersed with heartwarming stories of seasons past.

Musical Director John Bedford Johnson has found the music for the family of carolers, who also are the readers. Some of this music will be well known, but some are old English, French or German carols that would have been sung by neighborhood singers in late 1800 England. His job

was to take these diverse voices and put them together into the special sound of friends singing.

The ultimate feeling of the evening is that of sitting by a huge fireplace and listening to the best storytellers and singers available. Featured are John Bedford Johnson, Stephanie Conwell, Judith Lee, Jim Daross, David Villanueva and Vanessa Casas.

This will be the first time that Wolfe and Ceil and Peter Herman, the owners of the Black Box Theatre, have collaborated on a project and both are excited. The intimacy of the Black Box is perfect for this show.

Tickets are \$10 for regular admission and \$9 students and seniors over 65. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by calling 523-1223 or online at www.no-strings.org.



Judith Lee, Stephanie Conwell, Johnny Johnson and David Villanueva will perform in "The Christmas Pudding" at the Black Box Theatre Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26 and 27.

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

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© BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

"La Charreada: Fotos de ¡Los Charros Magnificos!" will be on display at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Photographer David Shaw happened on a procession of pick-up trucks and horse trailers traveling down a dusty road in Encinitas, Calif., and on impulse followed them. This led to Shaw's discovery of the world of La Charreada, the Mexican Horse Rodeo. An exhibit of silver gelatin prints celebrating the people, Los Charros, and the event, La Charreada, is the culmination of three years of travel into this centuries old competition and exhibition of horsemanship. "La Charreada: Fotos de ¡Los Charros Magnificos!" remains on display through Dec. 27.

Supplementing the photography will be information panels providing the history of La Charreada and describing the various events and feats. The panels will be presented in both English and Spanish.

Shaw has been involved in photography for over forty years. Inspired by Edward Weston's "Daybooks," he began working in black and white using a 4-by-5 view camera. For the Charreada series, Shaw used a twin lens Mamiya camera. Now settled in Las Cruces, he has established Estudio Azul and continues exploring new subjects with his camera.

The Branigan Cultural Center is located at the north end of the Downtown Mall. The exhibit and reception is free and open to the public. Galleries are open 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.

© MAIN STREET GALLERY

Nancy Begin will be the featured guest artist through December at Main Street Gallery, 311 N. Downtown Mall. She is exhibiting her fantasy works which depict her pleasingly peculiar watercolor world and her equally curious "Monster Boxes," which can only be described as irresistibly grotesque pets ... the kind you want to take home. The adorably quirky hand-painted and hand-carved characters are liable to charm and compel one into an adoption frenzy. The Main Street Gallery continues to exhibit some of Las Cruces' finest artists including the etchings and pastels of Winfrey Hearst, the impressionisms

of Annetta Hoover, Judy Licht's brilliant dyes on silk, Daphne Wirthlin's whimsical fantasy scenes, Lois Wilson's fused and dichroic glasswork, Lynn Unangst's Spirit Minders, Margaret Berrier's detailed rock-art jewelry, Joanna Bradley's flamboyant gourd artworks and the authenticated limited-edition prints of Robert Highsmith's superb watercolors.

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 647-0508 for more information.

© RIO GRANDE THEATRE

A show entitled "Americana Revisited, Part 2" created by local art educator Shelley Black will show through Dec. 29, in the El Paso Electric Gallery and Carolene De Mesilla Information Center & Gallery at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall.

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 Shelley to the Middle East in 1971 to work on site 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.

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 Doña Ana Arts Council

office at 523-6403 for more information.

© M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery features 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.

© MASTERY IN LIFE CENTER

Raul Madrid, a remarkable individual who just celebrated his 50th birthday with cerebral palsy, will be featured at Mastery in Life, at the north end of the Downtown Mall, during the month of December. 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. Call 373-1971 for more information.

© IN EFFECT GALLERY

In Effect Gallery, 514 W. Griggs Ave., features 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 that. Additionally, In Effect will accept layaway purchases just in time for the holidays.

While not obscene or pornographic, the subject matter is 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.

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, often the ones no other gallery will show. Best described as "urban-contemporary," In Effect is 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.

© GLENN CUTTER JEWELERS AND GALLERY

Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery will host Susi and Richard Bergquist through Dec. 31. The Bergquists are well known ceramic artists from San Simon, Ariz. Susi Bergquist does figures based on 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.

© MILAGRO COFFEE

Kurt Van Wagner of Las Cruces, will be displaying his digital figurative creations at Milagro Coffee, 1733 E. University Ave., through Dec. 31. Van Wagner has emerged as an accomplished self-taught photo based digital artist. He uses his computer to digitally create figurative nude collages as well as digitally painted photographs of local landscapes. The past several years, Van Wagner's art has been published in more than 20 international magazines and books. These recent works of the human figure are Kurt's interpretation of man's purpose and meaningful existence in the world. Van Wagner is a member of the Las Cruces Arts Association, CAPA (City of Artists Promotional Association), Art Forms and the El Paso Arts Association, and has won numerous awards the past eight years of his arts career. Visit www.digitalartbykurt.com for more information.

Continuing
this Week

© NEW MEXICO FARM AND RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

A beautiful new exhibit at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum will have people

looking at quilts in a whole new way. "Elements from the Front Range Contemporary Quilters" features 35 quilts created by an organization of artists primarily from Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Nebraska and Kansas.

The show continues through Feb. 8 in the Traditions Gallery. The museum has added some traditional quilts from its collections that are displayed in the North Corridor outside the gallery.

Inspired by the themes and atmosphere of the West, these artists explore the concept of

elements from a wide array of perspectives. Their quilts allude to earth, air, fire and water, as well as to environmental degradation, seasonal change, day and night and the chemical makeup of the planet on which we live.

These contemporary quilters are a continuation of the art quilt movement of the 1970s, when pioneering artists moved quilted textiles from the bed to the wall, declaring that fiber arts were valuable and worthy of notice as fine art. These quilts incorporate the accessible and familiar with the new and edgy, using a medium that has become, for many artists, a strong avenue for contemporary expression.

The Front Range Contemporary Quilters was established in Colorado in 1988 to educate, inform and celebrate the art quilt. From its eight-member beginning, the organization has grown to more than 200 members and provides a dynamic forum for education, mentorship and support for the contemporary quilter.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for children 5 to 17. Call 522-4100 for more information.

© LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is proud to present "Innovation and Change: Great Ceramics from the Ceramics Research Center, Arizona State University Art Museum Collection." The exhibition will run through Jan. 24.

The exhibit highlights 79 masterworks by many of the leading international artists of our

time, offering a panoramic survey of the potential of clay as an expressive art form. The objects on view range from functional ware for everyday use to more expressive art forms.

The exhibit features works by such prominent artists as Peter Voulkos, Stephen DeStaeble, Jun Kaneko, Tanya Batura and Eddie Dominguez. Influenced by European modernist design, as well as Asian pottery traditions, these ceramic pioneers created a new American aesthetic. The showing here in Las Cruces is part of a 10 city national tour over a three-year period.

Contact Joy Miller, exhibition curator, at 541-2221 for more information. The TTY number is 541-2161.

© UNSETTLED GALLERY

Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St., presents the work of Pat Bonneau-White, Penny Dunclee and Jane Rogstad through Jan. 24. Gift wrapping is available. Call 635-2285 for more information.

© TERRACE GALLERY

"Small, but Mighty," a collection of miniature paintings by members of the Las Cruces Arts Association will be exhibited at the Terrace Gallery from through Jan. 30. The artwork is priced at \$200 and less, in keeping with LCAA's mission to offer affordable art.

Terrace Gallery is located on the second floor of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Call 528-4000 for more information. There is no admission charge.

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Jennifer Woodward Salon

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

"Bear Fetish Gourd" by Joanna Bradley, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum



"Iris" by Judy Licht, at the Terrace Gallery

"Save Mono Lake" by Kurt Van Wagner, at the Cottonwood Gallery



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© 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. 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.

© COTTONWOOD GALLERY

The Cottonwood Gallery and City of Artists Promotional Association presents a stimulating photography show entitled "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 Fray and Pat

Jonker. The show runs through Jan. 18, and can be viewed at the Southwest Environmental Center located at 275 S. Downtown Mall.

© TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive, will host the gourd art of Joanna Bradley and Kathe Stark through Jan. 2.

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 has 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.

© BLACK BOX THEATRE

"Photos and Fibers" an exhibit by John Gustinis and Joan Jensen, is currently on display at the theatre gallery 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

Las Cruces Public Schools annual Middle School Art Show will continue through Jan. 31, 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.

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FEATURED ARTIST

Megan McQueen: Artist by calling, teacher by accident

NMSU graduate has a place in Las Cruces arts community

By JENNA FROSCH
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Megan McQueen is multitasked. She can sing, act and dance, but more than that, she can create productions of all three, star in them and make them a hit.

She used to sit and listen to her father play his guitar and sing, which was the beginning of her musical career. She sang in church, at school and pursued a bachelor's degree in music with a minor in theater from New Mexico State University.

In her senior year at NMSU, she played Cherubino in the opera "The

Marriage of Figaro" and Sally Bowles in "Cabaret."

"I started my degree because I liked singing," McQueen says. Soon, singing became producing, and she began putting together shows during the nights the NMSU Music Center Recital Hall wasn't being used for performances.

"Putting together the shows evolved into me directing/producing a lot of things in the community," McQueen says.

The progression was a natural one for McQueen. In general, McQueen says she enjoyed the organizational part of the process – the creative part.

"In Las Cruces, there is always opportunity to do things I want to do," McQueen says. "Performing is the favorite aspect of everything I do, but I think there is more of a need for the directing aspect now."

With that, McQueen is in the application process to return to school for her master's of fine arts degree in directing, a field that she has become familiar with since her 2001 graduation from NMSU.

In that time, McQueen has worked with theater companies in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, while performing professionally. She began teaching at Alma d'arte Charter High School in the fall of 2004, teaching musical theater. With new, popular musicals being produced, such as "High School Musical" and "Hairspray," McQueen says younger students are learning to appreciate the genre.

"These days, musicals are popular with the kids, so I get to teach them how to sing, dance and act," McQueen says.

As part of the school's curriculum, McQueen says the arts are integrated

into learning. However, since her subject is the arts, she integrates core learning into her class, such as reading more Sholem Aleichem while learning "Fiddler on the Roof."

This year, McQueen has participated in 10 major productions, and in the fall semester alone, has made at least 50 public performances.

"My husband's a patient man," McQueen says with a laugh.

Earlier in the year, McQueen worked on "We Are Enron" alongside Mark Medoff, who encouraged her to pursue an advanced degree in directing.

"Mark thinks I am capable of directing at a professional level," McQueen says. "I think I do want to see what comes from directing."

While her performances ranged from singing to acting, McQueen says she loves musicals and considers herself an expert on the subject, answering trivia from students and people within the community. She has more than 200 CDs of musicals and at least 100 musical DVDs.

"Musicals are such an open expression of joy and really any other emotion," McQueen says. "Storytelling through music is an incredibly powerful tool for connection between human beings."

She has produced four performances at the Boba Café Cabaret and says the shows are a gift to the community.

"I love piecing together different material for a production and taking the audience on a rollercoaster ride of music," she says. "If you do it well, people trust you and will go with you any crazy place from song to song."

With her plans to receive a master's

degree elsewhere where there is a program for it, McQueen still would love to return to New Mexico and serve as an artistic director for a music theater company. As an artistic director, McQueen could work with the business side of production, as well as choosing performances, overseeing casting and working with a variety of people – something that McQueen has proven she has a knack for.

In her most recent venture, McQueen and a group of her friends will participate in a "One Night Only" performance at the Rio Grande Theatre at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27. She will perform with Isaac Quiroga and Marco Jimenez. Admission is \$10. Call McQueen at 644-7136 for more information.



Megan McQueen enjoys performing in musical theater, as the Witch in "Into the Woods."



McQueen's (far right) passion lies in directing, with Deb Knapp and Mark Medoff during "We Are Enron."

Megan McQueen presents 'One Night Only'

Isaac Quiroga, Marco Jimenez to perform classic and modern favorites

Megan McQueen, Isaac Quiroga and Marco Jimenez will come together for "One Night Only," a dramatic, energetic celebration of a variety of great music at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at the Rio Grande Theatre.

McQueen has directed nearly 20 revues for the community. As a voice, music and theater teacher at Alma d'arte Charter High School for the last five years, she's been able to stay in town and stage many musicals, most recently "We Are Enron." She's played roles in many Las Cruces musicals, such as Aldonza in "Man of La Mancha," Woman two in "Songs for a New World" and the Witch in "Into the Woods."

Quiroga will return from New York City where he recently earned his master's degree in performance from New

York University. He performed in dozens of dance, music and theater events as a student at New Mexico State University (such as "She Loves Me" and "Animals' Christmas") and has frequently returned to Las Cruces to light up the stage (as in "Songs for a New World" and "Extinction"). Last spring, he starred as Jeff Skilling in "We Are Enron."

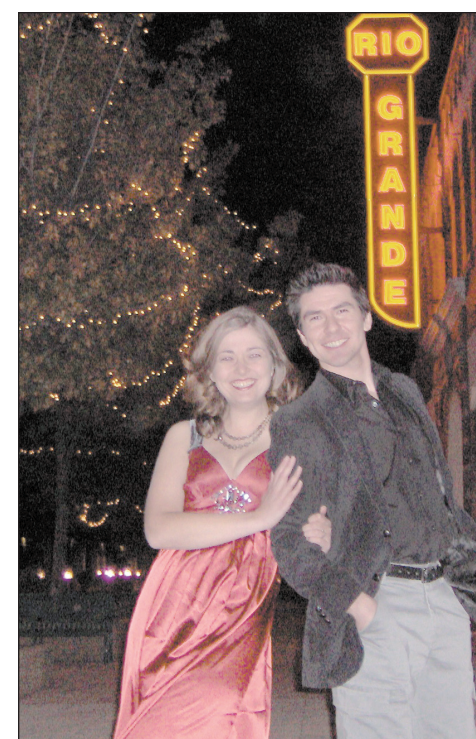
Jimenez is working on a master's degree in performance in piano at the University of Arizona. He's shared his multiple gifts as pianist or singer in numerous shows for Las Cruces Community Theatre, Doña Ana Lyric Opera, No Strings Theatre Company, NMSU Choirs and other organizations. Highlights include portraying Sancho in "Man of La Mancha," playing for piano for "You're a Good

Man Charlie Brown" and playing and acting in Tom Smith's "Glamtastic."

The show will include a range of Broadway tunes from the classic Gershwin's "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off" to songs from Broadway's recent "Light in the Piazza" and "Spring Awakening." The set list will also feature hits of several popular music artists such as John Denver and Tori Amos. Also returning to Las Cruces, two professional musicians will make special appearances in the show. Michael Wood of Liars fame will play guitar and Joe T. Meier will play saxophone.

Consider giving tickets as a memorable holiday gift. This exciting reunion of three oft-collaborators in the most beautiful venue in Las Cruces will be a night to remember. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale at the Rio Grande Theatre from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 27 and at the door. Call 526-7833 for more information.

Megan McQueen and Isaac Quiroga will perform in "One Night Only" at the Rio Grande Theatre.



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Bulletin Restaurant Guide

High-quality eats at El Sombrero

Restaurant serves traditional Mexican dishes since 1956

By JENNA FROSCH
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Since 1956, El Sombrero Patio Café has offered some of the highest quality Mexican food in the area, with food made fresh, along with the best service available, according to their mission statement.

They are known for their homemade salsa and variety of dishes to please any palette, and Manager Melissa Robinson says the restaurant serves food from recipes that have remained consistent through their 52 years in business.

"We have been in business a long time and we are known for our fast, friendly service," Robinson says. She says with a full staff, every customer is treated with the best care.

Their location on Espina Street gives El Sombrero plenty of traffic and with an enclosed patio patrons can enjoy a drink during happy hour or a full meal. The happy hour is one of the best in Las Cruces according to Robinson, and it is offered from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and all day Friday and Saturday, with \$1.75 domestic beer and \$2.25 import. They also offer a nachos and beer special for \$14.95 domestics and \$15.95 imports.

The nachos include tortilla chips topped with beans, white and yellow cheese, sour cream, guacamole and meat.

For those who aren't looking for a cold beverage, El Sombrero serves quality food, such as the most popular menu item, green enchiladas served with tortillas, or the Sombrero tacos, three steamed corn tortillas with guacamole, alfalfa sprouts, mushrooms, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes and a side of pico de gallo.

The fajitas caliente are another patron favorite, with grilled beef and chicken with onion, jalapeños and green chile, guacamole, sour cream, lettuce, tomato, cheese and miniature flour tortillas.

"We aren't a steakhouse, but we have a really great rib eye that people seem to enjoy," Robinson says.

El Sombrero features daily lunch specials for \$5.95. Monday is rolled tacos, beef or chicken, with chile con queso. Tuesday is the double barrel chimichangas, beef or chicken, with green chile topped with red or green sauce and served with whole beans, guacamole, chile con queso,



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El Sombrero Patio Café is known for its spacious patio and happy hour specials offered every day.

sour cream and garnish. Wednesday is stuffed rellenos, ground beef or chicken, served with rice and beans. Thursday is red tacos with ground beef and potatoes, served with rice and beans.

This winter, they are offering homemade posole and seasonal desserts such as pumpkin cheesecake.

El Sombrero also offers vegetarian options and none of their sauces are cooked with meat or lard. The veggie tacos are popular: three mini flour tortillas filled with guacamole, alfalfa sprouts, mushrooms, cheese, lettuce, tomato and a side of pico de gallo.

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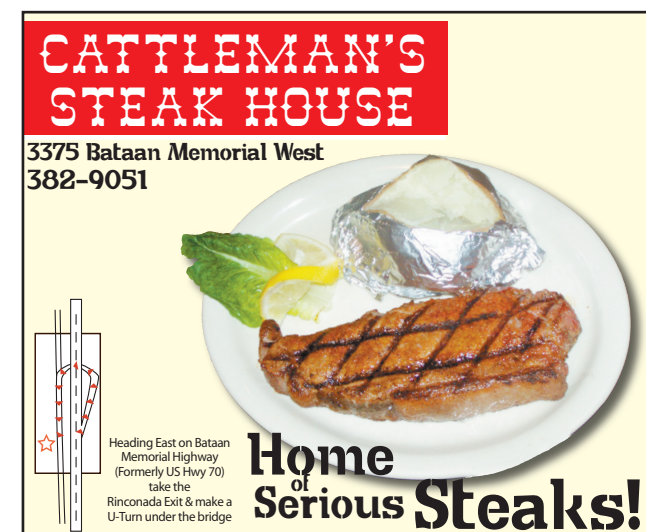
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WORD SALSA

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DELICIOUS
DRY
EXCELLENT
FLAVORLESS
HOT
PERFECT
SALTY
SPICY
TASTY
TENDER
TOO MUCH

SPANISH

CREMOSO
DELICIOSO
SECO
EXCELENTE
SIN SABOR
CALIENTE
PERFECTO
SALADO
PICANTE
SABROSO
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S L T M H O S O I C I L E D D
P E T N E I L A C E X M L E A
E H T S S E L R O V A L F L L
R M O S O M E R C S E C O I A
E S O T P A S P I C Y S P C S
D C M L M C S A L T Y L Y I E
N D U Y R D D E L I C O S O T
E V C L S O T C E F R E P U N
T S H F V A R O B A S N I S E
N A B O S A B R O S O S I N L
A C H T I E R N O T H E C L E
C I Y C K F I V C R L S C R C
I T N D R E V O N O E M O H X
P E R F E C T N E L L E C X E

CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

ACROSS

1 Astronaut views

11 #1 spot

15 Castle feature

16 Hunted

17 All set

18 Burden

19 Peach or rhubarb

20 Freshly painted

21 Of the ankle

25 Other side

26 "A Chorus Line" number

27 Load from a lode

28 "That means ____!"

29 "Go ahead!"

30 Rap sheet abbr.

32 Bring in

33 Mythical monster

35 Modern letter

38 Grp. concerned with defense

41 Action of obliging

46 Detailed mapping

52 Opposition

53 Planets

55 Apprehend

56 Bantu language

57 Chapter in history

58 Scarf fabric

61 Breed

63 Certain something

64 Fond du ____, Wis.

66 Investment option, briefly

67 Ball in a socket

68 Certain digital watch face, for short

69 An impurity added to a pure substance

73 Fifth, for one (abbr.)

74 Cry from Homer Simpson

75 Be hopping mad

77 Contrived

84 Ancestry

85 Spring flower

86 At one time, at one time

87 Rebuild the lego house

DOWN

1 Passport to business success?

2 Bit in a horse's mouth

3 His "4" was retired

4 Degree in math?

5 Caught some Z's

6 White powder

7 Islamic chieftain

8 Potpie morsel

9 Boundary

10 Hog heaven?

11 Pertinent

12 Buttercup

13 Of a fiery sky streak

14 Give one's ____

22 Salty Chinese sauce

23 Small forest buffalo

24 White blood cell

29 Atlanta-based airline

31 Half-circle

32 Decree

34 Rounded up

35 Letters

36 "Who, me?"

37 Personals, e.g.

38 Store convenience, for short

39 Fancy neckwear

40 30-day mo.

41 "I have an idea!"

