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Schools brace for more cuts

LCPS anticipates \$11 million loss

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

From what's already passed in legislative committees, Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds told his school board Tuesday, Feb. 15, to prepare for significantly less money next fiscal year – at least \$11 million less.

As a result, Rounds has begun looking for ways to cut the budget without cutting people, including changing high school scheduling.

Instead of the block scheduling now being used, the district is considering going back to more traditional scheduling. The schedule being looked at the closest would have a four-period day, with 78-minute classes, a 45-minute lunch period and teachers getting about one hour of planning time at the start of the day.

There are concerns, such as teachers jockeying for copy machine use at the same time and students not getting back to campus in time with a shorter lunch break, but Rounds said the change would result in an estimated savings of \$5.4 million, "but I have an \$11 million problem. That only gets us halfway where we need to be. ... We need to make a choice."

On the positive side, the new scheduling would probably result in smaller classes in the high schools, Rounds said. Previous budget cuts have resulted in larger classes, especially in the elementary schools, he said.

Rounds also detailed other possible cuts, including increasing how much employees pay into their retirement funds, resulting in less take-home pay. There is talk of cutting the school year calendar by one instructional day, or even furloughs, which Rounds said would also

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Ensign Tabitha Faddis of the Navy conducts preflight checks on an F-34C Turbo Mentor before flying it as part of her training curriculum at the Las Cruces International Airport Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Chris Mortenson

Under clear blue skies

Navy and Marines return to train over Las Cruces

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

They're becoming a regular sight over the skies of Las Cruces – small, orange-and-white planes.

Three to four times a year, members of the Navy Training Wing 4 from the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas, set up flight school at the Las Cruces International Airport.

The reasons are simple – great weather, no heavy air traffic and a cooperative environment at the airport, trainers say.

"The skies are clear. The terrain is beautiful. It's spectacular, visually,"

said Marine Capt. Fred Volcansek, assistant officer in charge. "This is a real treat for us to fly here."

Off the coast of Texas, there is often haze, he said, and stormy weather can slow down the training regimen.

Since mid-January, the latest group of pilot trainers, trainees and maintenance crew have been operating out of the Las Cruces airport, with almost constant flights from sunrise to sunset, except for a short break during the cold snap a couple of weeks ago.

There are 70 student Navy and Marine pilots getting "a bunch of Xs"

checked off on their initial flight training in the small-but-powerful T-34C Bearcat trainer planes. They take turns flying 26 of the aircraft, the same number of pilot trainers in the unit.

In most cases, they are accompanied by a pilot trainer, but the trainees also get to take solo flights. Over the desert, mainly in the area around Sierra de Las Uvas, they practice basic flying and following routes in the sky. They also practice rolls, spins and other acrobatics, emergency maneuvers such as stalls and flying in formation. "Basic stick-and-rudder skills," Volcansek said.

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Boards OK input on districting

Common Cause wants politics out

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

The Doña Ana County Commission and the Las Cruces City Council have agreed to a Common Cause proposal to include a citizens advisory group to help redraw district lines.

Both the county and the city have hired the Albuquerque-based Research and Polling company to take new census data for redrawing district lines, a process expected to be complete by mid-summer.

Speaking for the local Common Cause organization, former county commissioner Bill McCamley recently made pitches to the local governing boards to include a citizens advisory group in the process to create better, more politically equal districts.

Not only must the new districts be of equal population, they should also be absent of "gerrymandering" – the drawing of lines to keep certain political or social entities in power, McCamley said.

Courts will throw out new district boundaries if they have obviously been "gerrymandered." For example, a common "gerrymandering" practice is to break up an inner-urban area – where people are more liberal in their politics – so that more conservative rural areas have greater voting numbers and can dominate elections, McCamley said.

But sometimes "gerrymandering" isn't so obvious and district lines are drawn that create problems for different communities to get adequate representation, McCamley said, noting that one county commission district stretches from southern Doña Ana County to Hatch, while other districts aren't so spread out. Having citizen input will help the out-of-town consultants be aware of these kinds of issues, he said.

The focus, McCamley said, is

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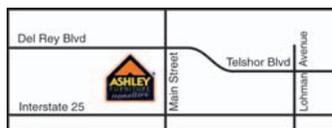
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Cleaning up the river for the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park

Photos by Chris Mortenson

Some trash dumped in the river was too large to simply be bagged for disposal.



Volunteers Lauren McDowell and Brian Curry contemplate where to clean next during the Rio Grande River Cleanup Saturday, Feb. 12, by the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. Sponsored by the Southwest Environmental Center, the cleanup attracted about 30 volunteers.

