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## **City, schools** tighten belts

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### Early steps taken to lower spending

By TODD G. DICKSON

Efforts to curtail spending are paying off so far for local officials wanting to avoid laying off workers or cutting back services

For the City of Las Cruces, a slower economy has brought a drop in gross receipt taxes and permit fees because not only are people trying to hold on to their money, but new construction has fallen in both property values and the rate of homebuilding, according to a report given to the city council on Monday, Dec. 15.

For the schools, parents are hear-ing news reports about the nearly \$500 million state budget shortfall and are worried that the education budget will get cut, Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds reported to the school board on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

But early actions are helping officials from both local government entities to weather the recession, the officials say.

At its mid-fiscal year budget action, the city council accepted changes that amounted to a 5-percent cut in the city's spending.

Fortunately, the current budget was based on the expectation that home construction and values would drop off, and that market has acted mostly as expected, though it has slowed down a little more than anticipated, according to city Financial Services Director Mark Sutter. But the budget didn't anticipate as drastic of a slowdown in commercial properties and their declining values.

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# **Keeping spirits bright**



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The residence of Dan Wasser at 703 City View features a plethora of Christmas characters and lights covering every tree and bush. Wasser has been putting up lights during the Christmas season for 50 years and said that last year his display of Christmas decorations raised his electric bill by \$500. See Page A15 for more homes lit up for the holiday.

### **Spaceport gets FAA license after EIS decision** Virgin Galactic's 20-year lease contract now in final talks

### By TODD G. DICKSON

For Spaceport America supporters, this week's Federal Aviation Administration's award of a spaceport license makes for a merry Christmas, and a happy new year could follow if a long-term lease with Virgin Galactic is signed by Dec. 31.

The lease agreement is in the final negotiations between the state and Virgin Galactic, Spaceport America Executive Director Steve Landeene reported to the New Mexico Spaceport Authority Wednesday, Dec. 17.

Because the numbers could change a bit in these final talks, Landeene opted to not give a total monetary amount, but he assured the panel he is focused on protecting the interests of the state in the lease for Virgin Galactic to rent land, facilities and runway usage. "I think it is a very good deal for the state," he said.

Virgin Galactic's hangar-terminal and runway are the main projects to first be completed in this first purpose-built commercial spaceport, estimated to cost between \$190 million and \$200 million. The talks with Virgin Galactic have

been protracted in part because Spaceport America didn't have its FAA license yet. That came through this week following a clean Record of Decision on the Environmental Impact Statement for the spaceport on a former working ranch 45 miles north of Las Cruces. "That means we're now open for business," Landeene said.

The spaceport authority board did give Landeene approval to finish the 20-year lease negotiations because getting that anchor tenant in a legally binding contract by the end of 2008 is the last required

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### Veterans voice concerns



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State Rep. Nathan Cote, standing right, talks during a veteran's town hall meeting held Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. Standing with Cote was Alan Martinez, state director of veteran services. Other elected officials attending included state Rep. Jeff Steinborn, Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima, City Councillor Gil Jones and County Commissioner-Elect Scott Krahling. Veterans at the meeting talked about how the state could help veterans get a college education, problems with reimbursements for veteran funeral services, the need for housing of homeless veterans and technical difficulties in some tax breaks for veterans. The town hall was a way for Cote and other lawmakers to hear about veteran concerns before the start of the next legislative session.

### Christmas sure

Most businesses, banks and government offices will be closed on Christmas, Thursday, Dec. 26, and many government offices will be closed the next day, Friday, Dec. 27.

City of Las Cruces offices will be closed both days, as well as New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2009.

- The following is a list of city closures:
- All museums are closed all three days. Solid Waste offices are closed all three days, however, trash scheduled for normal pickup on Christmas Day and New Year's Day will be picked up the day

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- after. Normal trash pickup scheduled for Fridays will remain the same.
- The Recycling Center and SCSWA Transfer Station will close at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 31. They both will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day but will hold normal hours on the following Fridays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2
- Branigan Library and Books-By-Mail are closed all three days. RoadRUNNER Transit offices are
- closed for the holidays and there will be no bus service on Christmas Day or

New Year's Day. Bus routes on Christmas Eve will shut down at 6 p.m. There will be a Saturday level of service for buses on Friday, Dec. 26.

- All recreation centers and Frenger Pool will be closed for the three holidays.
- Senior Programs, including the Munson Senior Center, are closed Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1, 2009.

Most Doña Ana County offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 25-26, 2008. Also, most county offices will be closed Thursday, Jan 1, 2009.

Emergency services and law enforce-

ment in the field will not be affected, but the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed.

The closures will also affect the county's solid-waste convenience stations in Anthony, La Mesa, Hill, Butterfield, Mesquite, La Union, Hatch and Garfield.

El Paso Electric will close at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and all day on Thurs-day, Dec. 25. EPE offices will open for business on Friday, Dec. 26. Las Cruces Public Schools are closed

from Monday, Dec. 22, to Jan. 5, 2009.

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### **Public contribution**



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The National Association of Realtors Political Action Committee under Federal Political Coordinator John Hummer donated \$5,000 to Congressman-Elect Harry Teague Thursday, Dec. 11. From left are Shelly Sanders, assistant vice president of Mortgage Loans for First National Bank, first-time homebuyer Barbara Lanham, Hummer, owner and broker of Steinborn GMAC Real Estate, Teague, Kelley Coffeen-Holt of Emerick Real Estate and Michelle Martin also of Steinborn GMAC Real Estate. Present members of Las Cruces Association of Realtors also used the event as an opportunity to talk with Teague about NAR's Four Point Plan, a plan they feel should be included in any stimulus effort by Congress in order to boost the economy and real estate markets. For more information on the Four Point Plan, visit http:// takeaction.realtoractioncenter.com/campaign/4pointplan.

# **Opinions**

## **Community awards**

Your votes and nominations are needed to select Chamber's 2008 top awards

### By DAVID E. MCCOLLUM

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce recently announced the request for nominations and voting for their annual community awards. Winners will be announced at the chamber's annual banquet on Friday, Jan.



23, at the Hotel Encanto.

The Business of the Year is sponsored by Sitel, and will be determined by a popular vote from among the 12 Businesses of the Month that were recognized during 2008. Official ballots were published in the December edition of the chamber's monthly magazine, The Bottom Line. The ballots are also being published in this week's Bulletin (Page A21). The nominated businesses are current chamber members who have been excellent community partners and represent various-sized companies. Categories of nominated businesses include marketing, restaurant,

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automotive, retail, real estate, health care and financial institutions. Each business was profiled with a feature story in The Bottom Line during 2008. The list of Business of the Year nominees includes:

- Digital Solutions (advertising, design and Internet marketing)
- Barnett's Las Cruces Harley-Davidson/Buell (retail) Sisbarro Dealerships (automobile dealerships)
- Surefire Promotional Products (promotional items)
- Allen Theatres (movie theater)
- Waltrex (accounting and computer services)
- La Posta de Mesilla (restaurant)
- Burger Time (fast food restaurant)
- NAI 1st Valley Real Estate (commercial real estate)
- Cruces Trophy (trophies and promotional items)
- FirstLight Federal Credit Union (financial services) Memorial Medical Center (healthcare/hospital)

The 2009 Citizen of the Year Award is sponsored by Steinborn GMAC Real Estate. The winner will be selected from community nominations. If you know of any individual who has caught your attention as someone who has gone above and beyond to serve our community, you should take the time to send your nomination to the chamber's award committee. Anyone can make nominations for the Citizen of the Year award. The deadline is Dec. 31 to vote for Business of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year and to enter nominations for Citizen of the Year.

The Non-Profit of the Year is sponsored this year by Adventure Travel. The winner will be selected by popular vote among the 12 monthly nominees that have been recognized in The Bottom Line. A complete list of nominees can be found on Page A21 in this issue of the Bulletin.

Three additional awards will be presented at the banquet. The Conquistadore of the Year is selected by the chamber's Conquistadores and is sponsored by MountainView Regional Medical Center. The chamber's Volunteer of the Year, will be selected by the chamber staff and is sponsored by Barnett's Harley-Davidson/Buell. The Crystal Apple Award for excellence in teaching is sponsored by El Paso Electric and the Las Cruces Public Schools.

The choices will be very difficult this year. Many individuals and charitable organizations have given greatly to our community this past year. These awards are a terrific way to honor those who give much and ask for little in return. The busy holiday season is now upon us. So, if you have someone in mind for any of these important recognitions, please do not delay and tear out Page A21 and send in your votes and nominations this week.

Every vote counts!



### Letters to the Editor

### Council needs staff

The recent letter of council member Dolores Connor complains about the lack of "transparency" in city government. This lack of transparency is the sign of a more significant flaw in city government.

A few years ago, a committee to review the city's charter made a most important suggestion. The committee recognized that a city manager form of government does not have checks and balances, nor does it have three equal branches. It has just one branch, an executive branch, and an appendage, a limited legislative branch, a city council and no judicial branch.

The municipal court is a traffic court and the manager's attorney is no judicial branch. The committee prepared an amendment to the charter that would have given the city council a staff to more effectively carry out its function

A full-time staff would be available to the council and would render city affairs more "transparent." The amendment was not selected by the council and was never voted upon. Sad.

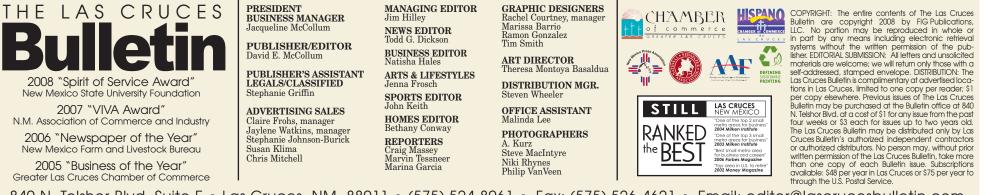
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### Do without Dobson

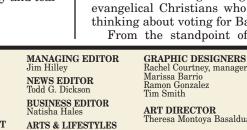
If the Bulletin is not familiar with a letter circulated before the presidential election by James Dobson and Focus on the Family Action, FOF's political arm, it should be. The 16 page letter, signed by "A Christian from 2012," is a radical and inflammatory statement aimed at frightening and intimidating evangelical Christians who might have been thinking about voting for Barack Obama.

From the standpoint of 2012, the letter

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In addition to our dedicated walkers, we would like to thank Old Navy, Walmart, Peter Piper Pizza, Gamma Iota Sigma of NMSU, Aprendamos, TRESCO, MECCA, Atrium Physical Therapy and the NMSU Early Childhood Intervention programs for their support of the event. Those who have an interest in Down Syndrome advocacy can visit www.

cess blessed with beautiful weather.

details a long list of likely changes instituted

during the first Obama administration. These

changes, all abhorrent to Dobson and FOF,

reflect the front line of the culture wars being

a regular feature of the Bulletin. A man who

promotes homophobia, exaggerated fear of

terrorists, social injustice, militarism and a

plethora of other un-Christian-like positions

should not have a forum in a general commu-

the Bulletin is directly or indirectly endorsing

his extremist positions. The Bulletin would do

Families say thanks

The mission of the Southern New Mexico Down Syndrome Families is to improve the

lives of children with Down Syndrome, and

help them reach their full potential by pro-

viding family support, education, and social

opportunities in Las Cruces. The group's major annual fundraiser, the "Buddy Walk" was held

in conjunction with the NMSU Homecoming

Parade and was once again a resounding suc-

By continuing to publish Dobson's articles

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Articles by religious-extremist Dobson are

waged by Dobson and others.

nity newspaper like the Bulletin.

well to distance itself from this man.

## Is New Mexico among the most corrupt states?

### Studies put state under the national average

New Mexicans worry about political corruption in our state. In the past few years, we've seen two state treasur-ers and a state Senate president pro tem receive jail time. One of those treasurers is reported to have told a pri-

vate money manager he was attempting to shake down "this is the way we do business in New Mexico.

So is that the way we do business in New Mexico? Are we really the most corrupt state in the nation as some of us like to sav?

We now have some new evidence as a result of nationwide interest created by a comment from the head of the FBI's Chicago office who said, "If Illinois isn't the most corrupt state in the United States, it's certainly one hell of a competitor."

The comment prompted water cooler conversations around the nation, as evidenced by several emails I received from people who googled "political corruption

They found a column I wrote two years ago when 2006 GOP gubernatorial candidate John Dendahl moved to Colorado because he said New Mexico had become far too politically corrupt.

At the time, I was able to find a study from the late 1990s of public corruption convictions per 100 elected officials the federal government had won between 1986 and 1995.

New Mexico ranked slightly under the national aver-age of two convictions per 100 elected officials. Colorado was slightly less corrupt than us.

Following up on the comment by the Chicago FBI offi-cial, USA Today updated the statistics I previously cited. They searched Department of Justice statistics from 1998 to 2007 and found that Illinois was only the 18th most corrupt state on a per capita basis.

New Mexico was one of the least corrupt with 1.5 convictions per 100,000 population during the 10-year peri-od. Colorado was close behind at 1.6. Nebraska appeared to be the lowest of all at 0.7 convictions. It was the only one I found below 1.0 convictions.

On the other end, North Dakota ranked highest at 8.3 convictions, followed by Louisiana at 7.7 and Arkansas at 7.5 per 100,000 residents.

Obviously the methodology isn't perfect. The rankings of Louisiana and Arkansas probably aren't a surprise. But North Dakota as most corrupt, with South Dakota and Montana not far behind?

Maybe they are better at rooting out corruption. Maybe their U.S. attorneys are better prosecutors. Maybe their juries are more inclined to convict. And maybe using a per capita measure isn't completely fair. All states have some of the same public officials. But then, other small states ranked among the least corrupt.

Other confounding factors could be that corruption in some states may go undetected or be accepted. Also some corruption is prosecuted in state court. These two studies used U.S. Department of Justice statistics because that is much easier than contacting every state.





A possible explanation for North Dakota's ranking could be that it doesn't have much in the way of ethics laws to provide guidance to public officials and to set standards of behavior. If there is no state corruption law to break, the official has to be prosecuted under federal law and that is what this study measures.

Most states seem to be having the same trouble as New Mexico in getting ethics legislation passed. And the problem usually seems to be the same. It is logical that the legislation should apply to all three branches of government.

Legislatures are good about thinking the other two branches should be guided by ethics laws but not themselves. The New Mexico Senate is famous for arguing that it doesn't need it. That isn't likely to change much in the upcoming Legislature, despite the guilty plea from its former president pro tempore.

And there is the interesting argument over whether Democrats or Republicans are more corrupt. The answer is it depends on who is in power. Why bribe someone who can't do anything for you?

Contact Jay Miller at inside the capitol@hotmail.com.

### Reverse Robin Hood: Poor citizens gi ving to the rich

By MICHAEL SWICKARD

"My little plum, I am like Robin Hood; I take from the rich and give to the poor." "What poor?" asks the skeptical Poppy.

'Us poor," replies W. C. Fields as Professor Eustace McGargle, in the 1936

movie "Poppy." Somehow W.C. Fields being an engag-ing dastardly character in a 1936 movie is ever so much more palatable than the just released transcripts of Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich enhancing our notion that Illinois politicians are like Robin Hood - they are on the take. He is the fourth Illinois governor in a row to be ensnared by scandal. The last three governors in a row are serving time, as it appears he will. The issue is not corruption, rather, the prevailing sense of illegal personal entitlement

that is constant with those leaders. However, the governor of Illinois is innocent until found guilty by a jury of his peers. Can we find 12 moral degenerates like him to serve on the jury? Lacking that, can we find 12 people of his arrogance? Probably not. But whoever serves on the jury may be the best we can do for a scoundrel of his magnitude.

Here in New Mexico, we have had a

deeply embedded culture of that same arrogance and sense of entitlement by leaders. From local to statewide, we regularly find our trust abused. There are even investigations at this time of "Play for pay" in Gov. Richardson's administration.

Importantly, suspicion is not proof so Bill Richardson is only being investigated. We will have to await the investigation. but the whispers have been constant for much of Richardson's time as governor that the only way to get his ear was with a fistful of dollars.

It makes me wonder: What is this notion that we, the people, are really the masters of the elected servants such as our governors? What utter nonsense. They live like kings and we live like peasants. To them we are just "giving units" to be "milked" regularly. It appears to me that some of our leaders personally hold common citizens in contempt since they do not breathe the rarified air of the elite.

There has never been a time when corruption by our leaders did not raise its ugly head nor a time when that corruption was more onerous than now. As much as there is lip service about the elected as our servants doing our bidding, no one watching their actions and ours would guess we were the ones being served.

The only thing keeping the politicians from doing even more wrong is a free and active press. This is hard to keep since there is so much that our servants can offer journalists and so many ways to make their lives miserable if they have the temerity to report things that our servants do not wish the common people to know.

It is common for both Republicans and Democrats to "freeze out" reporters and media outlets that do not "play ball" with them. I have personally experienced it from politicians of both parties. The only reason that I notice it more from Democrats in New Mexico is that so many more are in office in our state. But neither party suffers criticism well.

So our only real hope to hold down the

arrogant corruption is to constantly value our independent media. Our independent media are fragile because it is very hard to "go it alone" in a world of big mergers and conglomerates. But they are the only ones who will stick to a story against the flurry of ways that government can make things hard.

I salute our independent watchdogs, because without them we would be rolled up and smoked by the corrupt ones. We see those media members in our stores and restaurants. They do not live as kings, and only by their shining light upon the corrupt ones are we able to prevail.

Michael Swickard can be emailed at michael@swickard.com.

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## **Christmas Shepherd**

I wrote a little Christmas poem to put it in perspective.

It seems around this time of year

a lot go apoplective With all the ads and football games to shimmer and obfuscate

And count the days we've left to shop before it gotten too late!

I don't begrudge the merchant class enticing us and teasin'. Or entertaining specials

to remind us of the season

When families gather to renew their lives with love professing, And recognize the birth of Christ as mankind's greatest blessing.

We each can count those private times amidst the frantic whirring

For me it comes on Christmas morn, before the house is stirring.



I slip myself out to the barn

to feed the cows and collie The horses, too, and break the ice, beyond the boughs of holly.

I do the chores, like everyday.

That's part of country livin'. It is the shepherd's greatest gift, the privilege we are given

To tend the flock, on constant watch, as keepers we're made

liable And charged with the dominion of,

according to the Bible.

And so we do our duty first before the celebration Like other occupations who stand guard and the serve the nation;

The ones who make the coffee at the homeless mission hall, Policemen, nurses, EMTs the linemen, all on call

'Cause they are their brother's keeper as directed from above As are farmers with our animals,

as well as those we love. Is it just some basic instinct,

or is caring something learned? Where does the need to give beyond primordial concern begin?

To help without coercion, no

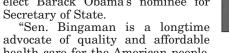
promise of reward, My friend, the answer is simple, it's by example, from the Lord. When you get that funny feeling

that somebody's watching you Yer right, watching over you. See, Jesus is a shepherd too.

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### Bingaman to chair health care committee Group will look at options to reform insurance coverage

U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP), announced that New Mexico Sen. Jeff Bingaman will lead the committee's health care reform working group on insurance coverage. Bingaman replaces Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, President-elect Barack Obama's nominee for Secretary of State.



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health care for the American people, and I'm pleased he will join Sen. Dodd, Sen. Harkin and Sen. Mikulski to serve in these expanded roles. We are all committed to working with the Obama administration and our colleagues in Congress to finally give the American people the health care reforms they urgently need and deserve," Kennedy said.

'New Mexico has one of the highest uninsured rates in the country. Furthermore, many New Mexicans that are fortunate enough to have health insurance struggle because the coverage may be very costly or may not provide comprehensive benefits," Bingaman said. "I look forward to working with Chairman Kennedy, my other colleagues in the Senate and the incoming administration to develop a plan that provides meaningful and affordable health care to all Americans."

Bingaman is a senior member of the Senate HELP Committee.

Last month, Kennedy asked Dodd to serve as his chief deputy for health reform and established three working groups within his committee to concentrate on areas essential to comprehensive health care reform.

Dodd will continue in that capacity and Harkin and Mikulski will continue to chair the working groups on prevention and health, and improvements in quality, respectively.



### **Domenici's office in** Washington closes

The Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Sen. Pete V. Domenici effectively closed, signaling the end of a 36-year career in the Senate. Domenici's term will officially end in early January 2009.

A skeleton staff contingent will complete the office closure process. The move to close the office was prompted by the Senate leadership decision to end the second session of the 110th Congress.

This is a difficult day after all these years in the Senate, but I am upbeat about the change. I will be forever grateful to the people of New Mexico for sending me to Washington and for continuing to support me as I worked for them here. I have also been blessed over the years with a very loyal and talented staff, who worked hard to serve our state.

"I have met with Sen.-Elect Udall and my long-time friend Sen. Bingaman and have told them I am willing to help them where I can to advance the best interests of our state.

"So, I again thank everyone. Nancy and I will look forward to a happy and blessed holiday season with family and friends before we begin the next chapter of our lives. God bless you all."

**Crime Stoppers: Theft** Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest of the person or people involved in the Thanksgiving Day theft of a Bobcat Loader and trailer from The Greenhouse nursery. The Green-

house is offering an addi-tional \$5,000 reward for tional \$5,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the theft.



Sometime between the hours of 3 and 7 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 27, a Bobcat 773 Loader and a trailer were taken from The Greenhouse construction yard at 1950 Copper Loop. Las Cruces Police are investigating the incident.

The additional \$5,000 reward offered by The Greenhouse is valid for four months.

If you have any information regarding this theft, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 800-897-2746.

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

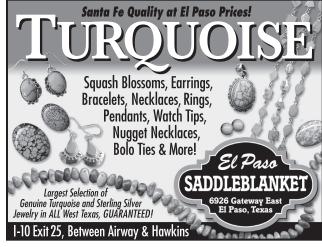
### **Reservoir** Update

Preliminary Rio Grande Basin figures indicate that the Rio Grande Project irrigation districts could start off the 2009 season with full allocations, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reported.

- The storage in the two reservoirs is better than it was
- a year ago. According to the latest advisory:
  Elephant Butte 610,919 acre-feet, 31 percent of a full reservoir, an increase of 5,886 acre-feet, elevation 4,348 feet, 50 feet below the spillway.
- Caballo 20,898 acre-feet, 10 percent of capacity, up 423 acre-feet.

The Rio Grande flow at San Marcial is 544 cubic-feetper second, 38 percent of average. But the bureau expects this to increase this month as the irrigation return flow from southern Colorado and releases from Abiquiu Reservoir reach Elephant Butte, the bureau reported.

Snow storms have returned to the Upper Rio Grande Basin, and the mountain snowpack is 76 percent of average, compared with 158 percent last year at this time.



### **NMSU** names outstanding graduates for Fall 2008 Two honorees are from Las Cruces

For their outstanding academic perfor-mance, leadership, scholarship and par-ticipation in university and community activities, the New Mexico State University Alumni Association honored nine Outstand-

Belize, who majored in hotel, restaurant

### **Builder remembered as a** man of vision, compassion Late Mario Bellestri was 'one of a kind'

### By JUDD SINGER For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: In remembrance of builder Mario Bellestri, who passed away Nov. 23 in his home, fellow builder Judd Singer created the following editorial about his good friend. A prominent figure in the building industry in New Mexico, Mario Bellestri served as past president of the New Mexico Home Builders Association and the Las Cruces Home Builders Association. His company, Soledad Canyon Earth Builders, is known for innovative building practices and a focus on the environment. He is survived by his wife Pat, son Max, daughter-in-law Melissa and granddaughter Felice.

There are many things I could share with you about my friend, Mario, and I am certain that if he was here, he would be telling us how very blessed he was. In his own words he would say, "Isn't this glorious!?" when he referred to a great dinner out with friends or to New Mexico and the great beauty the state possesses, whether it be the San Juan River or his place in Cloudcroft. He never failed to be mindful of the incredible relationship he had with his wife Pat, and of course, was so very proud of his son Max and all of his accomplishments, including his marriage to Melissa and his endearing granddaughter, Felice. He felt fortunate to love the industry he was in, and always seemed surprised by his own success in it. If he thought someone was complain-ing too much, or their tone was negative, he would start reminding us how lucky we were to live where we lived and do what we do. He was always uplifting to be around.

He was fun to vacation with, too, even if the vacation was just from work for the day. We would occasionally sneak off for the day and run up to his place in Cloudcroft, just to barbecue burgers and sit on the deck and be thankful for the lives we lived. He loved learning about new green technology, energy conservation and new construction techniques and was always improving his knowledge and renewing his commitment to his business and family, and I personally will miss his extraordinary leadership and friendship.

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BETHANY CONWAY | The Las Cruces Bulletin Mario Bellestri and wife Pat shared an "incredible relationship.

Of all of those things about my friend I think what I will miss the most, will be the time spent on Friday afternoon cocktail hour at Double Eagle or our breakfast breaks, where we shared ideas, aspirations, our business woes and his acute understanding of the fragility of life, its interconnectedness and karma.

Of course, I have to tell you all, that even with all his sensitivity, I had the biggest grin ever, when he called me and wanted me to go shooting with him and then go with him to get his concealed carry permit. In the class when the instructor asked how old we were when we first fired a gun, easily 90 percent of the class responded before the age of nine, but not Mario. When it was his turn, he said, "About two months ago." But that didn't faze Mario. By the next year Mario already had the both of us booked in Las Vegas for the International Shot Show, a gun-dealers-only trade show where Mario had managed to get us full dealer credentials, and of course, a fabulous time to go with them.

Mario was direct in his opinions and unswerving in his zest for life. He was also a man of great compassion and of immense vision, a man of great humor and a contagious laugh to go along with it. Mario was truly one of a kind, and I, and all of his many friends, will miss him.

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and tourism management. Cox earned a 4.0 GPA, is a Crimson Scholar and has been on the Dean's List since Fall 2006. She is a member of the Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management Student Association and

Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society. The College of Arts and Sciences hon-ored Carlos Cisco of Las Cruces, a film major through the Creative Media Institute (CMI). Cisco earned a 4.0 GPA and exhibited faculty-like leadership and commitment to the CMI program. He founded Students for Digital Arts (SOPA), led the Insomnia Film Festival crew and organized a study abroad trip to Hong Kong. The College of Business honored Kourt-

ney Nicole Öligney of Spicewood, Texas, an accounting major. Oligney earned a 4.0 GPA, is a Crimson Scholar and is on the Dean's List. She has received the Jessie Casad Rhodes Memorial Scholarship, the Allan H. Savage Accounting Scholarship and the Business Administration and Economics Alumni Scholarship. She has volunteered during freshmen move-in day and is a member of the Baptist Student Union.

The College of Education honored Kira Peters Claussen of Polvadera, N.M., an elementary education major. Claussen earned a 4.0 GPA, is a Crimson Scholar and has received the Jerald and Owen Reece Scholarship, the W.F. and Wanda Martin Scholarship and the John and Dodie Knight Scholarship. The College of Engineering honored Alis-

sa Lee McDowell of Clovis, N.M., an indus-trial engineering major. McDowell earned a 3.9 GPA, is a Crimson Scholar and is on the Dean's List. She served as president of the Chi Omega Sorority in 2006 and is a member of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers, the Order of Omega Greek Honor Society and the Rho Lambda Panhellenic Honor Šociety.

The College of Extended Learning honored Luis Campos Jr. of Las Cruces, who

received a degree in applied studies. Campos has served 12 years of active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps and currently holds an administrative position with human resources at White Sands Missile Range. He is a full-time student despite working 40 hours a week and exemplifies the challenges people in our military face while also trying to pursue their educational aspirations.

The College of Health and Social Services honored Marlene St. Hilaire of the West Indies, a nursing major. Hilaire earned a 3.85 GPA, is on the Dean's List and is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society for Nurses. She has previously studied at Winthrop University where she graduated summa cum laude in 1995.

The Graduate School honored David Hudak as the Outstanding Ph.D. Graduate Student and Nathan Pessaroff as the Outstanding Masters Graduate Student.

Hudak, received a Ph.D. in industrial engineering, is a career officer in the U.S. Army who began his graduate education at NMSU in 2003. He has held positions of director of Soldier and Systems Analysis Directorate and senior military and opera-tions research analyst at White Sand Missile Range. He is currently the director of the Training and Doctrine Analysis Center at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

Pessaroff, who received a master's of fine arts from the English department, has served as a graduate assistant, tutor and a team member of the major outreach projects of the creative writing program. He has served as the managing editor and the associate editor of Puerto del Sol for three years, which publishes fiction and poetry and raises national awareness of the NMSU Creative Writing Program. He also has presented three papers at the American Writing Programs conference and was a nominee for Best New American Voices in Literary Journal.



Spaceport America Executive Director Steve Landeene, standing left, listens to questions from members of the New Mexico Spaceport Authority board on Wednesday, Dec. 17

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### **Spaceport**

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action for construction money to begin flowing from a mixture of state funds and gross receipts taxes from Sierra and Doña Ana counties.

Although the new spaceport has been working with other companies, Virgin Galactic is developing a fleet to regularly send passengers into suborbital space beginning by 2010 that is based on the mid-air launch system created by Burt Rutan who won the first \$10 million X PRIZE. Other companies that already have been working with Spaceport America – or soon plan to – include Lockheed Martin, Rocket Racing Inc./Armadillo Aerospace, UP Aerospace, Microgravity Enterprises and Payload Specialties.

"This week's announcement is another significant step forward for the personal and commercial spaceflight industry and for Spaceport America," said International Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight (ISPCS) Chair Patricia Hynes in a press release about the FAA license news. "New Mexico is the home of modern rocketry, and we are now expanding our heritage in the rocket industry to propel the next generation of space business across the globe."

At Wednesday's meeting, Landeene reviewed all the projects – from utility and road extensions to building the facilities and runway – that will soon go out to bid. With an apparent "all systems go" for the spaceport, Landeene said he is beginning to work on other concerns, such as getting liability limit legislation passed similar to that of Virginia and Florida to keep New Mexico's new spaceport competitive, as well as working with area schools to provide a trained workforce for aerospace interests.

Spaceport America's recent milestone caps off a year in which Landeene noted there have been a number of notable advances in the private aerospace industry, such as SpaceX becoming to the first private company to create a rocket that has reached orbital space and the Armadillo group winning the first level of prize money for NASA's lunar lander challenge.