42 Game pieces, e.g.

43 Night spot

44 Mozart's "L____ del Cairo"

45 Kan. neighbor

47 Alternative passage (music)

48 Stare (at)

49 Biochemistry abbr.

50 Wood-shaping tool

51 Fraternity letter

54 Altdorf is its capital

58 Eligible for jail free existence for a bit longer?

59 "Farewell"

60 Old cars for new cars?

62 Send to the canvas

65 Porcino

70 Mine entrances

71 7th day of March, July May and October

72 "So ____"

76 Tennis call

77 Ballad ending

78 Scot's not

79 Fed. construction overseer

80 Famous movie street

81 Barbecue offering

82 Pipe joint

83 Turn red, perhaps

SANTA'S UPGRADES

ACROSS

1 Colonel of KFC

8 President Garfield's middle name

13 Skirmishes

20 Made into law

21 Eric of "Top Hat"

22 Newman of "SNL"

23 Online funnies?

25 Included within

26 "Seinfeld" gal

27 Peddle by shouting

28 Land of Oranjestad

30 Small, humble dwelling

31 Member of the fam.

32 E. O'Brien film

34 ____ volente (God willing)

36 Hebrew month

37 Choice abbr.

38 Emoticon contests?

42 Church projection

43 Son of Charlemagne

46 Very small

47 Heart rhythm

49 Bonfire remnants

50 Command to Fido

51 Actor Knight

52 Overrefined

55 Volcanic rock ejecta

57 Type of collar

61 Cohort of Che

62 Light brown

63 IV x XIII

65 Wire-service letters

66 Curry or Russert

68 Feudal laborer

69 Mary of "Where Eagles Dare"

70 Collectibles featuring online notables?

75 Little barrel

76 Spanish red

78 Patriotic men's org.

79 Scrooge's expletive

80 Post-E.R. place

81 Porthos, to Athos

82 Satellite of Jupiter

84 Uttered in a trilling voice

88 \$100 bills

90 Place position

92 Help

93 Married

95 Full of: suff.

96 Prayers, perhaps

99 Golfer

100 Hemlock homes

101 Gas from the past

103 Mini-Frisbee?

106 So far

107 Jai ____

108 Sleuth Spade

109 AFL-____

110 School subj.

113 Make a blunder

114 Type of ray

116 Adhesive strip

118 Assign to a feedlot

121 Main movie

123 Small round object?

126 Even less prudent

127 Antiknock fluid

128 Adenauer

129 Pearson and Flatt

130 Final authority

131 Most pricey

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131

35 Versifier Nash

38 Bleaching vat

39 Store, as fodder

40 Gilberto of Bossa-Nova fame

41 Confidential assistant

42 Michael Caine film

43 Grazing areas

44 Salad green

45 Pick-up sticks call?

48 Slightly askew

51 Single sleeper

53 Apartment building

54 Mournful writers

56 Small isles

58 Center starter?

59 Windy City rail inits.

60 Soprano Te Kanawa

64 Baghdad land

67 1700 in letters

71 Indonesian island group

72 Long-snouted fish

73 Masticated

74 Political pundit John

77 University of Maine town

83 Dijon donkey

85 Over 50 org.

86 Travel stamps

87 Contrivances

89 Corrida cries

91 Trump namer

94 Arnaz of show biz

97 Repair-shop vehicles

98 Issue forth

99 "The Bells of ____"

101 Quantity of a look?

102 Tranquil

104 Like successful jingles

105 Java

107 Get a smile out of

110 Old hat

111 Boston cagers, for short

112 Small harbor

115 Ed or Leon

117 Horseback game

119 Gillette razor

120 Skiers' ride

122 ____ for tat

124 Eng. instruction letters

125 Offbeat

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

RAMENGUARICUDER
RATROCERESUMIRA
ERAIVDISMINUIRM
ESNEDNOCOTIVTAB
TESAERCEDOTARTU
ABREVIARTCOBARR
IRDTINIRSRDNLOA
VEIOTAIIDUEEFCAD
EDMLFMLATSFNTAD
RULIMITARHLRIBN
BCOMPRIMIRAOSRE
BHSINIMIDOTHEUP
AZITOREDUCESDMM
OEEZIRAMMUSOTA
TOCOMPRESSETTZRC

Diagramless

COURANT MADE OHS
RESORTED AMEN RET
TRENCHER XMAS BRA
YET IONIZATION
ARUM SLAVONIC
SEN EPERGNE
STEM
CUTANDPASTE
ORIGINATION
WINEBAR DAT
EDITS
ORE EMETICS
NONCRITICAL
ALTERNATELY
BLIP
LEE
ESCAPED FERN
AIRPASSAGE STY
IRK ATOM APPEASES
NEE LIEU WORMHOLE
EER TORR LOSABLE

Black to Black

ATBAY AHSO REDDI MAAM
BURSA NOTV EASES AMMO
BLACKSTONE STONEFRUIT
OLIO WET ROAM GROSSES
TENT OSO DALYS ERBE
TIO WHITEHOT EAMES
FRUITSSALAD SALADGREEN
RAKESIN ZIT TAKEO NRA
IRA GETSITON REP TTOT
GESSO TKE MSG STAR
GREENFLASH FLASHLIGHT
WERE TUB URI DONOR
PCBS OPT TOREADOR OSE
ALI ASTRO BED EVICTEE
LIGHTHOUSE HOUSECLEAN
EPCOT NETIZENS RHO
HOAR DELIA GPA PARR
APERIES REAR RAW CLEO
CLEANSLATE SLATEBLACK
ROSY HONAN EINE COMTE
ETES TWIGS SETS SPOOR

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CBS	(3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		NUMB3RS		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	Paid	News (N)	Entertain	Wife Swap		Supernanny		20/20		News (N)	Nightline	Blitz	Kimmel
FOX	(8) 14	Dr. Phil		News (N)	Two Men	You Smarter?		Don't Forget		News (N)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Top Chef		Dateline NBC (In Stereo)				News (N)	News	Tonight Show	
CW	(14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Chris	The	Chris	The	Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	(15)	7th Heaven		** "EDtv" (1999)	Matthew McConaughey			News		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN	(26)	Basket	College Football	Motor City Bowl -- Central Michigan vs. Florida Atlantic.						SportsCenter		SportsCenter	Fast	SportsCenter	
ESPN2	(27)	SportsCtr	E:60		SportsCenter			SportsCenter 2008: Greatest		NFL Live	Madden	Fast	NBA Basketball: Bulls at Heat		
USA	(31)	House		House		House		House		*** "Inside Man" (2006)	Denzel Washington			Inside	
TNT	(32)	Law & Order		** "Con Air" (1997)	Nicolas Cage			(:10) ** "Con Air" (1997)	Nicolas Cage			(:40) ** "Stealth" (2005)			
TBS	(33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	** "Last Holiday" (2006)	Queen Latifah	Sex &	Sex &	Sex &	Sex &	How Stell	
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn	UFC 92 Cntdn	MAN	MAN	MAN	Game	Samurai	
COM	(35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	"American Pie Presents"				** "National Lampoon's Van Wilder"		S. Park	S. Park	George Lopez			
LIFE	(39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	** "Angel Eyes" (2001)	Jennifer Lopez	Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden		
FOOD	(40)	Challenge		Good	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Chefography		Good	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Chefography	
HGTV	(41)	My	House	Property	Property	Big Mistakes		House	House	Get Sold	To Sell	Property	Property	Big Mistakes	
A&E	(43)	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami "Recoil"		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami "Recoil"	
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels (N)		Gangland Florida.		Shadow Force (N)		Gangland		Modern Marvels		Gangland Florida.	
TLC	(45)	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear	
DISC	(47)	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs	
ANPL	(50)	Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars	
FAM	(51)	70s Show	70s Show	*** "The Family Man" (2000)	Nicolas Cage	Tea Leoni		The 700 Club		70s Show	70s Show	Paid	Paid		
DISN	(52)	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas
NICK	(54)	Drake & Josh		Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Lopez	Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Family	Family	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	(57)	"Stand by Me"		*** "Mystic River" (2003)	Sean Penn, Tim Robbins			** "Psycho" (1998, Suspense)	Vince Vaughn			Dark Half			
SCIFI	(59)	"Highlander"		** "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (2006)				Highlander		Highlander		Highlander		Highlander	
CNN	(62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	(63)	The Nuclear Option		Prostitution		Suze Orman		On the Money		Mad Money		Fast Money		American Greed	
MSNBC	(64)	San Quentin		San Quentin		San Quentin		San Quentin		San Quentin		San Quentin		San Quentin	

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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30		
PBS	(2) 22	(Off Air)				Painting	Fine Art	Sews	Creative	Garden	Garden	Garden	Hometime		
CBS	(3) 3	Debt Cures	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo)				Cake	Horseland	Dino	Sushi Pack	Strawberry	Care Bears		
ABC	(7) 7	Rangers	Business	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven		
FOX	(8) 14	Paid Prog.	Save	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Di Gata	Biker Mice	Sonic X	Sonic X	Chaotic	Turtles	Kirby	Winx Club		
NBC	(9) 9	Wine	Homes	Today Stories from 2008.		(N) (In Stereo)		Dragon	Zula Patrol	Penguins	Veggie	Turbo	Friend		
CW	(14)	(Off Air)				Dewitt	Turtles	Turtles	GoGoRiki	Spider-Man	Spider-Man	Teenage	Dinosaur		
WGN	(15)	Paid Prog.	Adelante	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Bob & Tom Show			
ESPN	(26)	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter (Live)				SportsCenter			
ESPN2	(27)	Chronicles	Get Wild	Journal	Driven	Bassmasters		Angler Highlight Show		On the Auction Block		Dog Challenge			
USA	(31)	NCIS "Smoked"		NCIS "Driven"		NCIS "Suspicion"		NCIS "Sharif Returns"		NCIS "Blowback"		NCIS (In Stereo)			
TNT	(32)	Angel "Origin"		Charmed		Charmed		Law & Order "Stalker"		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Leverage			
TBS	(33)	** "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" (1998)		** "The Fighting Temptations" (2003)				(:15) ** "Take the Lead" (2006, Musical)		Herpser	MuscleCar	Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4		
SPIKE	(34)	Paid Prog.	Houses For	P90X	Kodak	TNA IMPACT! (In Stereo)		MADtv (In Stereo)		** "Wayne's World" (1992)	Mike Myers				
COM	(35)	MADtv (In Stereo)		MADtv (In Stereo)		MADtv (In Stereo)		MADtv (In Stereo)		** "Wicked" (1998)	Julia Stiles				
LIFE	(39)	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Kodak	Get Thin	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	** "Wicked" (1998)	Julia Stiles				
FOOD	(40)	Italian	Jamie	Nigella	Krieger	Ultimate	Cook Loft	Minute	Chef	Home	Paula	Cooking	Ask Aida		
HGTV	(41)	Dream	Sweat	House	Spaces	Ground	Rip Renew	Sweat	Hammer	Over Head	Carter Can	To Sell	Curb		
A&E	(43)	Biography: Wuornos		Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Business	Rocco-Real	Flip This House		Flip This House			
HIST	(44)	Heavy Metal		American Eats		Wild West Tech		UFO Files	(:42) Band of Brothers			(:12) Band of Brothers			
TLC	(45)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder		Property Ladder		Property Ladder		Property Ladder			
DISC	(47)	Kodak	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Kodak	Survivorman		Survivorman		Survivorman		Survivorman			
ANPL	(50)	Dog Show: AKC/Eukanuba Champ.		Faithful	Breed	Pet Star		Ants! Power		Behaving Badly					
FAM	(51)	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Grounded	** "Annie" (1982)	Aileen Quinn, Albert Finney					
DISN	(52)	Tru	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Higglytown	Charlie	Wiggles	Einsteins	Handy	Mickey	Mickey			
NICK	(54)	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barney	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob		
AMC	(57)	(4:00) ** "White Feather" (1955)		*** "The Appaloosa" (1966)	Marlon Brando	(:45) *** "The Shootist" (1976)	John Wayne								
SCIFI	(59)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Kodak	** "Sometimes They Come Back... Again"		** "Children of the Corn IV: The Gathering"							
CNN	(62)	CNN Saturday Morning		Saturday	House	Newsroom		Newsroom							
CNBC	(63)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		
MSNBC	(64)	MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		Face to Face			

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PBS	(2) 22	Workshop	MotorWeek	NMSU	Old House	Ask This	Primal Grill	Pepin	Cook	Food	Cooking	Lawrence Welk Show			
CBS	(3) 3	To Be Announced		NCAA Fall		Supercross		College Basketball West Virginia at Ohio State.		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.				
ABC	(7) 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Paid Prog.	Politics	** "No Mercy" (1986)	Richard Gere		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Movies			
FOX	(8) 14	Faithful	Paid Prog.	Masters-Illusion		Holidays		*** "Independence Day" (1996)	Will Smith, Bill Pullman						
NBC	(9) 9	Island	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	Athlete	PGA in Review		Golf ADT Skills Challenge. (Taped)		Paid Prog.	Raymond				
CW	(14)	Chaotic	Yu Gi Oh	J Hanna	Wild Am.	Degrassi	Degrassi	Animal	Animal	Adventure	Adventure	WHADD	Exploration		
WGN	(15)	Legend of the Seeker		** "That Darn Cat" (1997)	Christina Ricci	Legend of the Seeker		Legend of the Seeker		Legend of the Seeker		Boston Legal			
ESPN	(26)	College Football Meineke	Car Care Bowl -- North Carolina vs. West Virginia. (Live)			College Football: Champs Sports Bowl -- FSU vs. Wis.									
ESPN2	(27)	Dog Challenge		College Basketball Washington State at LSU.		College Basketball: UAB at Louisville		College Basketball		College Basketball					
USA	(31)	NCIS (In Stereo)		NCIS "Skeletons"		NCIS "Ice man"		NCIS "Grace Period"		NCIS "Cover Story"		NCIS (In Stereo)			
TNT	(32)	Law & Order (In Stereo)		*** "My Best Friend's Wedding" (1997)		*** "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993)	Tom Hanks			"The Wedding Date"					
TBS	(33)	Take Lead	** "Last Holiday" (2006)	Queen Latifah		Friends		Sex & City	Sex & City	King	Payne	Frank TV	Payne		
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn			
COM	(35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	** "Tommy Boy" (1995)	Chris Farley	** "National Lampoon's Barely Legal" (2003)		** "National-Lampoon's Barely Legal" (2003)		** "National-Lampoon's Barely Legal" (2003)		"National-Lampoon's Barely Legal" (2003)			
LIFE	(39)	** "Another Woman's Husband" (2000)		** "Caught in the Act" (2004)	Lauren Holly	** "Black Widow" (2006)	Kelly McGillis								
FOOD	(40)	Giada	Contessa	Challenge		Dinner	Dinner	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Iron Chef America		Secret Life	Heavy		
HGTV	(41)	Save Bath	Red Hot	Dime	Myles	Find Style	Color	Divine	Deserving	Color	Rate	Get It Sold	My House		
A&E	(43)	Flip This House		Flip This House		Flip This House		Flip This House		Flip This House		Cold Case Files			
HIST	(44)	(:15) Band of Brothers		(:38) Band of Brothers		(:1:55) Band of Brothers		(:05) Band of Brothers		(:05) Band of Brothers		Brothers			
TLC	(45)	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear			
DISC	(47)	Survivorman		Survivorman		Survivorman		Survivorman		Survivorman		Survivorman			
ANPL	(50)	Animal Cops		Dogs 101		Weird, True & Freaky		Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Cops			
FAM	(51)	** Annie	*** "The Secret Garden" (1993)	Kate Maberly		*** "About a Boy" (2002)	Hugh Grant			"The Family Man" (2000)					
DISN	(52)	Movers	Handy	Higglytown	Charlie	"Go Figure" (2005)	Jordan Hinson	Phineas	Suite Life	Suite Life		So Raven	So Raven		
NICK	(54)	iCarly	iCarly	Back at the Barnyard		OddParent	OddParent	Drake & Josh (In Stereo)		Drake	Drake	Drake	Drake		
AMC	(57)	*** "True Grit" (1969, Western)	John Wayne, Glen Campbell			*** "Casino" (1995, Crime Drama)	Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone								
SCIFI	(59)	"Children of the Corn V: Fields of Terror" (1998)		* "Children of the Corn 666: Isaac's Return"		* "Children of the Corn: Revelation" (2001)									
CNN	(62)	Your Money		Special Investigations		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		This Week in Politics			
CNBC	(63)	Paid Prog.	Profits	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner		Ab Secrets	Paid Prog.		
MSNBC	(64)	Blood Secrets		The Predator Next Door		Secrets and Lies		A Deadly Affair		Valentines Day		Love and Death			

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PBS	(2) 22	Aggie	America	Farmers	BBC	Monarch of the Glen	Stress	Red	Darkness Into Light	How Art Made				Austin City Limits	
CBS	(3) 3	CBS	News (N)	Jeopardy	Fortune	Boot Camp	★ ★ "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler. (C)					News (N)	(10:50) CSI: NY		
ABC	(7) 7	News	ABC	News	Insider	★ ★ ★ "Miracle" (2004, Drama) Kurt Russell. (In Stereo)					News	(:35) Cheaters	(C)	Wired	
FOX	(8) 14	Legend of		House "Spin" (C)	Cops	Cops	Most Wanted		News (N)	Seinfeld	MADtv (C)			Talkshow	King
NBC	(9) 9	Paid	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Beijing Ceremony: Event of the Year			Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	(:35) Saturday Night Live (C)				
CW	(14)	★ ★ "True Heart" (1997) Kirsten Dunst.			Bananas (C)		UFC Wired		Scrubs	My Wife	Access Hollywood	Eye Eye	Eye Eye		
WGN	(15)	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Atlanta Hawks.				Becker	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Honeym	★ ★ ★ "In the Bedroom" (C)			
ESPN	(26)	College Football			College Football	Emerald Bowl -- California vs. Miami. From San Francisco.					SportsCenter (Live) (C)			SportsCenter (C)	
ESPN2	(27)	College Basketball			Classic Boxing	Boxing		Boxing	SportsCtr	Fast	Boxing			Boxing	
USA	(31)	NCIS "In the Dark"			NCIS (C)	NCIS (C)		NCIS (C)	NCIS "Family"		NCIS "In the Dark"	NCIS (C)			
TNT	(32)	"Wedding Date"			★ ★ "Failure to Launch" (2006) (C)			★ ★ "Failure to Launch" (2006) (C)			★ ★ ★ "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993) (C)				
TBS	(33)	Commercials			Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★ ★ ★ "My Cousin Vinny" (1992) (C)			(:15) ★ ★ "Old School" (2003) (C)			(:15) ★ "Joe Dirt"		
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn			CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	MAN	MAN		
COM	(35)	"National-Van"			★ ★ "Scary Movie 4" (2006) Anna Faris.			★ "Not Another Teen Movie" (2001) (C)			"Jackass 2.5" (C)			Chris Rock	
LIFE	(39)	"Intimate Stranger" (2006) Kari Matchett.			★ ★ "Love Sick: Secrets of a Sex Addict"			Medium (C)			"Love Sick: Secrets of a Sex Addict"				
FOOD	(40)	Paula's Party			Chefography	Kitchen Make.	Kitchen Make.		Iron Chef America	Kitchen Make.	Kitchen Make.			Kitchen Make.	
HGTV	(41)	My	House	To Sell	Deserv	Color	Divine	House	House	Rate	Color	To Sell	Deserv	Color	Divine
A&E	(43)	CSI: Miami (C)			CSI: Miami (C)	Red Light Districts Prostitution. (C)			Gentlemen's Clubs			CSI: Miami (C)		Red Light Districts	
HIST	(44)	Band of Brothers			Band of Brothers	(:14) Band of Brothers	(C)	(:29) Band of Brothers	(C)		Band of Brothers			Band of Brothers	
TLC	(45)	Solved (C)			Solved	Solved		Solved		Solved		Solved		Solved (C)	
DISC	(47)	Survivorman (C)			Survivorman (C)	Survivorman (C)	Survivorman (C)	Survivorman (C)	Survivorman (C)	Survivorman (C)	Survivorman (C)	Survivorman (C)	Survivorman (C)	Survivorman (C)	
ANPL	(50)	It's Me or the Dog			It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	
FAM	(51)	(4:00) ★ ★ ★ "The Family Man" (2000)			★ ★ "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) Ryan Gosling. (C)						Fresh Pr. [Fresh Pr.			Fresh Pr. [Fresh Pr.	
DISN	(52)	Cory	Cory	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Cory	Suite Life	"Confessions"		Phineas	
NICK	(54)	Drake	Drake	iCarly	Jackson	iCarly	Drake	Lopez	Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im
AMC	(57)	(2:00) "Casino"			★ ★ "Two Weeks Notice" (2002) (C)			(:15) ★ ★ ★ "An Officer and a Gentleman" (1982) Richard Gere.			(:15) "Casino"				
SCI FI	(59)	"100 Million BC" (2008) Michael Gross.			★ ★ "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997) Jeff Goldblum.			"Battle Planet" (2008) Zack Ward.							
CNN	(62)	Lou Dobbs			Investigations			D.L. Hughley-News			Investigations			D.L. Hughley-News	
CNBC	(63)	Deal or No Deal			On the Money			Suze Orman			Suze Orman			Deal or No Deal	
MSNBC	(64)	Murder-Lovers			Lockup: N.M.			Lockup: N.M.			Lockup: N.M.			Lockup: N.M.	