Presidents Day closings listed

Presidents Day is Monday, Feb. 21, and is a holiday for many government entities, including:

- City of Las Cruces offices will be closed, including all museums, Senior Programs, Branigan Memorial Library and book drops, all recreation centers including Frenger Pool and the Regional Aquatic Center, transit administrative office and the Rideshare office. Buses will operate during regular hours.
- The Solid Waste office will be closed, but trash pickup will continue as normal and the Foothills Landfill be open during regular hours.
- The South Central Solid Waste Authority Recycling Center and Transfer Station will be open during regular hours, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Most Doña Ana County offices will be closed, including the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department. Emergency services, such as police and fire, will not be affected by the city

or county closures.

- All Las Cruces Public Schools and the administration building will be closed.

The City Council meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at City Hall, 700 N. Main St. Meetings can also be viewed live on CLC-TV Comcast Cable channel 20 and on www.clctv.com.

The federal holiday honors American presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, both of whom were born during the month of February.

Washington was born Feb. 22, 1732. He served as the first president of the United States, taking the oath of office on April 30, 1789, and serving until March 4, 1797. Washington was unanimously elected in the United States' first presidential election, with polls open Dec. 15, 1788, through Jan. 10, 1789. He was re-elected in 1792. Washington died Dec. 14, 1799.

Lincoln was born Feb. 12, 1809. He was the 16th president of the United States and served two terms until his assassination in 1865.

Documentary on Juárez begins run

'8 Murders a Day' set for five showings daily

Filmmaker Charlie Minn's new documentary "8 Murders a Day" begins Friday, Feb. 18, at the Cineport 10 in Mesilla Valley Mall.

The documentary is about how Juárez has become the murder capital of the world. In 2007, Juárez averaged less than one murder per day. Today, more than eight murders per day occur in the city.

Battling drug cartels and government corruption has led to near lawlessness and mayhem in the border city.

Minn said he hopes the film

will result in some kind of action being taken to quell what he calls the greatest humanitarian crisis in the world today.

"The people of Mexico should strongly consider what the Egyptians did," he said.

The film's show times are 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 p.m. daily.

Minn has made documentaries about the unsolved Las Cruces bowling alley murders and the football rivalry between Las Cruces and Mayfield high schools.

For more information, visit www.8murdersaday.com.

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Opinions



From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

Logical solutions

Balancing the state's budget is a challenge, but here are a couple of ideas that seem to make a lot of sense

As our state legislators navigate to the halfway point of the 2011 legislative session, their primary focus is on what they can do to balance the state budget. After all, a balanced budget is required by law.

State Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. John Arthur Smith said the projected shortfall to manage our state exceeds \$400 million. He has also said, during these tough economic times, everyone must be willing to share the pain of budget reductions.

Two areas of proposed funding cuts should be disconcerting for all New Mexicans – education and economic development. Our universities and public schools are facing reductions across the board. There are also some individuals advocating much of the funding for our highly successful community colleges be reallocated to the universities – a bad idea considering schools like Doña Ana Community College have filled an important gap in our educational system by providing opportunity for state residents who may not have the resources to attend a four-year college and gain critical job skills beyond high school.

Ideally, we would not consider a reduction to our education system. In fact, we should seek larger investments in education so New Mexicans of all ages can meet expectations of employers and businesses considering moving or expanding into New Mexico. To remain competitive, we must provide a workforce with skills to meet employers' requirements.

So, where can our legislators find a few extra dollars? Here are a couple of ideas.

First, let's remove the gross receipts tax exemption on grocery purchases. Yes, this is an unpopular and politicized idea. However, it appears to be one of the most painless taxes we could impose. The cost is spread across our entire population and is proportionate, based on consumption. The more you buy, the more you contribute to the tax base.

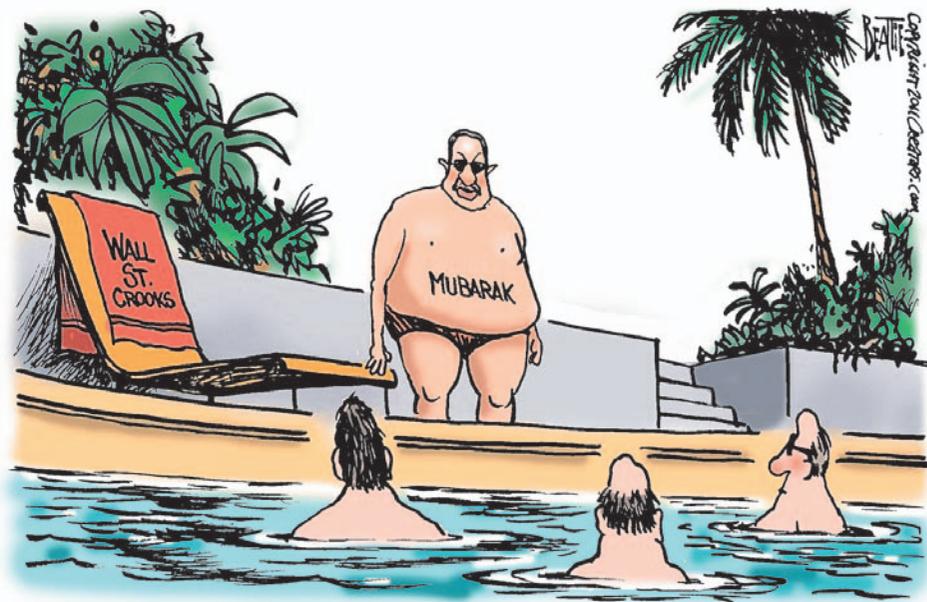
The reason this exemption removal makes sense is New Mexicans are still covering the food tax because of the "hold harmless" promise granted to cities and counties when the tax was removed. Previously, when the gross receipts tax was collected, it was sent to the state. The state took a portion and then returned proportionate amounts back to the counties and cities where the tax was originally collected. The "hold harmless" promise by the state required the money be sent to counties and cities just as if the tax had been collected.