Now that Spaceport America's first tasks for securing construction funding will soon be completed, Landeene promised the authority board members that the project will be entering a phase where they will become more directly involved in making decisions to assure transparency and accountability.



### Spending

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City administrators were directed to trim about 5 percent in their budgets when the new economic picture began taking shape. At current spending levels, the city may still have to lean on \$8.3 million of cushion in the general fund for more than \$5 million, according to Sutter's report to the council. Ideally, that reserve should be maintained at about \$6.6 million.

That means city officials will be coming back to the council over the coming months for approval of more budget cuts. This will also make the budget building for the next year difficult, Sutter said, because it forces the council to fund priority functions, and he urged caution about starting any new programs that require money.

City councillors not only accepted the news, but began asking where they can make their own cuts in travel and mailing to be part of the belt-tightening effort.

City Councillor Sharon Thomas requested that officials begin crafting worst-case scenarios to help the council more clearly identify priority spending for operations and needed services.

Councillor Dolores Connor said she was concerned that the city may have to dip into its reserve funding after building that reserve back from nothing. Still, at least the city at this point isn't having to make drastic cuts to its personnel, services or operations, she said.

"We're in better shape than most," Connor said, "but not in as good of shape as we have been."

City Manager Terrence Moore agreed to hold an all-afternoon work session on the budget Wednesday, Jan. 28.

Councillor Gil Jones said the focus needs to be keeping the budget balanced. "We're obviously spending more than we're bringing in, and that will have to be offset," he said.

Spending more than the amount of funding coming in is the pattern causing state government to look for ways to avoid a deficit – the latest estimate is \$454 million, \$200 million more than an earlier shortfall estimate a few months ago.

Because funding the public schools takes up the lion's share of state spending, Rounds acknowledged the deficit has people worried that the schools will take a hit. No lawmaker Rounds has spoken to, however, wants to have the schools take a funding hit. The school district also took steps last spring to reduce staffing at all levels, which turned out to be fortuitous.

Rounds said he doesn't anticipate a funding reduction for the current fiscal year coming out of the next legislative session starting next month, but the following year's funding will likely be tighter. The tight money picture could also stall an effort to revise the state's funding formula to provide more resources for the students that need them, Round lamented. That funding revision comes at a cost of nearly the level of the anticipated budget shortfall.

Rounds urged people to support their legislators' intent to protect children from the state's fiscal problems and to provide a united front in seeking improved funding to the schools.



### Jardin de los Niños fights to continue service to families Nonprofit struggles in difficult economic times

By NATISHA HALES

On the outside, Jardin de los Niños is a childcare center for homeless and near-homeless children.

But on the inside, Jardin does much more than provide care for these children. The nonprofit organization is a driving force in helping families become stable again so they can adequately care for the little ones who have no control over their situation.

"These children can't help themselves out of homelessness," said Executive Director Shirley Jaquez. "Without parents becoming strong parents, then these children have no hope."

With its current staff, Jardin is almost at capacity, servicing 27 families and 45 children. Though the facilities are able to serve a maximum of 63 children ages 6-weeks to 10-yearsold, the number of staff only allows a maximum of 47.

Families coming to Jardin are

usually referred by another organization, such as the Gospel Rescue Mission, La Casa or Las Cruces Public

Schools. They must verify the fact that they are homeless or near-homeless, which, according to HUD, means that they're either living in a place that is not designated for living – the streets or a car, for instance – or are living in a situation that can easily change, with friends or family or have been provided with an eviction

notice.

While Jardin agrees to care for the children, these families must sign a contract stating that they will make an effort to stabilize their situation - go back to school, get a job and volunteer with the organization.

"This is a temporary day care," said Family Services Coordinator Miriam Gutierrez. "We set a goal for families to move out of homelessness, and sometimes we can give them a deposit and first month's rent, and we help them with furniture and donations."

If the parents can't meet that requirement, their childcare hours are cut.

"Some people think that's cruel, but the parent has to work at stability," Jaquez said. "These children are victims in all of this."

The children aren't the only ones who receive assistance. Each Wednesday night is parenting night, with classes that cover a wide range of topics While parents are off to work on stabilizing their families, their children are cared for in the center, and Jaquez said many of these children are not only scared, but often they are behind other children their age in terms of development.

"Some of them don't know how to wash their hands or brush their teeth," she said.

Once they're in the program, however, the teachers help these children get caught up developmentally, with screenings from local organizations such as Tresco or Aprendámos.

"I help guide teachers to do developmentally appropriate practices in the classroom," said Children Services Coordinator Celia Valdez.

For the past year, Valdez has been compiling an application for accreditation by the National Association of Child Care Providers.

"(With the accreditation) we will be nationally recognized as a high-quality center," she said. "All child care centers are rated two to five stars; the more stars, the higher the quality. We're a four-star center right now, but the accreditation will give us five stars."

Jardin also is working on accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

"(Accreditation) also impacts the ability of us getting certain grants," Jaquez said.

Grants – in addition to private donations and fundraisers – are critical to the organization's stability, since Jardin de los Niños receives no funding from the state or federal government. In this recession, the organization is fighting to stay afloat, and funding obstacles still lie ahead.

"Grants are also being more scrutinized by grantors," Jaquez said. "Some of the funding is wrapped up in the stock markets, and we know they're not doing too well right now. Several organizations have even changed the scope, they're all transitioning. Several grants we've written have received a 'no,' and they told us to reapply in 2009. And that funding won't be available until 2010. Some of these grants are awarded every three years, so we'll be out of that source for three years.

"It's so critical for us. We cannot operate without funding."

With approximately \$55,000 each month in operational expenses, Jaquez said the need for monetary donations is great this time of year. "If we don't do well, we'll have to reassess and bring

"If we don't do well, we'll have to reassess and bring down our services, and I really don't want to do that," she said. "All of us feel that our children are our priority."



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Delivering and unloading gifts at the Las Cruces Public Schools Administration Building on Dec. 16 are, left to right, White Sands Space Complex employees Jessica Wysong, Debbie Flamm and Rita Morock; and LCPS Title One employees Christina Werner and Patsy Baisa. The gifts will go to LCPS students in the Title I program and homeless students, including children enrolled in the LCPS Migrant Education Program. In the past four years, Space Complex employees have provided gifts for nearly 300 children as part of the Space Complex adopt-a-child program. I CPS

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Cindy Porsburg, left, dances with Kaitlyn Hogan. 2.



band Triple Jacks thrilled the crowd with classic rock cover songs.

Left: Barnett's Las Cruces Harley-Davidson/Buell store employee Yllana Lujan visits with Southern New Mexico Harley-Davidson club member Debra DeMine.





Above: Ginger Esparza, Rick Esparza and Don Correia chat during the Barnett's Las Cruces Harley-Davidson/Buell VIP party Thursday, Dec. 11, at the store.

The turnout was large as people enjoyed food, drinks and dancing.





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New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division Director Ken Ortiz introduces staff at the grand opening Wednesday, Dec. 10, of a new branch satellite office in Las Cruces, located in a strip shopping center on the northwest corner of the Main Street and Picacho Avenue intersection. Standing with Ortiz is Rose Zamora, the office manager, and Paul Montoya, state MVD deputy director.

### **MVD opens second local office** Satellite office expected to reduce waiting

### By TODD G. DICKSON

A new satellite office of the state Motor Vehicle Division is already showing promise of greatly reduced waiting time for Las Cruces customers, said MVD Director Ken Ortiz.

At the second office's grand opening Wednesday, Dec. 10, Ortiz said the second location for an MVD in Las Cruces was obviously needed as the division began evaluating wait times around the state.

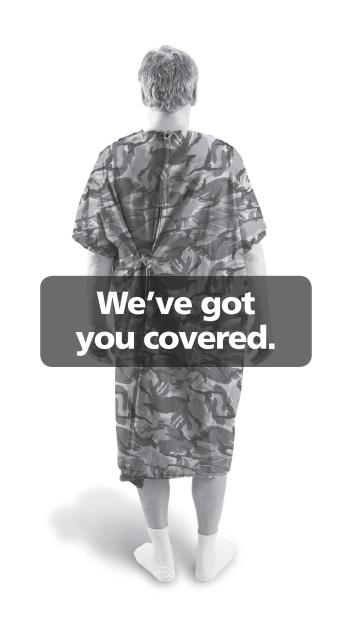
The average wait time in the state is 14 minutes, Ortiz said, but the average wait time in Las Cruces was always longer than the state average because one location in the Loretto Towne Centre took care of all the MVD business. Since Nov. 10, the new satellite office has been open in a shopping center at the intersection of Picacho Avenue and Main Street. The office can take care of nearly all the functions normally conducted at the main location – new driver's licenses, kiosks for driver's license exams and vehicle title and registration. Because of limited space in the shopping center's parking lot, motorcycle testing can't be done. Also, certain MVD processing for a HazMat driver's license can't be done at the satellite office.

Ortiz said the satellite office current setup is meant to be temporary until a permanent satellite office can be found somewhere on the East Mesa. Ortiz said the MVD is becoming better focused on customer service.





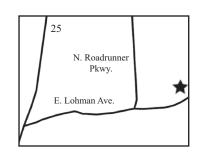
There was practically no waiting for stations Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the new Motor Vehicle Division satellite office in Las Cruces. The new office is off Picacho Avenue across from the state district courthouse will be the satellite office location until a permanent East Mesa location is found.



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### School board candidates file Two incumbents being challenged

Although John Darden had announced a challenge to Las Cruces school board incumbent Chuck Davis of District 1, at the end of the filing day Tuesday, Dec. 16, he didn't turn in his candidate filing to the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office.

Nor did anyone else from District 1. leaving Davis unopposed. In District 2, however, Leonel Briseño,

the District 2 incumbent, is being challenged by Serena Shoop, a Zia Middle School educational assistant.

District 3 incumbent Gene Gant has two people challenging him - Maria Flores, a Tombaugh Elementary School teacher, and Merrie Lee Soules, a semiretired project management trainer at White Sands Missile Range and sister of former school board member Bill Soules. Besides sitting on the local school board, Gant is a member of the state Public Education Commission.

The school board election is set for Feb. 3, 2009, which also includes candidates running for school board in the Hatch and Gadsden Districts, as well as bond elec-tions for Doña Ana Community College and Las Cruces Public Schools.



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### Gift baskets for soldiers



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Capt. Rosalie Bennett, an Army nurse who has served in Irag, thanks the American Heritage Girls club of Mesilla Valley Christian Schools on Friday, Dec. 12, for gift baskets they assembled for soldiers who are home for the holidays. Looking on is Air Force Maj. Robert "Bobby" King, who also received a basket, which included items and gift certificates from StayBridge Suites, Hampton Inn, Spring Hill Suites, Sisbarro, The Planet, Red Mountain Café, Pizza Hut, SI Bistro, IHOP, Body Health Massage, Starbucks, Chili's, Hastings, St. Clair Winery, Double Eagle, La Posta, Boba Cafe, Things Remembered, St. Paul's Methodist Church women's group, Furr's Dining, Wonder Nail, Ashley Furniture, Allen Theatres, San Saba Pecans, Yoli's, Timeless Tranquility, BSH, Chuck E. Cheese, Sam's Club and many individual donations.

### Schools close for the holidays Students go back to class on Jan. 7

All Las Cruces Public Schools students will have a half-day of classes on Friday, Dec. 19.

Students will return to classes on Wednesday, Jan. 7. Staff will return to work on Monday, Jan. 5.

All schools will serve breakfast on Fri-

day, Dec. 19. All elementary school students will be picked up at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19.

All secondary school students will be picked up at 12:30 p.m., except for San Andres High School, whose students will be picked up at noon.



JOHN BACON I For the Las Cruces Bulletin Denise Cooper of the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club holds her "white elephant" gift of a snowman at the club's Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at La Posta restaurant in Mesilla.

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## At the Mesilla Valley Bosque Park



The new Mesilla Valley **Bosque State Park** opened on Saturday, Dec. 13. The park and visitor center is a collaborative effort to restore wetlands in a 1.000 acre sanctuary along the Rio Grande west of Mesilla. The park will replicate the kind of bosque and grasslands that once existed before the river was tamed. TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin



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**Aquatic Center coming** 

Ground was broken for the first \$13 million phase of the Regional Recreation and Aquatic Center in Las Cruces on Thursday, Dec. 11. From left are City Manager Terrence Moore, County Commission Chairman Kent Evans, Councillor Dolores Connor, Facilities Director Brian Denmark, Councillor Sharon Thomas, state Rep. Joseph Cervantes, Mayor Pro Tem Dolores Archuleta, Mayor Ken Miyagishima, Assistant City Manager Robert Garza, architect Steve Newby and Gordon Berch, senior project manager for Jaynes Construction. Work will begin in January and is expected to take 15 months.

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## At the Tortugas Festival for the Virgen de Guadalupe

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Dancers lead the procession on Friday, Dec. 12, at the Tortugas Festival for the Virgen de Guadalupe at the end of the two-day celebration that is a mixture of American Indian and Mexican cultures. The festival started with a pilgrimage to the top of Tortugas Mountain the day before and the procession rings in the newly elected mavordomos.



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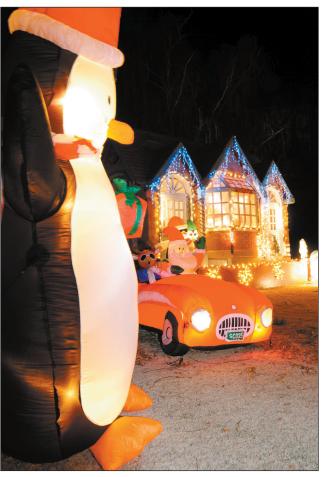
## Holiday lights of Las Cruces



### PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

The residence of Dan Wasser, left, at 703 City View, features a dazzling assortment of Christmas characters and lights covering every tree and bush. Wasser, originally from Wisconsin, said it took him approximately 40 hours to get all the lights and figures up and running.

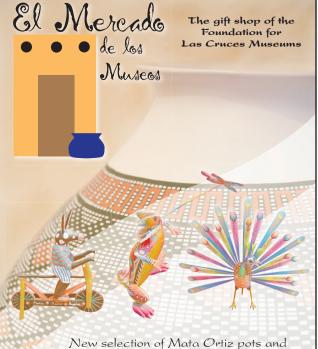
Below: The home of Jim and Thais Noble on Mimosa Lane features large lights reading "Merry Christmas" along with a full array of house lights.



The residence of Dave Kinkaid on Union Avenue features a Christmas penguin, Santa riding in a car and an entire Christmas cottage. The cottage features a mailbox where children can mail their letters to Santa Claus.







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The camp is open to kids ages six to 12 and will be held at Meerscheidt Recreation Center from noon to 5 p.m. on weekdays, Monday, Dec. 22, to Friday, Jan. 2. The camp will not be held on Dec. 25, 26, 30 and Jan. 1. The cost is \$30 per child. The camp includes guest speakers, life-skills presentations and introduction to fundamental basketball skills.

For more information, contact the recreation office at 541-2558 or 541-2551. The TTY number is 541-2661.

### **Central concert set**

Central Elementary School students in all grades will perform in concert at 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall.

Kindergarten, first- and second-grade students will perform "The Littlest Christmas Tree" and then third-, fourthand fifth-graders will perform "Frosty's First Adventure." There is no charge to attend the concert.

For more information, contact Laina Krug at 527-9619 or hkrug@lcps.k12.nm.us.

### Men's club has holiday party

The Gentlemen's Club of Las Cruces will hold its first holiday party at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, in the home of Richard Panzer and Bob Thompson. Guests are each asked to bring specialty cookies or candy bars to be exchanged, as well as a wrapped "white elephant" gift for exchange. A light supper will also be served. Call 523-8028 to RSVP or for more information and directions. This social organization welcomes men of all ages, single or coupled, in the Las Cruces area and will attempt to plan various activities in addition to its monthly potluck dinners. For more information about the club, call 382-6914.

### **Nature walk Saturday**

A Winter Nature Walk hosted by the Asombro Institute for Science Education at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday Dec. 20 at the park. An Asombro Institute scientist will lead a guided walk on the Desert Discovery Trail. From Las Cruces, head east on Highway 70 and take the Mesa Grande Road exit. Make a U-turn under the highway to head west. Turn right on Jornada Road and proceed for 6.4 miles and turn left at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park sign. Follow the entrance road to the parking area and trailhead. For more information, call 524-3334 or visit www.asombro.org.

### **Pet adoptions at PetSmart**

The Humane Society of Southern New Mexico will have small dogs, puppies, kittens and cats of all ages available for adoption at PetSmart, 2200 E. Lohman Ave., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. Interested adopters for homeless pets from the Animal

Interested adopters for homeless pets from the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (community animal shelter) can spend time with animals in the social room to find their perfect pet match.

The adoption fee is \$50 for dogs and puppies and \$25 for kittens or cats. The fee includes spay or neuter, first shots and identification chips.

### Stars-N-Parks at Leasburg

The public is invited to a Stars-N-Parks Astronomy Program on Saturday, Dec. 20, at Leasburg Dam Sate Park. Jeff Jenkins will present a program highlighting Jupiter, Venus and the winter sky. On that evening, sunset will be



at 5 p.m. and the program will run from 6:10 to 7:40 p.m., weather permitting. Participants are asked to arrive an hour before sunset. Participants are advised to dress appropriately for the weather. Attendees may pay the \$5 day-use fee at the gate when arriving at the park or they may purchase a State Park Annual Day Use (ADU) pass.

For more information on the NPO, visit www.Astro-NPO.org or email astronpo@wildblue.net.

### **Cowgirl classes in La Mesa**

Armstrong Equine Services will put on a Cowgirl Camp on Monday, Dec. 22, for girls eight to 12 at its facilities in La Mesa. Instruction will include catching, saddling and riding horses as well as an introduction to barrel racing and herding cattle, horse trainer Josh Armstrong said.

For more information, call Armstrong at 312-2291.

### Winter Madness camps

The City of Las Cruces is holding registration for the 2008 Winter Madness Camps. The camp will be held Dec. 22 through Jan. 6, except for Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1.

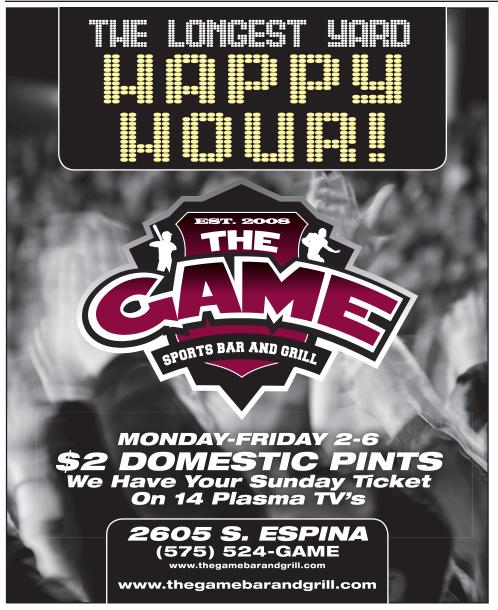
This is an activity camp for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The cost is \$30. A report card may be requested at registration. Times/locations are:

- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Mesa Recreation Center, U.S. Highway 70 and Porter Drive.
   1 to 6 a.m. at the Repairing Community Center 1045
- 1 to 6 p.m. at the Benavidez Cummunity Center, 1045 McClure Road.
- Noon to 5 p.m. at the Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

For more information on the Winter Madness Camp, contact the Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563.



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### **New school principals**



TODD DICKSON I The Las Cruces Bulletin Bryan Berard and Jenna Groves, who got to be Conlee Elementary School's assistant principal and principal for a day on Friday, Dec. 12, talk to each other on the walkie-talkies belonging to Assistant Principal Michelle "Shelley" Harris and Principal Jennifer Terrazas.



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# Business

### Ahoy there, matey!

### Piracy is shaping an entire culture

NATISHA HALES Bulletin Business

If you're looking to save money this Christmas by downloading free music and burning CDs for friends and family this year, you'll also be saving the music industry a lot of money - not in a good way.

Yes, we do it – or have done it or know someone who does it for us – and we've all seen the anti-piracy PSAs. But I wonder if it would be more effective to help people under-stand just how badly piracy is hurting the music industry and is shaping the entire culture of how music is released and sold. Or is it really that wrong in the first place?

As Internet piracy began to rise, global music sales saw a decrease. In 2002, the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry reported Japan to have a 9-percent drop in sales, Germany saw a 4-percent decrease and the United Kingdom saw a 3-percent decline, contribut-ing to a global decrease of 6 percent. Those numbers, of course, have since risen.

Despite the Recording Industry Association of America's attempts to sue everyone, there are still ways to get around it. Do you want to download Limewire for free? Use it, as long as you check the box that says you will not use the software for copyright-infringement purposes. If you don't check the box, you can't use the software.

So, some check the box and use the software - for copyright-infringement purposes. That's bad.

To counteract piracy, the music industry isn't necessarily doing the right thing. Some CDs I've bought cannot even be ripped onto my computer because I might "share" them with someone else. When downloading CDs onto my laptop, my media player just stopped working. I had to restore my entire system because, I discovered, Sony installs malware with certain CDs to avoid piracy. Malware that slowly destroys my computer - after I've legally bought the CD. In my opinion, that's even worse. But it's allowed.

Illegal downloaders also are subject to downloading viruses, especially when they're trying to download applications, like the new Adobe Creative Suite. Unless they're all amazing with computers, it's bound to happen at least once. I wonder who's behind those viruses? Is it just evil hackers, or evil record labels?

It's a relatively new topic, espe-cially with the advent of high-speed Internet service, but we can argue this forever - on both sides. Which is why the issue is now filed in my endless-argument drawer.

## **Rea Magnet Wire shutting down** Longtime industrial tenant to lay off 75 employees

### By NATISHA HALES The Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces and the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions received notice Dec. 10 that a longtime tenant of the West Mesa Industrial Park will be shutting down its local plant, laying off 75 workers in February.

Nelson Ayala, vice presi-dent of Rea Magnet Wire's southwest operations, sent a letter regarding the Worker Adjustment and Retrain-ing Notification (WARN) Act, "which required employers to give advance written notice to certain governmental units and officials of a planned mass layoff or plant closing.'

In the letter, Ayala said the "separations from employment" will take place from Feb. 8 to Feb. 21, 2009, and reopening the plant "depends on the economic recovery and the demand for magnet wire products.

Rea Magnet Wire, headquartered in Fort Wayne, Ind., opened in 1933 and expanded to New Mexico 10 years ago in 1998. The 200,000-squarefoot plant sits on a 50-acre site in the West Mesa Industrial Park. According to its website, Rea Magnet Wire is the third-largest producer of mag-net wire in the world. The Las



Making its home in the West Mesa Industrial Park for 10 years, Rea Magnet Wire will be closing its Las Cruces plant and . will lay off 75 employees in February.

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Cruces plant is one of seven in North America. The company also expanded into China and has opened two plants, employing a total of approxi-mately 800 worldwide.

For displaced workers of Rea Magnet Wire, the Department of Workforce Solutions will provide a rapid-response team to provide information to employees or the management team, said Senior Area Director Richard Wagner.

"We're meeting with the (Rea Magnet Wire) HR department here in the next couple of days or so, and then we'll decide what to do from there," he said. "I think what we'll do is give a general overview of the information provided at the meetings.

The WARN notice gives the employees 60 days, which is considered ample time for them to begin thinking about their upcoming change.

"It gets the information to the employees so they can make a quick transition from one employer to another or to go into training if funds are available," Wagner said. "It helps employees get information and gives them ideas of where they can get fund-ing, childcare or health insur-

### green crude' tanks Sapphire develops Algae a renewable resource science and agriculture all at Pete Lammers, a professor

### By MARVIN TESSNEER

Sapphire Energy is install-ing a research and development facility in the West Mesa Industrial Park with plans of producing "green crude oil" with algae while protecting the environment, Operations Man-

ager Bryn Davis said. Sapphire's research includes replacements of fossil crude oil with algae, a microorganism, without competing with food crops for agricultural land, without using fresh-water sources and at the same time not emitting carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

"We use natural photosyn-thesis," Davis said. "We don't want our operation to contribute to the current greenhouse effect. To grow algae you have to take carbon out of the atmosphere, a renewable energy resource."

Sapphire has purchased 10 acres in the industrial park and has an option to acquire 100 more. The company is clearing and leveling the land to set up tanks, or raceways, to produce large volumes of algae.

"We'll have to have this level land so that we can plan for future algae ponds," Davis said.

The raceways are long structures that are built with concrete blocks, one foot deep and lined with plastic and divided in the middle. Small paddlewheels circulate the water, Davis said.

Sapphire is starting out with 40-foot raceway. But next month, it will put together four 100-foot raceways and a cou-ple of 200-foot units. If plans work out, the company will be installing on that leveled land 12, 300-foot raceways, Davis said.

"We'll have eight acres under water, farming with water," Davis said. "It'll be a high-tech agriculture operation, a unique blend of engineering,

one time.

"There is no food vs. fuel tradeoff. The process is not dependent on crops or valuable farmland. It is highly water efficient, delivering 10 to 100 times more energy per ace than cropland biofuels

He expects to have a staff of about 30 people by summertime.

According to Sapphire, the "green crude oil" can be pro-cessed into gasoine and other fuels.

The oil is extracted chemically after the algae it is dehydrated.

The Sapphire fuel prod-uct is chemically identical to crude oil molecules, acceptable in refineries, cars and pipe-lines. Production is economical because it is modular, moveable and fueled by sunlight, not limited by land or crop, according to the Sapphire information sheet.

"Green oil can be a replace-ment for crude oil," Davis said. "It can be refined like any other oil.

of chemistry and biochemistry at New Mexico State University, believes that algae energy production offers an economic opportunity to New Mexico.

We're trying to coordinate the United States' uses of algal biological fuel production in New Mexico," Lammers said. "It's an opportunity for rural economy to develop in New Mexico, driven by available open land, underground brackish and salt-water resources and high levels of sunlight.

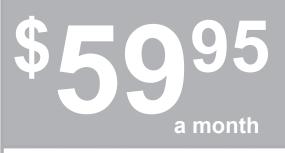
Lammers works with Sap-phire Energy, the Center of Excellence for Hazardous Material Management that grows algae in Carlsbad and at the NMSU Agricultural Science Center in Artesia that is work-

ing on algae oil production. "Algae are 10 times more efficient than land plants in converting sunlight and carbon dioxide into fuel precursors,' Lammers said. "We can't allow food production to compete with fuel production because the increases in prices for food have gone up dramatically.

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## Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe approaching Early registration ends on Dec. 31

The chance for Las Crucens to converge on the state's capital during the legislative session is fast approaching.

The annual Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe events, coordinated by Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Conquistadores, will be held Saturday, Jan. 31, through Monday, Feb. 2. After a reception at the Governor's Mansion Sunday, Feb. 1, the actual Las Cruces Day is Monday, Feb. 2. After breakfast with legislators, the Greater Las Cruces Area Expo will be held in the rotunda of the state Capitol beginning at 9 a.m. and will be followed by lunch with legislators and the governor's cabinet at 12:30 p.m.

This year's host hotel is Hotel Santa Fe, 1501 Paseo de Peralta, which will provide complimentary parking in addition to a complimentary van and shuttle service to the Santa Fe Plaza, the Governor's Man-sion Reception and the state Capitol.

Registrations for Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe through Dec. 31 are \$75, which includes a ticket to the reception at the Governor's Mansion. Hotel Santa Fe also is offering a special rate for registrants through Dec. 31.

To register for Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, call the chamber at 524-1968 or visit www.lcdsf.com.

### Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Saturday, Jan. 31 through Monday, Feb. 2

Saturday, Jan. 3 4 to 10 p.m.	<b>1</b> Networking Suite Hotel Santa Fe	<b>Monday, Feb. 2</b> 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast with legislators Hotel Santa Fe
<b>Sunday, Feb. 1</b> 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Networking Suite Hotel Santa Fe	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Greater Las Cruces Area Expo Rotunda of the State Capitol
4 to 6 p.m.	Reception at the Governor's Mansion	12:30 to 2 p.m.	Lunch with legislators and governor's cabinet Hotel Santa Fe

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or by fax @ 575-527-5546.

## **Chamber to recognize key community leaders**

### Awards banquet is Jan. 23

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce is seeking the community's input in selecting the 2009 nonprofit, citizen and business of the year. Each recipient will be recognized at the chamber's annual banquet Friday, Jan. 23, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch

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The Crystal Apple Award, Volunteer of the Year and Conquistadore of the Year also will be honored at the banquet.

Business of the Year is sponsored by Steinborn GMAC Real Estate and will be presented to one of the 12 member businesses that have been honored throughout 2008. The Citizen of the Year award, sponsored by Sitel, is given to

the person that exemplifies community service. The Nonprofit of the Year this year will be selected

from the 12 nonprofit organizations featured each month in The Bottom Line.

To attend the chamber's annual banquet, the cost 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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## ——— In Good Company: Gold Medal Taekwondo -Working toward the Gold

### Gold Medal Taekwondo instructors are well qualified

### By MARINA GARCIA The Las Cruces Bulletin

For some, finding the perfect workout plan is difficult, but there's a perfect solution to that problem right here in Las Cruces.

Those who join Gold Medal Taekwondo, 519 E. Boutz Road near Las Cruces High School, have honed their martial arts skills while getting an awesome workout. Teaching tae kwon do, kickboxing, self-defense classes and physical fitness for 26 years, Gold Medal has gone

through several changes. Once called the Tae Kwon Do Institute, the original owner was Daniel Walker. He later moved to Santa Fe, selling his school to former students Mike Shoberg and his daughter Marcy Shoberg. In 1990, other instructors also came on board.

Success continued to build, and in 2003, Gold Medal was moved to its current location on Boutz Road.

Plenty of classes for people of all ages are available, and new students are always welcome to get the proper instruction to reach their goals, Marcy Shoberg said.

"We'd like to be teaching the same thing we are to more in Las Cruces," she said. "I take pride in instructing my\_students.'

Shoberg is a fifth-degree black belt and a certified instructor. Her brother, Jason Shoberg, is also well trained and has a third-degree black belt. In addition to the Shobergs, the instructors hired at Gold Medal are all well-trained, and some are former students of the Shobergs, such as skilled instructor Justin Castillo.

Each instructor can teach different classes for adults, children and mixed-age classes each weekday. For adults and teens, the classes include students of mixed ranking who learn intermediate and advanced techniques. They also teach Olympic-style tae kwon do.