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PBS	(2) 22	(Off Air)				Big World	Mr Rogers	Sid	Zoboo	Martha	NOW	Religion	Minding
CBS	(3) 3	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News	Sunday Morning (N)		Nation	Open	Paid Prog.	NFL Today	(Live) (C)
ABC	(7) 7	Rangers	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		This Week With George		Montana	Suite Life
FOX	(8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Paid Prog.	Fox News Sunday		Jones	Cowboys	Fox NFL Sunday	(C)
NBC	(9) 9	Homes	Old House	Today (N) (C)		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)		Matthews	Reel Talk
CW	(14)	(Off Air)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Enchant	NASCAR
WGN	(15)	Paid Prog.	Amazing	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Jimmy Swaggart (C)		Feed	Paid Prog.	Sports	Sports	Boston Legal	(C)
ESPN	(26)	SportsCtr	NFL	SportsCenter (C)		Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter (C)		NFL Countdown (Live) (C)			
ESPN2	(27)	Fishing	Fishing	Offshore	Fishing	Ocean	Spanish FI	ATPA	ATPA	On the Auction Block		SportsCenter Special	
USA	(31)	House "Que Sera Sera"		House (In Stereo) (C)		House "Whac-A-Mole"		House "Finding Judas"		House (In Stereo) (C)		House (In Stereo) (C)	
TNT	(32)	★ ★ "A Walk to Remember" (2002) Shane West.				★ ★ ★ "Clueless" (1995) Alicia Silverstone. (C)			★ ★ "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde"				
TBS	(33)	(:15) ★ ★ "Dennis the Menace Strikes Again"				(6:50) ★ ★ "Jungle 2 Jungle" (1997) Tim Allen.				(8:50) ★ ★ "Varsity Blues" (1999) (C)			
SPIKE	(34)	P90X	Millions	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Married...	Married...	Married...	Mrsepower	Mrsepower	MuscleCar	Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4
COM	(35)	MADtv (In Stereo) (C)		MADtv (In Stereo) (C)		MADtv (In Stereo) (C)		MADtv Tom Bergeron.		★ "National Lampoon's Barely Legal" (2003)			
LIFE	(39)	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power (C)		Paid Prog. Health		Will-Grace	Will-Grace	"The Obsession" (2006) Daphne Zuniga. (C)			
FOOD	(40)	Cooking	Quick Fix	Emeril	Simply	Grill It-Play	Big Bite	Contessa	Cooking	Rescue	Minute	Sandra Lee	Paula
HGTV	(41)	Ground	Yard	Yard	Landscape	Landscap	Landscap	Curb	Curb	To Sell	Get It Sold	My House	Potential
A&E	(43)	Johnny Cash's America (C)				Private Sessions (C)			The Sopranos (C)		The Sopranos (C)		"Escape-N.Y."
HIST	(44)	The Zulu Wars (C)		TR An American Lion (Part 1 of 2) (C)				TR An American Lion (Part 2 of 2) (C)				Russia: Tsars	
TLC	(45)	Paid Prog.	Hip Hop	Paid Prog.	Ten-Trainer	Moving Up (C)		Moving Up (C)		Moving Up (C)		Stories of ER	
DISC	(47)	Paid Prog.	BABY	Kodak	Paid Prog.	Deadliest Catch (C)		Deadliest Catch (C)		Deadliest Catch (C)		Deadliest Catch (C)	
ANPL	(50)	Me or Dog	Good Dog	Barking Mad (C)		K-9 to 5	Breed	It's Me or the Dog		Funniest Animals		Growing Up... (C)	
FAM	(51)	Step-Step	Step-Step	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	'70s Show	'70s Show
DISN	(52)	Ring Light	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Higglytown	Charlie	Wiggles	Einsteins	Tigger	Handy	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	(54)	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Mighty B	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	(57)	(4:30) ★ ★ ★ "Gremlins" (1984) Zach Galligan.				★ ★ ★ "Gremlins 2: The New Batch" (1990) Zach Galligan.					"An Officer and a Gentleman"		
SCI FI	(59)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Debt Cures	★ "Reptilian" (1999) Harrison Young.				"Megasnake" (2007) Michael Shanks, Siri Baruc.			
CNN	(62)	CNN Sunday Morning			House Call	CNN Sunday Morning		Reliable Sources (C)		Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer (C)			
CNBC	(63)	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ab Secrets	Ten-Trainer	BABY	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	(64)	Killers	Business	MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		Into the Woods	

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PBS	(2) 22	Santa Fe	Foreign	Aggie Alm	Health	Healthy	Lassie	Cultivating	Travel	Rudy Maxa	Yachting	Antiques Roadshow					
CBS	(3) 3	NFL Football: Regional Coverage							NFL Football Denver Broncos at San Diego Chargers. (Live) (C)								
ABC	(7) 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★ ★ "True Heart" (1997) Kirsten Dunst.					Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Entertainment Tonight				
FOX	(8) 14	NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles. (In Stereo Live) (C)							NFL Football: Seahawks at Cardinals or Redskins at 49ers								
NBC	(9) 9	To Be Announced							Golf ADT Skills Challenge. (Taped) (C)			Paid Prog.	NBC News				
CW	(14)	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	★ ★ "No Mercy" (1986) Richard Gere.					Reporter	Fearless	Latino	LatiNation	Chris	The Game			
WGN	(15)	★ ★ ★ "In the Bedroom" (2001) Sissy Spacek. (In Stereo)					★ ★ "EDtv" (1999) Matthew McConaughey. (In Stereo) (C)					ALF (C)	ALF (C)				
ESPN	(26)	Strongest	Strongest	Strongest	Strongest	Strongest	Strongest	Strongest	Strongest	Strongest	Strongest	Strongest Man					
ESPN2	(27)	Series of Poker			Poker	Strongest	Strongest	Strongest	Strongest	Series of Poker		Series of Poker					
USA	(31)	House (In Stereo) (C)			House "The Jerk"		House "Human Error"		House (In Stereo) (C)		House "Act Your Age"		House "Alone" (C)				
TNT	(32)	★ ★ "Fools Rush In" (1997) Matthew Perry. (C)					★ ★ ★ "Something's Gotta Give" (2003) Jack Nicholson. (C)					★ ★ "What Women Want" (2000)					
TBS	(33)	"Get Smart's Bruce and Lloyd"			★ ★ "The Ringer" (2005) Johnny Knoxville. (C)			★ "Joe Dirt" (2001, Comedy) David Spade. (C)			My Cousin						
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn			CSI: Crime Scn			CSI: Crime Scn			CSI: Crime Scn						
COM	(35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	★ "Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector" (C)				★ "Not Another Teen Movie" (2001) (C)				★ ★ "Scary Movie 4"					
LIFE	(39)	"Fatal Reunion" (2005) Erika Eleniak. (C)				"Joy Fielding's The Other Woman" (2008) (C)				★ ★ "To Love, Honor and Betray" (1999) (C)							
FOOD	(40)	Home	Big Daddy	Rachael	Road	Diners	Diners	Food	On Plate	Cakes	Cakes	Cheography					
HGTV	(41)	My Kitchen	Deserving	Myles	Desperate	Dime	Color	Divine	First Place	Endless Yard Sale 2008		Sleep on It	Property				
A&E	(43)	"Escape-N.Y."		★ ★ ★ "The Shining" (1980, Horror) Jack Nicholson, Shelley Duval, Danny Lloyd. (C)							Paranormal	CSI: Miami (C)					
HIST	(44)	Russia: Tsars			Russia: Land of the Tsars (Part 2 of 2) (C)				The French Revolution (C)				The Universe (C)				
TLC	(45)	Stories of ER			Stories of ER			Stories of ER			Stories of ER			Untold Stories of the			
DISC	(47)	Deadliest Catch (C)			Deadliest Catch (C)			Deadliest Catch (C)			Deadliest Catch (C)			Deadliest Catch (C)			
ANPL	(50)	Animal Cops Houston			Untamed and Uncut			Untamed and Uncut			Untamed and Uncut			Untamed and Uncut			
FAM	(51)	★ ★ "Raise Your Voice" (2004, Drama) Hilary Duff. (C)					★ ★ "Chasing Liberty" (2004) Mandy Moore. (C)					★ ★ "Uptown Girls"					
DISN	(52)	Movers	Handy	Higglytown	Charlie	"Confessions of Drama Queen"				Phineas	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Cory			
NICK	(54)	Jackson	Jackson	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Drake	Drake	Drake	Drake	"Merry Christmas"					
AMC	(57)	(9:30) "An Officer and a Gentleman"			★ ★ ★ "Mystic River" (2003, Crime Drama) Sean Penn, Tim Robbins. (C)							★ ★ ★ ★ "The Untouchables" (C)					
SCIFI	(59)	"Basilisk: The Serpent King" (2006, Horror)					★ "A Sound of Thunder" (2005) Edward Burns.				★ ★ "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997)						
CNN	(62)	Fareed Zakaria GPS			Special Investigations			Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Lou Dobbs This Week			
CNBC	(63)	Ab Secrets		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Comfort	Kodak	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Paid Prog.			
MSNBC	(64)	(10:00) Into the Woods			Conspiracy			Crimes Caught		Cops Caught on Tape		Caught on Camera		Meet the Press (C)			

SUNDAY EVENING											DECEMBER 28, 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	Globe Trekker		Nova (DVS)		Nature (In Stereo)		Masterpiece Contemporary (DVS)		Violin Competition		Short List		(Off Air)		
CBS	(3) 3	Paid	News (N)	60 Minutes (N)		Million Dollar		Cold Case (C)		The Unit "Play 16"		News (N)	CSI: NY "Trapped"	Cold		
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	**** "The Sound of Music" (1965, Musical) Julie Andrews. (In Stereo) (DVS)						News (N)	News	Movies	Desper			
FOX	(8) 14	Football	The OT	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Simpsons	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Amer	News (N) (C)		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Chap	
NBC	(9) 9	Football Night		(:15) NFL Football Teams to Be Announced. (In Stereo Live) (C)						Sports		News (N)	Lopez	Outdrsmn	CSI Mi	
CW	(14)	Drew	Drew	Jericho (C)	** "Revenge of the Pink Panther"					Housewives		Bananas		Star Trek (C)		
WGN	(15)	WKRP	WKRP	Newhart	Newhart	Honeym	Honeym	News	Replay	Bewitch	Bewitch	Jeannie	Jeannie	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	
ESPN	(26)	SportsCenter (C)		College Football Independence Bowl -- Northern Illinois vs. Louisiana Tech.					(:45) SportsCenter (Live) (C)			(:15) SportsCenter				
ESPN2	(27)	Series of Poker		Series of Poker				199 Lives: The Travis Pastrana Story (N)		SportsCtr	College Football: Emerald Bowl					
USA	(31)	House (C)		House "Frozen"				House (C)		House "Games"	House (C)		House (C)		House (C)	
TNT	(32)	"What Women"		*** "Cast Away" (2000, Drama) Tom Hanks. (C)					(:40) *** "Cast Away" (2000) Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt. (C)						What Wm	
TBS	(33)	(4:30) *** "My Cousin Vinny" (1992)		** "Old School" (2003) Luke Wilson.					** "The Ringer" (2005) Brian Cox (C)			** "First Kid"				
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn				CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn			*** "Never Say Never Again" (1983)			
COM	(35)	"Scary Movie 4"		"Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector"				"Jackass 2.5" (C)			S. Park	Choco	Silverman	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
LIFE	(39)	"Hush" (2005) Tori Spelling. (C)		*** "Unfaithful" (2002) Richard Gere. (C)							Grey's Anatomy		Frasier	Frasier	Rita	
FOOD	(40)	Challenge		Challenge		Iron Chef America		Flay	Flay	Dinner	Dinner	Iron Chef America		Flay	Flay	
HGTV	(41)	My To Sell		Exp House		House House		Property	First	Stagers		Stagers		Exp House	House House	
A&E	(43)	CSI: Miami (C)		CSI: Miami (C)		CSI: Miami (C)		CSI: Miami (C)		CSI: Miami (C)		CSI: Miami (C)		CSI: Miami (C)		
HIST	(44)	The Universe (C)		Valkyrie: The Plot to Kill Hitler (C)				Rumrunners, Moonshiners & Bootleggers				Valkyrie: The Plot to Kill Hitler (C)				
TLC	(45)	Joined for Life		Shocking Story		My Shocking Story		Mermaid Girl (C)		Shocking Story		My Shocking Story		Mermaid Girl (C)		
DISC	(47)	Planet Earth (C)		Planet Earth (C)		Planet Earth (C)		Planet Earth (C)		Planet Earth (C)		Planet Earth (C)		Planet Earth (C)		
ANPL	(50)	Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		Untamed and Uncut		
FAM	(51)	"Uptown Girls" (C)		** "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) Ryan Gosling. (C)				Home Videos				J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Millions	
DISN	(52)	Phineas Phineas		Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	Montana	Wizards	"Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement"				
NICK	(54)	"Merry Christmas"		iCarly	Jackson	News	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Cosby	Cosby	
AMC	(57)	"The Untouchables"		*** "Fargo" (1996) Steve Buscemi				** "Hannibal" (2001)		Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore.				*** "Gremlins"		
SCIFI	(59)	"Lost World"		** "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez.				"Lost City Raiders" (2008) James Brolin.				Darkside	Darkside			
CNN	(62)	Newsroom		Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		D.L. Hughley-News		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		
CNBC	(63)	Diabetes Wall St		Deal or No Deal		Deal or No Deal		Deal or No Deal		Deal or No Deal		Deal or No Deal		Michael Eisner		
MSNBC	(64)	Caught on Camera		MSNBC Reports		Slaves, Suburbs		Wrong Body		MSNBC Reports		Slaves, Suburbs		Wrong Body		

MONDAY EVENING										DECEMBER 29, 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	Great Performances at the Met "Doctor Atomic" (N) Ⓢ						Charlie Rose (N)		
CBS	(3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Big Bang	Mother	Two Men	Gary	CSI: Miami Ⓢ		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	"Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"						News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	(8) 14	Dr. Phil Ⓢ		News (N)	Two Men	House Ⓢ		Bones Ⓢ		News (N) Ⓢ		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Holiday Home Video		Deal or No Deal		Momma's Boys (N)		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	(14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Gossip Girl Ⓢ		One Tree Hill Ⓢ		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer (N)		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	(15)	7th Heaven Ⓢ		Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN	(26)	(4:30) SportsCenter		College Football	Valero Alamo Bowl -- Missouri vs. Northwestern. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live) Ⓢ		NFL Primetime		
ESPN2	(27)	College Basketball			College Basketball	Cincinnati at Memphis.				SportsCtr	Fast	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	Ⓢ
USA	(31)	NCIS "Frame-Up"		House "Spin" Ⓢ		WWE Monday Night Raw Ⓢ				(:05) *** "Elf" (2003)	Will Ferrell. Ⓢ		(:05) Monk Ⓢ		
TNT	(32)	Law & Order		Law & Order "Cut"		Law & Order		Law & Order		The Closer Ⓢ		Without a Trace		Without a Trace	
TBS	(33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Name	Name	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	"Mission: Impossible 2" (2000)		
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		*** "Boyz n the Hood" (1991, Drama)				MAN	MAN	CSI: NY Ⓢ		Star Trek: Voyager	
COM	(35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Futurama	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	"Senior Skip Day" (2008) Gary Lundy.			
LIFE	(39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	** "Lucky 7" (2003) Brad Rowe Ⓢ				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD	(40)	Challenge	Pastry.	Good	On Plate	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners
HGTV	(41)	My	House	Property	Curb	Amazing	Potential	House	House	Buy Me	Beyond	Property	Curb	Amazing	Potential
A&E	(43)	CSI: Miami Ⓢ		Intervention Ⓢ		Intervention (N)		Intervention "Dillon"		Intervention "Jill"		Intervention Ⓢ		Intervention Ⓢ	
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Seven Deadly Sins		History of Sex		History of Sex		Modern Marvels		Seven Deadly Sins	
TLC	(45)	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate
DISC	(47)	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
ANPL	(50)	Swimming Lions		Dogs 101 Ⓢ		It's Me or the Dog		Animal Cops		Dogs 101 Ⓢ		It's Me or the Dog		Animal Cops	
FAM	(51)	70s Show	70s Show	** "Snow Dogs" (2002, Comedy) Ⓢ				Home Videos		The 700 Club Ⓢ		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	(52)	Phineas	Phineas	Replace	Replace	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	** "Return to Never Land"		Phineas		Wizards	Life De
NICK	(54)	Drake	Drake	Sponge	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	(57)	(4:00) "Fargo"		** "Out for Justice" (1991, Action)				*** "The Hunt for Red October" (1990)				Sean Connery. Ⓢ	"Thunderheart"		
SCIFI	(59)	Tin Man	A tornado sweeps a young woman away to a darkly magical realm.						Gundam	Gundam	Street Fighter		Ripley-Believe		
CNN	(62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 Ⓢ				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	(63)	CNBC Reports				American Greed		On the Money		Mad Money		Fast Money		American Greed	
MSNBC	(64)	Hardball Ⓢ		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball Ⓢ		Countdown	

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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	(2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Live From Lincoln Center (N) [cc]				My Music			BBC	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	(3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY "Hostage"		News (N)	Late Show	Late Late	
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	*** "Shrek 2" (2004) (In Stereo) [cc]				New Year's		News (N)	New Year's Rockin' Eve		
FOX	(8) 14	Dr. Phil [cc]		News (N)	Two Men	Bones "Yanks in the U.K." [cc]				News (N) [cc]		Simpsons	Seinfeld	New Year's	
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Knight Rider [cc]		Law & Order: SVU		New Year's		News (N)	New Year's Eve		Tonight
CW	(14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	** "How to Deal" (2003) Mandy Moore.				Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer	Cheaters	Eye Eye	
WGN	(15)	7th Heaven [cc]		Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym
ESPN	(26)	SportsCtr	College Football	Chick-Fil-A Bowl	-- Georgia Tech vs. LSU. From Atlanta.						New Year, No Limits		(Live)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCtr
ESPN2	(27)	College Basketball		College Basketball		Notre Dame at DePaul.			College Basketball: UNC at Nevada-Reno			Series of Poker		Series of Poker	
USA	(31)	(4:00) *** "Elf"		*** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. [cc]		Will Ferrell. [cc]			*** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. [cc]			*** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. [cc]		Will Ferrell. [cc]	
TNT	(32)	(3:45) **** "Saving Private Ryan"				** "Walking Tall" (2004)			** "Walking Tall" (2004)			Law & Order		Law & Order	
TBS	(33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	*** "Clueless"	
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: NY [cc]		Star Trek: Voyager	
COM	(35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Futurama	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	Drawn	Drawn
LIFE	(39)	(4:00) Movie		Movie					Movie			Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD	(40)	Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star	
HGTV	(41)	My	House	Property	Get Sold	First	First	House	House	Amazing	Haulin	Property	Get Sold	First	First
A&E	(43)	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels		Seven Deadly Sins		Seven Deadly Sins		UFO Hunters (N)		UFO Files [cc]		Seven Deadly Sins		Seven Deadly Sins	
TLC	(45)	Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.	
DISC	(47)	Apocalypse How		Machines of Malice		Machines of Malice		Machines of Malice		Machines of Malice		Machines of Malice		Machines of Malice	
ANPL	(50)	Animal Cops		Year-Animals		Headline Attacks		Untamed and Uncut		Year-Animals		Headline Attacks		Untamed and Uncut	
FAM	(51)	70s Show	70s Show	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		The 700 Club [cc]		Whose?	Whose?	Thinner	Paid
DISN	(52)	"Camp Rock" (2008)			Phineas	New Year	New Year	New Year	New Year	New Year	New Year	New Year	New Year	New Year	New Year
NICK	(54)	Drake	Drake	"Merry Christmas, Drake & Josh" (2008)			"The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie"					Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	(57)	"Kelly's Heroes"		** "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986, War) [cc]			(:15) ** "Hang 'Em High" (1968) Clint Eastwood. [cc]							"Good, Bad & Ugly"	
SCI FI	(59)	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	The Twilight Zone	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight
CNN	(62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 [cc]				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	(63)	CNBC Reports		Deal or No Deal [cc]		Deal or No Deal [cc]			Money		New Year's Eve		(:35) Deal or No Deal [cc]		
MSNBC	(64)	Hardball [cc]		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball [cc]		Countdown	

THURSDAY EVENING										JANUARY 1, 2009					
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	(2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Aggie	New Mex	Great Performances (N) [cc]		Moment		Charlie Rose (N)	BBC		Smiley
CBS	(3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Big Bang	Mother	CSI: Crime Scn		(:01) Eleventh Hour		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	(7) 7	College Football: Rose Bowl		To Be Announced		Videos		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	(8) 14	Dr. Phil [cc]		Pregame	College Football FedEx Orange Bowl -- Cincinnati vs. Virginia Tech. [cc]					Post		Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &	
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Deal or No Deal (TV) (N) (In Stereo) [cc]		The Office [cc]		News (N)		Tonight Show		Late	
CW	(14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville "Abyss"		Supernatural [cc]		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer	Cheaters	Eye Eye	
WGN	(15)	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	Honeym	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom	RENO	Corner	
ESPN	(26)	SportsCenter (Live) [cc]		SportsCenter (Live) [cc]						SportsCenter [cc]		SportsCenter [cc]		SportsCtr	NFL Live
ESPN2	(27)	Series of Poker		Series of Poker		Series of Poker		2008 World Series of Poker [cc]				Shaun White	Madden	Madden	
USA	(31)	Monk [cc]		Monk [cc]		Monk [cc]		Monk [cc]		Monk [cc]		Monk [cc]		Monk [cc]	
TNT	(32)	Bones [cc]		Bones [cc]		Bones [cc]		Bones [cc]		Bones [cc]		Without a Trace		Without a Trace	
TBS	(33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	** "RV" (2006) Robin Williams. [cc]		Sex &		Sex &		"Cheaper-Dozen"	
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		TNA iMPACT! (N) (In Stereo) [cc]		Amazing Video		MAN		MAN		Married... Married...	
COM	(35)	* "Not Another Teen Movie" (2001) [cc]		** "National Lampoon's Van Wilder"		** "My Boss's Daughter" (2003) [cc]								"Not Teen My"	
LIFE	(39)	"Flirting With Forty" (2008, Drama) [cc]		** "Chaos Theory" (2007) Premiere.		Will		Will		Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden		
FOOD	(40)	Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Iron Chef America	Cakes	Cakes	
HGTV	(41)	Property	Property	House	House	Dream Home		Property	House	House	First	House	House	Dream Home	
A&E	(43)	The First 48 [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)	Ice Road Truckers		Seven Deadly Sins		Seven Deadly Sins		Underworld		Underworld		Seven Deadly Sins		Seven Deadly Sins	
TLC	(45)	Half Ton Man [cc]		Half Ton Teen (N)		Half-Ton Mom		Half-Ton Dad		Half Ton Teen		Half-Ton Mom		Half-Ton Dad	
DISC	(47)	MythBusters [cc]		MythBusters [cc]		MythBusters [cc]		MythBusters [cc]		MythBusters [cc]		MythBusters [cc]		MythBusters [cc]	
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Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the grey matter.