In other words, we raided state coffers without any money being put in. The dollars come from an unfunded treasure chest of state monies, paid by taxpayers. From a business perspective, this is insane. So, in reality, the people are already paying "tax" on groceries, albeit indirectly through the "hold harmless" concept. If we eliminate this nonsense and reinstitute the grocery tax, the reimbursement to the counties and cities can be directly funded.

The second idea centers on the controversy surrounding the rebates to the film industry. Currently the state is providing a rebate of 25 percent on the cost of producing movies and television shows in our state. Gov. Susana Martinez has asked the rebate be reduced to 15 percent. New Mexico businesses that serve the movie industry claim the reduced rebate is not sufficient to entice the movie makers to come to New Mexico. Hotels, production studios, caterers and the like decry the fact that they are already losing large hunks of business because filmmakers have begun to seek other locations where the incentives are higher.

If what these New Mexico businesses are saying is true, then there is a very simple solution to this dilemma. First, keep the 25 percent rebate incentive in place. Second, charge the New Mexico businesses a special 10 percent tax on all the goods and services they provide to the film industry. The businesses still receive the benefit of the increased volume of business and the state ends up with a net rebate cost of the targeted 15 percent. Only the businesses that benefit from the increased revenue pay the tax. Sounds like a win-win proposition to me. As for the businesses that claim the 10 percent tax is unfair, isn't 90 percent of a "whole lot" better than 100 percent of nothing?

Of course, we are talking about logic and common sense. Now, if we could just keep politics and individual greed out of the equation, these plans just might work.



"You guys got to keep all your loot after everything crashed and burned. I could use a few pointers."

Letters to the Editor

Cut off the spenders

I have had my share of disagreements with Michael Swickard, but his spending piece was spot on. I have been saying for years that this generation has not only spent whatever they think they are due, and have stolen from my generation (the in-betweeners) and from my children's generation, and now from my grandchildren's generation.

Perhaps we will now have the will to say so, and cut them off. During the last two years, I have become more cynical about government than ever before. Then, November happened and I regained a bit of hope, but only a bit. As many have said, the problem is not revenue, but spending, and if the newbies in Washington don't stick to their principles and deal with the real issue – entitlements – we are doomed.

I fear Swickard is right when he said the spenders won't be stopped until they can no longer borrow. It is a disgrace to this great country that they have behaved like this, like undisciplined children. We can only hope that we will exist long enough to heap scorn on them.

David Reber

Less power to officials

Over the past 50 years, our commercial and political leaders have looted and plundered the country using the "limited" powers they have. They certainly aren't morally or intellectually superior to anyone else. We should be stripping them of their existing, abused powers, not giving them more.

My mom was deadly with a cooking spoon, so the weapon doesn't matter; it's the mindset that matters and we obviously aren't very good

at electing sound leaders. Let's not entrust them with anymore power.

Charles Clements

Cap and trade can work

Thank you for Chris Erickson's thoughtful column on the Environmental Improvement Board's decision to limit carbon emissions in the state. Fortunately, he recognizes the desperate need for an international effort to gain control of green house gas emissions.

He is mistaken, however, in saying that New Mexico should not join a consortium of Western states and Canadian provinces in limiting carbon emissions because the initiative would be regional rather than international.

In an article in the December 2010 issue of Governing Magazine, there is a detailed account of a cap-and-trade program already in place in nine New England states. Not only has this initiative not crippled those states' economies, it has, in only two years of operation, delivered almost \$750 million to clean energy and retrofitting projects in local communities.