No matter the level, every class is an intense workout, Marcy Shoberg said.

"There's always new stuff to learn," she said. "(Martial



MARINA GARCIA I The Las Cruces Bullet Students of all ages are taught martial arts skills at Gold Medal Tae Kwon Do. In addition to physical fitness, the students also learn self-confidence and

arts provides) the perfect opportunity to grow in self-confidence and learn self-defense." For more serious students, they can also acquire the

self-defense techniques.

training necessary to earn a black belt at Gold Medal.

While many gyms are expensive to join, Marcy Shoberg said all the training at Gold Medal is available for a reasonable price, and they offer three different payment plans. The one-time \$40 enrollment fee covers the uniform and mandatory safety equipment for the adult martial arts class and includes all testing below black belt. Gold Medal also offers family discounts for the second and third family member, who can join the school at half the regular cost.

"Gold Medal offers quality training for great prices because we care for the customer and take pride in teaching," Marcy Shoberg said. "At Gold Medal, teaching is still exciting because it's experience for the students. After 25 years in this business, it's still exciting because there is always more to learn.

"We've had a successful business and will continue to provide our services to Las Cruces for years to come.

> that I haven't dealt with before. All of our instructors also constantly learn new things to teach to our students.

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

I subscribe to martial arts instructor groups and websites to learn about changes in the industry.

How are you marketing the store? I think they call it shooting darts blindfolded. Our customers come in from

word-of-mouth or from driving by and seeing our sign. I haven't done any paid advertising that I considered successful.

What do you look for in an employee? I have been lucky to only employ people that I have known for many years teaching them as a student before employing them. A martial arts teacher needs to have an easy-going personality and care about the students and care about teaching proper technique.

### What is the best business decision **you've made so far?** To buy a building and stop paying rent.

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

Over the last 25 years in business we have been making constant adjustments and improvements. It is a challenge for me because it is difficult to tell the result of each adjustment.

#### What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?

Studying many different subjects in school is what prepared me for entrepreneurship.

#### What are your business goals?

To help the customers reach their goals.



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

Make sure your business is something you really love because it is easy to feel like you are working 24 hours a day.

#### What items do you carry, in brief, and their price ranges?

Classes for age 3 to 6 cost \$40-\$50 a month. Classes for kids and adults cost \$70-\$80 a month. We have substantial family discounts for families with two or more members in our classes.

#### What is your most popular item?

I don't consider any of our classes to be our "most popular item." However, lately we have had more students in the age 3 to 6 classes and in the fitness kickboxing classes than in past years.

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

This is hard for me to say, having never lived anywhere else. I think many people spend money less freely here, but many things are lower priced here so it works 011t.

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

I think the greatest obstacle in teaching children is balancing the expectations of the children and the expectations of the parents who are paying for the classes. The trick is to improve the child and challenge them while still making it fun.

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

That it is affordable and not scary or difficult to start on the path to improving their health and safety.

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

I began my martial arts training at the age of 11. I worked for Daniel Walker at the Tae Kwon Do Institute until he decided to move to Santa Fe. I bought the business so I could continue teaching the students I had been teaching.

### What is unique about your business?

Compared to other types of businesses, we create more long-term relationships with our customers, even teaching the children of people we taught many years ago. Compared to other martial arts schools, we have a simpler pricing structure with no contracts or charges for rank testing. We focus on the students rather than on making money.

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#### Who are your customers? Are customers are preschoolers, kids, adults and families with interest in

Talking business with

owner Marcy Shoberg

martial arts, self-defense and fitness.

### Where do you see the business in five

years? We hope to be helping even more Las Crucens reach their goals. In 2009, we expect to bring more adults into classes with a new emphasis on practical self defense and new classes for women.

What is your business philosophy? Put the needs of the customer first and hope everything else works out.

What is the best part of your job? I enjoy how I get to wear many different hats and the constant challenge of learning new things. I assume that most people who work for others do the same things over and over in their jobs. As a business owner, there is always some new challenge

### **Bicycle lanes good for economic development** Besides, kids need somewhere to ride Christmas gifts



I still remember my favorite Christmas gift, received when I was 8 years old. It was a red wheelie bike complete with banana seat. Riding the thing was an act of torture, but boy-oh-boy, was it cool. I rode it all over town. Unfortunately, children in Las Cruces face many more obstacles to safe bike riding than I did. Our town is sadly bicycle unfriendly, and the result is a drag on economic development.

Quality of life plays an important role in development, and bike lanes are an important aspect of livability. The fact is, people like to live in places with open spaces, nearby recreation and scenic beauty. Amenities like bike lanes are important in attracting new jobs because business people looking for a place to live take into account livability when deciding where to locate.

Well-designed bike lanes contribute to the smooth flow of traffic. They help define road space, decrease the stress level of bicyclists riding in traffic, encourage bicyclists to ride in the correct direction of travel and signal motorists that cyclists have a right to the road. Bike lanes help to better organize the flow of traffic and reduce the chance that motorists will stray into cyclists' paths of travel. By increasing line of sight, they make it easier for cars to exit driveways.

Bike lanes provide space for buses and delivery trucks to use as pullouts. They encourage bike riding, which has health benefits for the riders, reduces traffic for drivers and improves the air for all of us. Well-designed facilities encourage proper behavior and decrease the likelihood of accidents. For example, the installation of 16 miles of bike lanes in Corvallis, Ore., reduced the number of accidents involving cars and bicycles from 40 from the prior year to 16 in the first year the paths were in use. In Davis, Calif., crashes were reduced by 31 percent.

Bike lanes are often an afterthought, receiving inadequate funding and not sufficiently integrated into the city's overall development plan. The rather sad effort to add bike lanes on Solano Drive illustrates this. For those who find themselves riding a bike on Solano Drive, it is a welcome addition. But if not connected to other bike lanes and incomplete, it simply won't get the use it would if it were part of a citywide network.

Las Cruces does have a Bicycle Path Advisory Committee, but it hasn't been listened to. Recently, the committee was informed that the bike lanes on Telshor Boulevard were being removed – their input was not sought, their opinion was not asked. This illustrates the low priority put on bike paths by the City of Las Cruces staff. They need to make bike lanes a higher priority.

Several city councillors and our new mayor ran on platforms promoting quality of life. An important way they can make their promises a reality is by supporting an integrated plan that includes a bike lane network. The city will be having a work meeting in early February. Let your representative know you support bike lanes between now and then. Likely many bikes will be given to children this holiday. Let's hope those bikes are more comfortable than my wheelie from 43 years ago. And let's hope that they can be ridden safely.

Chris Erickson is an associate professor of economics and international business at New Mexico State University. Views expressed here are solely those of the author.

### **City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report December 12, 2008**

Las Cruces Hom	Las Cruces Home Builders Association						
Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit	
20086429	Daniel G. Wasser	Daniel G. Wasser Trustee	Reroof	425 Melendres St.	\$1,100	\$36	
20086447	Hakes Brothers Construction Inc.	N/A	Res/new	5817 Coyote Flats St.	\$110,340	\$3,325	
20086448	Hakes Brothers Construction Inc.	Blue Horse Development Inc.	Res/New	2805 La Union Court	\$114,600	\$1,486	
20086450	Hakes Brothers Construction Inc.	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	2827 La Union Court	\$110,340	\$1,477	
20086474	Abundant Builders	Sally A. Atkinson	Res/Add	2070 Enzie Drive	\$8,500	\$78	
20086403	Summit Development	N/A	Res/New	4318 Canterra Arc	\$152,340	\$3,674	
20086319	Pedro Galvan	Juan H. & Cruz P. Apodaca	Reroof	2005 Martha Drive	\$5,063	\$58	
20086336	Hakes Brothers Construction Inc.	N/A	Res/New	5825 Coyote Flats St.	\$133,320	\$3,670	
20086302	R.J.G. Enterprises Inc.	Barry & Terri Plante	Reroof	620 Cielo Bonito Court	\$5,000	\$57	
20086301	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties Inc.	Bonnie Daily	Reroof	2438 El Dorado Court	\$12,750	\$103	
20086449	Hakes Brothers Construction Inc.	N/A	Res/New	5837 Coyote Flats St.	\$116,280	\$3,338	
20086428	Daniel G. Wasser	Daniel G. Wasser Trustee	Reroof	425 Melendres St.	\$1,500	\$41	
20086405	Summit Development	N/A	Res/New	4304 Calle Bonita	\$198,120	\$3,780	
20086393	Veloz Homes Inc.	N/A	Res/New	4188 Franzia Road	\$116,880	\$3,641	
20086481	Antonio Gamez	Consuelo D. Thayer	Reroof	2205 Bellamah Drive	\$850	\$34	
20086499	Veloz Homes Inc.	Camino Real Builders Inc.	Res/New	4211 Death Valley Court	\$120,000	\$1,663	
20086511	Philip M. & Maria J. Arellano	Philip M. & Maria J. Arellano	Res/New	5070 Midway Ave.	\$153,300	\$1,826	
20086453	Ramcon Inc.	Steven S. Sanders	Reroof	1648 Capitan Ave.	\$5,142	\$58	
20086491	Thurston Equity Corporation	BPS LLC	Res/New	4683 Mesita St.	\$118,740	\$3,645	
20086384	Ridgetop Construction	Kevin T. & Susan M. Riedel	Reroof	4740 Quail Run Ave.	\$11,500	\$96	
20086331	Hakes Brothers Construction Inc.	Ken Thurston Development Corp.	Res/New	4942 Sherwood Road	\$103,620	\$3,309	
20086404	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	6411 Towhee Ave.	\$142,800	\$1,801	
20086423	St. Paul Designs	Manuel & Gloria M. Vizcarra	Comm/Alt	1000 N. Main St.	\$3,200	\$47	
20086510	Manuel B. Sr. & Martha C. Patino	Manuel B. Sr .& Martha C. Patino	Res/Atl	1225 Poplar Ave.	\$500	\$30	
20086417	Jerron L. Roberts	Jerron L. Roberts	Res/Alt	1180 Martin St.	\$3,000	\$45	
20086526	Mesilla Valley Habitat For Humanity	Mesilla Valley Habitat For Humanity	Res/New	3509 Sierra Del Sol Ave.	\$72,780	\$1,844	
20086528	Ocampos Roofing & Construction	Mesilla Park Baptist Church	Reroof	3100 Oak St.	\$41,500	\$257	
20086562	Vica One Inc.	N/A	Res/New	4341 Paseo Del Oro	\$98,280	\$2,248	
20086525	Hakes Brothers Construction Inc.	Ken Thurston Development Corp.	Res/New	4937 Sherwood Road	\$103,620	\$3,309	
20086561	Copper Canyon Homes LLC	Jerry & Judith Jones	Res/New	4364 Yavapai Court	\$193,200	\$2,409	
20086567	Approved Roofing	Hortencia & Joe R. Carmona	Reroof	3300 W. Picacho Ave.	\$17,000	\$128	
20086574	Pioneer Roofing & Specialties Inc.	Mario S. & Jorjean R. Moreno	Reroof	1930 Camelot Road	\$3,000	\$45	

### Doña Ana County Building Permit Report December 12, 2008

Las Cruces Home Builders Association						
Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
34215	Self	Andrew Belichesky	Reroof	163 Pinehurst	Viewpointe	\$100
34217	Wendal Hall Construction	Elkhorn Land & Cattle Co.	Reroof	7795 Doña Ana Road	Rancho Del Gallo Unit 4	\$240
34219	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	115 Slate Ave.	N/A	\$467
34220	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	5657 Calle De Paradise	Tierra Escondida Phase II	\$1,178
34226	Michael Floyd Builders	Jane Slagle	Res/New	11560 N. Valley Drive	N/A	\$990
34227	C.D. General Contractors	Joseph Behnke	Reroof	2423 Calle De Vista	San Andres Estates	\$120

## **Getting more bang for your buck** Some remodeling projects are more profitable than others

For the 19th consecutive year, the National Association of Realtors (NAR) and Remodeling Magazine have combined their resources to compare the cost of 30 remodeling projects with the value the projects add to a home.

the projects add to a home. The survey, called the 2008 Cost vs. Value Report, derives its data from two main sources. Remodeling Magazine obtains construction cost data from the building industry, and value data from a midsummer Realtor survey asking appraisers and Realtors how much of the cost of a particular project an owner could expect to recoup if he or she were to sell their home within one year of the project's completion. According to the report, the average American homeowner can expect to recoup about 67.3 percent of their remodeling investment. At the

height of the housing boom in 2005, the average return was almost 87 percent.

Although the extensive report covers markets in all areas of the country, Albuquerque was the only New Mexico city surveyed. With that fact in mind, here are, in order of best return on investment, highlights of the Duke City's top-four returns out of the 30 homeimprovement projects surveyed are as follows.

No. 1 on the rate-ofreturn list for a midrange Albuquerque area

Cost Project Value at Sale Rate of Return Deck Addition \$10,601 \$8,676 81.8% \$16 881 79.5% Minor Kitchen Remodel \$21 246 Window Replacement \$10,537 \$8,132 77.2% Bathroom Remodel \$15,899 \$11,857 74.6% 65.5% Roof Replacement \$18,825 \$12,336 Sunroom Addition \$71,745 \$40,715 56.7% Home Office Remodel \$28.094 \$15,329 54.6% Source: Remodeling Online/Hanley Wood - All figures are national averages

home is the conversion of a basement into a family living space. Adding a family room, and a fully trimmed out bedroom and bath is estimated to cost just more than \$57,000. If this homeowner were

to sell within one year of completing the upgrades, he would realize a return of just more than \$51,000. That's about 90 percent of the cost of the upgrade.

The No. 2 high-return project is the conversion of an attic to a bedroom. Renovations include a 15by-15-foot bedroom and a 5-by-7-foot bath with a shower. Four new windows, more closet space, insulation, carpet, HVAC extensions, lighting and retrofitting of the existing staircase round out the task. Total cost: \$44,669. Upon sale, this homeowner will receive a return of about \$36,000 or just over

81 percent of his investment.

Third on the list is the minor kitchen remodel or "facelift." According to the report, the average cost to update a functional but dated 200 square foot kitchen with new countertops, new replacement cabinet doors and drawer fronts, new appliances, sinks, faucets floor coverings and paint is estimated at around \$20,500. The one-year return on the investment is estimated to be around \$16,000, or just more than 78 percent of the cost.

An upscale bathroom remodel rounds out the top-four home improvement projects. Included in the plan to update an existing 5-by-7-foot bathroom are a new porcelain-on-steel tub with tile surround, new recessed medicine cabinet, ceramic tile floors, and new paint or wallpaper, new shower controls, a new toilet and new double sinks. The start-to-finish cost of the redo is estimated at around \$49,000. If the homeowner were to sell the property within a year of its completion, he would realize a return of about \$37,000 or just more than 75 percent of the cost of the project.



It's important to keep in mind that the rates-of-return are based in part on the values of the properties one year after completion of the projects. All of the projects are worth the effort in the long run, however, and can significantly increase the value of a home. In markets where sales are sluggish, a good remodel can increase the likelihood of one's home being chosen over other comparable properties that are competing for the same buyers.

When one considers the value of remodeling at resale, a home improvement project costs from little or nothing to 20 cents to 25 cents on the dollar. The remaining 75 cents to 80 cents spent on a project goes directly back into the home through increased value. In addition to increasing the value, owners also benefit from the increased enjoyment of the property and, in some cases, even enjoy doing some or all of the work themselves.

For additional survey details and a peek at the actual report, visit www.realtor.org and click on the "2008 Cost vs. Value Survey" icon. From there, you can follow other links to additional report resources.

Don't plan on remodeling? Good! That increases the odds that I'll ... See you at closing!

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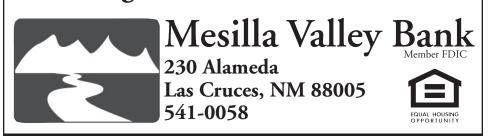
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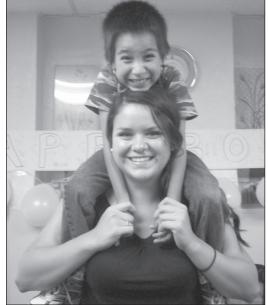
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### Building Las Cruces Doña Ana County Magistrate Court



STEVE MACINTYRE I The Las Cruces Bullet

Construction of the Magistrate Court of Doña Ana County is well under way on Calle de Alegra off South Main Street. Designed by ASA Architects and constructed by Wooten Construction Co., the 41,500-square-foot building will house six courtrooms, judges' chambers, expanded clerk space, high-density file storage and temporary holding cells.



Big Sister Tiffanie and Little Brother Roman



**Big Sister Mona and Little Sister Alexis** 

## **Organizations strengthened by endowments**

### Big Brothers Big Sisters provide essential mentoring for youths

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As the Chief Executive Officer of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico (BBBS) and President of Junior League of Las Cruces, Inc. (JLLC), Stacie Christiano knows the mean-

ing of collaboration, especially when it comes to the financial aspect of an organization.

To maximize financial partnerships, both organizations Christiano leads have endowments with the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) - endowments that focus on strong financial futures.

"Agency endowments benefit these organizations by building a strong, sus-tainable financial future," Christiano said. "The endowment is a way for one to invest in the future of our mission so we can continue to make a positive impact in our community.

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 is used for programs and specific community needs as determined by endowment organizations like BBBS and JLLC

In addition to a portion of the funds going toward pro-

grams, 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.

BBBS works to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one mentoring rela-tionships. BBBS volunteers, or "Bigs," thoroughly screened and trained, work to create nurturing friendships with their "Littles," children between the ages of five and 17. Mentors and mentees who are matched then spend four to six hours each month together. In the school-based program, the pair meets one hour each week at the mentee's school site.

"Our primary mission is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships. With our agency creating successful mentoring relationships we are contributing to brighter futures, better schools and stronger communities, Christiano said. "The children in our community are our future, and by supporting them with a mentor we are building a better future for our community.' JLLC is an organization of women

committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Within the Las Cruces community, JLLC focuses on promoting the health and welfare of children.

"By donating to one of these endowments, you can impact the lives of children within Doña Ana County," Chris-

tiano said. The CFSNM is a charitable resource that connects individuals who want to donate to needs within the community. By creating an endowment within the CFSNM, BBBS and JLLC have the foundation as a support system that educates, promotes and enhances the programs. "The foundation is a true asset that

### **Big Brothers Big**

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Junior League of Las Cruces P.O. Box 7923 Las Cruces, NM 88006 524-4725 illc@illc.org

provides leadership, investment management and helps create relationships in the community for our agency," Christiano 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 con-nect people who care with causes that matter. Donors are encouraged to inquire about matter. Donors are encouraged to inquire about donat-ing 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.

# **Consider giving financial gifts to family**

### Generosity can make an impact on everyone's lives

At this time of year, you may be thinking about finding the "perfect" gifts for various family members. You can find any number of thoughtful presents, but if you'd like to give something that can have an impact long after the holiday season is over, consider making a financial gift.

You could, of course, just write a check. But you may be able to do more for your intended recipients by finding a more creative gift. Here are a few possibilities:

Stocks – Many people have preferences for products made by certain companies - and they may well enjoy owning the stocks of those firms. Why not surprise your family members with a few shares of these stocks? If you decide to give shares from your own portfolio, you'll need to know what you originally paid for the stock, how long you've held it and its fair-market value at the date of the gift. Recipients of your gift will need this information to determine gains or losses if they decide to sell the stock. You'll also need to determine if you have to pay gift taxes. You can

give up to \$12,000 per year, free of gift taxes, to as many people as you want; over your lifetime, you can give up to \$1 million without incurring gift taxes.

- Contributions to Section 529 plans Over the past several years, college tuition costs have increased significantly. If you have a child (or grandchild) who will be headed off to college in a few years, you may want to open a Section 529 college savings plan. The contribution limits are typically quite high for this type of account, and your contributions may be tax-deductible if you are participating in your own state's plan. Plus, your earnings and withdrawals will be exempt from federal taxes as long as the money goes toward paying qualified higher education expenses. (However, withdrawals used for any other expenses may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes.)
- Contributions to an IRA Many people don't fully fund their IRA each year - so any help you can

give toward that goal will be important. While you can't contribute directly to someone else's IRA, you can write a check to the recipient for that purpose. For the 2008 tax year, the IRA contribution limit is \$5,000 (\$6,000 for investors who are 50 or older). And the deadline for making contributions for 2008 isn't until April 15, 2009.

Charitable gifts - You may want to make a financial gift to a charitable organization in the name of a loved one. If this person supports the work done by the charitable group, he or she will greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. Furthermore, you'll get an immediate tax deduction for your gift, as long as the group has received 501(c)3 tax-exempt status.

By making any of these gifts, you'll brighten your family members' holidays - and you'll know that your generosity truly had an impact on their lives.

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### **First Baptist Church** holds 13th annual **Living Christmas Tree**



The 13th Annnual Living Christmas Tree Concert was given at the First Baptist Church from Dec. 13-16. The popular annual event included performances by solo and group vocalists, youth and adult choirs and an orchestra.

### **CHURCH NEWS**

#### Continued from previous page

■ HOLIDAY SERVICES AT FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor David Vistine and the congregation of First Assembly of God Church, 5605 Bataan Memorial West, extend a warm invitation to the community to join them for Christmas Celebration Services on Saturday, Dec. 21, and Wednesday, Dec. 24

The Dec. 21 Christmas Celebration Service will be held at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Spanish translation is available and there will be free nursery services and special kids programs for children ages birth through fifth grade. Both services will offer special Christmas music and an

uplifting Christmas message of hope and inspiration. Communion will also be served.

A special Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, with childcare provided for children birth to age 5. All services will be held in the main sanctuary of the church. For more information, contact the church office at 524-0654,

ext. 101

#### ■ 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 information, call the church at 523-4232.

#### CHRISTMAS DESSERT NIGHTS

Faith Bible Institure is now enrolling students for the Spring 2009 semester. FBI is a satellite school that provides a throughthe-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 six 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, or call 522-4411.

## **Celebrating family traditions** can bring everyone together Don't punish toddler for squirming in church

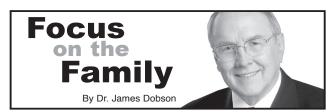
My family lives together under one roof and we share the same last name, but we don't "feel" like a family. How can I begin to put a sense of togetherness into this harried household? How do you put meaningful activities into your family?

One way to accomplish that is by creating traditions in your home. By traditions, I'm referring to those recurring events and behaviors that are anticipated, especially by children, as times of closeness and fellowship between loved ones.

In our family, the centerpiece of our holiday traditions is food. Each year during Thanksgiving and Christmas, the women prepare marvelous turkey dinners with all the trimmings. Another great favorite at that time is a fruit dish called ambrosia, containing sectioned oranges and grapes. The family peels the grapes together the night before the big day. These holidays are wonderful experiences for all of us. There's laughter and warm family interaction through the day. We look forward to that festive season, not just for the food, but also for what happens between loved ones who come together on that occasion.

We also have designated foods on the other holidays throughout the year. On New Year's Day, for reasons I cannot explain, we enjoy a southern meal of pinto beans cooked at least eight hours with large chunks of lean ham, served with cornbread and little onions. It's so good! For many years, we invited 30 or more friends to our home on July Fourth and served them barbecued hamburgers and baked beans. This became a prelude to the fireworks display, and much fun and laughter.

There are many other traditions. Immediately prior to the Thanksgiving dinner, each person is given two kernels of Indian corn to symbolize the blessings he or she is most thankful for that year. A basket is passed and members drop in the corn while sharing their two richest blessings from God during that year. Our expressions of thankfulness inevitably involve people - children, grandparents and other loved ones. As the basket moves around the table, tears of appreciation and love are evident on many faces. It is one of the most beautiful moments of the year.



The great value of traditions is that they give a family sense of identity and belonging. All of us desperately need to feel that we're not just part of a busy cluster of people living together in a house, but we're a living, breathing family that's conscious of our uniqueness, our character and our heritage. That feeling is the only antidote for the loneliness and isolation that characterize so many homes today.

### I get very upset because my 2-year-old boy will not sit still and be quiet in church. He knows he's not supposed to be noisy, but he hits his toys on the pew and sometimes talks out loud. Should I reprimand him for being disruptive?

With all respect, your question reveals a rather poor understanding of the nature of toddlers. Most 2-year-olds, those who are normally active, can no more fold their hands in church and listen to a sermon intended for adults than they could swim the Atlantic Ocean. They squirm, churn and burn because they must. You just can't hold a toddler down. All their waking hours are spent in activity, and that's normal for this stage of development. So I do not recommend that your child be punished for this behavior. I think he should be left in the church nursery where he can shake the foundations without disturbing the worship service. If there is no nursery, I suggest – if it is possible from a financial point of view – that he be left at home with a sitter until he is at least three years of age.

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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### A Time of Giving

I Chr. 16:28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. 29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. 34 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

I love this time of year! The season starts with a time of thanksgiving to our great Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and continues through the beginning of a new year. As Christmas approaches, let us remember what the season is for: a season to rejoice in the incarnation of the greatest gift ever brought to mankind. And we need to remember to give unto the Lord not only during this time of year, but throughout the entire year. In the16th chapter of 1 Chronicles, we find nine things to "give unto the LORD."

1. Give Him the glory due unto His name. As Christians, everything we do ought to reflect our Heavenly Father. Give Him glory and not reproach.

2. Give Him our strength; heart, soul, mind, and strength.

3. Give Him an offering. We ought to give God our best, and not our rest.

4. Give Him thanks. Thanksgiving is quite different than being thankful. But thankful people should be willing to give thanks.

5. Give Him a testimony. Tell others how great a God we have. Tell them that He is full of goodness. 6. Give Him time. Come before Him. Take time to

spend alone with the Lord. 7. Give Him worship. Worship is the act of submission,

obedience and reverence.

8. Give Him song. Ps 100:1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

9. Give Him holiness. Come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord ... 2 Cor 6:17. We should set our selves apart for the Lord to use us for His good purpose. Give Him you!

> Doug Cowan Pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church



LOOKING BACK This week in the history \* of the Mesilla Valley \*

### MARVIN TESSNEER Out of the Past

years ago 1933

• The Great Depression was far-reaching. County Agent R.C. Stockdale and Frank Hayner, cotton reduction chairman, explained to growers that the federal government would pay them 3.5 cents a pound, based on aver-

age yields according to farm and gin records from the past five years, on acreage that they would take out of production to reduce the cotton surplus and to improve their markets.

• W.T. Scoggin, representing the Farmers Holiday Group, met with state legislative leaders to support a special session, to oppose a general sales tax and to revise property tax assessments that were causing financial problems.

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• The Board of Regents voted 3-2 to change the "State College" name from New Mexico Agriculture and Mechanical Arts to New Mexico State University of Agriculture, Engi-

neering and Science. Jess U. Richardson of Mesilla Park, Mrs. Earl Corn of Deiter and Horace Hubert of Carlsbad voted for the change, while Delmar Roberts of Anthony

and George Ellis of Bull Ranch voted against it. Chairman Richardson said that many people had been requesting the change, the institution had become an engineering and science university but without slighting agriculture. The change, he said, "represented progress based on facts and make this action in line with the traditions of New Mexico." Dr. Roger Corbett made sure the nickname would remain, "Aggies."

• The city was paving and widening Solano Drive from the university to Lohman Avenue, at a cost of \$210,000, and installing sewage and drainage systems on Hadley Avenue.

• The Aggie basketball team defeated the Lobos 67-53 in a sloppy game. The referees called 52 fouls, no players were ejected but several ended with four fouls.

• Ray Hoper was named director of the Boy Scout Yucca Council.

• The temperature hit a low of 15 degrees.

• The city expanded West Mesa Industrial Park utility services with a \$150,000 utility project to erect two water-storage tanks at Crawford Airport.

• Rachel Astorga scored on a 12-foot shot with 10 seconds remaining in double overtime as Lynn beat Alameda 39-37 to win the Girls City Eighth-Grade Basketball Title.

• The city increased the residential natural gas rate by 2.4 cents, increasing the average monthly bill from \$22.91 to \$33.71.

• The Aggie basketball team defeated



After Elephant Butte Dam was constructed, 1916-1918, the Mesilla Valley became an important cotton-producing area, as this photo shows with a field of open cotton bolls ready for harvest.

the Lobos 67-60 to end a four-game losing streak.

• Director Neil Swapp's Mayfield High School Marching Band was selected to perform in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena.

**1998** • Volunteers lit 750 luminarias at Fort Selden, remembering the Army's First Cavalry that had been stationed there.

• The single-engine Fire Station No. 6 held an open house on Northrise Drive to serve the Las Colmas, Four Hills, Del Rey, Elks Drive and High Range areas. The \$1.5 million station was built on land that had been donated by Kay R. and Irene S. Haven.

• Four Boy Scouts from Troop 474 won Eagle Scout badges for completing community service projects. They were Abe Soward, Brian Morrell, Isaak Frank and David Hancock.

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

### **Graduating guards**



The Doña Ana County Detention Center graduated 12 detention officer cadets on Friday, Dec. 5, after they completed the six-week Basic Detention Officers' Academy, which consists of physical training, classroom instruction and field experience. The graduation ceremony was held at the Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd., and all training is done in-house at the county's detention center. The graduating cadets are Martha Aguilera, Nathan Beyer, Robert Dominguez, Sam Garcia, Felipe Hernandez, Paula Kionut, Raul Martinez, Catrina Palos, Robert Santistevan, Andrew Strong, Justin Stephenson and Julian Tennessee.





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

#### CORE FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

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

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

#### AQUATICS CLASS

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

#### AEROBICS CLASS

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

#### YOGA CLASS

Yoga classes are at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road. Nora Bailey, certified instructor, will lead Hatha yoga classes 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. There is a 50-cent suggested donation.

#### **CANASTA**

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

#### SENIOR FOLKLORICO

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

#### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

English as a Second Language (ESL) with Mary Lou Darby is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays at the Munson Senior Center in the TV Lounge.