Difficulty rating: Easy

Difficulty rating: Moderate

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

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EXPERT

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Midler, Long and their road trip hijinks hit the big screen

‘Outrageous Fortune’ shot in New Mexico

The CineMatinee for Saturday, Dec. 27, is “Outrageous Fortune” (1987, 100 minutes, rated R, most of the film was shot in New Mexico). “Outrageous Fortune” marks a motion picture milestone – for the first time in action adventuring, the lead breaks a fingernail. It stops her for a moment, like a flesh wound, but she goes on to scabble up the mesa in time to get her man.

Fortune smiles on the precedent-setting teamwork of comedienne Bette Midler and Shelley Long, the first female

buddies ever to match wits with the CIA and the KGB and the no-good lout who did them wrong. They make a colossally madcap mismatch – natural adversaries who become best pals as they pursue their two-timing lover (Peter Coyote) from Manhattan to New Mexico. High-speed hijinks in high heels ensue.

The pratfalls become death defying when biological cycles make one of our heroines real cranky. PMS Rambo is unleashed, and the battle of the sexes intensifies. Heading West, the women

track down the wily Coyote in a bordello, recognizing his lusty love calls through the door. Their illusions shattered and their friendship forged, they soon figure a way to avenge themselves – preferably by pulling his face off.

“Fortune” is every bit as rude and wonderful as “Ruthless People,” the second of Midler’s three dirty, ditzy comedies. The divine Ms. M works a variation on her tough tootsie as a tacky, sharp-tongued starlet whose last movie might have been called “Ninja Vixens.” All that plus the Midler wiggle – like Jell-O in a pantyhose mold. Lewd and low-down, she’s a natural counterpoint to Long’s perfect parody of

Ivy League snootiness.

But debuting screenwriter Leslie Dixon is no propagandist. She’s a screwball feminist, penning her rough-and-rowdy girl talk in familiar patterns inspired by her role models Preston Sturges and Billy Wilder. And veteran Arthur Hiller proves equally adept at managing a female odd couple.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is at 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.

‘Tell No One’ about the Fountain Theatre flick

Film is a thrill ride to find out ‘whodunit’

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG
The Las Cruces Bulletin

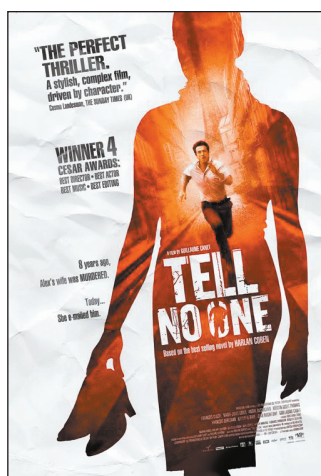
Since the title of this film insists that I don’t spill the beans, I’ve decided to forego this week’s review.

You wish!

“Tell No One” is a marvelously paced and tense seat grabber, with enough plot twists to help keep it going for its two-hour-plus running time. One day, a French doctor, Alexandre Beck, receives an email from his wife. No big deal, you think, unless she was doing a cowardly exit from their marriage? Think again, gentle reader. I almost forgot to mention that the wife, Margot, has been “dead” for eight years.

Then comes another email along with other brief but mysterious clues that indicate that his wife might not be dead after all. It was eight years ago while the couple was taking a needed day off that Mrs. Beck ended up dead. The couple was attacked while relaxing at a small rural lakeside beach and Dr. Beck was injured and nearly drowned, but not quite. How did he live?

The good doctor has long been a suspect in the still unsolved murder and any number of clues offers more



indications that he was indeed the murderer. To compound his possible guilt, the bodies of two men were found nearby, when his wife’s body was found. Whoever said that dead men tell no tales, might be terribly wrong in this case.

Dr. Beck becomes pursuer and pursued.

Along the way, we are introduced to a flurry of other characters, some of whom help round out the plot and keep the sometimes frantic pace of the film going, but not quite enough for keen observers to see through some of the plot holes. Each of these characters carries a secret or a solution to the puzzle, and soon the good doctor is facing a sort of jigsaw puzzle solution.

Dr. Beck attracts an unlikely ally – a thug whose child he helped during a time of need – who becomes Beck’s benefactor and occasional bodyguard. Beck is pulling out all the stops to follow the mystery, and soon finds himself without money or a home, medical prac-

tice or clean shirt, until the hooligan appears. But is he actually a helper?

Hitchcockian in nature, and Bruce Willis-ish in pacing, “Tell No One,” although slightly over-hyped, especially since it wasn’t due to get released at all, became one of the best grossing foreign films of the year, won’t allow you to put your brain in park and go along for the ride. It requires strict attention and is bound to raise a gasp or two from attentive audiences who appreciate a good murder mystery.

But in case you don’t feel like going to the theater, here is the name of the killer: Professor Plum in the parlor with the candlestick.

Jeff Berg won’t tell, so don’t ask ... jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com. Send me your recipe for figgy pudding to jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com. Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. These reviews are intended to reflect his opinion of the movie only – and not of anyone else connected with the film society.



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The back of this postcard reads, “The Tortugas Trading Post derives its name from the Tortugas Indians who live just south of Las Cruces. The name Tortugas is Spanish for “turtles,” and these Indians are so named because of their belief that they are descendants of turtles.”

Make sure you tell everyone to go see “Tell No One,” which starts Friday, Dec. 26, at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. Showtimes are each evening at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The theater will be closed on New Year’s Eve, but open on New Year’s Day for an evening show. The picture is in French with subtitles, and runs for a smidge over 2 hours. Not rated, the naked folks and adult content would probably mean “R.”

GRADE

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AT THE MOVIES

Chew on 'Marley and Me' this holiday

Aniston, Wilson star in this lovable book-based flick

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Anyone who has ever had a pet for many years will certainly appreciate this choppy edited, overly long, warm and fuzzy picture based on the book of the same name.

True to the original story, "Marley and Me" tells the tale of how writer John Grogan (Owen Wilson, slightly out of character) and his wife Jenny, played by Jennifer Aniston, end up with the big mutt who overtakes their lives.

Encouraged by his editor, played by Santa Fe resident Alan Arkin (who gives the best performance of the movie), to buy Jenny a dog to help keep her mind off of babies, Grogan takes her to a ken-

nel where they end up with the dog they note as a "clearance puppy," since for unknown reasons, the puppy soon to be known as Marley is offered for half the price of his fellow pound puppies.

Marley makes an immediate impression by eating anything in sight, running rampant throughout the neighborhood and trying to destruct the only dog-friendly beach in the coastal Florida community where the Grogan's reside.

As the Grogan's lives change – Jenny and John eventually end up with three kids, Jenny quits her own position as a writer for a competing daily paper, a move to a bigger house and Grogan's own conflicts with his career and family – Marley pretty much stays the same, except bigger and more lovable. Soon he is 100 pounds, still showing his penchant for chewing everything that he can sink his teeth into and flipping out during every thunderstorm.

But there are problems with this gentle and sometimes funny story. Listen hard to catch some of Wilson's best throwaway one-liners – they are easy to miss – and most of them can be attributed to the lousy editing. It makes the film rife with obvious continuity problems, the most noticeable being when John takes Jenny to the airport in one of their clunky old cars and returns home in the other one. Not too hard to tell the difference between a Toyota and a Honda.



Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston star in the holiday movie "Marley and Me," opening on Christmas Day.

Other major blunders include a sunny thunderstorm, Wilson sporting different shirts in the same scene and "misplaced" babies.

There is not much chemistry between Wilson and Aniston, who also don't age well over the course of the film, but here again, Arkin's scenes make up for that a little bit. Another short scene includes an extended cameo by an almost unrecognizable Kathleen Turner, who looks very haggard and woefully overweight. I was

taken aback by her physical appearance.

But with those asides, the film is made as an audience pleaser – an achievement that it conquers – and is given a big boost by its bittersweet ending, which is very moving and well acted.

There is not much here that you haven't seen before, and the dog poop jokes are thankfully kept to a minimum, thus allowing "Marley and Me" to be a perfect popcorn movie for the holiday season.

'Seven Pounds' is a pretty heavy film

Will Smith takes audience on an emotional rollercoaster ride

REVIEW BY NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Ever since his debut in "Six Degrees of Separation," Will Smith has always been a phenomenal actor, and his role in "Seven Pounds" is no different. He may not have met his full potential with roles in summer blockbuster action films like "Wild Wild West," but he has come full circle with more realistic roles in "The Pursuit of Happyness" and, most recent-

ly, "Seven Pounds."

Apparently, that's Smith's fascination lately – to portray the bittersweet part of life, the part that includes despair. In "Seven Pounds," Smith's character combines guilt, life and death, taking the audience on the ultimate emotional rollercoaster ride.

Smith plays Ben Thomas, an IRS agent haunted by his past with mysterious ties to seven strangers – much more than overdue taxes. Slow-moving at first, the movie gives glimpses of Ben's past as he meets with several people to deem them worthy of a gift he claims to have for them, and the audience discovers that gift is not more time to pay taxes.

While scheduling encounters with each person, the story mainly focuses on Ben's fascination with Emily Posa



In "Seven Pounds," Will Smith plays Ben Thomas, an IRS agent with a fateful secret.

(Rosario Dawson), whose congenital heart condition is quickly moving her up on the national donor list, and that means she has very little time left. The two quickly develop a bond that deepens beyond friendship – maybe a little too quickly to be convincing. Woody Harrelson also has a role in the film, playing Ezra Turner, a blind meat salesman, who has no idea why Ben keeps harassing him.

Smith works again with director Gabriele Muccino after successfully work-

ing together on "The Pursuit of Happyness." As he did in "The Pursuit of Happyness," Muccino – in a very cryptic way – cinematically provides a sense of desperation. Paired with Smith, the combination is convincingly real. What people experience in actual life can be torturous, and Smith's expressions and state of mind portrays that very well.

Through Smith's role, even redemption is bittersweet.

"SEVEN POUNDS"

Rated: PG-13

Running time: 1 hour, 58 minutes

Directed by: Gabriele Muccino

Starring: Will Smith, Rosario Dawson and Woody Harrelson

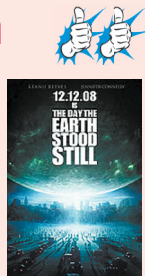


Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

The Day the Earth Stood Still

Rated: PG-13
Critics' Consensus: Heavy on special effects, but without a coherent story at its base, subpar re-imagining of the 1951 science-fiction classic.
Starring: Keanu Reeves
Director: Scott Derrickson



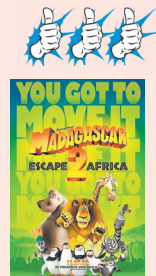
Nothing Like the Holidays

Rated: PG-13
Critics' Consensus: The performances are the strength of Nothing Like the Holidays, a rather ordinary holiday comedy with a Latin twist.
Starring: Debra Messing
Director: Alfredo De Villa



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



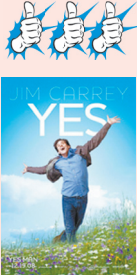
Australia

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



Yes Man

Rated: PG-13
Critics' Consensus: Jim Carrey's comic convulsions are the only bright spots in this otherwise dim and predictable comedy.
Starring: Jim Carrey, Zooey Deschanel
Director: Peyton Reed



The Tale of Despereaux

Rated: G
Critics' Consensus: The Tale of Despereaux as a story feels familiar and unimaginative.
Starring: The voices of Matthew Broderick, Robbie Coltrane
Director: Sam Fell, Rob Stevenhagen



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



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



Seven Pounds

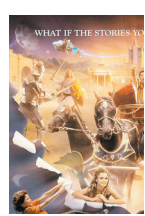
Rated: PG
Critics' Consensus: Grim and morose, Seven Pounds is also undone by an illogical plot.
Starring: Will Smith, Rosario Dawson, Woody Harrelson, Barry Pepper
Director: Gabriele Muccino



Bedtime Stories

Rated: PG
Starring: Adam Sandler, Guy Pearce
Director: Adam Shankman

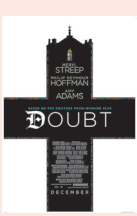
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Doubt

Rated: PG-13
Starring: Meryl Streep, Kenneth Branagh
Director: John Patrick Shanley

Opening
Christmas Day



Valkyrie

Rated: PG-13
Starring: Tom Cruise, Kenneth Branagh
Director: Bryan Singer

Opening
Christmas Day



The Spirit

Rated: PG-13
Starring: Eva Mendes, Scarlett Johansson, Samuel L. Jackson
Director: Gabriele Muccino

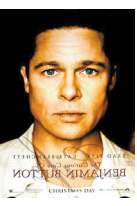
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The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

Rated: PG-13
Starring: Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett
Director: David Fincher

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Marley & Me

Rated: PG
Starring: Eric Dane, Alan Arkin
Director: David Fincher

Opening
Christmas Day



New this week ON DVD

• Tuesday, Dec. 30 •

An American Carol

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Kelsey Grammer, Jon Voight, Dennis Hopper, Leslie Nielsen, Kevin P. Farley, Robert Davi, Kevin Sorbo, Nikki Deloach, Trace Adkins, Fred Travalena
Director: David Zucker

Towelhead

Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Starring: Aaron Eckhart, Toni Collette, Summer Bishil, Maria Bello, Peter Macdissi, Eugene Jones, Matt Letscher, Lynn Collis
Director: Alan Ball

The Elizabeth Smart Story

Rated: PG
Genre: Drama
Starring: Dylan Baker, Lindsay Frost, Amber Marshall, Hannah Lochner, Tyler Kyte, Jacob Kraemer
Director: Bobby Roth

TOP GROSSING

• December 19-21 •

Rank	Movie Title (Week No.)	Weekend Gross
1	Yes Man (1)	\$18,262,471
2	Seven Pounds (1)	\$14,851,136
3	The Tale of Despereaux (2)	\$10,103,675
4	The Day the Earth Stood Still (2008) (4)	\$9,890,105
5	Four Christmases (5)	\$7,701,375
6	Twilight (5)	\$5,189,319
7	Bolt (1)	\$4,146,856
8	Slumdog Millionaire (6)	\$3,053,760
9	Australia (4)	\$2,174,188
10	Quantum of Solace (6)	\$2,051,882

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Upcoming Films

Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 Tell No One
 (2006, France, 125 minutes, subtitled, Dir: Guillaume Canet)
Jan. 2 – Jan. 8 The Pool
 (2007, USA, 98 minutes, Dir: Chris Smith)
Shows nightly at 7:30, Sunday Matinee at 2:30
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Dec. 27 — Outrageous Fortune
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THE SPIRIT
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Merry Christmas
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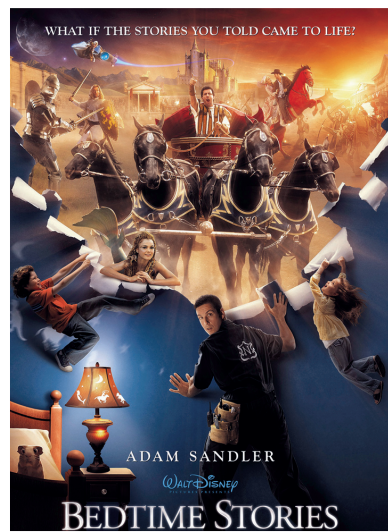
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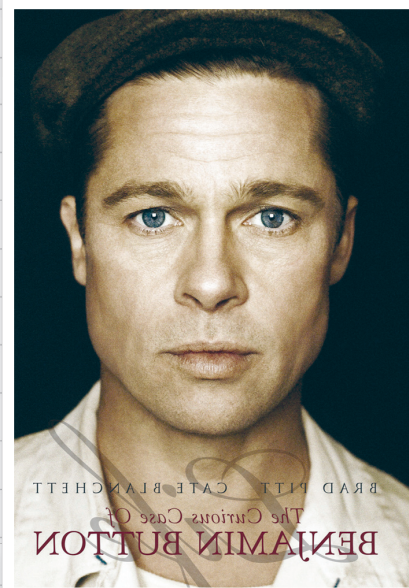
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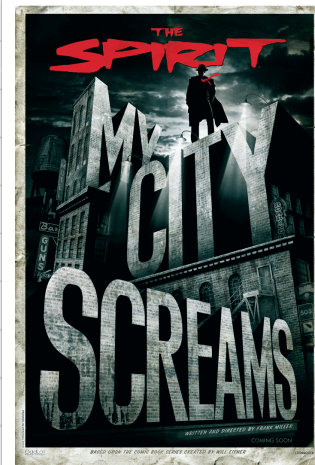
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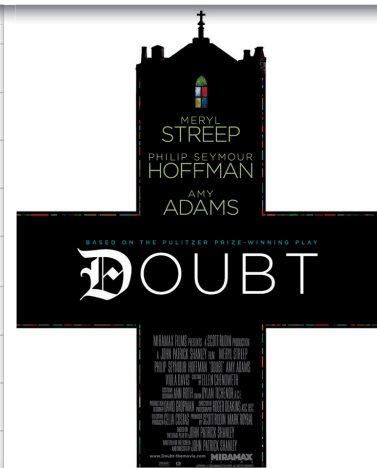
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You never get what you want

JOHN KEITH

Sports Editor

Some guy with a long white beard wearing a red uniform cornered me in the mall and asked what I wanted for Christmas.

"You got plenty of time?" I asked. "Go ahead," he said.

I delivered the following Christmas wish list:

- A football coach at New Mexico State before spring practice starts.
- A job for Reggie Theus. Otherwise, he will be forced to try and get by on the \$4 million the Kings paid him to leave.
- A year's worth of free meals for Herb Taylor who still hasn't learned how to reach for his wallet when it's time to pay.
- An explanation of why Taylor is nicknamed "Touchdown" when he never scored one playing four years of football at Wyoming.
- A road victory for Marvin Menzies.
- College baseball returning to wooden bats. The "Ping" of aluminum fails to grab me.
- Less media mania over the poorly owned Dallas Cowboys, fast becoming as insignificant as Notre Dame.
- Less media mania over Terrell Owens, better known as T.O. to journalists and fans who act like they personally know him enough to call him that. Get a life.
- A younger girlfriend for Yankee third baseman Alex Rodriguez. Remind him, please, that Madonna will soon be eligible for Medicare.
- A new press box at Aggie Memorial Stadium.
- More free food for the always hard-working media at NMSU's press conferences.
- Elevated shoes for Paul Brilliant.
- A generous expense account for the Bulletin's sports editor.
- Quit using the term "student athlete!" What ever happened to the word "player?"
- More afternoon basketball games at NMSU that end in time for happy hour.
- No more cell phone conversations while driving the car.
- No more distracting cell phone conversations in restaurants.
- No more cell phone conversations, period.

I'll email our readers a Merry Christmas when I learn how to get on the Internet.

Peppers Pride: retired or is there more?

Undefeated thoroughbred leaves her trainer unsure of what's next

By **JOHN KEITH**
 The Las Cruces Bulletin

When they led her out of the stable to be photographed, you could tell she was something special. Even if you knew little about horse racing, you could tell.

Peppers Pride, 16.1 hands tall, sleek, well groomed and very alert, stood at attention like a five-star general during inspection.

She knew a camera when she saw one. This 5-year-old thoroughbred bay mare, undefeated and untied in 19 straight races, had been in how many photo shoots now?

She is a worldwide celebrity, and, by the way she carries herself, you can tell she knows it. "Sure she does," said Joel Marr, her trainer. "No doubt about it."

On a windy Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14, at the Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino, Peppers Pride thundered home to win her 19th, capturing the \$125,000 New Mexico State Racing Commission Handicap at six furlongs. She won by five and one-half lengths, pushing her career

earnings to \$1,116,855 in a four-year career. All of her races have been on New Mexico tracks.