The advantage clearly lies in carbon regulation, and in developing and supplying a brand new economic sector – a sector that will create thousands of jobs in communities across the state. The impact of the EIB ruling has been estimated to be less than 1 percent on electricity costs and even lower for the oil and gas industry. We absorb far greater fluctuations in those costs on a weekly, if not daily, basis.

Let's move ahead and seize the advantage for all New Mexico businesses, not just the noisy few fighting to protect narrow interests.

Gary Camuñez

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Martinez needs to get on board

Spaceport is important opportunity for New Mexico



Jay Miller
Inside the Capitol

Spaceport America may end up being the most important item this Legislature considers. Yes, everyone said this session would be about New Mexico's economy and jobs, jobs, jobs. But that's what they say every year.

Evidently no one realized that new Gov. Susana Martinez would see little or no merit in what is going on out there. Yes, it has been a major Las Cruces and New Mexico State University promotion for some 20 years. But maybe all of that went over her head. She was busy fighting drug cartels. Someone should have told her.

Seldom has New Mexico ever had the opportunity to get onto the ground floor of any major industry. We came close with the personal computer industry when Bill Gates and Bob Allen started Microsoft in Albuquerque because that's where things were happening.

But no one had the ability to realize that potential, otherwise any of us would have been willing to pull together the \$35,000

they needed at the time. Later we also realized they needed a much bigger talent pool than we have in New Mexico.

This time, we've made the investment – almost \$200 million in a runway, a terminal and hangars. The runway is completed and has seen the arrival of Spaceship 2, with hundreds of celebrities present. The terminal and hangars will be ready later this year.

Part of the mill levies passed by Doña Ana and Sierra counties will go toward math and science education. Meanwhile, competitions are being held for students to send experiments into space.

New Mexico now has the basics for that electronic talent pool Gates and Allen needed when they were here in the

1960s. Santa Fe's cluster of small electronic industries has been written up in high-technology magazines.

Needed now is someone in the state Economic Development Department foresighted enough to organize such people throughout the state and help develop them into a miniature

Silicon Valley by providing the resources they need instead of spending that money on entertaining business moguls.

So our basics are in place. But will this be another signature Bill Richardson initiative that Martinez will deep-six or delay so she can put her stamp on it?

Sir Richard Branson of Virgin Galactic, slated to be the spaceport's biggest tenant, surprised many of us recently by announcing plans for a major hotel at the spaceport. It was billed as Branson's first announcement of the hotel. It wasn't, but the surprise factor still was significant.

Richardson and Branson had developed a fast friendship, but relations with Martinez had appeared nonexistent. My gut feeling was that we soon would see an announcement from Branson that he is being heavily courted to base his trips to the edge of space in the United Arab Emirates, Finland or some other suitor.

This development is very encouraging. We may stay on track. In October, Branson brought 60 of his travel agents from throughout the world to southern New Mexico to see the spaceport and to explore the tourist attractions in surrounding counties. Branson figured that every person paying \$200,000 for a space flight will bring along six or more family members to share the experience.

This will give the families something to do while familiarizing the travel agents with attractions they can recommend to other clients.

Other activities also are occurring at the spaceport. The 2010 Legislature passed a measure limiting liability for launch operators. UP Aerospace sent high school and college experiments into near space last May.

In August, the Federal Aeronautics Administration made NMSU the hub of a national research coalition to address challenges of the commercial space industry. And in September, Congress directed NASA to help develop the commercial space industry while it concentrates on deep space exploration.

Original projections were that the spaceship would be ready to fly over a year ahead of spaceport completion. But the spaceport has stayed closer to its timetable. It should be ready to go for the first spaceship ride if the current administration doesn't slow it down too much.

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“ Will this be another Bill Richardson initiative Martinez will deep-six or delay ... ? ”

Letters to the Editor

Monument needs backing

About 10 years ago, Dr. Owen, his grandson Mike Swink and I, with input from Chuck Miles, designed a "Monument to the Organs" that we hoped could be built to inform our visitors and residents how vital the mountains were to the survival of the city of Las Cruces, and that they are more important than merely being something pretty to look at. A native son, David Woods, offered his drawing of the Organs that depicted the peaks so they could be accurately identified.

At that time, the city seemed enthused about building the monument, perhaps in one of the new parks being planned then. The hope was that the cost of the monument could be included in the planning stages of future projects. As the years have gone by, budgets for new parks have been limited. So it is that a monument meant as an educational tribute to the Organ Mountains exists only on paper.

Brian Denmark and Kathy Matthews, the city landscape architect, said they would accept donations to pay the approximately \$10,000 needed to build the monument. Since a single donor has not come forward, I am hoping we will be able to find 100 people who will each pledge \$100 to help this interesting landmark be built. Each donor will be

acknowledged permanently.

Anyone who would like to participate can contact me at 524-8209 by phone or fax to get on a list of donors to contact later. With public interest, this historic reference may be built for all to enjoy soon.