#### ■ WATERCOLOR PAINTING

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

#### BEGINNING LINE DANCING

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

#### BINGO MANIA

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

#### HORSESHOE PITCHING

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

#### ■ PINOCHLE

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

#### MAH JONGG

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

### CHINA PAINTERS

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

#### CREATIVE WRITING

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

#### 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.

#### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MEAL

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

#### 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.

#### RSVP SENIOR CONNECTIONS

Seniors are encouraged to join the Retired/Senior Volunteer Program by donating a few hours a week to help the community grow. All volunteer activities have flexible times and schedules. Make a difference doing fun things that include:

- Tutors from K-12, help students to excel in their studies
  Clerical, help at many types of program's doing office tasks
- Join in the fun with NM State Games
- Be an advocate for those that need someone to speak on their behalf
- Make items that can be donated to various community program's
- Serve as a member of an organization, raise funds to help others
- Have a trade that you can teach others
- Deliver a hot meal to homebound elderly

Feel good about giving a few hours to make our community a healthy and enjoyable place for everyone. All volunteer activities have flexible times and schedules

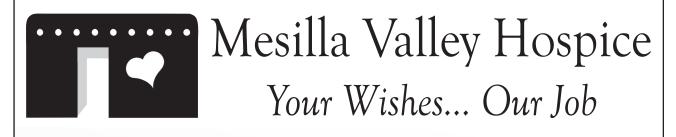
For more information, contact Senior Program's at 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

#### ■ INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Information or assistance on benefits for seniors is available at the Munson Senior Center as well as the Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. Assistance is also available from a State Help Center by calling 800-432-2080.

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

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



### Mesilla Valley Hospice exists to make a difference in the lives of our community.

We provide:

- Quality end-of-life care in our patients' homes, assisted living/nursing home facilities or in our on-site residential facility, La Posada.
- A team of care staff who focus on the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our patients and their families.
- The Center for Grief Services, which provides free counseling and support to the entire community.

### **Hospice only \$35,000 from goal** Mesilla Valley Hospice looks to community for help

By **BETHANY CONWAY** The Las Cruces Bulletin

After almost three years of campaigning and \$6 million in donations and grants already raised, Mesilla Valley Hospice is only \$35,000 away from their capital campaign goal, known to the community as the "Continuing the Dream" expansion project.

Starting their research and development in 2006, they officially kicked off the campaign in August of that year and have seen an amazing response from the community.

Now, as their deadline to raise the matching funds needed for the \$1.2 million Kresge Foundation challenge grant approaches, the organization is turning toward the community one last time, asking anyone who is able, to give to Mesilla Valley Hospice.

"The end of the campaign is always the hardest time. People are very supportive of our organization, but I think people are tired of hearing from us about raising those last dollars," said Terra Van Winter, community development director with Mesilla Valley Hospice. "With the Kresge Foundation, we have to match every dollar or we don't receive that \$550,000 grant. So we have to raise it. There are no ifs, ands or buts about it."

Though a couple in Las Cruces has generously donated their estate in what is called a charitable remainder unitrust, Mesilla Valley Hospice will not see the money for 20 to 25 years and therefore it cannot be included in the campaign. "A lot of the estate planning gifts

"A lot of the estate planning gifts Kresge does not allow us to count because it is a much farther off gift. They don't look at it as cash in-hand," she said. "So even though that gift has been given, it does not help the campaign as of right now, but it will help the agency in the future."

The last steps to raise the final amount include their large end-of-theyear mailing, which went out to more than 10,000 people.

"With the economy and all, it is a little bit harder now," Van Winter said. "When you look at the stock market and you look at people's retirement plans, they are a little more hesitant to give."

According to John Hummer, cochair of the capital campaign along with his wife Amy, those who have yet to donate should know they would be giving to a good cause and a caring group of people.

"We are so close to the finish line of the \$6.5 million capital campaign that we encourage our entire community and those who have yet to donate to consider donating to Mesilla Valley Hospice," Hummer said. "It plays such a vital role in the families in our community and is a team of compassionate individuals."

According to both Van Winter and Hummer, it doesn't matter the size of the donation.

"What's been amazing for our project is it's not those huge gifts, it's the \$25, the \$30 that come in on a daily basis," Van Winter said.

The only freestanding hospice facility in the entire state of New Mexico, Mesilla Valley Hospice began when a group of concerned citizens banded together to improve end-of-life care in Doña Ana County.

The money raised during the capital campaign will provide the finances for a new office for home care staff, enhancing the landscaping of the overall campus and a 14,000-squarefoot addition to the La Posada building, a project the staff is hoping will eliminate any waiting list of patients who have only days or weeks to live.



BETHANY CONWAY I The Las Cruces Bulletin After three years of hard work, Mesilla Valley Hospice, the state's only freestanding hospice facility, is only \$35,000 away from its capital campaign goal.

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#### VOGA 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 Los Cruces

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.

### WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE

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

#### TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at their Thursdaymorning 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. Weighins 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.

#### INDEPENDENT LIVING GROUP

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

#### NUTRITIONAL 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 ½-hour of analysis for \$45. For more information or

### to make an appointment, call 523-0436.

### HEALTH CARE

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 grafffique@zianet.com.

#### MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets each month from 10 a.m.to noon on the 4th 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.

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# Arts Lifestyles





### Local artists create masterpieces for the holidays



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Ceramicist Suzanne Kane creates Dr. Seusslike sculptures **Page C8** 



'The Day the Earth Stood Still' fails to deliver **Page C18** 

## **For last-minute shopping, local artisans offer a selection of gifts** Holiday-themed items dominate crafts markets this year

### Local Artisans

Mike Groves Photography 382 Walnut St. 526-4048 www.mikegrovesphotography.com

> Ben and Maureen Villmer Downtown Farmers and Crafts Market

> > Sandra Foster Downtown Farmers and Crafts Market

Bernie and Jack Kuhnigk BJ's Bath & Body Downtown Farmers and Crafts Market

8 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays By JENNA FROSCH

The best way to stimulate the local economy is to shop locally – and this year, artisans from all over Las Cruces and the surrounding area

are creating products that reflect the joys of the season. Mike Groves of

Mike Groves Photography, 382 Walnut St., has spent the last 11 years donating his photographs to Jardin de los Niños for their annual greeting card fundraiser, but Groves also produces his own line of cards. The photographs depict the holiday season through the

snow-capped Organ Mountains, luminarias lining the streets of Mesilla or an adobe fence covered in snow, among others.

"The cards add personalization – it's a more personal touch to come from the area you live in," he says.

Groves offers many of his photographs in panoramic views as cards for yearround, which make a great gift for someone who appreciates the views and unique-



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**575-521-4400** 755 S. Telshor Las Cruces, New Mexico ness of the Las Cruces area. His cards are available at Picture Frame Factory Outlet, Stahmann's Pecans, the MountainView Regional Medical Center gift shop and the UPS Store on North Main Street.

Main Street is also home to the Downtown Farmers and Crafts Market, where

numerous vendors create various items, especially for the holiday season.

Maureen and Ben Villmer use dominoes, both new and antique, to craft magnets, ornaments, pins, necklaces and other items with their "attitude" sayings and holiday pictures. Beginning in October, the couple sells their creations on the Downtown Mall as house and events

well as other craft shows and events. "This is a great release of our creative

juices," Maureen Villmer says. "It keeps us out of the bars at night."

Ben Villmer is also a photographer and sells note cards with his original photography in three different sets.

The two got their start making Red Hat Society-themed items for Ben Villmer's sister, and then selling them in St. Louis. They expanded their variety of products after reading a little about how to be successful in arts and crafts markets. They have many new ideas and look forward to finishing out the holiday season and getting ready for next year.

Santa's sleigh, jingle bells and red-andgreen-themed watches are other gift ideas for those who love to celebrate the joys of this time of year. Sandra Foster, who has been a part of the Downtown Farmers and Crafts Market for years, creates holidaythemed watches. She buys the watch faces and then strings beads to match.

"I have been doing this for 20 years and the local bead shops are superior to anything online in quality and price," Foster says.

Her watches are reasonably priced and



Bernie and Jack Kuhnigk of BJ's Bath & Body make lotions, lip balms, soaps and crémes.

take on a variety of themes, including Southwest, contemporary or colorful. She also makes bracelets.

Various other booths along the Downtown Mall from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday and Wednesday mornings specialize in products designed for gift giving.

Bernie and Jack Kuhnigk have owned BJ's Bath & Body for seven years and make lotions, crèmes, lip balm, soap, shaving soaps and hydrosol made from the water that distills off of a flowering plant, like lavender.

Jack Kuhnigk says local manufacturers are unique and have a vested interest in making sure their products are superior to anything else that can be bought in a large chain store.

"Buying locally ensures quality, originality and uniqueness to this area," Jack Kuhnigk says.

The couple's soaps are molded into holiday shapes and come with a short story and explanation that relates it back to Christmas. These and more of their items are small enough to fit in any stocking.

Walking along the Downtown Mall on a Saturday morning, particularly the last Saturday before Christmas, will give many last-minute shoppers some great ideas that aren't limited to those listed here. Quilts, jewelry, handmade stockings and more are available to anyone looking for a unique gift.



Ornaments made from new and antique dominoes by Maureen and Ben Villmer

This is a great release of our creative juices. It keeps us out of the bars at night.

> MAUREEN VILLMER, artist

### Las Cruces Museum of Art registering kids and adults for spring art classes

### Watercolor, weaving and more offered

Registration is now open to children and adults for the Spring Museum Studio Art Classes at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, which begin the week of Jan. 5.

Class schedules and registration forms are available at the museum and at http:// museums.las-cruces.org. The first session of classes will begin the week of Jan. 5, and run through the week of Feb. 16. The second session will begin the week of March 10, and end the week of April 28.

Classes for adults include ceramics, mixed media sculpture, drawing, classical oil painting, watercolor, weaving and digital photography. A new class titled "Creat-

> One of the adult Studio Art Classes offered will be watercolor painting.

ing Images with Photoshop: Retouching, Restoring and Refinishing" will be offered and is designed for students at all levels.

Classes for young artists include ceramics for 4- to 5-year-olds, 6- to 8-year-olds and 9- to 12-year-olds. Art-o-Rific Art Class offers an exploration of drawing, painting and block printing for students, ages 6 to 18. The museum's Saturday Studio for Kids is open every Saturday for kids ages 5 to 12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 per student and there is no pre-registration required. Classes are limited to 10 students on a first come first served basis. Sign-up begins at 9 a.m. and projects vary.

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. in the Downtown Mall. For more information about exhibits and Museum Studio Art Classes, call 541-2137.



Adults interested in the art of weaving will be able to learn through the Studio Art Classes.





**EIGHT DAYS A WEEK** -

### Friday, DECEMBER 19

#### IN THE NICK OF TIME' WORKSHOPS AT BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Two four-hour drop-in craft workshops are scheduled at the Branigan Cultural Center from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. Titled "In the Nick of Time," the workshops provide an opportunity to create handmade holiday crafts just in time for gift giving or as decorations for the holiday season. No registration is required and participants can drop in anytime during posted hours. There is a \$5 activity fee for each craft project. The fee covers all supplies, materials and instruction. Participants select projects to complete from painted tin ornaments, tissue paper flowers and papel picado banners.

Painted tin ornaments are fun to make and hold up well for use for years to come. From snowflakes to brightly colored cut-out shapes, painted tin ornaments can be used to decorate your holiday tree or trim a special package. Tissue paper flowers add a festive note wherever they are used. Make a bouquet of flowers as a table decoration or add them to holiday garland. Winter- and holiday-themed papel picado banners are a great addition to any home. String them from the ceiling or across a window to add a special touch to any room.

Workshops are open for all ages. Young children ages 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Parents should note that all crafts offered require use of sharp tools and that not all children will have the dexterity needed to complete projects. Space is offered on a first come, first serve basis. The Branigan Cultural Center is located at the north end of the Downtown Mall, at 501 N. Main St. Call 541-2154 or visit www.museums.las-cruces.org for more information.

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The show runs through Dec. 21. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students, \$5 for children 6 and younger and \$6 per seat for groups of 10 or more. Call 523-1200 or visit www.lcctnm.org for reservations.



#### HISTORIC SAN ELIZARIO CHRISTMAS FAIR

There will be a Christmas Fair in Historic San Elizario from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at the San Elizario Mission, 1500 Main St., in San Elizario, Texas. The event is free and suitable for all ages. Traditional luminarias will light up the San Elizario Veterans Memorial Plaza and the surrounding area on the same night. The Mission Trail Association will feature a Christmas Fair in the beautiful Adobe Horseshow Dinner Theatre. The "Posadas" (enactment of St. Joseph and Virgin Mary looking for lodging) will be presented around the placita. Enjoy an enchanted evening with Christmas goodies and seasonal music, fine art and crafts. Call 915-851-8339 for more information.

### **③ ARTISTS SHOWCASE AT EL PASO SADDLEBLANKET**

El Paso Saddleblanket, 6926 Gateway East, will host their weekly Artists and Writers Showcase from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. This weeks' lineup includes Dan Klooster, Tom Davis, Ken Hudnall, Victor Muheddine, Michael Carlos, Nancy Reynolds, Deen Underwood, Bob Sanchez, Lester Hughes, Keith Spencer, Manny Guerra and Albert Alvidrez.

#### FAMILY STORYTELLING AT COAS BOOKSTORES

COAS Bookstores present family storytelling from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. The storyteller at the Downtown Mall location will be Louise O'Donnell and for the Solano Drive location, the storyteller will be Judith Ames. A free book is given to all children who attend.

#### **③ FREE SCREENING AT THE FOUNTAIN THEATRE**

The Fountain Theatre in Mesilla will host a free screening of "Invisible Children" (1 hour), at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. What started out as a film-making adventure in Africa transformed into much more when three young Americans' (Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey and Laren Poole) original travels took a divine turn, and they found themselves stranded in northern Uganda. They discovered children being kidnapped nightly from their homes and subsequently forced to fight as soldiers. This film is dedicated to exposing this tragic and amazingly untold story. UPCOMING EVENTS

AACT One Act Competition For the Love of Art Month

This film focuses in on four young boys: Jacob, Thomas, Tony and Boni. Through their eyes audience members relive the terror of abduction, courage of survival, the heartbreak of losing a brother and the innate joy found only in a child. The three filmmakers were amazed to find many things in common between these kids and kids in America, themselves included.

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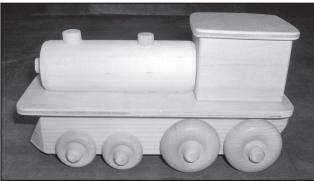
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#### SWINGING SENIORS DANCE

Couples and singles 50 and older are invited to dance with the Swinging Seniors at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., Saturdays from 8 to 10 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and there is a \$6 cover charge. Jim Corrans will provide this week's entertainment. Call 528-3000 for more information.

### DECORATE A TRAIN WORKSHOP AT THE RAILROAD MUSEUM



The Railroad Museum will host a Decorate a Train Workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. Pre-register 8- to 12-year-olds and then drop them off while you get those last-minute errands done. Each participant will decorate a handmade wooden toy train and make an ornament. The cost is \$10 per person. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 647-4480 to register. The Railroad Museum is located at 351 N. Mesilla St. at the intersection of Las Cruces Avenue.

DATE Fri., Jan. 16-Sun., Jan. 18 February

9 Upcoming Events @

LOCATION Las Cruces Community Theatre Various locations

Sunday, DECEMBER 21

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#### LAS CRUCES ARTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Las Cruces Arts Association will meet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, in the auditorium first floor (may take stairs or elevator to first floor) of the Social Center at Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The Women's Community Choir "Festivity Celestial Sounds" will be featured. The audience will be treated to a wide range of music from modern to Christmas songs. Residents of the Good Samaritan and the public are invited. No admission charge. Call 496-8834 for more information.



#### 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.



### (%) 'A CHRISTMAS PUDDING' AT THE BLACK BOX THEATRE

"A 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 online at www.no-strings.org.



#### **S FAMILY STORYTELLING AT COAS BOOKSTORES**

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#### **@ 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.

#### **@ 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. las-cruces.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 mediums, general content of the show and proposed use of floor space. The proposal package should also include artist resume, 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, in Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre, has immediate openings for local artists of all media and styles, including contemporary and abstract. For more 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 storytelling, acting, writing and direction. For submission information, visit www.wsiff.com.

#### **@ MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS**

The New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum is looking for volunteers to help educate visitors about farming, ranching and



#### 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.

rural life in New Mexico. The museum is also looking for volunteers who can demonstrate such crafts as leather tooling, quilting, weaving, wool spinning, sewing, candlemaking, embroidery and storytelling. Tour guides are also needed. The museum offers a free training program for volunteers. Contact Debbie Holderby at 522-4100, ext. 116, for information about volunteer opportunities.

#### **@ ARTS PARTNERSHIP WITH HOMELESS ADULTS**

Sierra Dove Global Association, an educational nonprofit organization with headquarters in Alto, N.M., is sponsoring Arts in the Making - a series of expressive arts outreach workshops created for homeless and at-risk teens and young adults that brings them together with professional artists to share their passions for the visual arts, music and movement. Workshops have included: jewelry-making, glass-fusing, deconstruction/reconstruction of old clothes, making totem poles out of clay, climbing a rock wall, community rhythm/drumming, paper mâché, song-writing, etc.

All workshops will take place at the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, 999 W. Amador Ave. The Community of Hope has recently opened a resource room, which will be offering programs and workshops to the Las Cruces homeless population. Workshops will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, twice a month.

If you would like to volunteer or get more information on how you can help call or email Michele Caskey at 937-3663 or michele@sierradove.org. To find out more about the Arts in the Making a Vision of Sierra Dove Global Association or its Founder and President Jozef Dominguez, visit www.sierradove.org.

#### @ ARTIST'S CO-OP

All Las Cruces artists that might be interested in being a member of an artist's co-op are encouraged to call 206-755-7575 or email whymelft@verizon.net for more information.

#### NEW DESERT HARMONY SINGERS

The New Desert Harmony Singers are looking for a few good male singers to join them in singing some great swing, barbershop and gospel music. Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. For more information, call Dave Kinkaid at 650-4417 or Fran Boldt at 373-1703.



#### **@ LAS CRUCES POETS AND WRITERS MAGAZINE**

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Las Cruces Poets and Writers Magazine is calling for submissions of poetry and short fiction: Up to five poems of any length, single-spaced; fiction under 3,000 words, double-spaced. Submit by email to mvp@zianet.com or by mail to Mesilla Valley Press, PO Box 847, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0847. If sending by regular mail, include an envelope large enough so that pages are not folded. Always include a short bio. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope only for return of work. The Las Cruces Poets and Writers Magazine does not publish submissions that are pornographic, sexist or racist, nor accept simultaneous submissions. They respond within three months. Time from acceptance to publication is one to six months, and they pay one copy of the magazine to contributors. LCPM acquires one-time publishing rights. The bi-monthly magazine is published by Joan Glicker and Maria Kruse.

**FLY BY NIGHT ARTISANS GALLERY** Fly By Night Artisans Gallery is located at the Branigan Cultural Center. The Branigan Cultural Center is seeking local artisans/crafts people to display and sell their works at the new Fly by Night Artisans Gallery. The gallery features all crafts media, including jewelry/beading, ceramics, wood, stone, glass, textiles/fiber and more. Artists should submit one sample photograph and a brief description of media/technique, plus personal contact information to Garland Courts in person at the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Downtown Mall, or email gcourts@las-cruces.org.

#### **@ NEW HORIZONS SYMPHONY**

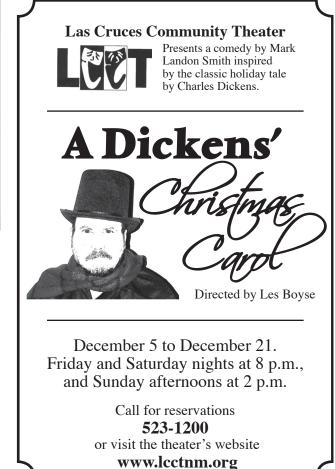
The New Horizons Symphony, under the direction of Oscar Butler, is an amateur orchestra beginning its fourth season. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Las Cruces High School, 1755 El Paseo Road, orchestra room. Have fun making music again. For more information, call Oscar at 526-8053.

#### **© CITY OF ARTISTS**

City of Artists Promotional Association, a recently organized group of artists, gallery owners, and interested individuals, pro-motes Las Cruces, Mesilla and the surrounding area as an art destination for tourists. They have created an artist list for publication through the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the organization's website and invite participants to come give their input to current and future projects. The group's website is www.cityofartists. org. Artists or gallery owners not included on the site should contact Carol Lopez at waxartist@earthlink.net. Artists already listed on the website should proofread their information and send one digital photo representing their work to ra\_highsmith@hotmail.com.

#### **@ GREEK DANCERS**

The Hellenic Greek Dancers, a performance troupe, seeks new male and female dancers between the ages of 15 and 35. If accepted, dancers will become part of a group that performs at many private and public events in southern New Mexico and west Texas. The Hellenic Dancers is a nonprofit arts organization. For more information. call Constance at 527-1515.



# GALLERIES & OPENINGS

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#### **O NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY**

The New Mexico State University Art Gallery will exhibit a selection of 28 Warhol photographs through Dec. 23. Original photographs taken by Andy Warhol between 1970 and 1987 capture artists, celebrities and socialites as color Polaroid images, while the streets of New York were the subject of many of the black and white silver gelatin prints.

Warhol used photographs as the basis for his paintings, and so there are multiple, often repetitious images of any given subject. This, in turn, fed into the repetition seen in his silkscreened images - multiples of Jackie Kennedy or Elvis

#### being among Warhol's most iconic works. The gallery is located at 100 Williams Hall, Solano Drive at University Avenue. Call 646-2545 for more information

#### **O PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER**

The Preston Contemporary Art Center in Mesilla will introduce the work of seven artists of various media in their 2008 Fall Exhibition through Sunday, Dec. 21. Artists featured include Marika Bordes, wood sculpture; Daniel Boylan, painting; Anki King, painting and sculpture; Shelley Lake, photography; Gregory Litinsky, watercolor painting; Frank Morbillo, sculpture;

and Sue Simon, painting. PCAC director Paul Schranz says the exhibition provides an interesting mix of figurative works, both painting and sculpture, in strong, expressive and abstract presentations. Also on exhibit are gorgeous panoramic photography and dynamic sculptures of steel, bronze and glass. Works by three artists with roots in the Ukraine, Norway and Haiti maintain the intent to show pieces with an international flavor. Additionally, works by two artists in the 2008 Fall Exhibition are included in the settings of feature films scheduled for release this winter.

The Preston Contemporary Art Center is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 1 to 7

played 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.

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 media 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.

#### **② 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 DeStaebler, 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 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.

#### **O UNSETTLED GALLERY**

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

#### **② 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 through Jan. 30. The artwork is priced at \$200 or less, in keeping with LCAA's mission to offer

p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Visit www.prestoncontemporaryart.com or call 523-8713 for more information.

#### **O D.W. WILLIAMS ART CENTER**

Elizabeth Hillman, candidate for a master fine arts degree, will show her work at DW Williams Art Center, University Avenue at Solano Drive. The exhibition will run concurrently with the Warhol exhibition and retablos currently showing in the gallery. All exhibitions will run through Dec. 23. Gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Call 646-2545 for more information.

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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.

#### NEW MEXICO FARM AND RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The spirit of living in the rural southwest is reflected in the "Western Heritage" art show presented at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, through March 28, 2009. Paintings, sculpture, wood crafting, gourd art and photography created by the members of the City of Artists Promotional Association inspire a deeper appreciation of New Mexico's rich heritage and can be viewed during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### **② 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 Southern California, and graduated in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in art. During her freshman year, she illustrated "Your Future in Archaeology" by Gerald A. La Rue. While still attending college, she worked as staff artist for W. J. Bennett, Jr., on an archeological dig under the auspices of the American Schools of Oriental Research and the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem, with funding provided by the Smithsonian Institution. This position took Black to the Middle East in 1971 to work 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 nonobjective abstraction. Black attempts to bring forth the vibrancy of the world around us through art by focusing on color and poignant moments of life.

The galleries at the Rio Grande are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Gallery volunteers are needed. Contact the DAAC office at 523-6403 for more information.

#### M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery features a onewoman show for Carolyn Bunch, an artist that has been very active in the community for several years. The show will run through December. Also, Continued on following page

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#### **@ 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" that can only be described as irresistibly grotesque pets ... the kind you want to take home. The adorably quirky hand-painted and handcarved 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 Berríer's detailed rock-art jewelry, Joanna Bradley's flamboyant gourd artwork 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.

#### 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 guilts 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 guilts from its collections that are dis-



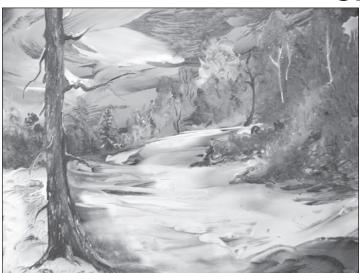
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"Winter Wonderland" by Carol Lopez, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum

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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.

#### **② COTTONWOOD GALLERY**

The Cottonwood Gallery and City of Artists Promotional Association presents a stimulating photography show entitled "The Environment on the Edge," which showcases pieces using digital and silver gelatin techniques as well as fractal skills in photography. The featured photog-



A quilt on display at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum as part of the "Elements from the Front Range Contemporary Quilters"

raphers are Joe Dominick, Kurt Van Wagner, Teri Van Huss, Lidio Rivera, Cheryl Fallstead, Katja Mayfield, Sharlene Glock, Susan Frary and Pat Jonker. The show runs through Jan. 18, and can be viewed at the Southwest Environmental Center located at 275 S. Downtown Mall.

#### **OMASTERY IN LIFE CENTER**

Raul Madrid, a remarkable individual who just celebrated his 50th birthday with cerebral palsy, will be featured at the Mastery in Life Center, 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



"Veneration" by Shelley Black, at the Rio Grande Theatre

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 truly a unique venue for the arts in Las Cruces. Regular gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 526-1551.

# **'Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?'** Arts community needs help this holiday season

#### By HEATHER POLLARD

In these tough economic times, we have heard many expressions of concern regarding performing arts attendance, funding, sales and arts production. The worry is that the visual and performing arts may bow to the recession. But, if you look at history, during the 1920s and 1930s, the arts were flourishing in America and the creative juices seemed to flow. Indeed, most of the art forms during that period were in some ways reflective of the times and mirrored the hardship of people across the nation.

The anthem of the Great Depression was "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" by the great Al Jolson. Woody Guthrie sang folk songs expressing the sadness of those in need. Dorothea Lange left a legacy to the nation with her Dust Bowl photographs, and author John Steinbeck penned "The Grapes of Wrath." President Franklin D. Roosevelt developed the art of radio communication with his down-home fireside chats to uplift a nation on the verge of collapse. His Works Progress Administration (WPA) was created to help provide economic relief



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still survive today. We do not know of any FAP projects in Las Cruces, but in Alamogordo, there are three Peter Hurds in the Federal Court House, and a Kenneth Adams hangs in the Deming Post Office. The era of New Realism in the visual arts began with Ben Shahn and portrayed the everyday hardships of the people. This led to the Surrealist movement led by Salvador Dalî. Not all art was associated with doom and gloom, however. The birth of the Jazz Age and the Charleston spread across the country. Will Rogers lightened the hearts of the people with his country

to the citizens of the United States. Under

this was the Federal Art Project that created

more than 5,000 jobs for artists and produced

more than 225,000 works of art, some which

the Charleston spread across the country. Will Rogers lightened the hearts of the people with his country humor. The American musical theater produced the classics "Showboat," "The Student Prince" and "Porgy and Bess," and Irving Berlin and George Gershwin were wowing audiences. The escape of cinema brought huge crowds to see Rudolph Valentino in "The Shiek," Gary Cooper in the new Western genre, and Johnny Weismuller swinging through the jungle as Tarzan. The Marx Brothers brought laughter to millions, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers danced their hearts out and Clark Gable told Vivien Leigh that frankly, he did not give a damn.

The literary arts spawned such geniuses as Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Sinclair Lewis. Poet T.S. Eliot wrote "The Wasteland" and Robert Frost continued his poetic prowess with "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening," an American classic. The Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s and 1930s began a new era of literary and political awareness. Poet Paul Laurence Dunbar and essayists W.E.B. DuBois and Ann Julia Cooper were legends in their own lifetimes and inspired a national community of blacks. We feel very secure that arts production will still be

We feel very secure that arts production will still be alive and well in these tough times just as it was during the Depression. From all accounts, and from what we have seen at the Rio Grande Theatre, performing arts attendance is great. However, arts funding at the state level and from private granting agencies is certainly taking a hit due to the stock market. Visual arts sales are not predictable except for very wealthy buyers. Perhaps we need a bail out for visual artists, or at the very least, another Federal Arts Project similar to that of the WPA years.

As an Arts Council, we will need continued support in order to ensure our programs and services benefit the community and that our children and youth programs remain intact so this coming generation can enjoy the enrichment and knowledge the arts bring to our lives. So we ask all our brothers (and sisters) to spare lots of dimes in the coming months for all the artists and organizations in our midst. Happy Holidays!





Ceramicist Suzanne Kane with her dog Tiger



"Simple Gifts"



# Suzanne Kane: Teaching and sculpting in the Southwest

Ceramicist always looking for ways to showcase her work

By JENNA FROSCH

Suzanne Kane has aspirations to make sculpting her full-time job, constantly searching for more ways to demonstrate her talent to new audiences and in new places.

She shows in Mariposa Gallery in Albuquerque, Patina Gallery in Santa Fe, Iota Gallery in Dallas and at Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery in Las Cruces, but Kane says she is always searching for new ways to showcase her work.

"I'm always looking for the next step," Kane says. "I definitely always keep applying to national and international shows and juried shows."

While Kane doesn't sculpt full time, she does spend a lot of time in her studio near her Mesilla Park home, brainstorming new material and attempting to bring her ideas to fruition.

"I spend an awful lot of time daydreaming – sometimes all about what's in my head," Kane says. "Then, I start building."

Sometimes she begins with a maquette, a threedimensional sketch, of the ideas she has, or she just begins building, sculpting in different sizes. She spends a lot of her time in the studio experimenting with new ideas or twists on old ideas.

When she isn't working in her studio, she teaches beginning sculpting at New Mexico State University or engages in various other "household missions," as she puts it.

"It's very hard to make it in art – you can't necessarily count on it all the time," Kane says. "I am fortunate enough to have a husband who helps me through the rough times."

Kane got her start early in life when in seventh grade she received a kick wheel from her father. She made her own pottery, selling it in a flea market with one of her friends.