Sadly, it might have been her last race.

"We're not sure yet," said Marr. "We're leaning toward retiring her. There's nothing left for her to do. Gosh, I'd like to keep racing her, but the next race we'd put her in won't be run until March. We'll just have to wait and see."

"We're thinking about breeding her. Maybe in Kentucky to something nice. We're still not sure yet."

The 19 consecutive wins is a new, modern day North American record. Three more than the 16 in a row won by Cigar, Citation, Hallowed Dream and Mr. Frisky, four of horse racing's best.

Marr, a soft-spoken graduate of New Mexico State University, has been training horses for 15 years. He grew up in Tularosa in a horse-riding environment. "My mother (Pat Marr) was the national barrel racing champion in 1965," he said. Joel's father, Gerald Marr, owns a stable



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Peppers Pride, the undefeated 5-year-old thoroughbred bay mare and her trainer, Joel Marr, enjoy a day in the sun. Marr may retire the horse who has won all 19 of her races over a four-year period for a new, modern-day North American record.

next to his son's, just east of the track at Sunland Park. "I learned about training horses from my dad," Marr said. "I've always been around horses. I was riding horses when I was three years old."

"I don't gamble. I love working with horses and that's my life. I don't even go up to the track on race day very often."

Marr, who employs a staff of 20, admits he was blindsided by Peppers Pride's success. "You can never tell when they're young and you're training them," he said. "You don't know until they step on the track and race. I couldn't have predicted how good she would be."

See **Peppers Pride** on PAGE D7

LCHS girls winning with depth

Mayfield starts fast; Oñate young, but promising

By **CRAIG MASSEY**
 The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces High School girls basketball team reached the semifinals last year in the state tournament, and this year's squad is looking like a group that is capable of at least duplicating that effort.

Las Cruces is currently ranked fourth in the state in the New Mexico High School Coaches Association poll with an 11-1 record.

"We're playing really well," said LCHS coach Matt Abney. "We're getting after it defensively. We're 10 deep, and that's important with the style we play."

LCHS is forcing its opponents to an average of 29 turnovers per game, and is turning those opportunities into points. The Bulldogs are averaging 71 points per game.

Senior point guard Samantha España guides the aggressive style of play, and she's joined in the starting lineup by sharpshooter Andrea Aragon, 6-0 post Devon Mulheron, Zoe Meade and top-scorer Ashley Godfrey.

At a tournament in Moriarty earlier this season, Aragon and Mulheron were named to the all-tournament team and Godfrey



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Oñate High School's head coach Rick Viramontes and assistant coach Priscilla Scarbrough draw up a play for the Knights during a timeout. Oñate's squad is comprised of underclassmen expected to develop as the season moves on.

was named the most valuable player.

The team will get even more depth and firepower after the Christmas break when Oñate transfer Jade Brown is eligible for

varsity action.

"Everyone understands their role and is playing hard," said Abney.

Mayfield

Another team off to a fast start is the 7-2 Mayfield Trojans.

Like Las Cruces High, Mayfield is a well-balanced team with great depth.

"We don't necessarily have one real standout, but we have 12 kids that can play," said Mayfield coach George Maya. "We play hard and all of the kids are athletic, fast and quick."

The Trojans have good size in 5-11 Jenna Franzoy and 5-10 Catherine Chavarria. They're joined by Jeneca Maya, Justina Adams, junior standout Justina Apodaca and sophomore Elena Holguin.

Holguin is one of five sophomores that see playing time, and Maya likes his mix of youth and experience.

"Defensively, we're getting better and better because we can run 12 people in and out," he said. "Offensively, we're good at times, but we need to be more consistent."

See **Oñate** on PAGE D7

High School EVENTS SCHEDULE

Las Cruces High School

Boys' Basketball.... Mon.-Wed., Dec. 29-31 Rio Rancho Tournament .. TBA
Girls' Basketball Mon.-Wed., Dec. 29-31 EPISD Tournament..... TBA



Mayfield High School

Boys' Basketball.... Mon.-Wed., Dec. 29-31 Rio Rancho Tournament. . TBA
Girls' Basketball Mon.-Wed., Dec. 29-31 EPISD Tournament..... TBA



Oñate High School

Boys' Basketball.... Mon.-Wed., Dec. 29-31 Rio Rancho Tournament. . TBA
Girls' Basketballno games scheduled



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Girls' Basketballno games scheduled



Torres named All American Ags' libero picked honorable mention

Senior Krystal Torres earned her first All-American honor as she was chosen for the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-American team.

Torres (Las Cruces), was named honorable mention on the 2008 squad. She led the Western Athletic Conference in digs with an average of 4.41 per set. She had 10 or more digs in 32 of 34 matches and had 20 or more digs seven times.

"This is a huge honor to receive," Torres said. "I couldn't have done this without my teammates, coaches, school and community."

Torres also etched her name in the NMSU record books by breaking a long-standing record. This season, she set the school's all-time career digs record with 1,942. She broke the record after tallying 17 against Fresno State, Sept. 18, in the Pan American Center. The previous record,

held by Vanessa White, stood since 1991.

"Krystal has meant a lot to our program, our university and our community," coach Mike Jordan said. "I've always thought of her as one of the best, if not the best, liberos in the region. She truly deserves this."

The Las Cruces native also owns the top-three slots on the NMSU single season-digs list. As a sophomore, she recorded 615 digs, which stands in first place. In her junior season, she registered 590 digs, which places her second and she posted 534 digs this season, which placed her fourth in the record books. Her career best performance came against WAC foe Hawaii, in Honolulu on Sept. 22, 2007, when she had an impressive 33-dig effort, which tied the NMSU single game record list. She was also named the WAC Player of the Week as a senior.

Krystal Torres, the Aggies' senior libero, was recently named an honorable-mention All American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

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Junior distance swimmer Liz Thomson won the 1,000 freestyle with a season-best time at Loyola Marymount Dec. 19. In addition, she posted a first-place finish in the 500 free with an unrested lifetime best performance.



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On the green

The Golf Doctor's 2009 wish list

Including a prosperous and healthy New Year for all

As I reflect back on this past year in golf, I find there are so many issues and situations that have gone unresolved. Last year I vowed to cut down my complaining, which I partly did. Yet in my role as a journalist I feel bound by duty to report and expose things that my golf readers should know about. It saddens me that sometimes folks are offended, but that comes with the territory. As I look ahead to 2009, I fervently hope for things to get better. I'm hoping for better with our economy, our financial markets, our environment, our world in turmoil, our social problems and our country's sagging morale. I'm sure you're not interested in my hopes for our planet, but you may actually enjoy my wish list for golf in the coming year.

It's no secret that I've been trying to be a positive force to help improve the quality of our fine golf venues here in Las Cruces. Something is working because I see significant progress. And here's what I wish for. I want to see Donald and Louis Biad, owners of Picacho Hills Country Club, proudly bring their new \$1 million sprinkler system online without complication in 2009, so the golf course can return to being one of the finest private clubs in the Southwest. Congratulations to Gil Martinez as the new greens superintendent, and I wish you the best as you move forward with your projects to elevate the quality of the grounds.

While our attention is focused on that side of town, let me wish Patrick Hanlon the best of luck as he begins the new year at Brigid's Cross Irish Pub. After a long, agonizing wait for the genuine crafted-in-Ireland interior to arrive, the pub is now open and the reviews have been really good. Patrick, it was worth the wait since the ambience and the authenticity bring something refreshing to our town. When you go, try the Smithwick's ale and the ample portion of fish and chips.

Over at Sonoma Ranch, I'm wishing that Zach Wilson will be the new permanent club manager and head of golf operations. Herb Wimberly and I have conducted our Performance Golf Schools at Sonoma Ranch ever since they opened in 1999, and consider the facility our home course. Zach may be young for a GM, but smarts, high energy and good people skills can go a long way. Plus Zach has a really good crew of young apprentices handling the shop and the golf activities, with a solid greenskeeping department. With the new membership program now on line, the ambitious management team at Sonoma will be able to keep the quality of golf at a high level. My other wish is that the regular golfers will also support Zach and his team.

A quick conversation with Ed Perez, club president at Las Cruces Country Club, reveals that the new golf course, Sierra Norte, is scheduled to be complete late next summer. He says the turf has been completely

seeded and sodded and is filling in suitably. The hangup has been the access roads, which have delayed the clubhouse permits, but the issue now appears to have been resolved. Play is estimated to begin late in the year. I'm wishing that I'll get to play a few rounds on the new course and that it will be everything Ken Dye and the member says it is.

One thing I have wished for ever since I moved here more than 20 years ago, is that someone would host an exhibition match featuring PGA Tour players. Sierra Del Rio has done their part over the past two years in bringing quality professional women's play to southern New Mexico in the form of the "LPGA Shootout." But I'd like to see PGA stars right here in our town. It's too much to ask for someone to step up and title-sponsor a PGA or Nationwide tournament, but I think an exhibition would be doable. I'm thinking Rich and Bart and Brad and Tom and D.J. and J.P. and Kent and Notah and a few others from our area.

Equally high on my wish list is that we could get a nine hole, par 3 course built here in Las Cruces. Maybe this is more of a fantasy or a pipe-dream, but I'm serious. Nationally there is a movement afoot for shorter, more compact, less time-consuming golf formats, which include six-hole layouts and executive type configurations. A prototype is the "Great 28" course at Marty Sanchez Links in Santa Fe. There is a "short course" in New Jersey that is so tough, according to stories, that it took Tiger Woods three tries to even break par. The Hickory course at the elegant Hamilton Farm Golf Club in Gladstone, N.J., boasts ponds, creeks, steep bunkers, thick rough, towering trees and expansive greens to justify its high USGA toughness rating. How can we get this project started here?

In the random yearning department, I wish that golfers would dress a little better on the golf course. I'm old school enough to think golf is a genteel sport; we should dress like it.

I wish that rakes were routinely kept out of the bunkers. There is no actual rule or policy, but let me offer this. The USGA dictates that rakes be out of the bunkers for tournament course set-ups, partly because it makes the process of marking and replacing a ball that is resting on a rake a whole lot easier. I don't think you'll ever see a rake left in a bunker on the PGA Tour.



DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

I wish that common sense would prevail with the rules gurus at the USGA and on tour. You have rules officials, cameras, caddies and a designated scoring "marker" with each group of players. Don't come down with the death penalty when a mistake is made with a scorecard. Sure there's "tradition," but our sport needs to inch forward with some measure of reason. I also wish, as does Jack Nicklaus, that the high priests of rules would declare divots in fairways as ground-under-repair.

I'm not a big fan of putting celebrities under the microscope. Secretive stakeouts, rumor attacks and paparazzi harassment seem criminal sometimes. But one wish I do have is for better investigative reporting by the golf magazines when it comes to actual information. I would like to hear more about the cheating that goes on at the highest levels of the game, something that Boo Weekly has spoken about in plain language from time to time. What about the third speeding ticket that Colin Montgomery recently got in his zippy Bentley? Maybe it's because the golf writers enjoy so many perks, but it seems to me that the golf media treats our tour stars like they're untouchable.

Speaking of tour celebrities, I'm truly wishing that Rich Beem and Bart Bryant win again. These former Aggie golfers should still be at the pinnacle of their golfing powers, so this may be the season. Beem is a major winner, and Bart, who is also a multiple-tour event winner, nearly edged Tiger at Bay Hill, were it not for some 72nd hole heroics by the anointed one. Bart and Rich, I'm pulling for you.

My last wish is for good health to everyone and especially to all my readers and golfing friends. My uncle used to say, "If you have your health you have everything," and it's largely true. I've been blessed with my health, but some of my good friends could use our support and our prayers over the coming months of the New Year. After beating cancer, tour veteran Paul Azinger said rightly that it makes a four-foot putt mostly irrelevant.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. He partners with coach Herb Wimberly as the principal instructors at Performance Golf Schools. Through his seminars, motivational speaking and individual coaching, he assists executives and organizations to strengthen leadership effectiveness. He can be contacted at drblanchard@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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Cody Correa

Cody Correa is a 17-year-old junior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He is on both the SonBlazers' basketball and golf teams. Correa currently averages 17.5 points, 7.5 assists and 3.4 steals per game in basketball. He is one of the top scorers in the state in basketball and draws a lot of double teams, but he also leads the state in assists – a rare combination for a point guard. He is also one of the top golfers on the school team that finished fifth in the state last year. An incredible leader both on and off the basketball court, Correa is the "general" of our undefeated team. He has enthusiasm for the game of basketball, an ability to inspire others to achieve, an incredible desire to succeed and is a good role model for all with regard to personal character like trust, friendship, loyalty, goodness and kindness. He has a GPA of 3.3 and loves to help children in MVCS' K-5 mentoring program.



Aspen Narvaez

Aspen Narvaez is a 14-year-old sophomore at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. She plays forward and guard on the girls' basketball team. Narvaez averages 6.5 points, 5.2 rebounds and one block shot per game. She also played on the MVCS varsity volleyball team. Narvaez is an incredible leader on and off the court. She brings enthusiasm for the game of basketball. Narvaez has a strong desire to succeed in school, with a 4.0 GPA and is a great role model for all young athletes.



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AGGIE INSIDER

Getting philosophical: How to be a true Aggie It helps to be thick skinned

As we approach another year, ole Pete is getting a little philosophical about being an Aggie. Make no mistake, there is no doubt whatsoever that being an Aggie is what ole Pete is all about.

But I began to ponder, so to speak, on the qualities real Aggies possess.

One thing an Aggie definitely needs if he lives in the Land of Enchantment is a good, thick skin. First of all, Mother Nature is sending her sunshine at you all but five days out of the year. Plus, an Aggie needs to be indifferent to the japes that come from the North or the South, knowing what is best for us and not letting those comments get under our skin.

Also, an Aggie needs confidence. I think confidence can breed all kinds of good things for you in life and in sports.

Look at what confidence has done for the Aggie volleyball team, which has gone from mediocrity to national acclaim. It didn't happen without Mike Jordan's belief and the way he showed it to his teams. Their confidence has won many matches internally before it all starts.

This next quality is one that takes a little poetic license, but an Aggie has to have chile in their blood. Not just in their bloodstream from a plate of enchiladas and a gordita for lunch. That chile needs to be a



part of an Aggies DNA to make it real.

I suppose it would have to be red chile in this instance. An Aggie doesn't have to be tall, an Aggie doesn't have to be thin, or rich or even good looking. These traits run much deeper than the surface.

It was said once that if you wear out a pair of shoes while you live in Las Cruces, you will never leave. This has been true for ole Pete, but the many alumni who are making their way around the globe still feel the kinship through their memories of our town and that is part of it as well.

Most of all, an Aggie needs a big heart. It has to be able to accommodate the joys of victories on the field and in the classroom. There has to be room for compassion and insight when a fellow Aggie stumbles along the path. But an Aggies heart has to be one that embraces all as friends. After the competition, we all have to work to make this world a little better.

That's what ole Pete thinks we Aggies are.

PETE

It's a numbers game

Basketball team at NMSU keeps improving each game

Let's break down the NMSU men's season with some numbers as a means to see how things are progressing.

42 to 64: That is the amount of improvement in sophomore forward Wendell McKines' free-throw shooting. His perimeter shooting has improved as well, but the increase in efficiency is an indicator that McKines worked hard on his game in the off-season and is serious about improving as a player.

7: The number of times sophomore guard Jahmar Young has scored 16 points or more this season. Last year, Young was in double-digits 11 times. He has only been in single digits once, in a game when the Aggies didn't need him to score big versus Sacramento State.

9: The number of games in which freshman forward Troy Gillenwater has recorded a blocked shot and ...

6: The number of rejections he had versus Pepperdine.

22: The number of offensive rebounds freshman center Hamidu Rahman has grabbed – you can add 26 defensive boards as well. Rahman has worked hard to adapt to the rhythm of Division I basketball. His 19 points at UTEP is another example.

23: The number of rebounds sophomore guard Gordo Castillo has pulled down to date. That is better than twice the number of boards he grabbed all of last year.

43: The number of assists



freshman point guard Hernst Laroche has dished out. When you add in his 15 turnovers, you have an incredible stat for a first-year player.

62 percent: The 3-point field goal average for junior guard Jonathon Gibson in the last home stand. When Gibson takes his shots out of the offensive scheme he is hard to stop. His looking too early for the quick points has kept him from a consistent 3-point stat. You have to realize that statistics are good indicators of how things are going, but they can't measure the team's fire and other intangibles. There is another number that is not disputable.

5: The number of consecutive home wins for the men this year. It has been 19 years since the Aggies were able to have a perfect record at home.

16,439: The number of hostile fans NMSU faced in Lawrence, Kan. The more experience a team has in situations like that, the more the learning curve goes up when you play on the road in conference venues that are much smaller.

7.3: The number of steals the Aggies are averaging per game. This year's squad is adapting to the aggressive style of defense earlier in the year.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

Sunday, Dec. 28

Men's Basketball
Loyola Marymount
Las Cruces
1 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Long Island
San Diego, Calif.
9 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 30

Men's Basketball
New Mexico
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball
San Diego/Illinois-Chicago
San Diego, Calif.
7/9 p.m.

Did You Know ...

The Aggie men's basketball team is looking for its first win over Loyola Marymount since 1939. NMSU has lost the last two meetings, 71-69, Nov. 17, 2006, and 111-92, March 16, 1990.

The NMSU women's basketball team is meeting Long Island for the first time in school history in the first game of the Maggie Dixon Surf 'N Slam Classic, Dec. 28.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Victoria Eickerman
Junior
Swimming and Diving

Junior swimmer Victoria Eickerman collected a pair of individual victories in the win at Loyola Marymount, Dec. 19. She swam a lifetime best in the 100 butterfly and a

near lifetime best in the 200 fly against the Lions.



Madison Spence
Sophomore
Women's Basketball

Sophomore guard Madison Spence recorded her fourth 20-point performance this season when she scored 20 against New Mexico on Dec. 20. She was 7-of-13

from the field and 3-of-5 from the 3-point line. Her seven field goals against the Lobos were the second most she has made in her career.



Hamidu Rahman
Freshman
Men's Basketball

Freshman center Hamidu Rahman had a career night in his first game at UTEP on Dec. 20. Rahman led the Aggies with a career-high 19 points. He shot 5-for-7

from the field and an impressive 9-of-10 at the free-throw line. He also grabbed six rebounds and blocked one shot against the Miners in El Paso.



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Aggies win swim meet

West Coast swing productive

The New Mexico State swimming and diving team concluded its West Coast trip with a 152-105 victory at Loyola Marymount, Friday, Dec. 19, in Los Angeles.

The Aggies opened the meet taking first- and second-place honors in the 200-medley relay. Senior Stephanie Peacock, freshman Maria Spies and sophomores Kelly Conrad and Kelly Runestrand touched the wall first with sophomores Tessa Bain and Alanah Lawrence and juniors Victoria Eickerman and Meghann Percy following.

Junior Liz Thomson won the 1,000 freestyle with a season-best time and freshman Rachelle Bassen scored with a second-place showing. Thomson also finished first in the 500 free with an unrested lifetime best performance. Eickerman collected a pair of individual victories with a lifetime best in the 100 butterfly and a near lifetime best in the 200 fly.

In the 200 free, freshman Brittney Moore was victorious and Percy claimed third place. Conrad gave the Aggies a win

in the 100 free.

Head coach Rick Pratt said he was impressed with the Aggies toughness after spending a week working out away from home.

"We swam great," he said. "We trained like crazy this week and to come and race that well was a nice surprise."

The Aggies swept the 100 backstroke with Peacock, junior Bonnie Taylor and Bain taking first, second and third, respectively. Taylor and Percy then proceeded to tally points in the 200 back with first- and second-place showings.

NMSU also swept top honors in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke. In the 100, the Aggies had Lawrence, Spies and Runestrand finish first, second and third, respectively. Then Spies, Runestrand and Lawrence earned the gold, silver and bronze, respectively, in the 200.

The Aggies have a break from competition until traveling to Northern Colorado, Jan. 16.



Aggie freshman Maria Spies won the gold in the 200-breaststroke against Loyola Marymount.

PHOTOS BY
RICK PRATT

The Aggies's swim team enjoys a leisurely moment on the beach during its recent West Coast swing. The girls raised \$10,000 selling raffle tickets to help pay for the one-week trip.



The start of one of the free-style events during New Mexico State's dual meet with Loyola Marymount



Loyola Marymount visits Sunday

Lobos invade Pan American Center in rematch Tuesday

The New Mexico State men's basketball team returns home to host Loyola Marymount at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The Aggies will play the second of two rivalry games with the New Mexico Lobos at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Pan American Center.

NMSU's three-game winning streak was snapped at UTEP, Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Don Haskins Center in El Paso. The Aggies fell to the Miners, 84-69, to split the I-10 rivalry this season.

Freshman center Hamidu Rahman scored a career-high 19 points to lead the Aggies. Sophomore guard Jahmar Young supplied 18 points and freshman forward Troy

Gillenwater contributed 14.

The Aggies trailed 39-33 at halftime, despite out-rebounding the Miners, 28-27. Sophomore forward Wendell McKines had a game-high eight rebounds. Offensively, NMSU struggled only shooting 26.5 percent from the field and 25.0 percent from the 3-point line.

Rahman had 11 points at the break with Gillenwater adding 10 points.

UTEP began the second half with a 12-4 run to take a 51-37 lead without sophomore guard Randy Culpepper. He was ejected following his second technical foul of the game during a halftime incident in the tunnel.