Shan Nichols

What is Walsh's agenda?

Michael Walsh seems to need a cause. He is against Noah's Ark. He is against freedom of speech as demonstrated by the tea party movement. He hates the Second Amendment, considered the second most important freedom our founders guaranteed us in our Constitution, only surpassed by freedom of speech, guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Why did they think of armed citizens after thinking people should have the freedom to say whatever they wanted? They had just freed themselves from a dictator and believed in the natural right of self-protection, a God-given right, against threats from individuals and tyrannical government.

Responsibility, maturity, acceptance for one's own actions and the acceptance of right and wrong are things adults do. Carrying an unconcealed weapon is a right most New Mexicans have, but to strut around habitually with a weapon is the sign of an ass. Concealed carry with a permit is also allowed.

Ask a victim of violent crime how they feel about the right of self-defense.

Walsh, you must have a hidden agenda. Is it Global Village, New World Order, communism? Why don't you read some history? Those ideas have bad endings.

American exceptionalism is a pride people are taking back.

Ronald Keith

State of the City

things are happening in the City of Las Cruces.

Nationally, our city has not gone unnoticed. In 2010, for the second straight year Las Cruces appeared in the top 10 of the Milken Institute's list of best performing cities, as well as in Relocate America's list of Top 10 Recovery Cities. We were also listed last year as "One of the Best Places to Thrive" for baby boomers – which include a lot of us in this room – and in the top 20 of Sunset Magazine's "Best Towns of the Future."

Ultimately, though, the new facilities and contributions to quality of life, the accolades and recommendations are rooted in something more basic, a growing, shared excitement about what Las Cruces is and can become. I grew up in Las Cruces, and raised my family and built my business here, so I know and appreciate our flavor and uniqueness, the special something that makes this a great place to live. As you know, I've been committed to making sure Las Cruces continues to be a great place to live, even as we enjoy the growth that is certain to occur.

Fortunately, there has emerged a broad consensus on the part of our council and the people who elected us, on the part of the business community and the people they serve, that we want our growth to be well-planned and thoughtful. We want to safeguard our mountains and fertile valley. We want healthy neighborhoods and a vibrant public life. We want life to be good for all Las Cruces and not just a few of us, a good home for those who live here

and for those still to come.

When I first was elected, these propositions were still in doubt. Over the past three years, though, we've seen the effects of a new commitment on the part of all of us – city staff, City Council, contractors and developers, residents and homebuyers – to our quality of life. A commitment to neighborhoods that have nearby parks and schools, with connected walkways and bike paths that stretch from mountain to river, joined by a network of well-planned transit and roads. These are all part of a shared vision for our city's future, embraced by resident and homebuilder alike.

An important part of this livability involves public safety, and making sure that we have first-class emergency services for all parts of town. We will be announcing in the next few months the site for a joint police-fire-emergency response facility on the East Mesa. Among our top priorities for the city before the Legislature this year is a consolidated 911 Public Safety Answering Point to respond to calls and dispatch services throughout the county. Another priority is the construction of a crisis triage center to serve, on an emergency basis, individuals with serious mental health issues, an important issue for a growing city to address.

Finally, in discussing public safety, I want to congratulate our new Police Chief Richard Williams. All of us have been greatly impressed by his professionalism and commitment to community engagement, which will help us make sure that our officers

are known and trusted by those that they serve. We've also been pleased to have Travis Brown as our new fire chief. He was already well acquainted with the department before becoming chief, which has made for a smooth transition. Both our chiefs are already planning to collaborate on future public safety facilities, to improve teamwork and eliminate the costs associated with separate sites.

We have learned that a good quality of life is important to businesses wishing to locate here. We've been pleased by the arrival and rapid growth of companies like Sapphire Energy, and in the past year the West Mesa Industrial Park has welcomed Alaska Structures – which has consolidated operations in Las Cruces – as well as Samson Equipment as they continue to expand. Recently, AmeriCom, a national telecommunications company has decided to locate their national headquarters in Las Cruces. We appreciate efforts by our economic development partners to attract industries to our city, even as we urge them to develop resources that will support our local businesses as well – businesses whose owners have already committed their lives and futures to our city. At a recent council work session, Abby Train, a researcher at New Mexico State University, suggested that we include Economic Gardening in our development strategy – a principle that involves growing our economy through investment in our local businesses and home-grown entrepreneurs. I urge both MVEDA (the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance) and our city economic

development department to explore and develop this option for council in coming months.