"I am not a good potter," she says. "I found myself buying pots from other people rather than my own." She found her niche in sculpture, working toward

a bachelor of fine arts degree in metal sculpture from Michigan State University. In Colorado, she worked developing art programs for students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

She began teaching herself ceramics until she moved to Las Cruces 15 years ago and began work on her master of fine arts degree in ceramics.

"It was so exciting to go back to school and to have the opportunity to learn," Kane says. "Prior to going back to school, it was hard to find time for personal expression through my art – hard to find time for studio work."

Her work is focused on the ordinary – the shape of a chair, birds, a piece of fruit – all of which represent more.

"I am inspired by the ordinary because I find myself not appreciating the simple things," Kane says. "I want to always remind myself of the ordinary. In my work, I depict a lot of the domestic – chairs and a lot of floral – but these are really wonderful things to create."

Her work, however, is far from simple – some of it has an almost Dr. Seuss-like look to it. She melds her experience in metal sculpture with that which she has learned in ceramics, constructing metal feet on ceramic birds or hinges on a movable ceramic piece. She works in series, some at the same time or some revisited at another time. She says it helps her think things through.

She will teach her first workshop in Ann Arbor, Mich., in 2009, demonstrating her hinged work techniques. She will also open new exhibits at NMSU's D.W. Williams Hall and at the Plinth Gallery in Denver.

For more information about Kane's work, email her at suzannekane00@comcast.net.

"Chair with Birds"







Ceramicist Suzanne Kane demonstrates how she constructs her ceramic art pieces.

"Odds and Ends'

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# A taste of Italy in Las Cruces Food made fresh from scratch daily at Savino's

By JENNA FROSCH The Las Cruces Bulletin

Made-from-scratch breads, pastas and sauces make Savino's Ristorante Italiano unique to Las Cruces, but the atmosphere, similar to that of a café in southern Italy, is special.

Savino's has been open for almost two years, and now is under new management. Anthony Garcia began as a cook before moving up to second chef, and then when the previous owner decided to close the restaurant, Garcia decided to buy it.

"Las Cruces really needs a place like this," Garcia says. "The look and feel of the place - it's like being in old country Italy.

Garcia says his main goal was to keep the integrity of the food while lowering the prices to something a little more affordable for patrons. He says the authenticity of the food, originating in northern and southern Italy, was important.

A chef from Sicily created the menu, and they recently received their beer and wine license.

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Hours:

Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday

11 a.m. to 10 p.m

Savino's offers a wide variety of dishes for lunch, all under \$10. Their \$7 lunch special has 11 entrees to choose from, including a choice of soup or salad and iced tea. Some of the choices include fettuccine alfredo, spaghetti with meatballs and penne Portofino.

To start, patrons can choose from a number of appetizers, such as the mozzarella in carrozza, fresh mozzarella and Italian ham breaded and lightly deep-fried and served with marinara sauce, or

the bruschetta, diced tomatoes in extravirgin olive oil with fresh basil and garlic.

For dinner, favorites include the Vitello Salt'in Bocca alla Romana, scaloppini cut veal, cured proscuitto di Parma, mozzarella and fresh sage in a Trebbiano white wine sauce, or the Pollo alla Cacciatora, tender chicken lightly floured and sautéed in white wine, tomatoes, onions, champignons and pancetta.

"The food really speaks for itself," Garcia says. "To have a place here, it's unique in itself."



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Savino's Ristorante Italiano offers an ambience unlike any other in Las Cruces, with authentic Italian cuisine.

He says the restaurant business is a good place to be, especially in the Las Cruces community.

"I like the unpredictability – every day is a challenge," Garcia says. "This is my way of giving back to the community.'

His brother died when he was 10, and Garcia says the community was so supportive of him and his family.

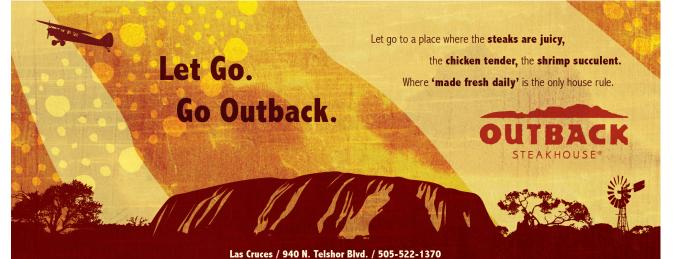
Savino's takes reservations and is equipped with a separate room that has a projector and screen conducive to hosting meetings and presentations. They offer off-site and on-site catering for parties, showers, meetings and various other events.



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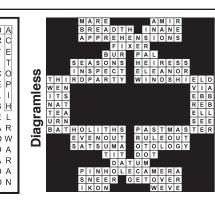
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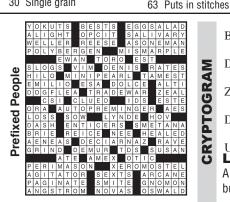
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71 Throat, for one	57 Mushroom	62 Canvas coating	4 Fancy	130					131					132					133				
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PBS	2	22	Business	News-Leh	rer	Minding	Wash Wk	Group	NOW	Foreign	Bill Moyer	s Journal	Minding	BBC	Charlie Ro	se (N)
CBS	3	3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune			NUMB3RS	"Tabu"	NUMB3RS	CC	News (N)	Late Show	1	Late Late
ABC	7	7	News (N)	Paid	News (N)	Entertain	Wife Swap	CC	Supernani	ny 🚾	20/20 🖸		News (N)	Nightline	Blitz	Kimmel
FOX	8	14	Dr. Phil (N	000 (	News (N)	Two Men	You Smart	er?	Don't Forg		News (N)	00	Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	9		News (N)				Momma's	Boys	Dateline N	BC (In Ster	eo) 🖸		News (N)	News	Tonight SI	now
CW	14		My Wife	My Wife		King-Hill		The	Chris	The	Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Spri	nger	Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15		7th Heave		** "Yogi"	s First Chri	stmas" (19	80) 🖸	WGN New			Scrubs	Bob & Tor	n	RENO	Corner
ESPN	26		SportsCtr	NBA		etball Los A					etball: Cava				SportsCer	
ESPN2	27)		NFL Live	Football	College Fo	ootball: NC	AA Div. I Fir	nal Mont.	vs. Richmor	nd	SportsCer	nter 🖸		NFL's Gre	atest Game	00
USA	31		NCIS "Swit	ch"	House 🚾		House CC		House CC		House CC		House CC		Action Sp	
TNT	32		Law & Ord			ek" (2001)			"Monster I	<b>-louse</b> " (20	06) 🖸	"National		European		
TBS	33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld		Fam. Guy					Sex &	Sex &		anji" (1995)	Robin Willia	ams.
SPIKE	34		CSI: Crime	e Scn	CSI: Crime		UFC Fight	Night (In S	stereo)					MAN	Game	Disor
COM	35		Scrubs	Scrubs	Brian Reg		Jeff Dunha				Colbert Cr		Jeff Dunh	am	Comedy-F	loast
LIFE	39		Reba	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	*** "Wh	ite Christm	as" (1954)	CC	Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD	40		Big Bite	Ultimate	Good	Good	Diners	Diners	Unwrappe	d	Big Bite	Ultimate	Diners	Diners	Unwrappe	d
HGTV	(41)			House		Myles	Cmas Tow	ns	House	House	Get Sold	To Sell	To Sell	Myles	Cmas Tow	/ns
A&E	43		CSI: Miam	CC	CSI: Miam	CC	CSI: Miam	CC	CSI: Miam	CC	Criminal N	/linds	CSI: Miam	i cc	CSI: Miam	CC C
HIST	44		Modern Ma	arvels	Modern M	arvels (N)	Gangland	00	Shadow F	orce (N)	The Recru	iit (N)	Modern M	arvels	Gangland	00
TLC	45		Real Simp		What Not	to Wear	What Not	to Wear	Dress	Dress	What Not	to Wear	Dress	Dress	What Not	to Wear
DISC	(47)		Made	Made	Man vs. W	ild 🖸	Survivorm	an (N)	Survivorm	an	Made	Made	Man vs. W	/ild 🖸	Survivorm	nan
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FAM	51		Miser Brot	thers	** "The S	Santa Claus	se 2" (2002)	00			se 2" (2002)	) [[[	Home Vid	eos	Paid	Paid
DISN	52		Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	"Camp Ro	ock" (2008)	00	Phineas	Wizards	Life De
NICK	54		Zoey 101	iCarly		o to Japan" [		iCarly	Lopez	Lopez	Home Im		Family	Family	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57		"The Unto	uchables"	*** "Cas	<b>sino</b> " (1995					, Joe Pesci.			I Hell" (198		
SCIFI	59		Sanctuary		Sanctuary		Sanctuary		Sanctuary		Stargate A	Atlantis	Sanctuary		Stargate S	G-1
CNN	62		Lou Dobbs	s Tonight	Brown-No		Larry King	J Live	Anderson	Cooper 36	0 00		Larry King	g Live	Cooper 36	
CNBC	63		CNBC Rep	orts	CNBC Rep	oorts (N)	American		On the Mo	oney	Mad Mone		Fast Mone	ey	American	Greed
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#### SATURDAY MORNING

**DECEMBER 20, 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
PBS	2	22	(Off Air)					Fine Art		Creative	Garden	Garden	Garden	Hometime
CBS	3	3	Paid Prog.	Debt Cures	The Early Sh				Cake	Horseland	Dino	Sushi Pack	Strawberry	Care Bears
ABC	7	7		Business	News (N)		Good Mornii	ng America	News (N)		Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven
FOX	8				Paid Prog.			Biker Mice	Sonic X	Sonic X	Chaotic	Turtles	Kirby	Winx Club
NBC	9			3 Wide Life	Today Airpor	t karaoke. (N)	(In Stereo) 🖾				Penguins	Veggie	Turbo	Friend
CW	14		(Off Air)					Turtles	Turtles		-	Spider-Man		Dinosaur
WGN	15		Paid Prog.					Murad	Paid Prog.	Time	Paid Prog.		The Bob & T	fom Show
ESPN	26		SportsCente		SportsCente		SportsCente					tball: EagleB		
	27		Chronicles				Bassmasters	-				tball: NCAA [		
USA	31			Paid Prog.			Action Sport		Psych 🖾		Monk 🖾		★★ "Shopgi	
TNT	32		Angel "Desti		Charmed CC		Charmed 🖾		Law & Order			r (In Stereo)		
TBS	33		<u> </u>		" (2001) (PA)				<b>ımanji"</b> (1995				"Anchormar	
-	34		Paid Prog.				TNA impact				Hrsepwer			Xtreme 4x4
COM	35		MADtv (In St		MADtv (In St		MADtv "Holic		** "Blue Co				Scrubs	Scrubs
LIFE	39		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.			<u> </u>				ristmas Wish	( )	
	40		Rachael Ray		Sandra Lee's			Cook Loft		Chef				Ask Aida
HGTV	<b>41</b>					Spaces		Rip Renew				Carter Can		Curb
A&E	43		Biography: I							Rocco-Real			Flip This Ho	
	44		Heavy Metal		American Ea		Wild West Te		Ship of Gold			e: Big Chill S		
	45						Property Lac		Property La		Property La		Home Made	
	47						Survivormar		Dirty Jobs D		Dirty Jobs ©		Dirty Jobs ©	
	50			Animal Plane				Breed	Pet Star 🚾		Cat People		Year-Animal	
FAM	51				<b>mas</b> " (1991, [		** "A Very					my Kissing S		
DISN	52		(4:00) "Jump				Doodlebop			Sprites	"Tigger & Po			Mickey
NICK	54						SpongeBob							SpongeBob
AMC	57		"The Ox-Boy				ementine" (1		(:15) ** "Ha					Magnifct 7
	59		Paid Prog.				* "The Trian					the Mummy"		ISY) CC
CNN	62		CNN Saturda			House Call		House	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63		Paid Prog.	BABY	Houses For	Profits	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner	P90X	Kodak	Houses For
MSNBC	64		MSNBC New	/s Live	MSNBC New	s Live	MSNBC New	/s Live	MSNBC New	vs Live	MSNBC New	/s Live	Killers	Animal

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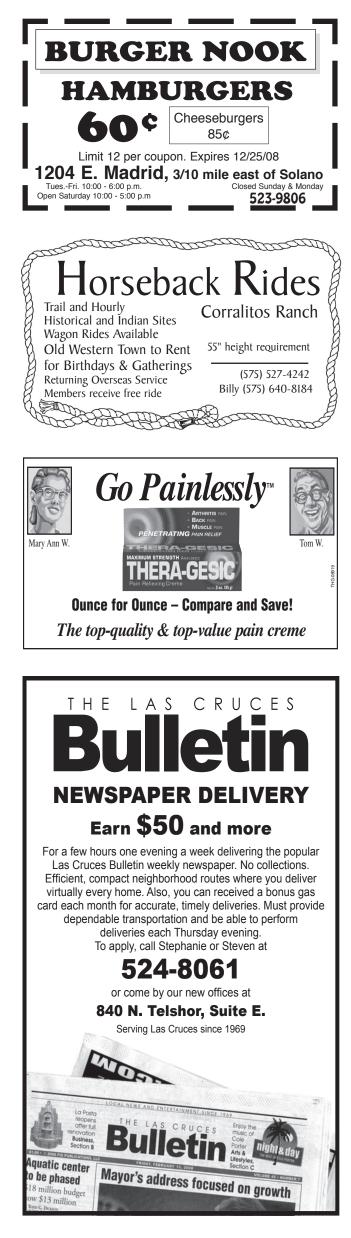
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PBS	(2)	22	Workshop	MotorWeek	NMSU	Old House	Ask This	Primal Grill	Pepin	Cook	Food	Cooking	Lawrence V	elk Show
CBS	3	3	Action Spor	ts	College Bas	ketball Michig	gan State vs.	Texas.	College Bas	ketball: David	dson vs. Purc	lue	Save	Paid Prog.
ABC	7	7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			Paid Prog.						Profits	Movies
FOX	8	14		Paid Prog.			The Story of					rost" (1998) I	Vichael Keato	n. 🖸
NBC	9	9	Island	Action Spor	<b>ts</b> (In Stereo L	_ive) 🖸	Golf Chevror	n World Challe	enge Third I	Round. (In Ste	ereo Live) 🖸		Paid Prog.	Raymond
CW	14		Chaotic	Yu Gi Oh	J Hanna	Wild Am.	Degrassi	Degrassi	Animal	Animal	Adventure	Adventure	WHADD	Exploration
WGN	15		The Bob & 1	om Show	*** "Nicho	las Nickleby	" (2002) Jami	e Bell.	Legend of the	ne Seeker	Legend of t	he Seeker	Becker	Becker
ESPN	26			tball: EagleBa			tball New Me						College Bas	ketball
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USA	31			Shopgirl" (20			uce Almighty					(2004) Ben S		Bruce
TNT	32		Law & Orde	r (In Stereo)					* "Mr. Deed				*** "Shre	<b>«</b> " (2001)
TBS	33		"Anchormar	າ"	"Talladega N	lights: The B	allad of Rick	y Bobby"	Friends	Sex & City	Sex & City	Raymond		Raymond
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COM	35			rcover Brothe	. ( )		l★★ "Wayne'					ollar Comedy		
LIFE	39			in Your Hea		ima) 🖸			(2002) Rob Lo			rent Kind of	Christmas" (	
FOOD	40				Challenge		Dinner: Impo		Iron Chef Ar	nerica	Iron Chef A			Heavy
HGTV	<b>41</b>					Myles		Color	Divine	Deserving	Color	Rate	Get It Sold	
A&E	43		Flip This Ho		Parking War		Parking	Parking			Cold Case I		Cold Case I	iles 👓
HIST	44		Evolve "Sha		The Universe	e 🖸	The Univers	e cc	The Univers	e cc	Bible Battle	S CC		
TLC	45		What Not to		What Not to		What Not to	Wear	What Not to		What Not to		Jon & Kate	
DISC	(47)		Time Warp		Survivormar	) CC	Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild	d [CC]	MythBuster	s Whirlpools.		
ANPL	50		Animal Cop		Killer Elepha		Dancing Wit	h Dogs Dog-	owner dance	teams.	Animal Cop		Animal Cop	
FAM	51			ain Freeze" (2	2008) Tom Ca	vanagh.			(1996) Sinbad			amily Man"	(2000) Nicola	s Cage.
DISN	52				Higglytown			te Christmas	Present"	Suite Life		Suite Life	So Raven	
NICK	54			ddParents 🔤			5.7		Drake	Drake	Drake	Drake	"Merry Chri	
AMC	57			"The Magnif					<b>o</b> " (1953) Joh				<b>e</b> " (1993, We	
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CNN	62		Your Money		Special Inve		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		This Week i	
CNBC	63			Paid Prog.			Paid Prog.		Houses For			Ab Secrets		
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PBS	2	22	Aggie	America	Farmers	BBC	Monarch	of the Glen	Stress	Red	Darkness	Into Light	How Art N		Austin Cit	y Limits
CBS	3	3	CBS	News (N)	Jeopardy	Fortune	*** "Elf"	" (2003) Wil			48 Hours		News (N)	CSI: NY CC	]	Cold
ABC	(7)	7	News	ABC	News	Insider	Charlie B	rown	** "Dr. S	euss' The (	Cat in the H	at"	News	(:35) Chea	ters 🖾	Wired
FOX	8	14	Legend of		House CC	-	Cops	Cops	Most Wan	ted	News (N)	Seinfeld	MADtv CC		Talkshow	King
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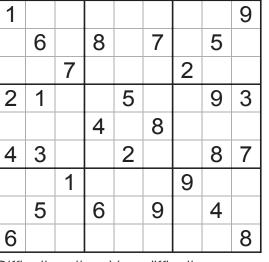
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Difficulty rating: Moderate 

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# **'Joyeux Noel'** shows Christmas during wartime

## WWI soldiers celebrate holidays in the trenches

The CineMatinee movie for Saturday, Dec. 20, is "Joyeux Noel" (2005, 116 minutes, in French, with subtitles, PG-13). "Joyeux Noel" is back by audience request for the holiday season. This film is based on the true story of the World War I Christmas truce of 1014. a minorulaux commence of pages for two down 1914, a miraculous occurrence of peace for two days when men laid down their arms, came out of their trenches and celebrated the holiday together. The aftermath depicted in the film is also part of history.

In the opening scenes of this Academy Award-nominated French film, school boys in France, England and Germany recite phrases they have been taught about the glories of their country and the scourge of their enemies. In this brief scene, we see how people are brainwashed to see war as just and to believe that God is on their side. Add to this the perception that by going to war young men are protecting their families and their land, and it's easy to understand the enthu-siasm that can sweep through a community at the outbreak of conflict.

In 1914, young men excitedly enlisted to fight in World War I, looking forward to what they regard as an adventure. Palmer, their Anglican minister, goes to the front with them as a stretcher-bearer. In Berlin, Germany, a military official interrupts a performance at the opera house to announce that the country is at war. Tenor Nikolaus Sprink is drafted and his lover Anna, a famous soprano, knows that their lives will never be the same again. Meanwhile, French Lt. Audebert prepares to leave for the front lines without knowing whether his wife, left in German territory, has given birth to their child.

None of these men are prepared for the senseless barbarity of what is to come. Audebert's French troops and a Scottish regiment live in muddy trenches just a few yards from the German lines commanded by Horstmayer. Many of them die in a senseless charge toward the Germans, whose machine guns mow them down. A Scottish soldier tries to carry his wounded brother to safety but has to leave him to die in the noman's land between the trenches. As Christmas nears, the German command sends

Christmas trees with lights and tinsel to their troops. The Scottish and French troops receive packages with liquor and trinkets. Anna Sorensen, the opera singer, uses her beauty and charm to get Sprink brought from the front to join her for a concert at German headquarters. Afterwards, he convinces her to return with him to the trenches to sing. On Christmas Day, the commanders call an "offi-

cial" truce to allow everyone to bury the dead. This accidentally allows for the opposing sides to snap back to reality – to share things of the holidays – allowing their cultures to mingle and for peace and understanding to reign, albeit temporarily.

This movie reverberates in our hearts as we realize that these messages are relevant to present-day situ-ations, nearly 100 years later. Unless otherwise noted, screening time is at 1:30

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 the-ater is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. Call 524-8287 for more information. A unique blend of movie, past and present, often with an emphasis in the West – which would mean the new West, the old West or anything in between – and "movies that missed you," films that are notable but never had a lot of publicity, the CineMatinee series is designed to show area residents that film is a form is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art as well as entertainment. At least one film a month for this series has a "New Mexico Connection."

# 'M. Hulot's Holiday' mimes a vacation

French film stars Jacques Tati

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG

Jacques Tati started his entertainment career as a mime, something that would not be hard to guess if you have seen any of the films from his all-too-brief acting and directing career.

Instead of intense verbiage, Tati instead chose to use visuals, sound effects and muttered or background voices in his works, such as "Trafic," my favorite of his films – a hysterical look at the efforts of the staff of a car making company to get their latest innovation, a do-it-all camper, into a French auto show. In "Mon Oncle," Tati leads his young relatives down the road of ruin in their postmodern house, and in this fun pic, "M. Hulot's Holiday," he takes a slightly jaded and acerbic look at French culture and mores of the 1950s. In this perfect holiday movie, Monsieur Hulot, Tati's

alter ego (Tati is also the star of the above-mentioned films), heads to the beach for a well-deserved vacation. Tati's character, Hulot, was supposed to only be the star of this, Tati's first film, but success was not to be trifled with, and M. Hulot also ended up starring in four films, including "Playtime," the weakest of the bunch.

Anyway, once at the French seaside, Hulot ends up in a slightly cheesy hotel and is soon involved in a number of adventures and misadventures.

The mini-skits that run through the movie involve a great sense of timing and a fair amount of pantomime, maybe even some improvising by Tati, and blend almost effortlessly together.

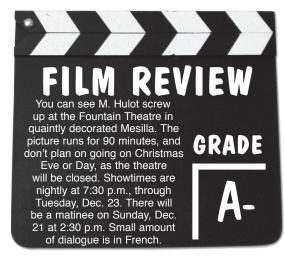
Hulot – who is a tall, skinny, klutzy, but genteel man, always smartly dressed and never without his pipe - looks good and tries hard, but almost always ends up being the brunt of the joke. While on this vacation, he has to deal with the results of his attempts to flirt with an attractive woman with a lot of luggage, some dining room disasters, the best of which involves a swing-ing kitchen door and a pack of dogs that make him the quarry in a game of chase. The hotel proprietor, a sniffy man with anal-retentive

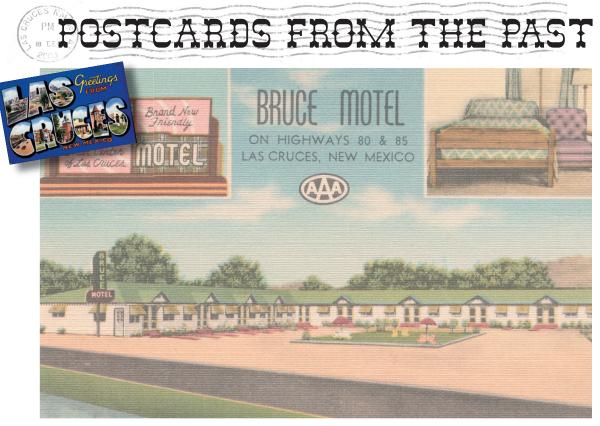
qualities, is not pleased by guests with muddy feet, and, of course, you-know-who has the muddiest of them all. Boats, fireworks and decorative breakage also factor into Hulot's so-called vacation, not to mention his junk heap of a car, which makes it a challenge for Hulot to even get to the beach. Cars and all things automotive became a favorite target of Tati's parody in his other films.

Tati keeps things moving along swiftly, portraying Hulot as just a gentle soul who can't quite fit into mainstream society, while poking fun at how people of the time "relaxed" while on vacation. Imagine Tati remaking this film for this era, where most of the populace thinks they are missing something if they don't check their cell phone every 45 seconds.

"M. Hulot's Holiday" is not usually laugh-out-loud funny, but rather the kind of film where you will find yourself smiling from beginning to end, laughing only on occasion. Tati's successful comedy formula has never really been duplicated, which makes this clever film just that much more interesting.

Send me your recipe for figgy pudding to jeffberg@lascrucesb ulletin.com. DISCLAIMER: Jeff 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 Day the Earth Stood Still' stalls** 'Green' remake of sci-fi classic loses tension, energy

Review by Todd G. Dickson For the Las Cruces Bulletin

In a way, "The Day the Earth Stood Still" illustrated my worst fears.

No, not that the Earth can't withstand human degradation of the planet without some extraterrestrial help, but that Hollywood is incapable of remaking classic movies into new classics and that real acting can't survive amongst computergenerated wizardry. But, to paraphrase Klaatu, one can't survive with the other, so humanity has got to go. First, let's put the 1951 original in

First, let's put the 1951 original in context. It was an accidental classic. Production-wise it was cheap with lowrent special effects – when flying saucers were pretty much flying saucers – and the movie posters resembled pulp fiction covers. What elevated it above other Bmovie science-fictions was its sly script that tapped into Cold War anxiety.

The visiting alien first comes to warn the people of Earth about the madness of atomic warfare, only to be frustrated by the two sides unwillingness to come together to hear what he has to say. Mankind almost gets exterminated not only by its own unleashing of the nuclear genie, but also by its stubbornness and fear of the foreign.

Somehow, all these layers of meaning got lost when someone in Hollywood got the bright idea to update the movie by simply updating humanity's folly from nuclear mutual assured destruction to global warming.

The new "The Day the Earth Stood Still" doesn't reveal its shallowness at first. It actually generates some good tension at the start when a bunch of scientisttypes – including Jennifer Connelly playing the most attractive astro-biology professor I've ever seen – are rounded up by the government in anticipation of a collision with a fast-moving space object.

But the object – now a cloudy sphere instead of the spaceship of old – lands softly in the city park and a soldier, who's never seen "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," promptly shoots the first person exiting it.

The updated alien named Klaatu turns out to be Keanu Reeves, who could be seen as perfectly cast as the Al Gore from another planet. He survives his shooting in large part because he is encased in miraculously healing whale blubber - I'm not kidding here. This movie really becomes "An Inconvenient Truth" on steroids when Reeves reveals that he's come to wipe out humanity because, although people can't survive without the Earth, the Earth can survive without people. When Connelly pleads with Klaatu to give us another chance, he tells her that it's too late, that the prob-lem has reached its "tipping point." Gore really should get screen-writing credit for this line that made me nearly groan audibly in the movie theater. That's OK, the



Jennifer Connelly as Dr. Helen Benson and Keanu Reeves as Klaatu in "The Day the Earth Stood Still"

two sci-fi nerds sitting in my row were guffawing at the line on my behalf.

The movie reaches its politically correct crescendo when Connelly and her stepson – played by Jaden Smith, the talented young son of Will Smith – embrace over the military grave of the boy's father. The love between the beautiful white woman and attractive black boy makes Klaatu realize that humanity is worth saving after all.

Connelly and Smith do admirable jobs injecting some real emotion into this high-budget claptrap, as does John Cleese

playing a Bach-loving scientist who is a Nobel Prize-winner for "biological altruism" – a new Nobel category inspired by Gore, I'm sure.

In fairness to Gore, Reeves performance as Klaatu is even more wooden than Gore's 2000 presidential bid. Is it me, or was "The Devil's Advocate" the last time that Reeves actually did any real acting? Also slumming it is Kathy Bates sputtering even more ridiculous dialogue as the defense secretary.

There are those movie-goers who will still flock to "The Day the Earth Stood Still" to take in the special effects. Sorry to disappoint, but if you've seen the ads or the trailers showing a swarm munching up a semi-truck and football stadium, you pretty much got to see the best spe-



Keanu Reeves as Klaatu in "The Day the Earth Stood Still"

#### THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL

Rated PG-13 for some sci-fi disaster images and violence 1 hour 50 minutes Directed by Scott Derrickson Screenplay by David Scarpa, based on the script for the 1951 version Released by 20th Century Fox Starring Keanu Reeves as Klaatu; Jennifer Connelly as Helen Benson; Kathy Bates as Regina Jackson; Jaden Christoher Smith as Jacob Benson; and John Cleese as Professor Barnhardt.

cial effects. As a global-warming parable it also is not very effective because the movie assumes we know we're messing up the planet good, so it doesn't make any effort to show us doing that. In the end, 1951's "The Day the Earth

In the end, 1951's "The Day the Earth Stood Still" became a clarion call film about the Cold War and nuclear proliferation despite its B-movie pedigree, while the 2008 version is a B-movie despite its A-list actors and budget, after which no one's going to commit themselves to bicycling to work from now on.

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**Nothing Like the** 

**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

**Punisher:** 

War Zone

**Holidays** 

Rated: PG-13

#### 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 sciencefiction classic. Starring: Keanu Reeves Director: Scott Derrickson

# Delgo Rated: PG

Critics' Consensus: Delgo features a blend of plot elements from earlier (and superior) fantasy films, with weaker animation and dull characters Starring: Freddie Prinze Director: Jason Maurer, Marc F. Adler

#### Secret Lives of Bees

Rated: PG-13 Critics' Consensus: The Secret Life of Bees has moments of charm, but is largely too maudlin and sticky-sweet. Starring: Queen Latifah Director: Gina Prince-Bythewood

#### 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

#### Seven Pounds Rated: PG Starring: Will Smith, Rosario Dawson, Woody Harrelson, Barry Pepper Director: Gabriele Muccino

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Rated: R Critics' Consensus: Punisher: War Zone recalls the excessively violent, dialogue-challenged actioners of the 1980s, and coincidentally feels two decades out of date. **Starring:** Ray Stevenson **Director:** Lexi Alexander

> 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

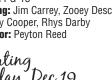
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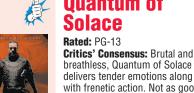
Rated: PG-13 Critics' Consensus: Built on lavish vistas and impeccable production, Australia is unfortunately burdened with thinly drawn characters and a lack of originality. Starring: Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, David Wenham Director: Baz Luhrmann

#### Yes Man

#### Rated: PG-13

Starring: Jim Carrey, Zooey Deschanel, Bradley Cooper, Rhys Darby **Director:** Peyton Reed Starting Friday, Dec.19





delivers tender emotions along with frenetic action. Not as good as franchise reboot Casino Royale, but

**Madagascar:** 

Critics' Consensus: An

consistent humor.

improvement on the original.

crisper animation and more

Director: Eric Darnell, Tom

Quantum of

Starring: The voice of Ben Stiller

Rated: PG

McGrath

Escape 2 Africa

## Transporter 3 Rated: PG-13

Critics' Consensus: This middling installment in the Transporter franchise is a few steps down from its predecessors, featuring generic stunts and a lack of energy. Starring: Jason Statham **Director:** Olivier Megaton

#### The Tale of Despereaux Rated: G

Starring: The voices of Matthew Broderick, Robbie Coltrane Director: Sam Fell. Rob Stevenhagen

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**Bedtime Stories Benjamin Button** Marley & Me Coming Soon







#### • Tuesday, Dec. 23 • **Burn After Reading**

Rated: R Genre: Comedy/Thriller Starring: George Clooney, John Malkovich Frances McDormand Tilda Swinton, Brad Pitt Director: Joel Coen

#### **Death Race**

Rated: R Genre: Action Starring: Jason Stantham, Joan Allen, Tyrese Gibson, Ian McShane Director: Paul W. S. Anderson

#### Hamlet 2 Rated: R

Genre: Comedy Starring: Steve Coogan, Catherine Keener, David Arquette, Amy Poehler Director: Andrew Flemming

## The Women Rated: PG-13

Genre: Comedv Starring: Meg Ryan, Annette Benning, Eva Mendes, Debra Messing, Jada Pinkett Smith Director: Diane English

# **TOP GROSSING**

• December 12-14 •

- Rank Movie Title (Week No.)
  - The Day the Earth Stood Still (1)
- 2 Four Christmases (3)
- **3** Twilight (4)
- **4 Bolt** (4)
- Australia (3) 5
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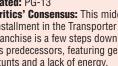


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# Straight from the horse's mouth



I know absolutely nothing about horses except not to climb on one.