The Aggies' 6-8 forward Troy Gillenwater is expected to continue to pick up valuable experience against Loyola Marymount on Sunday and in the Aggies' rematch against the UNM Lobos on Tuesday.



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Peppers Pride

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Born at the A&A Farm in Anthony and owned by Joe Allen of Abilene, Texas, Peppers Pride joined Marr's stable when she was two years old.

Meanwhile, Marr says he will move her away from his stables to a training center nearby. "She needs to be away from the noise of the track," he said. "From her stall, she can hear the races going on over there. I'm sure it hurts her not to be running. We'll move her to the training center for a while where it's quiet. We can exercise her, walk her and she can get plenty of sun. She just needs a break."

Peppers Pride's gallantry is due to several factors, Marr said. "She's together," he said. "She's stayed healthy. Living close together in the stables, horses often come down with one health problem or another. She has had no physical problems."

"She trains passionately. She enjoys

her workouts. Some horses don't. She does. She's anxious to run. She's a big eater. Horses might go a day or two without eating. Not her.

"We feed her three times a day – at 4:30 a.m., again at 10:30 and again at 4:30 in the afternoon."

The horse's diet is first class. Grain, hay and alfalfa. "At the evening meal," Marr said, "we cook her oats and mix them with her grain. A 1,200-pound horse that trains hard, needs all the vitamins and nutrients he or she can get. These horses (Marr is training 30 of them) eat comparatively better than the football players in the NFL do."

Peppers Pride has an impressive personality. "She's very intelligent, a little aggressive at times, competitive and eager," Marr said. "She's level headed. She's just about got it all."

Carlos Madeira, Peppers Pride's exclusive jockey, has an almost spiritual admiration for his mount. "She's a big inspiration to me," he said. "In everything she does. She knows when it's race day. You can see it in her eyes. She's always ready to go."

Madeira, who competes on several of Marr's horses, says that Peppers Pride is easy to handle on the track. "I just let her go," he said. "She knows when it's time to step up the pace. She's such a competitor. You don't have to worry about her."

"She can be a little rambunctious at times. I just try to keep her calm, cool and collected. She does the rest."

Peppers Pride's daily workouts vary, says Marr. "If we're getting close to race day, we might take her out to the track at six o'clock in the morning. Sometimes it's still dark."

"We'll gallop her for two miles. Then we'll jog her a mile and walk her. Her workout usually takes about 20 minutes."

The horse, Marr said, has enjoyed consistent care, a sameness to her itinerary that allows her to perform at a high level. "She's had the same jockey," he said. "She's had the same vet, the same farrier to shoe her, the same groom, the same exercise riders, the same pony horse to accompany her and the same farm manager at the training center."

"She's enjoyed a pretty stable life."



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Peppers Pride has been in many photo shoots, and loves posing in front of the camera.

Oñate girls

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Oñate

Veteran coach Rick Viramontes has returned to try to resurrect the Oñate program, and the team is off to a 5-9 start heading into the Christmas holiday.

"We've lost to some good teams. Games that could have gone the other direction," he said.

The team, which is mostly comprised of underclassmen, is led by players such as Cindy Burciaga, Santana Martinez, Jennifer Royer and Aleeza Mata-Hill.

Viramontes said the team's tough schedule is about to get even more challenging.

"We come back and play Valley and Eldorado, so it doesn't get any easier," he said. "Then we get ready for Cruces and Mayfield. It's a tough district. We're small compared to everyone else. It's been a challenge, but we'll enjoy the break and then get our feet back under us."

"I want our players to work hard and enjoy themselves," he added. "I want them to experience some success."

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

In Class 2-A, the Mesilla Valley Christian School

SonBlazers are off to a 5-6 start under new head coach Kirk Austin.

"Our team is starting to gel, and we should be pretty strong for the rest of the season," said Austin. "We're a well-balanced team that plays tough defense and plays with a tremendous amount of heart."

The team is led by senior Natalie McMillan, the team's top scorer and rebounder, as well as Geneva Hernandez, Krystalynn Wilkins, Felicia Mancha and Jessica Rhodes.

"I think the girls are hitting their stride right now," said Austin. "I see a lot of good things taking place. We are holding our opponents to under 30 points per game, and we have balanced scoring."

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Doña Ana County,
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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, SW1/4, 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:
Please contact: Dell Bearden, Management Analyst, NM State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 505-827-3827.

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA 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 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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA 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.

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.

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

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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.

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

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

NO. CV 2008-01660

AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., a Delaware corporation, Plaintiff,

v.

FEDERICO MALDONADO and CLAUDIA MALDONADO, husband and wife; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA acting through the FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; ANTHONY, NEW MEXICO WATERAND SANIT ATIONDISTRICT; AN-EXIT BAIL BONDS; ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, Assignee of Household Bank; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, True Names Unknown, Tenants, Occupiers or Possessors, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
To the Above-Named Defendants and All Others Interested:

Notice is hereby given that the Special Master, Pamela A. Carmody, will on the 14th day of January, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Doña Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005, sell and convey all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the following described real property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico:

Lot Five (5), Block Three (3) of MERCURE ESTATES UNIT TWO, in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 1055 thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of

said county on September 30, 1980 in Book 13, Page 65, Plat Records ("Property").

The Property is also known as 1527 Angie Provencio, Anthony, New Mexico 88021; provided, however, that any discrepancy between the street address and the legal description shall be resolved in favor of the legal description.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Stipulated And Default Judgment And Decree For Foreclosure entered on November 19, 2008, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit for foreclosure of a Note and Mortgage held by the Plaintiff in this matter, wherein the Plaintiff was adjudged to have judgment against Defendants Federico Maldonado and Claudia Maldonado and a first, prior and paramount mortgage lien against the Property as follows: a judgment in the principal amount of (i) Fifty-Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$52,174.00), with interest accruing thereon from October 1, 2007 at the rate of Eleven and 46/100 percent (11.46%) per annum, which interest shall accrue until the date of the Special Master's Sale, (ii) costs in the sum of Nine Hundred Thirty-Nine and 42/100 Dollars (\$939.42), (iii) reasonable attorneys' fees in the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Three and 75/100 Dollars (\$1,923.75), (iv) forced placed insurance charges in the amount of Fifty-Five and 04/100 Dollars (\$55.04) per month from May, 2007; (v) all costs of sale including a Special Master's fee of \$200.00 plus tax, and costs of publication, and (vi) any additional attorneys' fees and costs actually expended from the date of this judgment until the date of the Special Master's Sale

Other than information regarding the amount of the Judgment, information regarding (i) any and all taxes and assessments due and owing on the Property, (ii) any and all reservations, restrictions and easements pertaining to the Property, and (iii) any and all other information sought pursuant to a due diligence search, must be independently obtained by a potential purchaser, at that potential purchaser's sole cost and expense.

The subject property will be sold subject to: patent reservations, restrictions, easements of record, taxes and governmental assessments, any liens, encumbrances or interests not otherwise foreclosed upon herein, taxes and governmental assessments, environmental contamination, if any, and zoning violations concerning the Property, if any, and the Defendants' one (1) month equity of redemption as provided by law. Plaintiff, American General, may bid all or part of its judgment against the property and is hereby authorized to make its bid by regular U.S. Mail, fax or email to the Special Master or by telephone call to the Special Master.

Said sale will be made to the highest bidder for cash, immediately available funds, or decreed lien, and the time thereof may be postponed in the event the Special Master, in his judgment, deems advisable. Additional surplus money, if any, is to be distributed in accordance with a further Order of the Court in this matter.

The redemption period is thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D0307CV200802389

**CITIFINANCIAL, INC.,
 Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SABRINA L. MARTIN;
 CHRIS FROST; LINDSEY
 GOLDEN; OCCUPANTS,
 WHOSE TRUE NAMES
 ARE UNKNOWN,
 Defendants**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Sabrina L. Martin and Lindsey Golden.

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 6100 High Desert Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: LOT NUMBERED 1 IN BLOCK NUMBERED B OF VISTA DE LA MONTANA, PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID VISTA DE LA MONTANA, PHASE II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 20, 2004 IN PLAT BOOK 20, FOLIO 768-769. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before January 26, 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 25th day of November 2008.

Nadine A Sanchez
 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
 COURT
 By Mary E Apodaca

Deputy 07-1994/ Martin,
 Sabrina L. / P504112

Pub #8370
 Dates 12/12, 12/19, 12/26,
 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D0307CV200802149

**CITIFINANCIAL
 MORTGAGE COMPANY
 INC., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**BARBARA J.
 CARAMAGNO TRINGALI
 AKA BARBARA JOYCE
 CARAMAGNO TRINGALI
 AKA BARBARA J.
 SIGUERE; CHARLES
 JOSEPH TRINGALI;
 NEW MEXICO
 WORKFORCE SECURITY
 FKA NEW MEXICO
 DEPARTMENT OF
 LABOR EMPLOYMENT
 SECURITY DIVISION;
 CITIFINANCIAL
 INC.; UNKNOWN
 MANUFACTURED HOME
 OWNERS; UNKNOWN
 MANUFACTURED
 HOME LIENHOLDERS,
 Defendants**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Unknown Manufactured Home Owners and Unknown Manufactured Home Lienholders.

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 1510 Branding Iron Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: LOT 1, BLOCK 1, PONEROSA MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, DOÑAANACOUNTY CLERK, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 1111, THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY, ON OCTOBER 8, 1982, RECORDED IN BOOK 13, PAGES 142-143, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. and more correctly described as: LOT 1, BLOCK 1, PONEROSA MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 1111, THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY, ON OCTOBER 8, 1982, RECORDED IN BOOK 13, PAGES 142-143, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before January 26, 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 20th day of November 2008.

Nadine A Sanchez
 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
 COURT
 By: Josie A Gomez
 Deputy

07-1956/ Tringali, Barbara J;
 P504110

Pub #8371
 Dates 12/12, 12/19, 12/26,
 2008

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 COUNTY OF DOÑAANA**

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D0307CV200802109

**CITIMORTGAGE,
 INC., SUCCESSOR BY
 REASON OF MERGER
 WITH CITIFINANCIAL
 MORTGAGE COMPANY,
 INC., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**CHRISTOPHER
 A. MILLER; NEW
 CENTURY MORTGAGE
 CORPORATION; NAVY
 FEDERAL CREDIT
 UNION; THE STATE
 OF NEW MEXICO
 DEPARTMENT OF
 TAXATION & REVENUE;
 OCCUPANTS, WHOSE
 TRUE NAMES ARE
 UNKNOWN, Defendant(s)**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Christopher A. Miller and New Century Mortgage Corporation.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1807 Regal Ridge Street, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: See Exhibit A. Exhibit "A" Tract 1 Lot 4, Block D, ENCHANTED HILLS SUBDIVISION, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designed on the plat thereof, filed in the office of hte County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 810 on May 20, 1975 in Book 12 page(s) 15-16 of Plat Records. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before December 29, 2008, 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 JERALD A. VALENTINE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 25th day of November 2008.

Nadine A Sanchez
 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
 COURT
 By: Joe M Martinez
 Deputy

08-0721/Miller, Christopher
 A.; P504113

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 Dates 12/12, 12/19, 12/26,
 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-2043

**INDYMAC MORTGAGE,
 F.S.B., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MICHAEL GASHWYTEWA
 and if married, JANE
 DOE GASHWYTEWA,
 (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 January 14, 2009, 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 6122 Desert Valley Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lot 2, DESERT VIEW RIDGE SUBDIVISION, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on May 6, 2005, in Book 21 Page(s) 194-195 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 18, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$367,636.90 and the same bears interest at 8.25% per annum from November 16, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$4,985.76. 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 #8373
 Dates 12/12, 12/19, 12/26,
 2008, 1/2, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-2320

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
 Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JOSE F. RIOS;
 JOSEPHINE YBARRA
 RIOS; JOHN DOE and
 JANE DOE, (true names
 unknown), Tenants,
 Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 14, 2009, 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 5231 Mescalero Trail, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lot 28C in Block 11 of Elephant Butte Land and Trust Co. Subdivision "C" Amendment No. One of Part of Block Eleven, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on June 6, 1966 and recorded in Book 9 at Page 97, Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on December 1, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$120,633.79 and the same bears interest at 7.25% per annum from December 1, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,078.27. 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 #8375
 Dates 12/12, 12/19, 12/26,
 2008, 1/2, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1773

**WASHINGTON MUTUAL
 BANK, FA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SANDRA HAMILTON and,
 if married, JOHN DOE A,
 (True Name Unknown),
 her spouse; WASHINGTON
 MUTUAL BANK; JOHN
 DOE and JANE DOE, (true
 names unknown), Tenants,
 Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 14, 2009, 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 2758 Coventry Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lot 15, Block B, PARKWAY ESTATES PHASE I, 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. 3940 on May 4, 2004 in Book 20 Page(s) 657-658 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 December 5, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$246,233.40 and the same bears interest at 6.35% per annum from November 1, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,212.84. 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.

vs.

**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,

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
 Attorney at Law
 P.O. Drawer 16169
 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
 575-524-2121

Pub #8376
 Dates 12/12, 12/19, 12/26,
 2008, 1/2, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. PH 2008-77
 Judge Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
 ESTATE OF PHILLIP
 RONALD GOMEZ,
 Deceased,**

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION

**FOR ORDER
 OF COMPLETE
 SETTLEMENT OF
 ESTATE BY PERSONAL
 REPRESENTATIVE**

Judy C. Gomez, Personal Representative of the estate of Phillip Ronald Gomez, deceased, gives the following Notice:

1. This Notice is being mailed on the date of filing this Notice to the following persons:
 Judy C. Gomez
 2711 Custer Way
 Las Cruces, NM 88011

Michael Sosteno Gomez
 2711 Custer Way
 Las Cruces, NM 88011

2. Judy C. Gomez, has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Phillip Ronald Gomez, deceased.

3. A hearing on the Petition of Judy C. Gomez has been set for January 9, 2009, at 11:30 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico before the Honorable James T. Martin.

Judy C. Gomez
 Personal Representative
 2711 Custer Way
 Las Cruces, NM 88011

KENNETH L. BEAL P.C.
 P. O. Box 725
 Las Cruces, NM 88004
 575-526-5511

KENNETH L. BEAL
 Attorney for Personal
 Representative

Pub #8381
 Dates 12/19, 12/26, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D0307CV200802096

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL
 ASSOCIATION, AS
 TRUSTEE FOR THE
 STRUCTURED ASSET
 INVESTMENT LOAN
 TRUST, 2005-5, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**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 312 Terry Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 10, 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 26, 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 JERALD A. VALENTINE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 2nd day of December 2008.

Nadine A Sanchez
 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
 COURT
 By: Richard Armijo
 Deputy

08-1209/ Aguirre, Felipe;
 P506878

Pub #8382
 Dates 12/19, 12/26, 2008,
 1/2, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-2008-2479
 Judge: Robles

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex
 rel.,LAS CRUCES POLICE
 DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,**

vs.

**SAMUEL MUÑOZ,
 CARLOS R. MUÑOZ,AND
 2000 KAWK NINJA
 GREEN; VIN:
 JKAEXMF111A077734;
 New Mexico License Plate
 No.P09133 Respondents.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Samuel Muñoz, 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: 2000 KAWK Ninja, Green; VIN: JKAEXMF111A077734 ; New Mexico License Plate No. P09133.

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 #8383
 Dates 12/19, 12/26, 2008,
 1/2, 2009

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

No. CV-2008-2819
Judge: Valentine

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex
rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE
DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

DEANNA MARK,
BRODERICK MARK,
AND 1998 FORD
EXPLORER, BLACK; VIN:
1FMYU24E2WUB99168;
New Mexico License Plate
No. CXA 636, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION

To: Broderick Mark, 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: 1998 Ford Explorer,
Black;
VIN: 1FMYU24E2WUB99168;
New Mexico License Plate No.
CXA 636.

2. You are the named
Respondent for whom this ser-
vice 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 #8385
Dates 12/19, 12/26, 2008,
1/2, 2009

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

Cause No. CV 2004 00678
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

COMMUNITY FIRST
NATIONAL BANK, f/k/a
WESTERN BANK OF LAS
CRUCES, Plaintiff,

v.

FERMIN RUIZ, JOHNNY'S
SEPTIC TANK COMPANY,
INC., MARCELE R.
RUIZ, UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF
TREASURY, INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE, JAY
BAMERT, NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR, IRMA C. RUIZ,
f/k/a IRMA COLQUITT,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the undersigned
Special Master will, on the
12th day of January, 2009,
at 10:00 a.m., at the east
entrance of the Doña Ana
County District Court, located
at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las
Cruces, New Mexico, sell and
convey to the highest bidder
for cash all the right, title and
interest of the above-named
Defendants in and to the fol-
lowing described real estate
and personalty located in said
County and State:

A tract of land situate West of
Anthony, Doña Ana County,
New Mexico, in Section 31, T.
26S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the
U.S.R.S. Surveys, Being and
comprising part of U.S.R.S.
Tract 26-58, and more particu-
larly described in Exhibit "A."
with a street address of 932
Cox Farm Road, Anthony,
New Mexico.

Said sale will be made pur-
suant to the Stipulated
Judgment, Default Judgment,
Decree of Foreclosure, Order
of Sale, and Appointment of
Special Master and Amending
Judgment of January 5, 2005
entered on November 24,
2008, in the above-entitled
and numbered cause, which,
among other things, was a suit
to foreclose two notes against
all secured real property,
mortgage and security agree-
ment by the above Plaintiff
and wherein Plaintiff was
adjudged to have two liens
against the above-described
real estate and personalty:

1) in the sum of \$81,079.33,
plus interest at the rate of
11.00% per annum, \$16.436763
per diem from November 7,
2008, until the date of the
Special Master's sale (the
"Sale"); and

2) in the sum of \$89,550.84,
plus interest at the rate of
8.5% per annum, \$15.107386
per diem from November 7,
2008, until the date of the
Special Master's sale (the
"Sale"); together with attor-
ney fees incurred and costs of
sale to the date of sale, and
a reasonable Special Master's

fee. The Plaintiff has the right
to bid at such sale and submit
its bid verbally or in writing.
The Plaintiff may apply all or
any part of its judgment to the
purchase price in lieu of cash
at the sale.

The sale may be postponed
and rescheduled at the dis-
cretion of the Special Master.
The above lien amounts do not
include property taxes due, or
any other tax, fee, assessment,
or claim that might constitute
a claim on, or interest in the
property. Each bidder must
establish to that bidder's sat-
isfaction, the nature of such
outstanding claims or inter-
ests, and bid accordingly.

Bidders, to the extent that
they do not have a judgment
permitted to be bid in lieu of
cash, must bid cash at the
sale. The successful bidder will
be given until the close of the
second business day following
the determination of the win-
ning bidder to supply to the
Special Master cash, certified
check, or cashier's check in
the amount of the bid. Failure
to do so will void that bid,
and the Special Master shall
either accept the next high-
est bid, or the Special Master
may, in his sole discretion,
telephone each bidder who
attended the sale, using the
telephone number each bid-
der submits at the sale, and
communicate a new date and
time for a subsequent sale,
without republication of any
further notice. Responsibility
for reception of notice of any
subsequent sale is on the bid-
der submitting the telephone
number. All prospective bid-
ders are notified that they are
responsible for making their
own determination as to the
extent and nature of the title
being conveyed by purchase at
the Special Master's sale.

Notice is further given that
the above-described real estate
and improvements located on
such real estate will be sold
subject to any and all patent
reservations, easements, all
recorded and unrecorded liens
not foreclosed herein and all
recorded special assessments
and taxes that may be due.

DATED at Las Cruces, New
Mexico, this 10th day of
December, 2008.

M. Lea Brownfield,
Special Master
P.O. Box 57
Mesilla, NM 88046-0057
Telephone (575) 524-4924

Submitted by:

Kelly P. Albers
LAW OFFICE OF KELLY P.
ALBERS, P.C.
650 Montana Avenue, Suite D
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88001
Telephone (575) 527-9064

Pub # 8386
Dates 12/19, 12/26, 2008, 1/2,
1/9, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 08-0086

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF JOSEPH D.
AVALLONE, 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 (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 rep-
resentative at the address
listed below, or filed with the
Probate Court of Doña Ana,
County, New Mexico, located
at the following address: 845
N. Motel, Blvd., Las Cruces,
New Mexico.

Dated December 15, 2008.

ANTHONY F. AVALLONE
P.O. BOX 2498
Las Cruces, NM 88006
(575) 524-8915

Pub #8387
Dates 12/19, 12/26, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2160

HSBC BANK USA N.A.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN GRUBBS; ROSALYN
GRUBBS; FOXWORTH
GALBRAITH LUMBER
COMPANY; and JOHN
DOE and JANE DOE, (true
names unknown), tenants,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that on January 14,
2009, at the hour of 10:00
a.m., the undersigned Special
Master will, at 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 6131 Desert
Valley Court, Las Cruces, and
is situate in Doña Ana County,
New Mexico, and is particu-
larly described as follows:
Lot 4, VALLEY VIEW RIDGE
SUBDIVISION, in Doña Ana
County, State of New Mexico,
as shown and designated on
the plat thereof, filed in the
office of the County Clerk of
said County on May 6, 2005,
in Book 21 Page(s) 196-197 of
Plat Records.