Clearly, the success of these economic development efforts will depend on our ability to educate our children and to prepare a well-trained workforce for both today's and tomorrow's jobs. I want to congratulate Kari Mitchell and other community leaders who helped bring into being The Bridge, an early college career program that will link our local students to well-paying jobs. I'm also excited by the newly formed Children's Reading Foundation, which will be mobilizing our entire community behind making sure that every child reads at grade level by the end of the third grade. I've been gratified by the response to my own Mayor's Stay in School initiative, in which I have visited personally with nearly 6,000 third-graders over the past three years, with each signing a pledge with superintendent Stan Rounds and myself to graduate from high school.

These few examples serve to remind us of the literally hundreds of groups, organizations and individuals that contribute daily to the success of our city. These dedicated community members join our local newspapers, our service clubs, our Chambers of Commerce, and all of the other groups that make this a better place to live.

Earlier I mentioned a shared consensus about quality of life in the city of Las Cruces. It's important to remember the foundation on which that consensus is based, and that's a

commitment that decisions affecting our future will be made openly, with full public and stakeholder participation. We have tried to be a mayor and council that listen, whether to our residents individually or in the dozens of district meetings we have held since being in office. This reflects not only a commitment to openness, embraced by all of our councilors, but our belief that better decisions are made when everyone is involved.

Clearly, as we move through the year, we will continue to carefully monitor our city's financial situation and the national economy. Our own local economy continues to show strength compared to other areas of the state and country – a recent U.S. Conference of Mayors report put Las Cruces near the very top in terms of projected economic growth in the next five years, and indicates that we will be among the first metropolitan areas in the country to return to peak employment. This is good news, and reflects favorably on the economy we are working together to grow.

There will always be opportunities for improvement, but when I look at our city's progress over the past three years, and the hard work of our citizens, council and staff, I'm proud of what we've accomplished. It's been a remarkable period for us all. The state of the city is strong, Las Cruces is on the move, and together we're building a city to be proud of. Thank you for being a part of this great endeavor. These are exciting times for the City of Las Cruces, and a great time to be your mayor. Thank you for that honor and privilege.

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Global warming is faith-based

Someone was wrong in the 1970s, so why believe scientists now?

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."

— Thomas Aquinas

Contrary to what some people may think, Thomas Aquinas was not talking about man-made global warming in the above quote. In fact, man-made global warming would have seemed a godsend to him because it was quite cold in his day. He would not have been horrified by the prospect.

But I digress.

Aquinas had faith in God, no more so than environmentalists have faith in the concept of global warming and no data can shake that faith. Yes, I know the name got changed recently. In the 1970s it was called global cooling and humans were to be frozen by the year 2000. Then in the 1980s the exact same danger of death to all humans got changed by the environmentalists so that it was tied to the concept of global warming. Suddenly, instead of freezing to death, all humans would be dead by the year 2000 because of global warming.

We have cussed and discussed global warming for about 40 years with nothing

really coming of it other than our society has spent a great deal of time and money talking the faith.

A couple of years ago I noticed it was déjà vu all over again as the environmental movement sprinted in a new direction. With a straight face they announced that when things were cold it was because of global warming. Bad name, eh?

So they thought and they thought and they thought and came up with a new name to scare us: extreme climate change (ECC). Now, whatever the weather, it is ECC. Gets cold last week, darn, we need to deal with those greenhouse gases that are causing the extreme climate change. Gets hot. Same. Gets tepid, you guessed it, ECC. It is like the saying, "To someone holding a hammer every problem looks like a nail."

Again, the cure for each of the above was government intervention and

confiscation of money from some citizens to give to others. Regardless of calling it global cooling or global warming, it is easy to accept using faith and impossible to ascertain otherwise.

As a society, we are in a quandary with the debate about making a serious change in our actions on the faith that global warming

is a fact and not a faith statement. What to do? Perhaps we should reason together.

Not that I compare myself with Albert Einstein, other than we both play or played music with an enthusiasm above our competence, but what Einstein did for the theory of relativity is to construct, not elaborate, tests with millions of dollars invested in equipment. Rather, he constructed in his mind thought examples.

So let us use thought exercises for this task. First, if this was fact and not faith, we would have a target as to the amount of greenhouse gases to remove.

The target would keep us from removing too much and making things worse. But current climate advocates have no target and do not hypostasize what to do if we take too much out of the environment.

Likewise, if we did have the ability to warm the Earth upon a human notion, why should we not? Certainly in Death Valley



Michael Swickard
In My Opinion

they can use a little relief, but much of the rest of our country could use a push upwards of temperature to extend the growing season. Why not do that if we can? So, is there a perfect temperature for the Earth? Why not?

As a researcher I believe in the predictive power of data, not just the ability to be descriptive. For someone to convince me of global cooling, warming or extreme climate change I want to see correlations between the change, agents in a predictive model and extend both directions. Namely, if too much greenhouse gas causes temperatures to fall, to rise or to be unsteady, let me see that over a couple of centuries of data.