Since horses do not speak English, you can't be sure if they like you or not. I have also heard they are smarter than us.

There's one exception. Eric Alwan, the PR director at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino, may enjoy a mental edge over these animals. He holds a degree from Rice, a university for the very intelligent.

Alwan has one fault, however. He wears a coat and tie to work. It's hard to trust a guy dressed like that. Maybe in downtown Dallas but not around horses. Boots and jeans would be a better fit.

His dress not withstanding, Alwan is a tolerant guy, mandatory for public relations directors forced to deal with sports writers of little importance.

He is a genius, though, about racetracks, horses, trainers and jockeys. Ask him a question, you get a quick answer.

During Sunland's off-season, Alwan calls races at the tracks in Albuquerque and Farmington.

Horse racing, like baseball, is fraught with statistics. Not many have escaped Alwan. He is excited about Sunland Park's 50th anniversary season that began Dec. 12. "We'll distribute a total of \$19 million in purses this season," he said. "That's an increase of \$600 to \$800,000 from last year."

Average daily purses, Alwan says, should exceed \$250,000. "In 1998, our daily purses were something like \$30,000," he said. "So you can see how we have grown."

There will be 30 stakes races at Sunland this season worth \$100,000 or more. The \$300,000 Sunland Derby with a \$1 million potential, highlights the schedule. It will be run on Sunday, Mar. 29.

Several nationally known trainers, including Steven Asmussen, the nation's leader, have their sights set on Sunland's stakes races this season.

Racing at Sunland Park will be held on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week until the season ends April 21.

Alwan remembers when the facility opened in 1959. "We did so well financially that the \$4 million note for construction was paid off in five years," he said. "That's pretty awesome.

"In racing, we're the gateway to the West."

# Ags to address low attendance

No more rivalry games during Christmas break

#### By JOHN KEITH The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Aggies' 90-78 victory over UTEP in men's basketball here Sunday drew an estimated crowd of 8,168.

Crowd? Historically, this long-time rivalry lures 10, maybe 12,000 fans to the Pan Am Center. Two factors might be involved in the disappointing attendance. Sunday is not exactly prime

time for college basketball here. "It was the only day it could be worked out in our schedules,' said Marvin Menzies, the Aggies' head coach.

NMSU's students are often on Christmas and semester break during rivalry games with the Miners and the University of New Mexico. Menzies vows to change that

scenario, beginning next season. "We're going to try and schedule our home games with both of the model of the students." he said. "We miss the students." Meanwhile, NMSU and UTEP play again Saturday at the Don Haskins Center in El

Paso. Tipoff is set for 7:05 p.m.

The two-game series with New Mexico follows quickly. NMSU opens with the Lobos Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the Pit in Albuquerque. The rematch is

Erica Sanchez and the Aggie Women's

basketball team host the New Mexico

Lobos at 2:05 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20.

scheduled for Dec. 30 in Las Cruces, long before NMSU's students return for the second semester that begins Jan. 14. The Miners, Menzies knows,

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will be waiting anxiously for a second shot at his team. UTEP received a solid spanking from the Aggies in Round 1 Sunday. Five players scored in double fig-ures for NMSU. Jahmar Young's 22 points, Jonathan Gibson's 19, Wendell McKines's 15, Troy Gillenwater's 11 and Hernst Larouch's 10 figured heavily in the Aggies' victory. New Mexico State's zone

defense flustereed the Miners into a 42.6 percent performance from the field. Senior guards Stafon Jackson and Randy Culpepper hit 23 and 24 points, respectively, and freshman cen-ter Kareem Cooper added 10 to pace UTEP offensively.

The Ags shot 54.9 percent from the field and 78.4 percent from the free throw line, hit-ting most of them down the stretch when it counted. It was the Aggies' best showing offensively so far this season. Menzies said UTEP threw

several different defensive looks at his team. "They gave us lots of pressure," he said. "Half court and full court.

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Aggie Coach Marvin Menzies gives instructions to his players during a time out in last Sunday's 90-78 victory against UTEP.

# NMSU women open long road trip Aggies home against Lobos Dec. 20

Tuesday's game at Northern Colorado opened a long yet crucial trip for the Aggie women's basketball team. Seven of the next eight games will be on the road. New Mexico State's only home game

during this stretch is the Dec. 20 rematch with New Mexico on Saturday, Dec. 20, in the Pan American Center. NMSU plays at Long Beach State Dec. 22 before opening against Long Island, N.Y., in the Maggie Dixon Classic, played in San Diego, Calif., Dec. 28.

The Aggies follow with either San Diego or Chicago on Dec. 30.

New Mexico State opens WAC play at Utah State Jan. 8 and at Nevada at Reno,

Nev., on Jan. 10. The Aggies entered the game at UNC with an even 4-4 record. NMSU's sophomore guards Madison Spence and Danisha Corbett lead the team heading into this long road swing. Both ranked first and fourth, respectively, in the WAC in scoring in games through Dec. 7.

In New Mexico State's last game, the Aggies shot a season-high 51.0 percent from the field and defeated UTEP, 77-67, at home. The victory ended a seven-game losing streak to the Miners.

Tuesday's game with UNC was a rematch

of last year's meeting in Las Cruces in the Aggie Thanksgiving Classic. NMSU won that game, 69-67, and had three players score in double figures, including Spence who put in 15 points on 7-of-12 shooting.

UNC (3-3) returned four of its five starters from that game and eight out of its 10 that played against the Aggies. Junior guard Whitley Cox scored 23 in Las Cruces last year and she leads all four Bears that are scoring in double figures this year. Northern Colorado, which played at Missouri-Kansas City on Sunday, is 1-0 at home this season.

In between NMSU's last game against UTEP (Dec. 7) and its game at Northern Colorado, the Aggies took eight days off. The layoff came at a good time for the players since final exams were held during the week of Dec. 8-12.

This is the second consecutive season where New Mexico State has had a long break sandwiched between games. Last year, the Aggies had 10 games off in between their first and second game of the year and also had a 10-day break in the 2005-06 season.

The common theme in those two instances was that New Mexico State won in its return and did so by an average of 20.5 points.

# **Rivalry game**

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"We'll work on dealing with that in practice this week. We have a system that allows us to adjust to whatever our opponents throw at us.'

The Aggies' coach remembers UTEP's hostile crowd last year. "We'll have to

deal with that," he said. "The crowd tries to get in your head. It'll be good for our guys, especially when we play on the road during conference season." New Mexico State has yet to win

on the road this season. The Ags lost at Southern Cal, 73-60; at Long Beach State, 82-77; at Kansas, 100-79; and at North Texas, 85-83.



# **Brittney Moore**

#### Freshman, Swimmer

Freshman Brittney Moore won two individual events at San Diego Dec. 13 to guide the Aggies to a 150-144 victory in a WAC meet. She claimed top honors in the 500 and 1,000 freestyle. Moore recorded a season-best time in the 1,000 free (10:29.49), which is also a team-best performance.



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**Brittney Moore** 

# **Auten placed on Wallace Player of the Year watch** Aggie first-baseman is practicing hard during baseball's off-season

New Mexico State first baseman Chris Auten was recently placed on the 2009 Brooks Wallace Player of the Year Award watch list that was released by The College Baseball Foundation.

"It has become the norm for us to have a player on the Player of the Year watch list," coach Rocky Ward said. "Auten is very deserving and has worked hard this offseason to increase consistency in his power output. We are looking to Chris to have a big year and to provide quality leadership for this team."

In his first season with the Aggies, Auten played in 60 of NMSU's 61 games and had the second-highest batting aver-age on the team at .365 while coming up with a team-high 92 hits and 24 doubles.

"I'm honored to be nominated for this, but am really looking forward to helping the team make it to postseason play this year," Auten said. "It's good that I get to represent NMSU baseball like this, but honestly I am more worried about getting wins as a team."

Auten also hammered in 10 home runs and posted a .579 slugging percentage, helping his team pick up 15 conference wins in 2008, the most since NMSU joined the Western Athletic Conference.

The Wallace Award is dedicated to the memory of former Texas Tech player and assistant coach xxxxxxx



New Mexico State first baseman Chris Auten had a team-high 92 hits and 24 doubles in his first season with the Aggies.



# **Nthe Green** Santa hasn't teed off yet

# Here are a few last-minute holiday gift ideas

The search for the perfect, most appreciated, most useful gift for a dyed-in-the-wool golfer can be an illusive one. A quick glance on ebay will show that there's enough golf equipment, sportswear, accessories, memorabilia and paraphernalia to send a golfer into orbit. And in a month I'll be traveling to the PGA annual golf show in Orlando to see the latest and best in what's new. But for now, time is running out on our last-minute holiday shopping. If your favorite golfer hasn't had a chance to sit on Santa's lap, here are some of the Golf Doctor's gift suggestions.

Unless you are a transplanted Lobo here in Las Cruces, golf stuff adorned with the New Mexico State University Aggie logo is always popular. Go into the NMSU Golf Course pro shop and check out their selection of Aggie golf accessories. My favorite is the Ping Hoofer Vantage stand bag in crimson and white with script lettering along the side pocket. It's lightweight for walking, with dual straps, and just fine for a cart; and it's only \$179. The Team style cart bag, with Aggie logo, is also nice, with more room and wider club dividers, and only \$165. Be sure to get matching logo head covers in the mid-\$30 range. And remember, Aggie "players" towels and Titleist "Pistol Pete" golf caps make great stocking stuffers.

If you've been thinking of golf attire, head over to the shop at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course where they have a wonderful selection of rainwear, nicely priced from \$45 to \$110. Consider the DryJoy soft-shell jacket at \$89.99; or the DryJoy Tour short sleeve pullover at \$110; or the FootJoy wind shirt at \$44.99. While you're there, take a look at the sharp Callaway wristwatches at around \$100. Your golfer will appreciate a Sonoma Ranch logo divot tool in his stocking and pocket for under \$20. Still confused? Just ask one of the assistant club professionals about a gift certificate.

My pick in the "really unique" gift category is a swing and practice enhancement device called The Radar. At \$199 (plus shipping and handling) The Radar is an affordable ball-flight monitor that gives the golfer immediate feedback on shots from every distance. It's actually one of the only "consumer" golf-shot flight monitors available; computerized versions cost thousands. It's portable and can be stored in your golf bag. This little high-tech nano-second beauty takes 100,000 measurements from the moment of golf ball impact, recording and reading out ball velocity, launch and carry distance with tremendous accuracy. Vijay Singh says he loves it on the practice range, but you can also use it at home hitting into a net. You can order from www.vjsradar.com, or by calling 1-888-NGP-TURF.

On the slightly pricier side, consider getting a Sky-Caddie (www.skygolf.com) GPS rangefinder. Disclaim-



er: Just so you know, SkyCaddie isn't the only GPS golf rangefinder out there. Like cell phones, now there are at least a dozen competitors in the field offering vaguely similar devices. You can even get one for your GPS-enabled cell phone! I'll be doing a product review early next year. But for now we're talking SkyCaddie and these folks confidently assert that it is "the world's simplest, most powerful rangefinder (available), created by golfers for golfers." The SkyCaddie is about the size of a cell phone and gives you the same information that a Tour caddie gives a pro, right in the palm of your hand. We're talking a large, full-color display screen that gives you distance in yards to the front, back and center of the green from just about anywhere, distance to hazards and distance to specific targets. There are actually up to 40 reference points per hole. Few of us are that good to process 40 points (I do two) but I have used my SkyCaddie for over 15 months, and I still think it is one of the best golfing products ever made. The rechargeable unit even gives you driving distance at the press of a button, and it has a backlit screen for great readouts in bright daylight or the low light of dusk. Once you start using the SkyCaddie, you'll find that you won't want to play golf without one again. Golf Digest says this: "SkyGolf is unmatched in its mapping process because each of the 21,000 courses in the company's database has been hand-mapped." Go over to Ride On Sports at 525 S. Telshor Blvd. and see Dave Hill. Dave will explain the SkyCaddie SG2.5 for \$299 or the SG5.0 for \$399. Their phone number is 521-1686.

This being the most festive season of the year, I think the gift of wine is often appropriate. My wine selections this year are both by golfing-legend turned maker-of-fine-wines Greg Norman. Norman grows excellent grapes in his native Australia and now in California. "My passion for fine wine has led me to explore and champion the great winemaking regions of the world," says the former golfing heartthrob known as The Great White Shark. Norman is a man of discriminating taste and cultured penchants in nearly everything, so when he talks adult beverages I'll listen. One of the two Norman wines you should consider



#### **DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD** Golf Doctor

is his 2006 Shiraz (\$14) from Australia's Limestone Coast, which he describes this way: "dark plum and Coast, which ne describes this way. The black cherry are enhanced with a touch of spicy oak and followed by supple yet supportive tannins." Wha he means is it's darn good. The other is a 2006 Greg Norman Pinot Noir (\$17) from his Santa Barbara California Estates. This is wine offering that is "well balanced with floral scents and flavors of black cherry, plum and tamarind that resonate in a smooth savory finish." Just like a wedge shot from 120 yards, a good choice. Both Greg Norman wines are available at the Celebrate beverage shop at 900 S. Telshor Blvd. The phone number is 521-1154.

Happy holidays from Dr. Golf.

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 Perfor-mance Golf Schools. Through his seminars, motivational speak-ing and individual coaching, he accepting and organize ing and individual coaching, he assists executives and organiza-tions to strengthen leadership effectiveness. He can be contacted  $at\ drblanchard @lascruces bullet in.com.$ 

## **Ags face Marymount** Coach predicts a close meet

The New Mexico State swimming and diving team has a non-conference meet at Loyola Marymount, Friday, Dec. 19, in Los Angeles, Calif.

The meet concludes the Aggies west coast trip after defeating San Diego, 150-144, Dec. 13. The team has spent the week in southern California practicing and training. "Loyola is an improved team and we'll have some

great matchups like we did against San Diego," head coach Rick Pratt said. "We have had a great trip so far and the team's attitude and work has been amazing. We have accomplished a lot in practice and to finish the week with a competitive meet will be a good challenge.

The Aggies have a break from competition until travelling to Northern Colorado on Jan. 16



#### Jon Allen



Jon Allen is an 18-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. He plays on the Trojans' basketball team and made 27 points and had 16 rebounds in last week's game. Allen had shoulder surgery in late May and has had to work extremely hard to get back to being a solid contributor to the team. He is a dedicated teammate, a favorite among his teachers and is a strong, quiet young man. He has a GPA of 3.5 and enjoys reading and working out.





# **Christmas presents for Aggie coaches this year**

Ole Pistol Pete plays Santa Claus

best gift is the

This is ole Pete's last column before Christmas, so I thought I would share with you the gifts I would give to the NMSU Aggies as if I had Santa's magic at my

disposal. For swim coach Rick Pratt, an honorary doctorate for his learned mind in coaching and teaching. Pratt's swim team ranked with the Ivy Leaguers like Yale when it came to academics last year. An education is a gift that renews itself every time you use that 66

noggin'. For women's hoops coach Darin Spence, a golden-plated door knocker. For three years in a row, Špence has been knocking on the WAC women's championship door. With Pete's gift he'll blow that door right off its

hinges, the way Billy the Kid used to bust out of a southern New Mexico jail cell

I am not sure Mike Jordan has room in his house for more treasurers. He has so many coach of the year trophies, he needs a new wing in his office. All conference plaques and academic honor certificates have been so frequent, he needs a storage unit for them, and adding an NCAA win to the many NCAA trips had to be the second-brightest star on his tree. I'm guessing that Jordan's marriage to his bride Jennifer back in July had to be the best gift he will ever receive.

I'd give Scott Lieberwirth and



Paul Brilliant fair weather every time their teams have to tee it up. Also here's to a tail wind for Oren Richburg's runners and a bunch of strong arms for Rocky Ward. Those arms would be for pitchers and fielders to keep the opponent honest while the Aggies drive home a record

number of runs. Marvin Menzies would get to stay up late March 14 and For Ole Pete, the sleep soundly on March 15 courtesy of Pete. He'd be up one that brings celebrating the WAC basketball championhim together with ships and sleeping family and friends. like a baby knowing the Aggies were again . . . in the big dance.

Dr. McKinley Bos-

ton gets eyeglasses that continue to help focus on the vision he has for NMSU athletics and a nice big mug of grog so he can relax after his search for the next football coach is over.

For Ole Pete, the best gift is the one that brings him together with family and friends to relive the old times and keep the flame of friendship glowing. I offer that gift to you as well, Aggie fans. The true gift is the gift of you. Pete tries his best to give that every day, and I hope you will

too. Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

PETE



Up until I was about 25 years old, I had a hard time waiting to see what presents I would get for Christmas. The anticipation was a great deal of the fun, but it could be agonizing to endure.

Similarly, Aggie fans are hoping for an early present in the form of the name of the new football coach. On Dec. 15, Athletic Director Dr. McKinley Boston said he expected to have a recommendation to Interim President Dr. Waded Cruzado by early next week. Assuming the schedule Boston has laid out follows true to course, the news should break shortly after you have picked up the wrapping paper and put a dent into your leftovers from the Christmas meal.

I still have enough innocent belief inside me that says the Aggies can build a consistent program in the WAC. To me, consistent means holding your own every year, with a bowl trip possible three times a decade. It is the season when we dream of miracles, but I don't see consistency as that miraculous. It takes support that becomes belief in the fan base in the Mesilla Valley. This road started in 1990 when Jim Hess started to right the ship. It has moved slowly and tortuously, and it can continue to climb the steep hill of WAC football with a strong fan base on board.

The last four years have been the first four that has seen the NMSU's athletics department run professionally. Uprooting old beliefs whose



times have come and gone takes time, but look what has been built in that time. The upgrades to Aggie Memorial that will continue with football offices and meeting rooms added on to the fieldhouse. The addition of a soccer program that begins competition in a year and the squad will have its own playing field soon. The Pan Am remodel and the emphasis on true academic progress are a long way from the 1990s when the journey began. Candidly, I have no idea

who will get the job, but I know what sort of person Boston and his selection committee is looking for. The qualities I detailed in a previous column, how the search committee and Boston are on the same page, and how to keep the fire of inter-est burning in Aggie football. A member of the regents, local businessmen, savvy alumni and professors are all on board for the final decision. This committee has enough diversity of thought to red flag traits or attitudes that don't fit the community-oriented attitude that is at the top of the list of desirable qualities. The decision will be Boston's, but his meeting with the president follows the proper chain of command for a major hire. Just enjoy your holiday and expect the excitement to start in the New Year.

**Stephanie Peacock** 

swimming and diving

# This Week In Aggie **Athletics**

#### Friday, Dec. 19

Swimming and Diving Loyola Marymount Los Angeles, Calif. 12 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20

Men's Basketball UTEP El Paso, Texas 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball New Mexico Las Cruces 2 p.m.

#### Monday, Dec. 22

Women's Basketball Long Beach State Long Beach, Calif. 4:30 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, Dec. 23**

Men's Basketball New Mexico Albuquerque, N.M. 6:30 p.m.

# **Did You** Know ...

The 90 points the NMSU men's basketball team scored in the first meeting of the year with UTEP Dec. 14 was the most by either team in the series since Dec. 2, 2000.

# Trivia Question

**Q:** When was the last Aggie men's basketball team victory over New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M.?

A: NMSU last defeated the Lobos, 72-60, Dec. 15, 2002 in Albuquerque, despite winning the last three home games in the series.



# **Aggie student-athlete spotlight**



#### Jonathan Gibson Junior **Men's Basketball**

Junior guard Jonathan Gibson averaged a teamhigh 17.5 points per game in two wins for the NMSU men's basketball team. He

shot 72.2 percent from the field and 60 percent from the 3-point line. Gibson had 19 points on a 7-for-10 shooting performance against UTEP on Dec. 14 and 16 points and four assists versus Sacramento State on Dec. 11.



dell McKines directed the Aggies to a pair of victories over Sacramento State, 76-65, on Dec. 11, and UTEP, 90-78, on Dec. 14. He posted a pair of double-doubles in the

wins. Against Sacramento State, McKines had 17 points and 11 rebounds before a 15point and season-high 12-rebound performance off the bench against UTEP. He has three consecutive double-double showings this year and four total this season.



a member of both the 200medley and 400-free relays, which collected first-place finishes. Individually, Peacock won the 100 backstroke and was third in the 100 freestyle.

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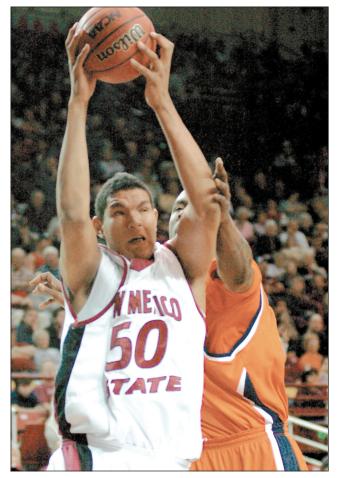
# **Aggies handle UTEP Miners**

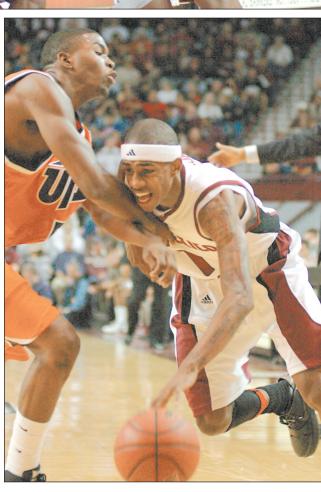
# NMSU zone stifles arch rivals, 90-78

Troy Gillenwater contributed 11 points in the Aggies' victory over UTEP in the Pan American Center Sunday afternoon.

Below: Chris Gabriel showed progress against the Miners with 4 points and 7 rebounds in only 11 minutes.









Jahmar Young led the Aggies in scoring with 22 points.

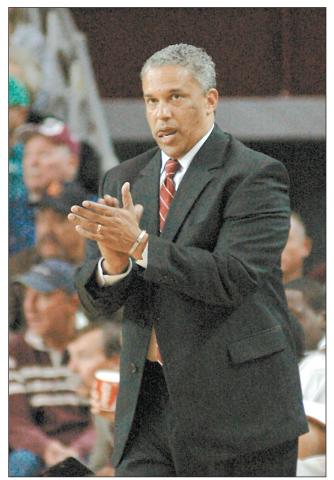
NMSU head coach Marvin Menzies installed a 2-3 zone that frustrated the Miners' offense for most of the game.

> PHOTOS BY NIKI RHYNES

The NMSU bench cheers an Aggie play during Sunday afternoon's game. From left: Graduate Assistant Trei Steward, Robert Lumpkins, Kelly Merker, Gordo Castillo and Chris Gabriel.



Jonathan Gibson was 4 of 7 from 3-point range and helped the Aggies stay ahead of UTEP.





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# Wrestling at the Las Cruces Invitational



LCHS wrestler Ian Beauregard attempts to pin Mayfield's David Ramirez in the 140pound weight division. The Bulldawgs finished 11th in the 36-team Las Cruces Invitational tournament held at Las Cruces High School last weekend.

> Mayfield senior Travis Holmes attempts to roll out of trouble against a Ruidoso wrestler in the 145-pound division. The Trojans tied Gadsden for 17th place in the team standings.



Oñate's Tyler Hopkins tries to get back on the offense against El Paso Franklin's Geonitasa McPhatter at 160 pounds.





PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Heavyweights C.J. Garner of Oñate and Hunter Weaver of Rio Rancho battle. Oñate finished seventh in the team standings.

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Clerk of said County on March

3, 2003, in Book 20 Pages 259-

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

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cause, which was a suit to

cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judg-ment 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 addition-al costs and attorney's fees pecessary to protect the real

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to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time

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cessful bidder's funds shall

be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bid-der for any damages.

Notice is further given that

the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above

described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on December 1, 2008.

John A. Darden, III,

Las Cruces, New Mexico

VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C. 6100 Uptown Blvd., N.E., Suite 500

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Dates 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 2008

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to the place stated below in paragraph A. The sealed bid is for a Forty (40) year lease of

the lands described below in

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

ver 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

A) Sealed Bid: Date: January

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Total Costs \$37,256.21

the lands described below in paragraph B. The most impor-tant terms of the lease are summarized in paragraph C. The requirements and qualifi-cations of any and all bidders in this sealed bid are stated in paragraph D. If you would The deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded.

in paragraph D. If you would like a draft of the lease being F) How to Obtain a Copy offered for bid, or if you require of the Lease, or Other Information: 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

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 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 writing by the of Public Lands

Time: 4:00 p.m. Place: New Mexico State Land Dated in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 28th day of October, 2008. 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Patrick H. Lyons Commissioner of Public Lands Santa Fe, New Mexico

B) Description of the prop-erty to be leased: Lot 3, Lot 4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4 of Section 2; NE1/4, SW/4, SE1/4 of Section 10; E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 16, Townsbin 24, South Bange Pub # 8974 
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C) Summary of the Lease: The term of this lease shall be for Forty (40) years. The State Land Office has received No. CV-08-1906 Judge: Robles an application for a long-term ARNALDO T. LOYA. lease of the lands proposing

Plaintiff.

to use 798.65 acres for the 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 remain-ing 360 00 acres will be held EULALIA BENAVIDEZ

EULALIA BENAVIDEZ VARELA, Deceased, Her unknown heirs, any unknown Person claim-ing through her, and any other Unknown person making claim adverse to the Plaintiff. Defendants. NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Unknown heirs of the following deceased person: Eulalia Benavidez Varela, any unknown person claiming through her, and any unknown person making claim adverse to the Plaintiff

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action is to obtain a judgment and decree of Quiet Title to the property described in the complaint in the cause.

Further, prospective bid-ders must include in their bid a deposit of \$37,256.21 Unless you file a responsive pleading in this action within thirty 30) days of this pub-lication, judgment granting the relief prayed for will be granted.

The Attorney for the Plaintiff is Ben A. Longwill, 741 N. Alameda Blvd. #4, Las Cruces, NM 88005

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County on this 7 day of Oct, 2008.

NADINE SANCHEZ CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Richard Armijo

Submitted by: Submitted by: /s/Ben A. Longwill Ben A. Longwill Attorney for Plaintiff 741 N. Alameda Blvd. Ste. 4 Las Cruces, NM 88005 575-524-4141

Pub #8342 Dates 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1710 Judge Robles

WHITE SANDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

JOHN A. FLORES and GLADYS RICO-FLORES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATES OF AMERICA (U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION), MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, INC. and STATE OF CALIFORNIA (DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPDOPT SEPURCES) SUPPORT SERVICES), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, December 29th, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the under-signed Special Master will, at offices of HOLT BABINGTON offices of HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT P.C., 1660 Hickory Loop, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the below described real estate to the highest bid-der for cash. The property to be der for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1205 Percha Creek Way, Las Cruces, NM, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as fol-

lows: Lot 7, Block J, CAVE CREEK SUBDIVISION PHASE 2B AT SONOMA RANCH SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof filed in the office Plat thereof, nied in the office of the County Clerk of said County on December 21, 1999, in Book 19 Pages 357-358 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on and numbered cause on November 21, 2008 against Defendants John A. Flores and Gladys Rico-Flores, being an action to foreclose a real estate mortgage under which Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first and prior lies have a first and prior lien against the above-described real estate securing payment of its Judgment in the amount of \$263.102.37

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Plaintiff, or its successors, has the right to bid at such sale all of its

Judgment amount and submit Judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its Judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The proceeds of the sale shall be applied to pay any costs incurred for the maintenance and protection of the property, to satisfy the Judgment in favor of Plaintiff including the Judgment Amount, accrued Judgment Amount, accrued interest at the rate of 8.75% interest at the rate of 8.75% per annum from November 21, 2008 through December 29, 2008 in the amount of \$2,396.75; Special Master's fee in the amount of \$200.00, plus publication costs in the amount of \$466.02; for a total amount of \$266.165.14 total amount of \$266,165.14. Additional reasonable attor Additional reasonable attor-neys' fees may be awarded upon application to the Court and would be satisfied from the proceeds of the sale. Any additional proceeds remaining after the satisfaction of the above will be applied as deter-mined by the Court.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real prop-erty and improvements con-cerned 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 sperecorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER **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. NOTICE IS FINALLY

**GIVEN** that the Special Master may continue the sale from time to time if necessary from time to time if necessary without republishing Notice of Sale so long as the Special Master appears at the desig-nated times schedule for said sale and announces the post-ponement thereof to another specific date.