Pamela Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 525-2711

Pub #8388
Dates 12/19, 12/26, 2008, 1/2,
1/9, 2009

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

No. PB-08-135
(Valentine)

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF LELA M.
HARVEY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the under-
signed has been appointed
Personal Representative of
this estate. All persons hav-
ing claims against this estate
are required to present their
claims within two months
after the date of the first pub-
lication 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, 201
W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New
Mexico 88005.

NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN that the real property
and improvements concerned
with herein will be sold subject
to any and all patent reserva-
tions, easements, all recorded
and unrecorded liens not fore-
closed herein, and all recorded
and unrecorded special assess-
ments 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 manufac-
tured home on the property, if
any, environmental contam-

nation on the property, if any,
and zoning violations concern-
ing the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN that the purchaser
at such sale shall take title to
the above described real prop-
erty subject to a one (1) month
right of redemption.

Pamela Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 525-2711

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Claims must be presented
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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, 201
W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New
Mexico 88005.

Dated: December 15, 2008

Personal Representative of
the Estate of Lela M. Harvey,
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)

Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #8389
Dates 12/19, 12/26, 2008

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

No. PB 2008- 132
Judge Valentine

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF MARTHA
FARWELL, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the undersigned
has been appointed Personal
Representative of the Estate
of Martha Farwell, deceased,
and all persons having
claims against said Estate
are required to present their
claims within two (2) months
after the date of the first pub-
lication of this Notice or the
claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be presented
either to the undersigned at:
David Loring Farwell, 810
Frontier Dr., Las Cruces, NM
88011, or filed with the Clerk
of the above entitled Court of
Doña Ana County.

David Loring Farwell
810 Frontier Dr.

Las Cruces, NM 88011

Pub #8391
Dates 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 2009

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

No. D-0307-CV-2008-02420
JUDGE: The Honorable
Jerald A. Valentine

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

vs.

ORALIA GUILLEN and
FELIPE GUILLEN,
THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA by
and THROUGH THE
INTERNAL REVENUE
SERVICE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that by virtue of a
Decree foreclosing a certain
Mortgage entered in the
above-styled and numbered
cause on the 9th day of
December, 2008, the under-
signed Special Master will,
on the 26th day of January,
2009, at the hour of 10:00
a.m. at the front Entrance of
the Doña Ana Courthouse in
Las Cruces, Doña Ana County,
New Mexico, offer for sale
and sell at public auction to
the highest bidder, for cash,
the real estate situate in the
County of Doña Ana, State of
New Mexico, and more par-
ticularly described as follows:
SEE EXHIBIT A - ATTACHED
The address of said property is
12208 Highway 478, Mesquite,
New Mexico. This sale is being
made to satisfy the aforesaid
Decree.

Said real estate is subject to
unpaid and past due Doña
Ana County property taxes
and further subject to rights
of redemption.

The total amount due on the
date of said sale to Plaintiff is
the sum of \$149,375.69 togeth-
er with interest at the rate of
7% from and after September
3, 2008, being principal,
interest, plus attorney's fees,
Special Master's fee, costs of
publication and such other
costs as may accrue to said
date.

The undersigned has the right
to reject any and all bids.

/s/ Jaime F. Rubin
JAIME F. RUBIN
SPECIAL MASTER

Exhibit "A"

A tract ofland situate in the
Town of Mesquite, Doña
Ana County, New Mexico,
in Section 1, T.25S., R.2E.
N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S.
Surveys being U.S.R.S. Tract
17-96C5B and being more par-
ticularly described as follows,
to wit:

Beginning at a mag nail
found on the east line of U.S.
Highway No.80 for the north-
west corner of the tract herein
described, whence the north-
west corner of U.S .R.S. Tract
17-96C bears the following two
courses and distances, N.28
deg., 15'.00"W., 30.00 feet;

Thence N.28 deg., 12'11"W.,
434.90 feet;

Thence from the point of
beginning and leaving the
east line of U.S. Highway No.
80, N.61 deg., 45'00"E., 150.00
feet to a 1/2"iron rod found for
the northeast corner of this
tract;

Thence S.28 deg., 15'00"E.,
90.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod
found for the southeast corner
of this tract;

Thence S.61 deg., 45'00"W.,
150.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod
found on th east line of U.S.
Highway No. 80 for the south-
west corner of this tract;

Thence along the east line of
U.S. Highway No. 80, N.28
deg., 15'00"W., 90.00 feet to
the point of beginning, con-
taining 0.310 acre of land,
more or less.

Pub #8392
Dates 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 1/9,
1/16, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
PROBATE COURT

No. 08-187
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF: GENE L.
AYDT, 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 with
in 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 repre-
sentative at 3280 Eagle Ridge
Dr., Las Cruces, New Mexico
88012 or filed with the Probate
Court of Doña Ana County,
New Mexico, located at 845 N.
Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New
Mexico 88007.

DATED this 17th day of
December, 2008.

EVA L. AYDT
Personal Representative
3280 Eagle Ridge Dr.
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88012

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

Pub #8393
Dates 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 2009

NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that
the Las Cruces City Council
will hold a Public Hearing to
discuss approval or disapproval
of the Issuance of a Beer
and Wine Restaurant Liquor
License to Swartz Investment
Group d/b/a Fox's Pizza Den,
located at 115 Roadrunner
Parkway #2, Las Cruces, New
Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be
held at a meeting of the City
Council on Tuesday, January
20, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the
City Council Chambers, 200
North Church, City Hall.
If passed, the State of New
Mexico Regulation & Licensing
Department, Alcohol and
Gaming Division, may approve
the issuance of the Restaurant
Liquor License.

Witness my hand and seal
of the City of Las Cruces on
this the 12th day of December
2008.

Esther Martinez,
CMC, City Clerk

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

No. CV-2008-2658
Judge: Martin

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex
rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE
DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,**

vs.

**SCOTT J. ROBERTSON,
RICHARD CLARK, AND
1996 MAZDA PICKUP,
TEAL GREEN; VIN:
4F4CR16XXTTM23899;
New Mexico License Plate
No. CHB 589, Respondents.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Scott J. Robertson and
Richard Clark, the above
named Respondents.

1. The City of Las Cruces,
New Mexico, seeks to forfeit
all interest you may have
in the following described
motor vehicle: 1996 Mazda
Pickup, Teal Green; VIN:
4F4CR16XXTTM23899; New
Mexico License Plate No. CHB
589.

2. You are the named
Respondents 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 # 8395
Dates 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 1/9,
2009

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

No. CV-2008-2657
Judge: Martin

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex
rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE
DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,**

vs.

**BETTY J. WILLIAMSON,
THOMAS WILLIAMSON,
AND 1993 HYUNDAI
ACCENT, TAN; VIN:
KMHC35C42U192396;
New Mexico License Plate
No. DSY 502, Respondents.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Betty J. Williamson and
Thomas Williamson, the above
named Respondents.

1. The City of Las Cruces,
New Mexico, seeks to for-
feit all interest you may
have in the following
described motor vehicle: 1993
Hyundai Accent, Tan; VIN:
KMHC35C42U192396; New
Mexico Plate No. DSY 502.

2. You are the named
Respondents 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 #8396
Dates 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 1/9,
2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1017

**DEUTSCHE BANK
NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY, as Trustee for
WaMu Series 2007-HE1
Trust, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LORENZO VILLAECK
and, if married, JANE
DOE VILLAECK, (True
Name Unknown), his
spouse; WASHINGTON
MUTUAL BANK; CHRIS
FROST; JOHN DOE and
JANE DOE, (true names
unknown), Tenants,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that on January 28,
2009, 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 760 Del Monte Street, Las
Cruces, and is situate in Doña
Ana County, New Mexico, and
is particularly described as
follows:

Lot 7, Block X, MONTECITO
ANNEX, 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
30, 1955, in Book 7 Page(s) 61
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 December
10, 2008, being an action to
foreclose a mortgage on the
above-described property. The
Plaintiff's judgment, which
includes interest and costs,
is \$123,488.10 and the same
bears interest at 8.475% per
annum from October 16, 2008.
The amount of such interest
to the date of sale will be
\$3,010.66. 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 # 8397
Dates 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 1/9,
1/16, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-2469

**CITIGROUP GLOBAL
MARKETS REALTY
CORP., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DIANE BASS; RAFAEL
CHAVARRIA; JOHN DOE
and JANE DOE, (true
names unknown), Tenants,
Defendant(s).**

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that on January 28,
2009, 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 1945 Amis Avenue, Las
Cruces, and is situate in Doña
Ana County, New Mexico, and
is particularly described as
follows:

LOT 10, BLOCK K,
HIGHLAND PLACE, 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 11, 1953
IN BOOK 7 PAGE(S) 49 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 June
9, 2008, being an action to
foreclose a mortgage on the
above-described property.
Subsequent to the entry of
the judgment, the Debtor
made payments pursuant to
a Stipulation for Settlement
and/or Sale and partially sat-
isfied Plaintiff's judgment.
The amount now due on the
judgment is \$146,770.89, plus
interest thereon at the rate of
9.9% per annum from January
1, 2009, to the date of sale.
The amount of such interest
to the date of sale will be
\$1,114.65. 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 prop-
erty and improvements con-
cerned with herein will be sold
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reservations, easements, all
recorded and unrecorded liens
not foreclosed herein, and all
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and zoning violations concern-
ing the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
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the above described real prop-
erty subject to a one (1) month
right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
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Dates 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 1/9,
1/16, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2656
Judge: Martin

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex
rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE
DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,**

vs.

**DANIEL SELGA, AND
1997 FORD RANGER, RED;
VIN: 1FTCR10U4VPB30163;
New Mexico License Plate
No. KFP 136, Respondents.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Daniel Selga, 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 vehi-
cle: 1997 Ford Ranger, Red;
VIN: 1FTCR10U4VPB30163;
New Mexico License Plate No.
KFP 135.

2. You are the named
Respondent for whom this ser-
vice 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 #8399
Dates 12/26, 2008 1/2, 1/9,
2009

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

No. PB-2008- 119 (Martin)

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF MIREILLE G.
MAROKVIA, Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the under-
signed has been appointed
Personal Representative of
this estate. All persons hav-
ing claims against this estate
are required to present their
claims within two months after
the date of the first publication
of this Notice, or the claims
will be forever barred. Claims
must be presented either to
the undersigned Personal
Representative, in care of the

Bates Law Firm, PO Box 305,
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305,
or filed with the Third Judicial
District Court, 201 W. Picacho
Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces,
NM 88005.

DATED: December 22, 2008.

John Minor
Personal Representative
of the Estate of Mireille G.
Marokvia, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED
BY:
BATES LAW FIRM
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Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305
(575) 524-8585
(575) 524-1895 (Telefax)

Lloyd O. Bates Jr.
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #8400
Dates 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 2009

THE LAS CRUCES

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THE PAST

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

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belong in storage
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Ted Shelton gives insight into the
revolution of architecture
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Passive-solar design and classic
adobe accents meet on Snow Road

Featured home: 3219 Snow Road



A long hallway lined with windows makes up the south side of the home and creates a unique space for plants and artwork.

PHOTOS BY
STEVE MACINTYRE

Walls lined with southern-facing windows and a large round room make this passive-solar adobe both stylish and energy efficient.



Details

Address
3219 Snow Road

Square footage
3,782

Bedrooms
Four

Bathrooms
Three and a half

Fireplaces
Three

Price
\$875,000

Special features: Walls lined with south-facing windows make this adobe light and bright year-round.

For more information about this home, contact Divelia "Di" Babbey at 635-3663.



Latillas and vigas come to a culmination in the middle of the circular great room, which is 32 feet in diameter.



The master bedroom is spacious and features the home's third kiva fireplace.

A brick wall separates the breakfast nook and kitchen.



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By **BETHANY CONWAY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While the majority of classic adobes in Las Cruces are anywhere from 50 to more than 100 years old, 3219 Snow Road has all the typical accents and only 20 years under its belt.

With pressed-adobe brick walls, saltillo tile, bancos, kiva fireplaces and latillas and vigas galore, it has all the beauty of a Southwestern abode, along with cutting-edge, energy-efficient design that normally wasn't taken into consideration in the building of historic homes.

"It's a passive-solar adobe house," said Ysidro Lopez, the home's current owner. "It's designed to take in the heat during the winter time and keep the heat out during the summer time."

After taking a class in passive-solar design while he was in college, Lopez said he was always interested in finding a home that put the idea into play.

"That's why I bought this home. It's well situated to receive the sun," he said.

Designed in a long rectangle with southern-facing windows in every single room, the house is not only bright, requiring little or no lights on during the day, but is also extremely energy efficient.

"I don't use a heater or an air conditioner all year long," Lopez said.

He added that during the winter the pressed-adobe walls in the home actually absorb the heat during the day and continue to release the heat well into the night.

Set on 3.93 acres, the home is sheltered from the surrounding lots by large pine trees to the south and a field to the east.

"It's a great location," said Divelia "DI" Babbey, Realtor with EXIT Realty Horizons. "It feels like you're in the country, but you're not. You're right here in Mesilla."

"The privacy is phenomenal," Lopez added.

While many buyers will be impressed with its energy-efficient design, more impressive than its floor plan are its beautiful accents.

According to Babbey, though the home was only built in the late '80s, it has a historic feel because of the use of adobe and the many traditional accents such as the latillas and vigas and saltillo tile.

"A lot of people love this look," she said. "I have

had people mention that it could be a great bed and breakfast."

Past the entryway, one first comes upon the great room, which is the only room to break the floor plan's rectangular form. Shaped in a large circle approximately 32 feet in diameter, it is large enough to facilitate several seating areas.

Latillas and vigas come to a culmination in the center of the circular room, which, like the rest of the home, is filled with southern-facing windows.

"That's what really makes a difference," Lopez said of the windows. "It save me about \$400 a month in energy bills."

Of course, this 3,782-square-foot home is great for entertaining and includes a bar in the round room that was actually created to match the house. It is not mounted down so it can be placed anywhere depending on the night's event.

Located conveniently near the great room are the kitchen and dining room. A long hallway leading down the entirety of the house is also filled with southern-facing windows, and according to Lopez he can fit a large table down the length of it when he hosts large parties.

The home's four bedrooms line the north side of the hallway, including identical Jack-and-Jill bedrooms with built-in shelves and bunk beds with lofts.

Brick is finished to a shiny smoothness in both the hallway and the master bedroom. And in the master bathroom, brightly colored green tile makes the Jacuzzi tub and shower stand out.

Two patio spaces offer places to lounge outdoors in the peaceful atmosphere of Mesilla, and because the property borders a field to the east, the Organ Mountains are visible in their entirety.

The numerous pecan trees on the grounds produce about \$8,000 worth of pecans, and Lopez said he doesn't have to take care of them, but simply sits back and waits to reap the harvest while a nearby company keeps them up to speed.

"I have been making \$6,000 a year on the pecans," he said.

Anyone looking for an energy-efficient adobe with some of the best views Mesilla has to offer need look no further.

"This is like a hacienda home in Mesilla," Babbey said. "It is very unique."



The master bathroom's large tub is found in its own nook along with the walk-in shower.



The kiva fireplaces in both the dining room and great room create a "romantic" atmosphere.

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Median Price Existing	\$140,000	\$112,250	\$154,000

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
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Shedding some light on lanterns

This functional and decorative piece has a long history



MARIANN NOVACK
Design Styles

We all like that easy, last-minute holiday décor. That's why I love the following last-minute touch.

The golden light of a lantern is often used to set a mood with its calm, decorative, natural glow. Ancient art and architecture is the base of today's most popular accent-lighting system, and in the Southwest, lanterns are a common décor item, especially for the patio.

But they can also be used as a centerpiece with some greenery for celebrations from Christmas to New Years, and then set back on the patio for summer fun. Chinese paper lanterns are a festive way to brighten the upcoming Chinese New Year. Beyond their practical benefits, lanterns have become symbols of hope.

There is a large selection of attractive lanterns in retail stores. As a table centerpiece, a lantern with a candle inside creates a unique and simple design and comes in a variety of metals including iron, brass, copper and colorful painted surfaces. Lanterns also come in many interesting shapes.

I noticed that lanterns have become a common element for décor in the home with designs taken from the Lincoln Globe Lantern or the Bell-Jar Lantern. Some lanterns are being designed as hanging ceiling mounts for entry foyers.

For patios, the lantern is a must and

comes in so many styles. My favorite is wrought iron with lattice designs. They come in every style from old rustic to creative and artistic materials to slim and contemporary.

These lanterns can be brought inside during Christmas time, and when the holidays are over, they can be taken back outside for garden lighting that enhances outdoor beauty and can also add security and reduced risk around walkways, decks, pools and spas.

It's easy to forget how dramatically such a prosaic item such as the availability of light can change everyday life.

Early lanterns were not decorative at all, but rather utilitarian only. They were primarily square-shaped and their design was very plain.

The only reason for their existence was to shield the flame of the candle from being extinguished by a breeze or the wind.

European lanterns date back from the 1300s. The Coleman lantern was introduced to the United States in 1914, which is still used today as it cast a bright light in a 100-yard circle. Shipping and railroad commerce was dependent on the signals of lanterns, and gold mines and coal mines were dependant on lantern light.

In 1775, Paul Revere's ride through the American countryside included an original tin lantern that flashed from the belfry of Boston's Old North Church. The common

Style Tip OF THE WEEK

Lanterns can be brought inside for decorating during the holiday season, and taken back outside after the festivities are over for beautiful garden lighting.



Lanterns, traditionally a light fixture for the great outdoors, can be used in unique ways within the home to go along with a rustic or more elegant style.

elements of all lanterns were, and still are, their portability and ability to protect the flame from wind or rain.

Old lanterns, with chipped paint or missing globes may seem nothing more than dusty relics tucked away in basements, attics and garages. Yet, they may make the most unusual centerpieces for the New Year and Chinese New Year.

One hint I can pass on is concerning the candle if used outdoors. The candle is typically placed in the center of the lantern on the wax catcher dish. However, if you burn several candles in the lantern the wax will drip all over the bottom of the lantern. The

clean up is messy, so I set the candle in a slightly larger glass container to catch the wax. In some cases, I have bought the candles that are already in glass containers and set the container in the lantern, instead of the single candle.

On tables, in planters or around the yard, lanterns are both functional and decorative and create a special magic when lit.

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A bright idea in home décor

Deck the halls all year-round with Christmas lights

By **BETHANY CONWAY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While the earliest use of celebratory lighting during winter festivals predates Christianity, electric Christmas lights truly revolutionized the idea. They saved many homeowners from burning down their houses as well, because before Christmas lights, candles were often used to light up the tree.

The first known electrically illuminated Christmas tree was the creation of the Edward H. Johnson, an associate of inventor Thomas Edison who has rightfully been dubbed "the father of electric Christmas tree lights." Johnson proudly displayed his first tree covered with Christmas lights in 1882, and by the early 1900s, businesses everywhere were using them to attract customers, and homeowners were happy to display a bright Christmas tree in their living room window. Christmas lights eventually made their way outdoors, and today millions of homes are decorated with them in celebration.

After the holiday season has come to a close, homeowners will begin packing up their Christmas lights to be stored away until next year. But wait! They might come in handy around the home or be of use to the college student moving away in only a few months.

Try one the following "bright" ideas:

1. Brighten a dark closet: For those who lack a light fixture in their closet but have an outlet located near by, Christmas lights are the perfect solution. A string of lights is a cheap and easy way to brighten up this dark space. Lights can be run up the walls and hung on nails or hooks. Searching through a dark closet will never be a problem again.

2. Decorate a dorm room:

When freshmen venture out of the family nest to start life on their own, boring dorm spaces can be a bit saddening. Send a student away with a string of colorful Christmas lights to brighten up their otherwise dull quarters.

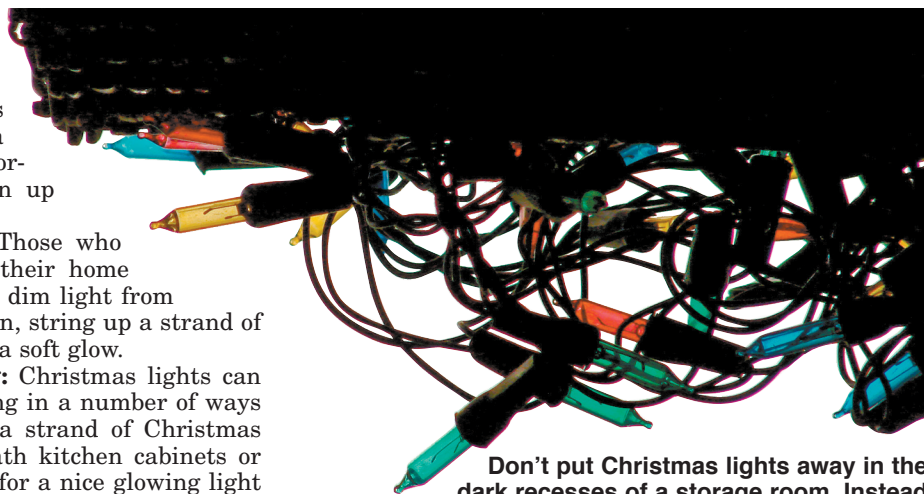
3. Keep an office bright: Those who spend a great deal of time in their home office know how monotonous the dim light from a desk lamp can be. For a solution, string up a strand of white Christmas lights to create a soft glow.