But the data does not fit the predictions. Guess we have to fall back on faith. Works for me and God and I guess it works for them and global warming.

Micahel Swickard may be contacted at michael@swickard.com.

“ If we have the ability to warm the Earth upon a human notion, why should we not? ”

BaxterBlack

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Cheer for horses

As we horse owners and lovers struggle to find some middle ground in the tragic abandoned horse issue, maybe we need to look "outside the box."

Most horse owners, horse associations, equine veterinarians and those of us forced to take the responsibility for dealing with the mess, are still optimistic that the new Centers for Humane Euthanasia and Equine Recycling (CHEER) will be built.

Opponents of CHEER object to the basic idea that horses are animals like buffalo, lobster, pheasant or whale that are, and have been routinely, eaten by civilized men for millennia. Their position recognizes neither history, economic impact, or common sense as legitimate arguments in support of CHEER.

One causative factor that horse owners on both sides might agree is that the explosion of abandoned horses, their subsequent abuse, their plummeting value and the increasing apathy of the public to their fate, is that the average horse owner has no reasonable, much less profitable way to dispose of their unwanted horses.

Opponents of CHEER present either one or both of two big objections:

- 1) The process is not humane; or
- 2) It is not "right" for people to eat horsemeat.

What if we had a plan that improved the use of natural resources, fed the hungry and eliminated the difficult need to bury, burn or otherwise dump the carcass in a landfill once you have humanely euthanized our horse?

Take him, or have her delivered to an approved CHEER. Think of it as a local

boutique abattoir. In return, you will get him back as rump steaks, wither roast or dog bones. If you were uncomfortable eating your own, you could swap with another customer. If you chose not to eat it at all, it could be donated to the millions of children that the government say go

to bed hungry every night. Donate it to Africa, Italy, North Korea. The soup bones could go to the zoo or the local humane society in your community.

Your actions would be unselfish, charitable, ecologically friendly, recycling at its purest and we would immediately solve the abandoned horse tragedy. It is as good an idea as making fur coats out of roadkill!

In deference to those unsympathetic

to CHEER, we must face the fact that we do not all have the same taste. Should I have the right to prevent you from eating eggs sunny-side up? Boiled okra? Raw oysters, goose liver, brie, mushrooms, lamb shanks, seaweed, broccoli, tofu, noodles and things that crawl on the sea floor?

Can you imagine if someone stood up and said, "You will not be allowed to import, cook, serve and otherwise, eat bananas, because I think it is immoral!"

I remind us all that there is no abuse in humane euthanasia and no law, moral or constitutional, that prevents you from eating cherries flambé, wild salmon or an Appaloosa filet served with latigo sauce and chopped reins.

Baxter Black may be contacted through his website, www.baxterblack.com.

“ Should I have the right to prevent you from eating eggs sunny-side up? ”

New Mexico State University

Surplus Property Auction

February 21, 2011 - March 2, 2011

Vehicles, heavy equipment, computers, furniture, electronics and other miscellaneous items. Viewing of vehicles ONLY will take place Feb. 22 – Feb. 25, 2011. This is a sealed bid process. If interested, please stop by our office at 1600 Wells Street between 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. You may also contact us at 646-3139 or propoff@nmsu.edu.

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Chevrolet Impala.....Qty. 5	Ford F250.....Qty. 3
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Ford RangerQty. 3	Chevrolet Blazer.....Qty. 1
Ford Windstar.....Qty. 2	Jeep Grand Cherokee ..Qty. 1

Coming Up

Asombro walk

The Asombro Institute for Science Education scientists will present a "Getting Ready for Spring" nature walk at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18. Participants will walk the Desert Discovery Trail in search of local flora and fauna, discover new things and greet the desert as an old friend. Families are encouraged to participate. The walk is free.

The Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park is located northeast of Las Cruces. From Interstate-25 in Las Cruces, head east on U.S. Highway 70 and take the Mesa Grande Drive exit at Oñate High School. Make a U-turn under the highway to head west and stay in the right lane onto the frontage road. Turn right on Jornada Road. Follow Jornada Road for 6.4 miles and turn left at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park sign. Follow the entrance road to the parking area and trailhead. The park is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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

Spaghetti dinner at MVCS

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools (MVCS), 3850 Stern Drive, will host its annual "All American" spaghetti supper from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the school. The all-you-can-eat meal includes spaghetti, salad, bread and a beverage.

There will be a special tribute to veterans at 12:30 p.m.

featuring the New Mexico State University Air Force ROTC color guard.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors, veterans and children under 12, and are available from any MVCS student or at the school office.

For more information, call 525-8515.

Gospel concert

New Mexico State University Black Programs will present a performance by the Gospel Choir featuring Kevin Hamilton at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Atkinson Recital Hall.