/s/ELAINE KAUFMANN Special Master Submitted by

HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT P.C. /s/ANNAMARIE DELOVATO Attorneys for Plaintiff P.O. Box 2699

Las Cruces, New Mexico (575) 524-8812

Dates 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 2008

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D0307CV200802113

STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN

FELIPE AGUIRRE; ISIDRA AGUIRRE OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE

County, New Mexico, said property being more partic-ularly described as: Lot 11, Block B. ALAMEDA ESTATES Block B, ALAMEDA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat there-of, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on Fabruary 20 1964 in Book on February 20, 1964, in Book 9 Page 19 of Plat Records; 9 Page 19 of Plat Records; Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before January 19, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

STAWIARSKI By: Sharon Hankla Sharon Hankla Sharon Hankla Karen Howden Weaver 999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1 Denver, CO 80202 (800) 286-0013; (202) 295 2222 (303) 285-2222 Attorney for Plaintiff

ROBERT E ROBLES ROBERT E ROBLES, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 19th day of November 2008.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Deputy 08-1210/ Aguirre, Felipe;

By: M Longwill

Pub #8352

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

NO. D0307CV200801980

ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST 2005-3, Plaintiff,

FELIPE AGUIRRE: ISIDRA AGUIRRE; OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, Defendants.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at as 304 Terry Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana

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Respectfully Submitted, CASTLE MEINHOLD &

WITNESS the Honorable

Nadine A Sanchez

P502185 Dates 12/5 12/12 12/19 2008

U.S. BANK NATIONAL

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to

the above-named Defendants Felipe Aguirre and Isidra Aguirre. GREETINGS: You

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 mortrage on property located

mortgage on property located at 4227-4233 Holliday LN,

at 4227-4233 Holliday LN, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particu-larly described as: See Exhibit A Exhibit "A" January 4, 2005 Description of a 0.800 Acre Tract A tract of land situate North of Las Cruces Doña

North of Las Cruces, Doña

Ana County, New Mexico, being part of Lot 8, Block 31, Elephant Butte Land and

Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Subdivision "A", plat filed March 30, 1911, and August 4, 1911, in Doña Ana County Records, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southwest cor-ner of this tract: Identical to

ner of this tract: Identical to

ner of this tract; Identical to the Southwest corner of Lot 8, Block 31, Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Subdivision "A"; Thence, from the point of beginning, N. 41 degrees 03' 30" W., a distance of 219 0.3 feet to a 1/2" iron

degrees 03' 30'' W., a distance of 219.03 feet to a 1/2'' iron

NOTICE OF SUIT

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE TRUST, 2005-5, Plaintiff,

UNKNOWN, Defendants.

the above-named Defendants Felipe Aguirre and Isidra Aguirre. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has

ing 0.800 acre land, more or ing 0.800 acre land, more or less. Subject to a 15.00 foot wide road and utility ease-ment parallel and immedi-ately adjacent to the Easterly boundary and an 8.00 foot wide irrigation easement par-allel and immediately adja-cent to the Westerly bound-ary. Also subject to all other seasements, and reservations seasements and reservations of record. Information in the of record. Information in the perparation of this description derives from Warrenty Deed recorded in Book 244, Page 670, of the Doña Ana County Records. A plat was prepared under Job No. 04-12-1128. Filed Noted by Scanlon White, Inc. Licence No. 043. /c/Tod Inc., License No. 9433, /s/Ted

G. Scanlon, PS 9433 Job No. 04-12-1128 brady 626 Exhibit 04-12-1128 brady 626 Exhibit A Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before January 19, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you. Respectfully Submitted CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI By: Sharon Hankla 25. Sharon Hankla Sharon Hankla Karen Howden Weaver 999 18th St., 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1 Denver, CO 80202 (800) 286-0013;

rod found for the Northwest

corner of this tract; Thence N. 49 degrees 24' 00" E, a distance of 181.25 feet to a

distance of 181.25 feet to a 1/2" iron found on the Easterly line of a 15.00 foot wide road and utility easement, know as Holliday Lane; Identical to the Westerly line of a 50.00 foot

wide transmission line ease-ment; for the Northeast cor-

ner of this tract; Thence along

the Easterly line of Holliday

the Easterly line of Holliday Lane, S. 29 degrees 37' 20" E., a distance of 223.01 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract; Thence, leaving Holliday Lane, S. 49 degrees 21' 30" W, a distance of 137.03 feet to the neutr of herinpung enclose

the point of beginning, enclos-

Attorney for Plaintiff WITNESS the Honorable 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 tolk chord Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 19th day of November 2008.

08-0448/ Aguirre, Felipe;

Dates 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL

CHARTER BANK, a feder

LETICIA YSABEL JUAREZ

AND CORRINE ARZABAL

**BENAVENTE**, Defendants

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

ally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

(303) 285-2222

Nadine A Sanches CLERK OF THE DISTRICT

COURT By: M Longwill

Deputy

P502188

Pub #8353

DISTRICT

No. CV 08-2330

AMENDED

NOTICE OF SALE

Judge Robert E. Robles

Pamela A. Carmody c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A. P.O. Drawer 16169

Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 (575) 642-5567

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL

DISTRICT COURT

Plaintiff,

NO. D0307CV200802389

SABRINA L. MARTIN;

CHRIS FROST; LINDSEY GOLDEN; OCCUPANTS,

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to

the above-named Defendants Sabrina L. Martin and Lindsey

GREETINGS: You are hereby

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

WHOSE TRUE NAMES

ARE UNKNOWN

NOTICE OF SUIT

Golden

CITIFINANCIAL, INC.,

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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,

#### 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 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 fol-lowing described real estate becated in the above-named located in the above-named County and State:

16A, SUNRIDGE 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 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 ords

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 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 judg-ment and has a lien against the above-described real extate. the above-described real estate in the sum of \$153,774.93 (including interest to the (including interest to the date of sale), plus addition-al 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 has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply writing. Plantiff 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 Mastar

Notice is further given that the real property and improve-ments will be sold subject to ments 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 recorneyibility for 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 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 contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concern ing 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. the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these con-ditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The suc-cessful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not

be liable to the successful bid-der for any damages. Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above

described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law. DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on December 1, 2008. John A. Darden, III, Special Master P.O. Box 578 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0578 (575) 541-6655

ing the property, if any.

John A. Darden, III, Special

Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0578 (575) 541-6655

mental to the surface rights on record with the Elephant

owned by the applicant for the

continued irrigation of .999 acres all of which is located

within the Pt NE 1/4 SE 1/4

Irrigation District

Butte

Basin

the

Maste P.O. Box 578

Submitted by:

#### Submitted by

VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C. 6100 Uptown Blvd., N.E., Suite 500 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 (505) 884-8444 Pub # 8356 Dates 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. CV-2008-1983 Judge Jerald A. Valentine

CHARTER BANK, a feder-

ally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

#### WANCHAI PETERSON. JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE (unknown occu-pants), Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF SALE

VOGEL CAMPBELL & Notice is hereby given that the BLUEHER, P.C. 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 6100 Uptown Blvd., N.E., Suite 500 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 (505) 884-8444 Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder Pub # 8357 Dates 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named 12/26, 2008 Defendants in and to the fol-

lowing described real estate located in the above-named County and State: Lot 67 of Legends West North Phase 1, Las Cruces, New 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 2862 Meriwether Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico, The 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 grant-ed indement and has a lien ed judgment and has a lien inst the above-described against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$166,603.51 (including inter-est 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 of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in 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 the discretion of the Special

Notice is further given that the real property and improve-ments will be sold subject to any and all patent reservaments will be sold subject to any and all patent reserva-tions, easements, all recorded

Master.

well LRG-2038-POD1 will be retained for other water right and unrecorded liens not fore-closed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessowners.

ments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys Any person, firm or corpora 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 manufact Any person, firm or corpora-tion or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impair-ment, you must specifically the application: (1) if impair-ment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water with-in the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State of title to a mobile or manufac tured home on the property, if any, environmental contami-nation on the property, if any, and zoning violations concern-ing the property if any. Notice is further given that in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop Suite J, Las Cruces NM 88005 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. within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these con-ditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The suc-cessful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bid-der for any dompore this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid pro-test-as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours ofthe facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be fored to 575.524 6160. If der for any damages. Notice is further given that be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer purchaser at such sale will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law. 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3

Dates 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 2008 DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on December 1, 2008

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

No. CV-2008-2236 Judge: Valentine

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE **DEPARTMENT**, Petitioner, RICHARD MANCHA, JAIME MANCHA, AND 1999 Mazda 4DR, TAN; VIN: 1YVGF22C9XS891946;

Texas License Plate No. **K09BHP Respondents.** 

NOTICE OF PENDENCY NOTICE is hereby given that on November 12, 2008, Leslee Alexander, 5950 Shalem Colony Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-2038-POD2 with the State Engineer for OF ACTION

To: Richard Mancha, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1999 Mazda 4DR, Tan; VIN: 1YVGF22C9XS891946; Texas License Plate No. K09BHP.

of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by ceasing use of well LRG-2038-POD1 located within the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of project-od Spatian 20 Twarkin 20 2. You are the named Respondent for whom this sered Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM where X=1453885 feet, vice by publication is sought. Y=500615 feet N.M. State Y=500615 feet N.M. State Plain Coordinate System Central Zone NAD83, and by continuing the diversion of a to be determined acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater claimed supple-mental to the surface rights

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney. CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly Deputy City Attorney P.O. Box 20000

575-541-2128 Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8362 Dates 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 2008

Butte Irrigation District (EBID) from a replacement well drilled to a depth of les than 200 feet and fitted with 4 inch casing and locat-ed where X=1454079 feet, Y=500817 feet N.M. State Plain Coordinate System Plain Coordinate System Central Zone NAD83, on land

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE MATTER OF THE

ESTATE OF GARRY W SMITH, Deceased. Cause No. PB-2008-0178 Judge: Alice M. Salcido

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

within the Pt. NE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 20 and NW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 1/4 of projected Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM. All the above located on map LRN-4 of the Lower Rio Grande Posin Hydrographic Sympol Henry Smith has been appoint-Hydrographic Survey ed Personal Representative of the Estate of Garry W. Smith, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present Subfile No. LRN280040081A Proposed change location of well LRG-2038-POD2 can be found at 5950 Shalem Colony Trail, Las Cruces NM. Old

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 Pers nal sented either to the Personal Representative c/o SAMUEL I. KANE, P.A., (Samuel I. Kane, Esq.), 1018 E. Amador, Las Cruces, NM 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, 180 W. Amador, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

Dated this 24th day of November, 2008

Samuel I. Kane, Attorney for Henry Smith, Personal Representative of the Estate of GARRY W. SMITH, deceased

Prepared by: SAMUEL I. KANE, P.A. 1018 E. Amado Las Cruces, NM 88001 (575) 526-5263

Samuel I. Kane, Attorney for Personal Representatives Pub #8364

Dates 12/12, 12/19, 2008 STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PHYLLIS

SELDERS, DECEASED. No. PB 2008-126

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Phyllis Selders, 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 publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned at: Phillip R. Larsen, 800 Camino Del Rex, Las Cruces, NM 88001, or filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court of Doña Ana County, New Movies

800 Camino Del Rex Las Cruces, NM 88001 Pub #8365

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL

IN THE MATTER OF THE

No. PB-2008- 115 (Martin)

NOTICE IS HEREBY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. All persons hav-ing claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Co-personal Representatives, in care of the Bates Law Firm, PO Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Luciac Dicticat Courts Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88005. DATED: December 3, 2008.

James N. Abbott Jr.

Jade L. Gabel Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Margaret L. Abbott, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that the ership

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Monday, January 5, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers, 200 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 North Church, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Clerk

NOTICE IS HEREBY NO CV 2008-01660 AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., a Delaware corpora-tion, Plaintiff, FEDERICO MALDONADO

FEDERICO MALDONADO and CLAUDIA MALDONADO, husband and wife; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA acting through the FARMERS HOME ADMINISTPATION New Mexico. ADMINISTRATION, Phillip R. Larsen UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; ANTHONY, NEW MEXICO WATERAND SANIT

Dates 12/12, 12/19, 2008

DISTRICT COURT

ESTATE OF MARGARET L. ABBOTT, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the Special Master, Pamela A. 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 interact of the above 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 Ine Property is also known as 1527 Angie Provencio, Anthony, New Mexico 88021; provided, however, that any discrepancy between the street address and the legal descrip-tion shall be resolved in favor of the legal description.

Pub #8369 Dates 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 2009

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Stipulated And Default Judgment And Decree For Foreclosure entered November 19, 2008, in the above-entitled and numbered above-entitied and humbered 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 ajudgment against Defendants Federico Maldonado and Claudia Maldonado and a Claudia Maldonado and a first, prior and paramount mortgage lien against the Property as follows: a judg-ment in the principal amount of (i) Fifty-Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$52,174.00), with interact accruing thereon with interest accruing thereon from October 1, 2007 at the from October 1, 2007 at the rate of Eleven and 46/1 00 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 42/1 00 Dollars (\$939.42), (iii) reasonable attorneys' fees in the sum of attorneys' fees in the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Three and 75/100 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 publica-tion and (vi) any additional

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 plus tax, and costs of publica-tion, and (vi) any additional attorneys' fees and costs actu-ally expended from the date of this judgment until the date of the Special Master's Sale MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID 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 Other than information regarding the amount of the Judgment, information AUGUST 20, 2004 IN PLAT

regarding (i) any and all taxes and assessments due and BOOK 20, FOLIO 768-769. Unless you serve a pleading and assessments due and owing on the Property, (ii) any and all reservations, restric-tions and easements pertain-ing to the Property, and (iii) any and all other informa-tion sought pursuant to a due diligence search, must be independently obtained by a potential nurchaser at that 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, potential purchaser, at that potential purchaser's sole cost CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI By: Sharon Hankla and expense. Sharon Hankla Karen Howden Weaver Karen Howden We 999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1 Denver, CO 80202 (800) 286-0013; (202) 867 9292

The subject property will be sold subject to: patent res-ervations, restrictions, ease-ments of record, taxes and governmental assessments, any liens, encumbrances or interests not otherwise foreinterests not otherwise fore-closed 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 redemp-tion as provided by law. Plaintiff, American General, may bid all or part of its judgmay bid all or part of its judg-ment against the property and is hereby authorized to make is bid by regular U.S. Mail, fax or email to the Special Master or by telephone call to the Special Master.

Deputy 07-1994/ Martin, Sabrina L. / P504112 Said sale will be made to the highest bidder for cash, Pub #8370 immediately available funds, or decreed lien, and the time Dates 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 2008 or decreed lien, and the time thereof may be postponed in the event the Special Master, in his judgment, deems advis-able. Additional surplus money, if any, is to be dis-tributed in accordance with a further Order of the Court in this matter. STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT NO. D0307CV200802149 this matter.

The redemption period is thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Submitted by:

CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY INC., Plaintiff,

(303) 285-2222

Nadine A Sanch

By Mary E Apodaca

COURT

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.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT

LEGAL NOTICES - Lowest rates in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County - 524-8061 - email: legals@lascrucesbulletin.com

Pub #8366 Dates 12/12, 12/19, 2008 NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

> Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Transfer of Ownership and Location of Liquor License No. 2599 from Carlisle and Central Liquor, LLC d/b/a Carlisle and Central Liquor to Heritage Hotels & Resorts, Inc. d/b/a Hilton Garden Inn, to be located at 2550 Don Roser Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico

> Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 2nd day of December 2008.

Esther Martinez, CMC, City

Pub #8367 Dates 12/12, 12/19, 2008

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

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,

To the Above-Named Defendants and All Others

Defendants

Interested:

NOTICE OF SALE



BARBARA J. BARBARA J. CARAMAGNO TRINGALI AKA BARBARA JOYCE CARAMAGNO TRINGALI AKA BARBARA J. SIGUERE; CHARLES JOSEPH TRINGALI; NEW MEXICO NEW MEXICO NEW MEXICO WORKFORCE SECURITY FKA NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT LABOR EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION; CITIFINANCIAL INC.; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS, UNKNOWN **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

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 prop-orth located at 1510 Remedian erty located at 1510 Branding Iron Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New 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 NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT 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, DOŇA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. and more correctly described and more correctly described as: LOT 1, BLOCK 1, PONEROSA MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION PHASE 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 PECOPDED IN BOOK 1982. RECORDED IN BOOK 13 PAGES 142-143, PLAT CORDS. DOÑA ANA 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 & 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 DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

#### CITIMORTGAGE, INC., SUCCESSOR BY REASON OF MERGER WITH CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff.

CHRISTOPHER A. MILLER; NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION; NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF NOTICE OF SUIT

the above-named Defendants Christopher A. Miller and New Century Mortgage

GREETINGS: You are here-by 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: Sae particularly described as: See Exhibit A. Exhbit "A" Tract 1 Lot 4. Block D. ENCHANTED 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 the County Clark of acid acurtu ac Plat Clerk of said county as Plat No. 810 on May 20, 1975 in No. 810 on May 20, 19/15 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 Raren Howden we 999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1 Denver, CO 80202

(800) 286-0013; (303) 285-2222 Attorney for Plaintiff

November 2008.

Nadine A Sanchez

By: Joe M Martinez Deputy

08-0721/Miller, Christopher A.; P504113

Dates 12/12, 12/19, 12/26,

COURT

Pub #8372

No. CV-08-2043

F.S.B., Plaintiff.

2008

# NO D0307CV200802109

TAXATION & REVENUE: OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, Defendant(s)

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to INDYMAC MORTGAGE.

> 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 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 described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located 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 SURDIVISION in Doña

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 judg-ment rendered by the above 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 Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 18, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described proper-ty. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interact and 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 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT 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 next of its inderment to the 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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real prop-erty and improvements con-cerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded spe-cial 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 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 contamination on the property, if any,

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 A. Carmody, Special Master c/o Bobby M. Mayfield

Attorney at Law P.O. Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 575-524-2121

Dates 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO. PB-2008-127

Judge Martin IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN R. FUNK, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Hilton A. Dickson, III has been appoint-ed as Personal Representative of the Estate of John R. Funk, of the Estate of John K. Funk, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months of the first publication of any notice to creditors or the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be pre-sented either to the Personal Representative in care of Holt Babington Mynatt P.C., P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, NM 88004, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, Don Ana County, 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces NM 88005

Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005. DATED this 8th day of November 2008

Holt Babington Mynatt P.C.

By: /s/ Annamarie DeLovato Post Office Box 2699 Las Cruces, New Mexico



88004 Telephone: (575) 524 Attorneys for the Per Representative ne: (575) 524-8812 Pub #8374 Dates 12/12, 12/19, 2008

and zoning violations concern STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. CV-08-2320

Pub #8373

#### 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 Counce New Movies cell all Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of 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 Comuty New Mexico, and Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,

JOSE F. RIOS; JOSEPHINE YBARRA RIOS; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names

unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

Plaintiff.

JOSE F. BIOS:

Lot 28C in Block 11 of 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 nied 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.

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 THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judg-ment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on 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 and numbered cause on December 1, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described proper-ty. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$120,633.79 and the same heave interest at 7.25% THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judg-ment rendered by the above same bears interest at 7.25% per annum from December 1, 2008. The amount of such Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on December 5, 2008, being an interest to the date of sale will 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 verbal-ly or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The December 5, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described prop-erty. 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 price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion per annum from November 1, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will 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 prestrand and of the Special Master

NOTICE IS FURTHER **GIVEN** that the real prop-erty and improvements con-cerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all of the Special Master. not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded spe-cial 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 tions, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not forethe 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 contamiclosed herein, and all recorded 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 preparty subject to any, environmental contami-nation on the property, if any, and zoning violations concernthe valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real ing the property, if any, NOTICE IS FURTHER home to the land, deactivation

**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. of title to a mobile or manufac tured home on the property, if any, environmental contami-nation on the property, if any, and zoning violations concern-ing the property, if any.

Pamela A. Carmody,

c/o Bobby M. Mavfield

c/o Bobby W. Huyses Attorney at Law P.O. Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169

Dates 12/12, 12/19, 12/26,

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

WASHINGTON MUTUAL

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,

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

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 rwynarty to be sold is located

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Cruces, and is situate in Doña

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Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

BANK, FA, Plaintiff,

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1773

Special Master

Las Cruces, N 575-524-2121

2008, 1/2, 2009

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 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 #8376 Dates 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 2009

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. PB-2008-122 Judge Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BERNARD CHRISTIAN HANSEN, hasean

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICEISHEREBYGIVEN **THAT** Harry L. Hansen has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bernard Christian Hansen, of Bernard Christian Hansen, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months of the first publication of any notice to creditors or the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice whichever is later this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be prebarred. Claims must be pre-sented either to the Personal Representative in care of Holt Babington Mynatt P.C., P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, NM 88004, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED this 10th day of December 2008.

Holt Babington Mynatt P.C. By: /s/Annamarie DeLovato Post Office Box 2699 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004

Telephone: (575) 524-8812 Attorneys for the Personal Representative

Pub #8377 Dates 12/12, 12/19, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA 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

#### NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject FOR ORDER FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE to any and all patent reserva-

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

LEGAL NOTICES - Lowest rates in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County - 524-8061 - email: legals@lascrucesbulletin.com

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

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 ez. 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 nal Representative Custer Way 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 Person Representative

Pub #8381 Dates 12/19, 12/26, 2008

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

NO. D0307CV200802096

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2005-5, Plaintiff,

FELIPE AGUIRRE; ISIDRA AGUIRRE; OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN. Defendants

#### NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to e above-named Defe Felipe Aguirre and Isidra Aguirre

GREETINGS: You are hereby 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 VM S8007. Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007 Doña Ana County, New Mexico said property being more par ticularly described as: Lot 10 Block B ALAMEDA ESTATES Block B, ALAMEDA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat there-of, filed in the office of the Countre Cluck of soil Country. County Clerk of said County on February 20, 1964, in Book 9 Page 19 of Plat Records, Unless 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 Aaren Howden we 999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1 Denver, CO 80202 (800) 286-0013; (303) 285-2222 Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable 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.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT

By: Richard Armijo Deputy COURT DEANNA MARK, BRODERICK MARK, AND 1998 FORD EXPLORER, BLACK; VIN: 08-1209/ Aguirre, Felipe; P506878 Pub #8382 Dates 12/19, 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 2009 STATE OF NEW MEXICO OF ACTION COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-2008-2479 Judge: Robles CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex

AS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

SAMUEL MUÑOZ, CARLOS R. MUÑOZ,AND 2000 KAWK NINJA GREEN; VIN: JKAEXMF111A077734; New Mexico License Plate No.P09133 Respondents.

CXA 636.

Deputy City Attorney P.O. Box 20000

Attorney for Petitioner

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL

Cause No. CV 2004 00678 Judge Jerald A. Valentine

NATIONAL BANK, f/k/a

COMMUNITY FIRST

DEPARTMENT OF

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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 Maxico

Mexico.

TREASURY INTERNAL

DISTRICT COURT

575-541-2128

Pub #8385

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.

You are the named pondent for whom this ser-R 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 CRUCES, Plaintiff, By: Harry S. (Pete) Cor Deputy City Attorney P.O. Box 20000 575-541-2128 Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8383 Dates 12/19, 12/26, 2008, 1/2,

2009

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinance(s) at The Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on January 5, 2009

1. Council Bill No. 09-032; Ordinance No. 2495:An Ordinance Repealing Council Bill No. 09-011; Ordinance No. 2474 Adopted on September 15, 2008 and Enacting Section 27-7, The Safe Traffic Operations Program, Regarding Violations of the Traffic Code, Detected by ra or Speed Device

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk.Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 10th day of December, 2008 Esther Martinez, CMC City Clerk Pub #8384 Dates 12/19, 2008

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

all secured real property, mort all secured real property, mort-gage and security agreement by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have two liens against the above-described real estate and neurosciltur. personalty:

1FMYU24E2WUB99168; 1) in the sum of \$81,079.33, New Mexico License Plate No. CXA 636, Respondents. plus interest at the rate plus interest at the rate or 11.00% per annum, \$16.436763 per diem from November 7, 2008, until the date of the Special Master's sale (the "Sale"); and NOTICE OF PENDENCY To: Broderick Mark, the above named Respondent.

2) in the sum of \$89,550.84. 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, plus interest at the rate of 8.5% per annum, \$15,107386 per per annum, \$15.107386 per diem from November 7, 2008, until the date of the Special Master's sale (the "Sale"); together with attorney fees incurred and costs of sale to the date of sale, and a reason-able Special Master's fee. The Plaintiff has the right to bid Black; VIN: 1FMYU24E2WUB99168; Mexico License Plate No. Plaintiff has the right to bid 2. You are the named Respondent for whom this serat such sale and submit its 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. vice by publication is sought. 3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master. The above CITY OF LAS CRUCES lien amounts do not include property taxes due, or any other tax, fee, assessment, or By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly 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 satis-faction, the nature of such out-standing claims or interests, and bid accordingly Dates 12/19, 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 2009 and bid accordingly. STATE OF NEW MEXICO Bidders, to the extent that

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 sec-ond business day following the determination of the winning determination of the winning bidder to supply to the Special Master cash, certified check, or cashier's check in the amount of the bid. Failure to do so will Master shall either accept the next highest bid, or the Special Master may, in his sole dis-cretion, telephone each bidder who attended the sale, using the telephone number each Master cash, certified check, or WESTERN BANK OF LAS FERMIN RUIZ, JOHNNY'S SEPTIC TANK COMPANY, INC., MARCELLE R. RUIZ, UNITED STATES the telephone number each bidder submits at the sale, and communicate a new date 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 REVENUE SERVICE. JAY REVENUE SERVICE, JAY BAMERT, NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, IRMA C. RUIZ, f/k/a IRMA COLQUITT, Defendants. number. All prospective bid-ders are notified that they are NOTICE IS HEREBY responsible for making their extent and nature of the title being conveyed by purchase at the Special Master's 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 hirdest hidder Notice is further given that the above-described real estate and improvements located on such improvements located on such real estate will be sold subject to any and all patent reserva-tions, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not fore-closed herein and all recorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. 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:

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, this 10th day of of December, 2008. M. Lea Brownfield. cial Master 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 PC 650 Montana Avenue, Suite D Las Cruces, 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 88001 Telephone (575) 527-9064 entered on November 24, 2008, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which, Pub # 8386 Dates 12/19, 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 1/9, 2009 among other things, was a suit to foreclose two notes against

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. AĤ persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within (2) months after the date 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 Doğa Ama Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located s<sup>.</sup> 845

at the following address: 8 N. Motel, Blvd., Las Cruc 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,

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 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 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 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 desimated on

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 24, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mort-gage on the above described property. The Plaintif's judg-ment, which includes inter-est and costs, is \$3243,504.25 and the same bears interand the same bears inter-est at 6.8750% per annum from November 1, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$4 852 59

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real prop-erty and improvements con-cerned 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 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 valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation nome to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufac-tured home on the property, if any, environmental contami-nation on the property, if any, and acoing violations concours and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER **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 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

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 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. claims Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 24 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, Ne Mexico 88005

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.

HY: 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. Holme Attorney for the Estate Pub #8389 Dates 12/19, 12/26, 2008 NOTICE OF ADOPTION The City Council of The City

date of sale will be \$4,852.59. 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.

Change from UR (Urban Ranch 1981 Zoning Code) to EE-C (Single-Family Equestrian Estates & Agriculture-Conditional) for 2.26 ± Acres Located at 4841 Dunn Drive. The Property's Zoning Designation of UR Zoning Designation of UR (Urban Ranch 1981 Zoning Code) Has Been Eliminated from the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. The Zone as Amended. The Zone Change Request Will Bring the Property into Zoning Compliance. Submitted by Joe Holguin for Andres and Francisca Armenta, Property Owners (Z2771).

2. Council Bill No. 09-029; Ordinance No. 2492: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from R-2 (Multi-Dwelling Low Density) to 0-2C (Office Professional-Limited Retail Service-Conditional) and R-2 (Multi-Dwelling Low Density) Overlapping for Density) Overlapping for 0.611 ± Acres Located at 266 0.611 ± Acres Located at 266 W. Court Avenue. The Purpose of the Zone Change Request Is to Facilitate Both Residential and Office Uses. Submitted by Sandra Stubblefield for David Stowe, Property Owner (72773). (Z2773).

3. Council Bill No. 09-030; Ordinances No. 2493: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 8-1, Municipal Election Code Adopted, and Section 2-27, Rules of Order, Procedure, for the Purpose of Clarification. Clarification.

4. Council Bill No. 09-031; Ordinance No. 2494: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement and Intercept Agreement by and Between the City of Las Cruces (The "Governmental Unit") and the New Mexico Finance Authority in the Principal Amount of \$4,999,890 for the Purpose of Constructing a Parking Deck and Other Capital Structures for the Governmental Unit's City Hall and Paying a Loan Processing Fee and Evidencing the Special, Limited Obligation of the Governmental Unit to Repay the Principal Amount 4. Council Bill No. 09-031; Repay the Principal Amount of \$4,999,890, Together with of \$4,999,890, Together with Interest Thereon; Providing for the Payment of the Principal and Interest Due under the Loan Agreement Solely from the Revenues of the State-shared Gross Receipts Tax Distributed to the Covernmental Unit Pursuant Governmental Unit Pursuant to Section 7-1-6.4, Nmsa 1978, as Amended; Providing for the Distribution of State-shared Distribution of State-shared Gross Receipts Tax Revenues to Be Redirected by the State Taxation and Revenue Department to the New Mexico Finance Authority or its Assigns Pursuant to the Intervent Agreement for the Intercept Agreement for the Payment of Principal and Interest Due on the Loan Interest Due on the Loan Agreement; Approving the Form and Terms Of, and Other Details Concerning the Loan Agreement and the Intercept Agreement; Ratifying Actions Heretofore Taken: Renealing All Action Taken; Repealing All Action Inconsistent with this Ordinance; and Authorizing the Taking of Other Actions in Connection with the Execution and Delivery of the Loan Agreement and Intercept Agreement.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 16th day of December 2008

Esther Martinez, CMC City Clerk

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinances at The Regular City Council Meeting held December 15, 2008: Pub #8390 Dates 12/19, 2008

1. Council Bill No. 09-028; Ordinance No. 2491: An Ordinance Approving a Zone

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# THE PINNACLE OF INNER-CITY LIVING

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# Featured home: 3411 Pinnacle View

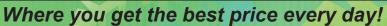


The great room features 24-foot high ceilings and a dominant marble fireplace complete with a bell tower, which is set next to a stylish staircase.