4. Create ambient lighting: Christmas lights can be used to create ambient lighting in a number of ways around the house. Try tacking a strand of Christmas lights or tube lighting underneath kitchen cabinets or on the underside of a bed frame for a nice glowing light source. Thread Christmas lights through the back of a bookshelf to create a backlighting effect behind books, movies and other media. Use a strand or two of Christmas lights to string around the bar or under the dining room table. They can even create a romantic effect.

5. Deck the patio: Since Christmas lights are almost universally meant for indoor and outdoor use, they're as practical for summertime patio decorations as they are for snow-covered trees. String them up on a deck or even an unused clothesline as a cheap way to create a fun atmosphere.

6. Turn the garage from scary to chic: Those who

Around-the-house item:
Christmas Lights



Don't put Christmas lights away in the dark recesses of a storage room. Instead use them for decorating all year long.

have a dark garage should considering plugging in a long strand of Christmas lights to be strung throughout the space. This works great for those wanting to turn the space into a game room or a hangout for the kids.

7. Keep plants warm: Plants that suffer during the colder weather can be given a boost using Christmas lights. They will not only serve their decorative purpose, but the lights can work to keep weather-sensitive plants warm during the colder months.

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By BETHANY COWAY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In 1977, when Ted Shelton first came to southern New Mexico looking for a small town in which to practice architecture, there were only three architects in the City of the Crosses.

Making his home in what was then considered a "small town," Shelton watched Las Cruces and its number of quality architects grow by leaps and bounds.

"Today, the local chapter of AIA (the American Institute of Architects) has 25 to 30 members. It is a totally different environment," he said.

Coming from a small town in the Lone Star State, Shelton grew up around his father's machine and custom fabrication shop, learning what it meant to be "hands-on" at an early age.

"That was my playground," he said. "I grew up thinking if my family needed something, we just built it."

In high school, he already found himself on the jobsite, where he got his first lessons in building.

"I think I owe a lot to the construction background that I got started in when I was 16 years old," he said. "I learned skills that still serve me today."

These days his attire is much more professional than that of the construction worker, and Shelton can normally be found downtown in the offices of ASA Architects, where he has worked since 1980 and serves as president and principal officer.

"ASA have been practicing in southern New Mexico since 1968, and we have had a physical presence in Las Cruces since 1972," he said. "Our firm has always been located downtown, so we have a long history of being a part of Downtown Las Cruces."

One of the largest architectural studios in a region, their offices are located in Las Cruces, Roswell and El Paso, and they also have an affiliate firm in Zacatecas, Mexico. In the last three years, ASA has completed more than \$150 million in projects with clients in both the public and private sectors.

"The core of our practice has always been public school work," he said. "We have probably designed 10 to 15 new school campuses for the Las Cruces Public

"I grew up thinking if my family needed something, we just built it."

TED SHELTON,
architect

Working as an architect in Las Cruces since the late '70s, Ted Shelton has been involved in many of the city's most important projects, including the construction and renovation of several public schools.

BETHANY COWAY
The Las Cruces
Bulletin

Schools over the years."

Their next public school project will be the city's newest high school, which will have an \$80 million budget (the budget for Oñate High School totaled only \$22 million). He said it will include great views and many "green" attributes.

As president and principal officer, Shelton said his main thrust is to provide the

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firm and its employees with a steady stream of projects.

"Being the primary principal of the firm, one of my biggest responsibilities is marketing and business management," he said. "Most of my time is spent making sure that we have good-quality work and enough of it to maintain our staff size."

With their "small-company philosophy of service and responsiveness" and sterling reputation, keeping his staff busy hasn't been difficult, and they continue to receive some of the areas most important contracts.

One project in the works for ASA, is the new Center for the Arts on the New Mexico State University campus, which they are creating with the help of Malcolm Holzman of Holzman Moss Architecture in New York. Shelton said he will follow the project from beginning to end.

"It's a very exciting project on a number of levels. It's going to be a LEED certified project, which will be something special for NMSU and for the city of Las Cruces," he said. "There is going to be a lot of attention paid to energy efficiency and alternative energy and sustainable materials."

According to Shelton, the past few years have been an exciting time for architects with groundbreaking changes in the design process.

"There is something of a revolution going on in how we do construction documents and design drawings," he said. Using a system called Building Information Modeling (BIM) the process has gone from two-dimensional drawing to three-dimensional renderings.

"Now, most of us are actually building the project on a computer," he said. "Once you create a building on the computer, you can rotate it, walk through it, fly over it and resolve a lot of the coordination problems that were more common when we didn't have those three-dimensional tools. It lets us spend more time on the design and less time drawing."

He said this not only makes for better quality buildings and better design, but also allows the client to really visualize a project.

"When we are telling (the client) about a project, we are seeing the building in our imagination, and they are seeing lines on paper. In the past, there was a fairly large disconnect, but now we can show them exactly what a building will look like."

For Shelton, the most rewarding part of his job is of course the final result.

"Any architect I think would tell you that the most rewarding part is seeing something built that you were involved in imagining," he said. "Maybe even more than that is having a satisfied client. That's what keeps an architect going."

Projects he was involved in that stand out in his mind are the NMSU Music Center, where he learned a great deal about acoustics, and the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

"The jail I found to be incredibly interesting because it is such a high-tech building. People don't realize that jails aren't what you see in the movies with the clanking bars. There are no bars, there is no steel, the inmates are behind glass," he said. "It's basically a computer with people in it."

The firm's other current projects include the new magistrate court and a colonia replacement project in Vado, N.M.

For ASA and firms across the country, Shelton said the future lies in eco-friendly construction.

"The future is all about sustainability and this computer-based revolution in how we do our work," he said. "We are going to be able to design more effective, more efficient, greener buildings and reduce our carbon footprint."

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More cookies, less work

Add a professional touch to cookies with a cookie press

By BETHANY CONWAY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Though the holiday season is almost over, any time of year is a good time for cookies. For most of us, this means spooning gobs of dough onto a cookie sheet, hoping for a uniformed look in the end. Sure the cookies will be tasty, and for those making a midnight snack that is all well and good, but for those who are making cookies for a work party or family gathering, presentation may be a little more important.

These individuals might want to try the cookie press.

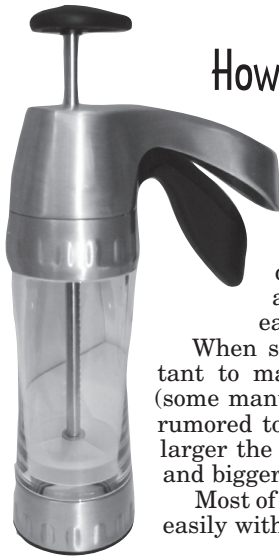
What is it?

A cookie press is a device used to force dough through a molding disk to create everything from a Christmas tree and Santa Claus to flowers, four-leaf clovers and stars. They are available in hand-press manual models, electric models, and even battery-operated models, and all of them have a see-through barrel that allows the cook to see how much dough is left at any given time. While they all come with a multitude of different discs to choose from, some are season specific, even coming in the shape of black cats and witches for Halloween. Some presses even come with interchangeable barrels and stainless-steel tips for decorating cakes.

Whipped Shortbread Cookies

1 pound butter
1 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Pinch of salt
1/2 cup cornstarch
3 cups all-purpose flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream together butter, sugar, vanilla and salt. Gradually add cornstarch and flour. Whip with an electric mixer until fluffy. Place into a cookie press and press out cookies on cool baking sheet. Decorate with candied cherries or dragees if desired. Bake 12-15 minutes. Let cool for 2 minutes on baking sheet, then remove to wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container at room temperature.



How does it work?

To use the cookie press, first make the dough as usual. Place the desired disc into the press and then fill the barrel with dough. Those that are electric and battery-operated will work with the simple press of a button, producing dozens of cookies in no time. Those that are manually operated produce a cookie each time the trigger is squeezed.

When shopping for a cookie press, it is important to make sure the chosen design is durable (some manually operated cookie presses have been rumored to break after only a few uses). Also, the larger the barrel, the more cookies it can produce, and bigger barrels produce larger cookies.

Most of the plastic and steel parts can be cleaned easily with soap and water.

Featured Kitchen Gadget: the cookie press

How much does it cost?

The cookie press can cost anywhere from \$20 to \$60 depending on its size and accessories. While \$60 might seem like a lot for a cookie press, sound construction is important in order to make uniformed cookies easily every time. Plus, for those who love baking cookies, this gadget can come in handy for years to come.

Where can it be found?

The cookie press can be found at kitchen specialty stores or from numerous websites online.

Helpful hint:

The possibilities don't stop with cookies. Cookie presses that come with stainless steel tips can be used for filling hors d'oeuvres, stuffing pastas, making mousse cups and a number of other food items.



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Montelle Mansfield and Lazelle Reagan, both volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, wrap presents for Mike Hogan at Barnes & Noble on Thursday, Dec. 18. Habitat for Humanity volunteers wrapped Christmas presents all month long to raise money for the nonprofit organization.

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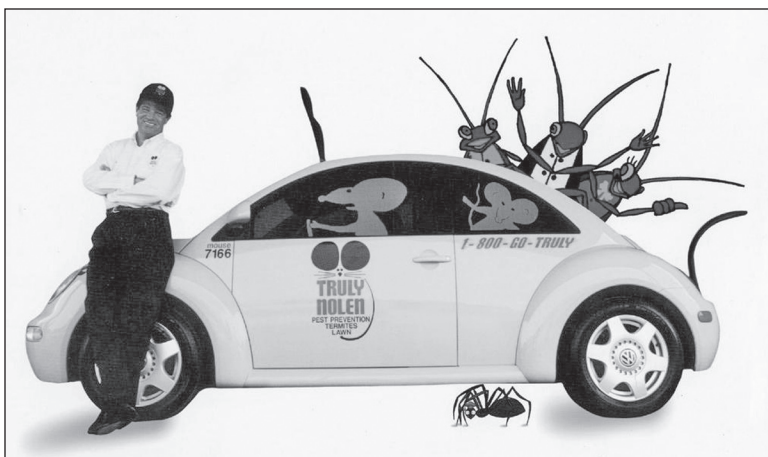
Truly Nolen is creating a marketing buzz with Internet initiatives

As more companies explore ways to have an Internet presence, Truly Nolen has recently launched several "Web 2.0" initiatives that allow our company to interact directly with customers, potential customers and those just wanting to take a quick peek.

Aside from the work involved with maintaining our Internet presence, it's basically free and is helping provide our company with exposure that we may not otherwise have received.

Our Internet presence, which was featured in the Dec. 2 edition of "MediaPost News: Marketing Daily" includes:

- A weekly blog on www.trulynolen.com called "The Insect Inquirer," which serves as a teaching tool while allowing readers to share their own insect adventures.
- A www.youtube.com site entitled "Mouse-Cam: When Bugs Attack," which has been



Find out all about the Truly Nolen Mousecar on www.facebook.com.

viewed more than 450 times in three months and features a Truly Nolen technician reportedly getting the fright of his life on his first day on the job.

- A www.facebook.com page for the Truly Nolen Mousecar,

which has more than 120 friends since launching in late August and is written as if it is the actual mousecar talking with people. In addition to the videos and pictures, the mousecar site also includes a profile that

lists his favorite pastime as "moonlight drives on the beach." People from all over the world, including France and Turkey, have befriended the Truly Nolen Mousecar and posted their own mousecar pictures.

- A www.twitter.com presence as @TrulyNolen, which has received more than 70 followers since launching Dec. 1. The account is used to send 140-character status updates to automobile enthusiasts, customers, people with bug-related connections and anyone else with an interest in or questions about pest control and entomology. A sample tweet: "Beware the fig whitefly. We're riding around with our windows down looking for infestations."

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The Bug Guy

our brand, no pun intended, while giving ourselves a better avenue to interact with people on a one-on-one basis. Besides, when your company's cars have ears and a tail, you can pretty much get away with almost anything!

We invite all of our friends in Las Cruces to join us on Facebook and Twitter so you too can see what the buzz is all about. Happy holidays to all, and to all a good night!

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.

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frame construction; 4 bedrooms; 2.5 baths; wired for surround sound; plumbed for central vacuum; custom wood cabinets; pantry; stainless appliances; water softener; "antique bronze" plumbing and light fixtures; ceiling accents; engineered wood floor in living room; his and hers walk-in closets; jetted garden tub. MLS# 805528 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$280,000 - La Mesa - 810 Highway 189, Nice country property 2.95 acres 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1800+ sq. ft. 3 car detached garage with a 1-bedroom, 1-bath casita; alfalfa field, large old milking adobe barn. Horses welcome. MLS# 805720 Brenda Allen 644-8112 or Debbie Nachtsheim 640-3238, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$239,000 - East Northrise - 4612 Mesa Central, Split

floor plan, beautiful venetian plaster accents, niches and built-in shelving accents, spacious MBR, his and hers walk-in closets, large master bath with separate sinks, jet tub and walk-in shower, covered back patio with mountain views, built-in shelving and bench in garage. Conveniently located for White Sands and NASA commuting. MLS# 805566 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$235,000 - 4-Hills - 3176 Rio Arriba Loop, Quality and value, built by Spirit View Homes. This 1,965 sq. ft., 3 bedroom 2-1/2 bath home also offers an office. This home features an open kitchen/great room configuration, accented by wood beams, corbels, columns and extensive tile! The upstairs master suite has a private romantic covered patio. MLS# 805601 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$215,700 - Sonoma Ranch - 4301 Del Prado Way, A unique, elegantly-appointed single-family home by premier home designer and builder, Desert Sage. Resort-style amenities nearby, including private swim pavilion privileges. Gorgeous home on corner lot with 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 1,731 sq. ft., fireplace, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, breakfast bar, skylights, smart wiring, low-E windows, covered patio and desert landscaping. "Desert Willow Plan." Estimated completion, February 2009. Other lots available with 5 different floor plans. Call Laura Reynolds 640-9425, Steinborn GMAC Real Estate 522-3698, MLS#805546

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\$199,500 - Sonoma Ranch - 4313 Del Prado Way, Be Enchanted! Darling, single-family home by pre-

mier builder Desert Sage. Fantastic opportunity to live in Sonoma Ranch with private swim pavilion privileges. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,634 sq. ft., fireplace, breakfast bar, skylights, stain-grade doors and trim, smart wiring, low-E windows, covered patio and front desert landscaping. "Desert Willow Plan." Estimated completion, February 2009. Other lots available with 5 different floor plans. Call Laura Reynolds 640-9425, Steinborn GMAC Real Estate 522-3698, MLS#805545

\$199,000 - Elks Club - 670 Cedardale Loop, A lovely home conveniently located in Country Club Estates. All appliances included; double walk-in closets in master bedroom; double sinks in baths; vanity, jet tub, separate tiled shower in master bedroom; great open floor plan; kitchen with eating area and view of mountains; privacy screen doors; drip/sprinkler system; 12x12

screened gazebo. MLS# 805559 Patricia Lederman 405-9028, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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Now that Christmas is behind us, it's time to gear up for your New Year's Eve party. Some hosts will serve full-course meals, while others will bring out hot and spicy chile-tizers. To help kick off the New Year, I share numerous easy-to-prepare recipes. Several are gleaned from a bargain book I picked up years ago – "365 Snacks, Hors D'oeuvres & Appetizers" by Lonnie Gandara and Peggy Fallon.

I also include a chiles rellenos puff ball recipe from a very dear friend of mine, Paul LaVine, a diehard chilehead who lived in Radium Springs "forever" before moving to Oregon with wife Cecilia. (Radium Springs is just a horse trot away from Hatch, also known as the Chile Capital of the World.) Although the LaVines enjoy being closer to their children, they miss New Mexico, its weather and the annual chile harvest. Paul is a regular recipe contributor to the Chile Knights column, which celebrates its 11th year in 2009. Mil gracias, Las Cruces and ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Mexican Peanuts

4 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon crushed hot red pepper
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
2 pounds dry-roasted peanuts
1 teaspoon coarse (kosher) salt
1 teaspoon chili powder

In a large frying pan, cook garlic in olive oil over moderate heat for 1 minute. Add hot pepper and cumin. Mix in peanuts and cook for 2 minutes while stirring. Sprinkle with coarse salt and chili powder. Mix well and store in a covered jar or tin.

Cayenne Anchovy Spread

2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup pimiento-stuffed green olives, coarsely chopped
1/4 cup dry sherry or white wine
1 (2-ounce) can flat anchovy fillets, drained and chopped
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

In a medium bowl, combine cream cheese, olives, sherry, anchovies and cayenne. Blend until well mixed. Serve with crackers. Makes 2 cups.

Budget-Wise Faux Caviar

3 large onions, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 green bell peppers cut into 1-inch squares
6 carrots cut into 1-inch squares
2 large eggplants (about 3 pounds total) cut into 1-inch cubes
2 cups ketchup
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon New Mexico hot red chile powder
1/2 cup chopped parsley
1/4 cup fresh dill

In a large heavy saucepan, cook onions and garlic in oil over medium heat until softened but not browned, 3 to 5 minutes. Add bell peppers and carrots and cook, stirring frequently, until crisp-tender, about 5 minutes. (If mixture begins to stick to pan, add water, about 1 tablespoon at a time.)

Stir in eggplant, cover, reduce heat to low and cook, stirring frequently and adding water if necessary, until vegetables are very soft, about 1-1/2 hours.

Uncover and continue cooking until liquid has evaporated, about 10 minutes. Stir in ketchup and season with salt, pepper, sugar and chile powder. Stir in parsley and dill and cook until mixture is well blended, about 10 minutes longer. Let cool. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving. Serve with black bread or favorite crackers. Makes 6 cups.

Fiery-Sweet Cheese

This one is an oldie but goodie.

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup green or red hot pepper jelly
Unsalted crackers

Place cheese on serving plate and top with jelly. Serve with crackers. Makes 6 cups.

Smoked Salmon Spread with Scotch and Chives

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1/2 pound smoked salmon
2 tablespoons Scotch whisky
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon prepared white horseradish
1/4 teaspoon or more of hot red chile powder
2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives or scallions

In a food processor, combine cream cheese, smoked salmon, Scotch, lemon juice, horseradish and chile powder. Process until well mixed. Add chives and pulse. Serve at cool room temperature. Can be refrigerated up to 3 days. Makes 2 cups.

Chiles Rellenos Puffs

This recipe is from Paul LaVine, formerly from Radium Springs, N.M., now living in Oregon.

1-1/2 cup water
1/2 cup butter
1 cup flour
1/2 cup cornmeal
1 teaspoon salt
6 eggs beaten
3/4 cup shredded Jack cheese
1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
2 cans chopped green chiles, drained



We're just days away from uncorking the bottle to help celebrate another hot and spicy New Year.

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Spray 24 regular-sized muffin cups with cooking spray. In 3-quart saucepan, heat water and butter over high heat to a full rolling boil. Remove from heat.

Stir in flour, cornmeal and salt until mixture forms a dough and all lumps have disappeared. Gradually stir in beaten eggs a little at a time. Blend well. Stir in both cheeses and the chiles. Spoon dough evenly into muffin cups, filling each 3/4 full.

Bake 25 to 29 minutes or until golden brown. Cool

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2 minutes and remove from muffin cups. Serve warm. Good with a dollop of sour cream and avocado dip.

These keep well in the freezer. Place them on a cookie sheet in the freezer. When frozen, put into a plastic freezer bag for safe keeping in the freezer. Whenever you're hungry for some, pull out what you want and pop in the microwave.

Vino-Chile Tater Tart

1 large garlic clove, minced
1/4 cups olive oil
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 fresh, long green chile, minced

1 serrano pepper, seeded, stemmed and minced
2-1/2 pounds baking potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
1/2 cup dry white wine

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a small saucepan, cook garlic in olive oil over low heat, about 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in cumin, salt and pepper. In a small bowl, combine chiles and toss until well mixed.

Arrange a thin layer of potato skins in a greased 9-inch quiche or pie plate. Brush potatoes with seasoned oil and top with 1 to 2 chiles. Repeat layer, ending with a layer of potato slices. Drizzle wine over potatoes and brush with remaining oil.

Bake until crispy brown on top and tender in center when pierced with tip of a knife, about 1 hour. Transfer to a rack and immediately top with a piece of parchment or wax paper, a plate and heavy cans to weigh down tart. Let stand until cool and pressed flat, about 30

minutes. Cut into pie-shaped wedges and serve at room temperature. Serves 8.

Spicy Beer Shrimp with Cilantro Cocktail Sauce

1 quart flat, dark beer
1-1/2 pounds large shrimp (16-20 pieces per pound) in shell
Fresh lemon wedges
Chile Cilantro Cocktail Sauce (see recipe below)

In a medium non-reactive saucepan, bring beer to a simmer over medium heat.

Rinse shrimp under cold running water. Using a slotted spoon, heap a portion of shrimp (about 1/4 pound) into simmering beer. Cook until pink, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove with the slotted spoon and repeat until all shrimp is cooked.

When shrimp cool, shell and de-vein. Serve chilled or at room temperature with fresh lemon wedges and a bowl of cilantro cocktail sauce for dipping. Serve 6 to 8.

Chile Cilantro Cocktail Sauce

1-1/2 cups chili sauce
1/2 cup cilantro
2 scallions, chopped
1-1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1-1/2 tablespoons prepared white horseradish

In a small bowl, combine cilantro, scallions, lemon juice, horseradish and hot sauce. Stir until well blended. Can be refrigerated up to 24 hours before serving. Makes about 2 cups.

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.

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\$168,450 - Sonoma Ranch
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