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# Exceeding the possibilities of design Spacious elegance and technology meet in this 'Mediterranean style' home

### By **B**ETHANY CONWAY The Las Cruces Bulletin

Searching for an unbelievable house in one of the most conveniently located neighborhoods in Las Cruces? Built in 2001, 3411 Pinnacle View is not only located within walking distance from many of the attractions found on Telshor Boulevard, but also features top-of-the-line construction and undeniable elegance.

'It's one of the best-built homes I have dealt with," said Jake Sims of Jake Sims & Co. Real Estate Services. "With all the convenience and luxury items, it's like being in a five-star hotel.'

Besides being located in a "unique neighborhood" off Lohman Avenue directly behind the Laguna Seca Shopping Center, the list of amenities found in the home takes

the cake. "When my husband (Terry Gibson) built it, he put a lot "coid owner Marta Gibson. "He really went of extras in," said owner Marta Gibson. "He really went above and beyond."

Found at the end of a cul-de-sac, the home has a great deal of privacy for being located so close to the city's main shopping areas. In fact, when standing in the backyard it is hard to believe one is in the city because of the peaceful setting.

"We saw this area and this lot happened to be available with a great view of the Organs, and we fell in love with it," Gibson said.

They chose to build a two-story, five-bedroom home in a "Mediterranean style," and today, the home shines brightly at night with all of its outdoor lighting and numerous walls filled with windows.

A large entryway more than 18 feet high is the first room to greet visitors, which is enhanced by a large chandelier. Set next to the entrance, a workout room complete with mirrored walls and a kitchenette offers a space to exercise and features an adjacent bathroom with access to the pool.

A 150-gallon saltwater aquarium installed into the wall that separates the office and the great room offers both the guests lounging near the great room fireplace and someone working the office the opportunity to enjoy its colorful marine life.

A dominating staircase in the great room leads to the second-story balcony and wraps around the home's marble-accented fireplace, which is complete with a bell tower. With 24-foot high ceilings in the great room, the space seems larger than life.

Found next to the great room, Terry Gibson's favorite room is without question the home theater. With real movie-theater seating for 12, a motorized screen that drops down from the tiered ceiling, a high-powered projector and state-of-art sound system, the owners can enjoy the movietheater experience at home. According to Marta, sound quality was a top priority, and her husband filled the walls with many layers of acoustic soundproofing.

"I have never seen a set up like this before," said Sims of the home theater.

For Marta Gibson, her kitchen has always served as a functional, open place to cook, and she has great things to say about the Advantium convection oven, which uses advanced, high-tech lighting to cook food in no time.

"A lot of the time when we have parties this is where everybody gathers because of the bar seating," she said.

The master bedroom, found on the first floor next to the kitchen and great room, includes its own stunning views of the mountains through the neighboring arroyo. With blinds that can be opened from either the top or bottom in the master bathroom, Gibson said one could relax in the two-person whirlpool Jacuzzi and see the stars while holding onto their privacy. The bathroom also includes a heated floor along with a shower equipped with 13 showerheads.

The features don't end with the first floor. Upstairs, three more bedrooms and a game room can be used in a number of ways, all featuring views of the city or mountains. As the highest house on the street, it features 360 views fprom the wrap-around second-story balcony from which the Gibsons watch Fourth of July fireworks every year.

In the backyard, a 20- by 40-foot heated pool and Jacuzzi offers the perfect place to entertain. The backyard, Gibson's favorite space, also includes "luscious landscaping" with palm, mesquite, piñon and afghan trees as well as an in-ground trampoline.

According to Jake Sims, with its size and amenities, this home would really spark the interest of those with a large family and could be a great place for a medical professional because of its proximity to MountianView Regional Medical Center.

On top of all of its elegant amenities, Gibson said her husband included only the best possible construc-





From the second-story balcony, one can see for miles. The backyard amenities are also viewable, and include a pool, hot tub, resort-style landscaping and a built-in trampoline.

tion materials including maximum insulation used in the walls and roof, whole-house surge protection, Smart Home wiring, including CAT-5 and RG-6 cabling throughout, and GE Smart and Speakercraft speakers in every room.



over time.

# A look at long-held Christmas traditions Learn the significance behind many accepted holiday customs

People often wonder where the custom of having a tree in the home during Christmas originated. We will probably never know for sure, but there are several historic clues that help us understand the origins of the Christmas tree. Through the ages there were people who believed that evergreen trees were magical. Even in winter, when all the other trees and greenery were brown, these trees brought hope of enticing the sprits of the woods Candy canes are an inexpensive yet cherished holiday decorating tool. Today they come in different colors to help match they theme of a room inside to bring good luck in the coming year. People saw the evergreen as a symbol of life and as a the theme of a room. sure sign that sunshine and spring would soon return.

In France, the Duchess of Orleans introduced the first Christmas tree in 1840. The Germans introduced the Christmas tree to America. So when did the Christmas tree come indoors? Legend has it that Martin Luther in Germany started the tradition. Originally, Christmas trees were not brought in and decorated until Christmas Eve and then removed the day after 12th night.

Evergreen trees are not the only plants associated with the holidays. The poinsettia, Christmas rose, holly, ivy and mistletoe are well known for their association with the holiday. The poinsettia

was brought to America more than 100 years ago by Dr. Joel Poinsett, the first ambassador to Mexico. In Mexico, it is an old custom to take flowers to church on Christmas Eve and place them at the

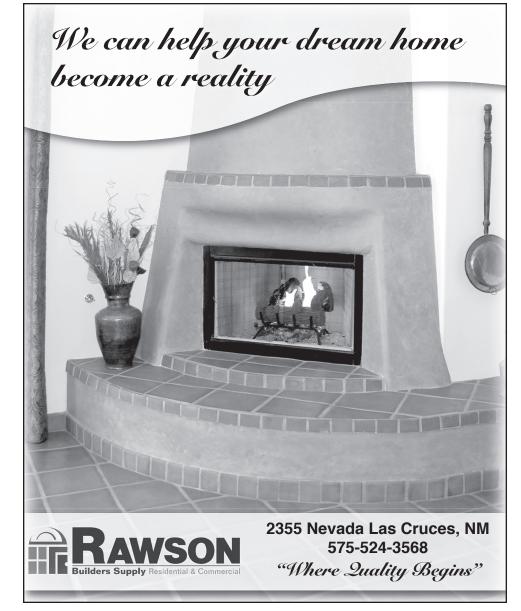
alter in honor of the birth of Jesus. The tradition of exchanging gifts at Christmas

began with the story of the Three Magi, who offered gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child shortly after his birth. Giving has since worked its way into many seasonal stories. St. Nicholas and most of his counterparts were known for their charity. Giving gifts in their honor originated around the 1200s when

provincial French nuns brought presents to poor children's homes on the eve of Dec. 6 - St. Nicholas feast day.

Speaking of Santa Clause, he hasn't always been the jolly figure that we know today. Like so many of our holiday traditions, he is the result of the blending of many different cultures and customs. For most of us, Rudolph the Red-Nose

Reindeer has always been a part of our Christmas celebrations. Rudolph is definitely a 20th century creation, as he is one of the few legends that can be traced to a specific date and person. In 1939, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was



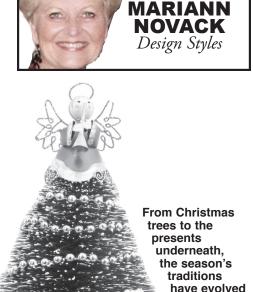
created for Montgomery Ward department stores by copywriter Robert L. May. At the request of his employer, May came up with a poem about a misfit reindeer the store could use as a promotional piece during the holiday season.

Another tradition of Christmas is the candy cane. Candy canes can be found everywhere during Christmas time as sugary treats and ornaments. Legend claims that the candy cane originated centuries ago as a sweet reward for children who behaved well in church and learned their prayers. The story claims that candy canes were invented in the 17th century and were straight white sticks of sugar candy used for decorating Christmas trees. It is said that around the late 1600s, the choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral persuaded candy makers to bend the sticks of candy at the end to look like the shepherd's staff to symbolize the "Good Shepherd." The red color was added to remind us of Christ and his gift of salvation, and the white represents his purity. The choirmaster passed these candy canes out to the boys and girls who were quiet during the long Living Nativity ceremony at Christmas time.

Like most American customs, Christmas stockings

probably came across the ocean with generations of immigrants. By tradition, the stockings are hung on the fireplace. Originally, children simply used one of their everyday socks, but eventually special Christmas stockings were created for this purpose.

In today's busy days with so much



stress and worry the joy of Christmas can

be covered up. Beyond the glitter, fears and struggles, take time to pause and receive the fullness of Christmas joy.

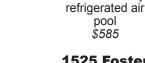
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# At the LCHBA Installation Banquet Organization looks forward to a prosperous year in 2009

#### By **BETHANY CONWAY** The Las Cruces Bulletin

After a year that has brought many changes to the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, more than 150 members gathered at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum Wednesday, Dec. 10, to install new leadership for 2009 and recognize those who have made a difference in the last year.

Though the LCHBA has faced many challenges during 2008, including the resignation of their executive officer and adjustment to the economic downturn, the installation banquet served as a testament to its steadfast strength in the industry.

In attendance was New Mexico Home Builders Association President Randy Crowder, who installed JB Stearns of Stearns Custom Homes as president for 2009.

Past President Gabe Sandoval was the recipient of the Builder of the Year Award for his unfaltering support of the LCHBA during his reign. He also presented the President's Award to his Vice President Cindy Torres of Torres Welding for her help throughout the year.

"The person receiving this award has given her time to the association tirelessly and has been a strong voice on the LCHBA board for the past seven years," Sandoval said of Torres.

Winner of the Associate of the Year Award

was Jennifer Baca of Precision Mortgage.

"She realizes the importance of membership and the volunteer spirit," said builder Judd Singer, who presented her with the award.

This year Jim Quiñones of L & P Building Supply accepted the Golden Turkey Award for their help in providing 200 Thanksgiving dinners to families in Las Cruces. Along with the award comes the honor of naming the turkey, which they called "Prosperity '09."

The event also featured the installation of the 2009 LCHBA Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Serving on the executive committee in 2009 will be Gabe Sandoval, immediate past president; John Hadley, president-elect; Cindy Jeter, associate vice president; and Trey O'Donnell, secretary-treasurer.

Along with entertainment from magician and emcee Chris Mitchell, guests also enjoyed a silent auction, dinner and dancing.

Members also honored the passing of builder Mario Bellestri of Soledad Canyon Earth Builders, who was past president of the NMHBA and LCHBA and a board member for 2009 (see remembrance on Page A7).

In 2009, the LCHBA will celebrate its 50th anniversary, and according to Stearns and 50th Anniversary Committee Chair Kelley Coffeen Holt there will be a great deal of festivities to come.



JB Stearns, Las Cruces Home Builders Association president for 2009, Immediate Past President Gabe Sandoval and New Mexico Home Builders Association President Randy Crowder



Pat Bellestri of Soledad Canyon Earth Builders with her son Max and daughterin-law Melissa

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Moira and Lee Rawson of Rawson Builders Supply

PHOTOS BY BETHANY CONWAY



# New to the Market December 19, 2008

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**\$425,000 - Sierra de Las Uvas -** 18820 Highway 185, This property is worth the drive. Riverfront home with expansive windows look out over the Rio Grande with desert cliffs as a backdrop. The home has handmade antique doors, Saltillo tile with prints, a private fishing deck, windmill, barn, corrals and more. Mobile home will be removed. MLS# 805349 Billie Haynie 635-8921, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

#### \$300,000 -\$399,999

\$395,000 - Talavera Area -5036 Apex Mine Rd., 3 acres of land and a stylish Bill Quinones home, full of light and air. Four bedrooms or 3 bedrooms and a large office/ game room. Big views of the Organs, Robledos and Doña Ana mountains and city lights. Only 10 minutes drive to the Hospital or University. Some handicapped features. Directions: University Avenue. to Dripping Springs Road, right on Soledad Canyon and left at the firehouse heading uphill towards the mountains. Mine Road. Left on Apex Priced to sell. Kathe Pass, 644-8068, RE/ Max Classic Realty 524-8788 MLS#805380

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# Taking the LCHBA to the next level Builder JB Stearns ready to serve as president in 2009

#### By **B**ETHANY **C**ONWAY The Las Cruces Bulletin

Anyone who has met builder JB Stearns knows that his year as president of the Las Cruces Home Builders Associa-

tion is going to be a blast. Known as the "king of the grill" during the organization's monthly Fiesta Friday, he is an individual who never fails to bring enthusiasm and excitement with him everywhere he goes.

Now he is ready to bring that enthusiasm to the table as president of the LCHBA for 2009 after being sworn in by New Mexico Home Builders Association President Randy Crowder at the installation banquet Wednesday, Dec. 10 (See related article on Page E5)

In his acceptance speech, Stearns wasn't afraid to tell members that his initial motivation was for the betterment of his career.

"At first, I thought on a selfish level that it would be good for the career good exposure – but after the year that we had this year, all that just went away. You have to put your work pants on and go in there and take this organization to the next level," he said. "You do something for the betterment of the community and the betterment of the organization."

A builder since his high school days in Lincoln County, N.M., he is a leader in the homebuilding industry in Las Cruces, and sees his job as a great outlet for creativity.

"I actually worked through high school

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# Featured builder: JB Steams

and college building. I did woodworking projects in high school while everybody else was welding," he said. "I like the artistic part of it. I have always been pretty creative. I never wanted to be Picasso or Rembrandt, but it's a pretty good medium for artistic abilities.

While attending New Mexico State University, he met his wife Erin, a Realtor with EXIT Realty Horizons, and in 1992 they started a framing company that "catered to the most prominent

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builders in Las Cruces." After 10 years of serving builders in the community, they began Stearns Custom Homes in 2002.

"I framed for a long time and didn't really want to build, but it got to the point where I wanted to broaden my horizons and move up the ladder," Stearns said.

Today, he averages six homes a year and estimates that he has built 50 homes in his career.

'I have slanted toward custom," he said. "When you are building custom you are doing more of what the customer wants to do, but you can guide them and have a say in what the final product will be."

Over the years, not only have many of his clients become his friends, but also many of the city's quality builders.

"My best friends are in the business.

Though he is on the job in Mesilla's Raasaf Hills, builder JB Stearns can't help but enjoy the views of the City of the Crosses. and said he can't wait to work for the betterment of his community as president of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association. BETHANY CONWAY The Las Cruces Bulletin



JB Stearns President, Las Cruces Home **Builders Association** 

#### Company

Stearns Custom Homes

**Address** P.O. Box 16516

Phone

523-8647

#### Education

Bachelor's degree in agricultural business from New Mexico State University

#### Family

- Wife Erin, Realtor with EXIT **Realty Horizons**
- Son Jake, 17, lives in California
- Daughter Jolie, 10, student at Mesilla Elementary School
- Daughter Riley, 8, student at Mesilla Elementary School

My best friends are my competition," he said. "But it's not like we are necessarily competing. We all have our niche."

When asked if he will be willing to share his expertise with young build-ers as president of the LCBHA he said, "Absolutely."

"I have spent years learning how to build a house," he said. "I framed forever. I've roofed. I've dry-walled. I've painted. I've tiled. I can literally go in and finish a Continued on following page



# Featured builder: JB Steams

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job by myself if I have to." His stint as president will be made even more exciting by the fact that 2009 marks the 50th anniversary of the LCHBA. Not only will the year feature special events to celebrate, but also a unique 50th anniversary

gala While he is president, Stearns said he hopes to encourage more builders to explore the growing "green" trends

"I really want to push people to be more eco-friendly," he said. "That's another one of those things where I can lead by example.

"On every one of my jobs I work with Grind, and it is a great program," he said of turning leftover building materials into products such as base course and mulch. "Even before I got together with Grind I would tell my guys, 'Throw the cardboard in the corner – I'll pick it up,' and 'Keep the aluminum cans and I'll get them.' I would haul an average of 10 truckloads of broken-down cardboard to the recycle center per job.'

Every project he has going now is in line with the Build Green New Mexico program and he is hoping others will jump on the bandwagon. When it comes to the future of his own business, he

said that he is right where he wants to be.

"I am happy where I'm at. They say you have to

grow to survive, but I don't know what part of my job I would give up by hiring someone else," he said. "I am the superintendent. That's my favorite thing - being the field general, going out and actually being on the job and making sure things are going right.'

One of the things Stearns said sets Las Cruces apart from other cities in New Mexico and across the Southwest is the level of detail builders put into their homes. "Las Cruces is a great community because of the

amount of quality custom homes," he said. "By and large, everybody has their own style."

Regardless of the condition of the housing market, Stearns is optimistic about the coming year and said people will always want to come to southern New Mexico.

"I have lived in Las Cruces for 25 years, and in October and September there is no better place to be," he said. "It's winter and my patio right now is 61 degrees. I can't imagine weather being any better than what we have here.<sup>2</sup>





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# A piece of cake never looked so good

Making a birthday cake is not as puzzling as it may seem

By BETHANY CONWAY

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So it's a loved one's birthday and you're trying to figure out how to get creative when it comes to the cake. Not everyone is a culinary mastermind, and choosing a birthday cake usually means heading down to the local grocery store to pick up a white or chocolate version with a few flowers and a nicely written "Happy Birthday." But what if there was an easy way to be creative and show up to the party with something different?

Today, the possibilities of cake creation continue to grow as TV shows like "Ace of Cakes" on the Food Network demonstrate feats that were previously unimaginable even to the most accomplished chef. Because these cakes cost a pretty penny, manufacturers are coming up with ways that snazzy cakes can be made right at home. One example of this is Puzzle Cakes!, which allow one to make the shapes of animals, clothing accessories and even transportation vehicles.

#### **Chocolate Raspberry** Frosting

- pound semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 1-1/3 cups sour cream
- 6 tablespoons seedless raspberry
- jam, whisked to loosen 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 2 tablespoons framboise eau-de-vie (clear raspberry brandy) or brandy
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter,
- room temperature

Stir chocolate in top of double boiler over simmering water until melted and smooth. Pour chocolate into large bowl. Cool to room temperature. Add sour cream, jam, corn syrup, framboise and vanilla to chocolate. Using electric mixer, beat until mixture is fluffy, smooth and light in color, about 3 minutes. Beat in butter. (Frosting can be prepared 2 hours ahead. Let stand at room temperature. Whisk frosting before using.)

# Featured Kitchen Gadget: Puzzle Cakes

## What is it?

Consisting of 24 different shaped silicone cupcake liners, Puzzle Cakes! are extremely simple and can be made in a wide range of designs. Though they eventually create an entire "cake," they begin as cupcakes, which are placed together in a simple design to create bears, fish, turtles, trains and space rockets, just to name a few. The cupcake sets vary, and will contain a combination of round, triangle, half-moon shaped, pie-shaped and diamond-shaped liners.

## How does it work?

To make Puzzle Cakes!, one only has to make cupcakes as they normally would. Arrange the silicone cups on a baking pan, fill and bake. Let them cool then decorate and serve. Complete instructions are included for a variety of designs and simple icing techniques, but it is also possible to get creative and design just about anything.

## How much does it cost?

For a set of 24 silicone cupcake liners it costs \$14.99.



BETHANY CONWAY | The Las Cruces Bulletin From kids' birthdays to a fun holiday treat, Puzzle Cakes! are an easy way to spruce up the everyday cake.

# Where can it be tound?

These little liners can be found online through a number of sources or at the local Bed Bath & Beyond.

## Helptul hint:

To make the cake design even more creative, buy colorful candies that will go along with the theme of the

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# Spiders: Oh, what a tangled web they weave

Most arachnids aren't all that scary



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With comic books, movies, pajamas, lunchboxes and toys geared around Spider-Man every holiday season, the eight-legged arachnid is never far from the forefront of the public's consciousness. Despite the "cutesy" feel of Spider-Man in general, many people still have a fear of spiders and spider bites, which can sometimes be difficult to overcome.

With more than 34,000 species of spiders encompass-ing 105 families, knowing how to distinguish harmless from dangerous spiders, how to prevent them from entering the home and how to control those that do enter can prevent needless concern and reduce the chances of harm to humans

Tarantulas, jumping spiders, wolf spiders and some other spiders worry people who mistakenly believe they are seriously poisonous. Although these spiders are often large, hairy and formidable-looking, their bite is typically less harmful than a bee sting. People who are extremely allergic to spider venom, though, react severely to any

spider bite.

Shockingly, only two groups – recluse spi-ders and widow spiders - are considered poisonous to humans.

People are bitten when they accidentally disturb a hidden spider or its web. In order to best avoid hidden spiders, take care when putting on seldom-worn shoes or clothing.

Here are my tips on poisonous, and their bite is how you can control spiders from putting a damper on your holiday plans:

- As a precautionary measure, become familiar with
- what poisonous spiders look like and how they act. Because spiders nest in quiet, undisturbed areas, discourage them by cleaning and vacuuming closets,

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scary, but they are not

house spiders,

tarantulas and wolf spiders might look

less harmful than a bee sting.

- cellars and other such areas frequently. Seal buildings with caulk, screening and weather
  - stripping to keep spiders from entering. Tape or seal boxes.



Though Spider-Man is considered a friendly neighbor, other spiders like the black widow and brown recluse are not.

Wash off outside areas, particularly under roof eaves, with a water hose

Remove the webbing.

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 com-panies 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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\$289,500 - Mesilla Area -1975 Avenida de Antigua, A charming Southwest home close to Mesilla is a rare find in the Tierra Verde subdivision and is located on a cul-de-sac with a gated courtyard entry. There are front and back patios plus an enclosed sunroom. Split bedroom plan. Walk-in closets in all bedrooms. MLS# 805309 Mary Mulvihill 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$280,000 - Dona Ana South -** 140 Coues Deer great Southwest Ave., A home with two-by-six construction, an oversized garage, entertainment censurround sound and ter, two fireplaces (one fireplace is outside). MLS# 805350 Beulah M Gatlin 642-7621, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

**\$249,900 - Elks Club -** 210 Gonzales Drive, Large renovated home. Close to town. Owner financing, reason-able rates. MLS# 805441 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 clos

ets, large master bath with separate sinks, jet tub and walk-in shower, covered back patio with moun-tain views, built-in shelv-ing and bench in garage. Conveniently located for White Sands and NASA commuting. MLS# 805566 Carl Topley 575-650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 575-523-2850

\$235,600 - San Andres - 2312 Isaacks Lane, one bedroom, one bath, kitchen, living room, office apt. attached with 1-car garage. Apartment rents for \$550 and house rents for \$825. MLS# 805254 Laurel A Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$235,000 - 4-Hills - 3176 Rio Arriza Loop, Quality and value, built by Spirit View Homes. This 1,965sq.-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-appoint-ed 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 wir-ing, low-E windows, covered patio and desert landscaping front and back. "Golden



\$214,500 - Elks Club - 3457 Park Ridge Place, A beautiful Southwest home with an open floor plan, vaulted ceilings and skylights. This home includes a full stainless appliance package, breakfast bar and walk-in pantry; built-in entertain-ment center with surround sound; and his and hers walk-in closets. The backyard features a patio, foun-tain, gazebo and waterfall. MLŚ# 805355 Renee Frank 496-7727, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$210,000 - High Range 2939 Scenic Circle, This home sits on a cul-de-sac and has large bedrooms; courtyard and covered patio with ceiling fans. Features include a gas fireplace in the living room; large walk-in closet; beautiful chandelier in the dining room; a breakfast bar in the kitchen; and ceiling fans in all bedrooms and living room. MLS# 805329 Laurel A Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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\$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 bathroom; great open floor plan; kitchen with eating area and view of mountains; privacy screen doors; drip/sprinkler system; 12 by 12 screened gazebo. MLS# 805559 Patricia Lederman 575-405-9028, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 575-523-2850

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# KNIGHT*s* Chile Lore, Tales & Tidbits.....

# How to keep warm this winter

# Start with a spicy breakfast and end with a hot swig

One of my favorite Las Cruces cookbook authors is Judy Thompson. Her cookbooks, "The Tale of Two Chiles," which includes a companion video, and "Tequila Sunrises: A Collection of Exciting New Recipes for Breakfast and Brunch," are loaded with a potpourri of mouthwatering recipes - diehard New Mexican style. I use the recipes so much that the cookbooks are permanent fixtures on my kitchen countertop. I can't wait until she puts together another one - that's a hint, Judy! Her recipes are inventive, lively and, most of all, spicy and savory. I share several "Tequila Sunrises" recipes in today's column.

Thompson's cookbooks can be ordered at her website www.zianet.com/focus/products.gifts.htm. Last-minute holiday shoppers can use priority mail to get 'em out quick and in time. Thompson also sells chile-peppered aprons, handbags, mouse pads and T-shirts. Merry Christmas, Las Cruces.

#### Vegetable Hash with **Poached Egg**

This is not a traditional cake-style hash, but a loosevegetable hash. The portions are generous and will certainly help you achieve the goal of seven servings of vegetables and fruits per day. If you prefer, the eggs may be fried.

#### 2 tablespoons vegetable or canola oil

- 1 cup potato cubes
- 1 cup sweet potato cubes
- 1 cup diced zucchini
- 1 cup diced yellow squash
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 medium-size ripe tomato, cubed
- 5 to 6 leaves fresh basil
- Hot sauce, to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- Salt and black pepper, to taste
- 2 to 4 eggs

1 tablespoon cider or white vinegar

Prepare all the vegetables. Heat oil in a large skillet, very hot. Add both potatoes and sear. Add both squashes and continue to cook, stirring often, for about 5 minutes. Add onion cubes. Cook an additional 5 minutes. Add garlic and tomato. Cover and cook until potatoes are tender. Add basil and remaining seasonings. Stir well and keep warm.

Meanwhile, heat 3 to 4 cups of water and vinegar in a saucepan. When simmering, add eggs one at a time to poaching water. Cook in hot water for 4 to 5 minutes, until whites are solid and yolks are desired firmness. Divide the hash onto two plates and top with one or two eggs. Makes 2 servings. (From "Tequila Sunrises")

#### **Huevos with Refried Beans and Two Sauces**

Huevos means eggs in Spanish - this recipe is a slightly different twist on traditional Huevos Rancheros. It seems like everyone has their own favorite version, so let's try them all.

**Shredded lettuce** 

- **Chopped fresh tomato**
- 1/2 avocado, sliced
- 2 slices crisp bacon, crumbled
- 1/2 cup grated cheddar or jack cheese
- 2 tablespoons feta cheese or queso fresco
- 4 corn tortillas, plus extra to serve
- with butter and honey
- 2 eggs

1 cup red chile sauce

1 cup green chile sauce 1 cup canned refried beans Sour cream, optional Salt and pepper

Prepare lettuce, tomato, avocado, bacon and cheese - set aside. Wrap tortillas in foil and put in a 300degree oven to warm. Heat red chile sauce in a skillet. When bubbling, carefully add each egg to sauce. Cover and poach until done, about 5 minutes, or fry the eggs separately. Heat beans and green chile sauce. To serve, spread lettuce on two plates. Lay two tortillas on each platter. Put warm beans on one tortilla and an egg on the other. Salt and pepper to taste. Add red sauce to the egg and surround the beans with green sauce. Top with cheese, bacon, avocado and sour cream, if desired. Spread tomato around the edges. Serve. Makes 2 servings. (From "Tequila Sunrises")

#### **Southwest Potato Casserole**

This is a perfect dish to take to a hot luck.

- 1 (3-ounce) bag thawed, shredded hash browns
- 8 ounces cheddar cheese
- 1 cup sliced onion
- 1 (16-ounce) carton sour cream
- 1 cup green chiles, roasted, peeled, seeded and stemmed (or use canned), preferably medium hot
- 1 cup cream of chicken soup
- 1 stick melted butter
- 1 fresh jalapeño, stemmed, seeded and chopped

Mix all together well. Pat in greased 9- by 13inch pan. Bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees. (By Diane Elavsky of Las Cruces)

#### **Chile Pepper Mary**

Warning: This is extremely spicy-hot!



Drinks spiced-to-the-hilt with chile are crowd pleasers this holiday season. Whip up a Chile Pepper Mary, a sassy concoction included in "Tequila Sunrises, a cookbook written by Las Cruces chilehead Judy Thompson.

1 red bell pepper and 1 yellow bell pepper, seed and sliced 1-inch wide

- 2 serrano chiles
- 2 jalapeño chiles
- 1 red onion, sliced and separated into rings 3 sprigs fresh rosemary

Vodka, about 3 cups Bottled Bloody Mary mix

Poke holes in the serrano and jalapeño chiles with a fork. Layer peppers, chiles, onion and rosemary into a quart jar. Add vodka to fill the jar. Cover tightly and let sit for two days. Remove all the vegetables. Use the vodka and bottled mix to make Chile Pepper Mary. (From "Tequila Sunrises")

#### **Hot Apple Cider**

2 cups apple cider 2 tablespoons brown sugar, firmly packed 1 stick whole cinnamon

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1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

- (Sunny adds this) 2 whole cloves
- 2 orange slices or pieces of orange peel
- 3 ounces dark rum (optional)
- 1 teaspoon butter

Heat the cider in a saucepan with sugar, cinnamon, cayenne pepper, cloves and orange. When steaming, strain into two large mugs. Stir half of rum into each mug, if desired. Float a small dot of butter on top of hot cider. Makes 2 servings. (Adapted from "Tequila Sunrises")

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#### **Mexican Hot and Spicy Chocolate**

Ancho powder gives this drink a delicious Southwestern twist.

1/2 cup water 1/3 cup sugar 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa 1/2 to 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 2 ton 3 teaspoons ancho powder 3 cups whole milk 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract Ground cinnamon (optional)

Combine first 4 ingredients in a medium saucepan; cook over medium heat 2 minutes or until cocoa dissolves, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and simmer 4 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in milk; simmer 5

minutes or until thoroughly heated, stirring frequently. Stir in vanilla. Sprinkle with cinnamon, if desired. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

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#### **Poquito Picante**

2 ounces Tanqueray gin 3 slices of seedless jalapeños 6 to 8 cilantro leafs 2 slices of cucumber with skin 1/2 ounce cointreau liqueur 3/4 ounce fresh lemon juice

Muddle cilantro, cucumber and jalapeño with lemon juice, pressing gently. Add remaining ingredients, shake well and strain twice. Garnish with a dry chile pepper. (A recipe from Yerba Buena restaurant in New York)

Sunny Conley, a former Las Crucen, is an award-winning cookbook author and food columnist. If you have a chile recipe or idea to share, contact Sunny at sunnyconley@earthlink.net.

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