For more information, contact NMSU Black Programs at 646-4208 or the NMSU Choral Office at 646-2067.

Pan American Roundtable

The Las Cruces Pan American Round Table will have a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Double Eagle Restaurant, 2355 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. New Mexico State University Librarian Susan Beck will share her impressions of Argentina after a visit to that country in 2008-09. Reservations are required. For more information, call Chris Wohl at 522-8919.

GOP women meet Feb. 25

The Federated Republican Women of Doña Ana County will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at The Game Sports Bar & Grill, 2605 S. Espina St.

Cost for the buffet luncheon is \$9. Donna Richmond, executive director of La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services, will be the guest speaker.

Reservations are required and will be accepted until Tuesday, Feb. 22.

For more information, call 527-5574.

Rec classes

The City of Las Cruces is taking registration for session II spring classes. All classes will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 22. Registration will be ongoing at these facilities until classes are full.

Henry Benavidez Center, 1045 McClure Road, 541-5185.

Monday and Wednesday

- Preschool Gymnastics, ages 3 to 5 - 3 to 3:45 p.m.
- Beginning Gymnastics II, ages 6 and up - 4 to 4:45 p.m.
- Advanced Gymnastics III, ages 9 and up - 5 to 5:45 p.m.
- Zumba exercise classes, adults - 6 to 6:50 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
- KIDS in Motion, ages 3 to 5 - 2 to 2:45 p.m.
- Preschool Gymnastics I, ages 3 to 5 - 3 to 3:45 p.m.
- Preschool Gymnastics I, ages 3 to 5 - 4 to 4:45 p.m.
- Beginning Gymnastics I, ages 6 and up, 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., 541-2563

Monday and Wednesday

- KIDS in Motion, ages 3 to 5 - 10 to 10:45 a.m. Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., 541-2455
- Monday and Wednesday
- Beginning Golf, ages 6 to 9 - 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (begins March 2011)
- Tuesday and Thursday
- Intermediate Golf (NMSU driving range), ages 9 and

up - 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (begins March 2011)

- Martial Arts, ages 6 and up - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (new students at the beginning of each month)

Session III will be held Monday, March 28, through Thursday, April 21.

Cost is \$30 per person, per session. A parent must be present with children under the age of 6. For more information, contact any of the listed centers. The TTY number is 541-2661.

Quartet performs

La Catrina Quartet, made up of New Mexico State University faculty members, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Atkinson Recital Hall.

For more information, call Daniel Vega-Albela at 646-5432.

Bromilow Lecture set

Intel vice president and New Mexico State University alum Douglas Davis will be the featured speaker at the College of Engineering Annual Bromilow Lecture from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, in Thomas and Brown Hall, Room 104.

Davis, corporate vice president and general manager of the Netbook and Tablet Group within the Intel Architecture Group, will present his lecture, "Moore's Law and its Impact on the Future of Computing." Davis graduated from NMSU in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and earned his master's degree in business administration from Arizona State University in 1992.

The Bromilow Lecture is held in recognition of Frank Bromilow's leadership and

enhancement of the quality of faculty during his tenure as dean of the College of Engineering from 1961 to 1974.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 646-7416.

Confucius lecture Feb. 24

Julia Maria Schiavone Camacho, assistant professor of History at the University of Texas-El Paso, will present a lecture at the Confucius Institute as part of the New Mexico State University speaker series. Titled "Becoming Mexican in China: Mexican Chinese Families, Transnational Identity, and National Nostalgia, 1910s-1960s," the presentation will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Hardman Hall Auditorium, Room 106. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ken Hammond at the Confucius Institute at khammond@nmsu.edu or 646-1818.

Slide Rule Classic Feb. 24

The first-annual Volt Information Sciences Slide Rule Golf Classic is set for an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start Thursday, Feb. 24, at the New Mexico State University Golf Course. The EngineeringWeek event will benefit engineering scholarships. Fees are \$100 for individual players and \$400 per team. The tournament will conclude with an awards luncheon at 1 p.m. with prizes provided by Callaway Golf. Visit enr.nmsu.edu

for tournament registration forms. For more information, call Tracey O'Neil or Mack Haley at 646-2913.

Malcolm X lecture

New Mexico State University Black Programs will present "Rediscovering Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention" by Manning Marable from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Corbett Center Ballroom.

Marable, a national leader in African-American and ethnic studies and professor of public affairs, political science and history at Columbia University, is widely respected for his insight on the politics of race in America. Marable will speak about his soon-to-be-published comprehensive biography of Malcolm X, which presents surprising new details about Malcolm X's life and assassination. For more information, call 646-4208.

Science Café

Science Café will feature "Connecting Vegetation Change and Climate in the Desert Southwest" at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History at Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

Professor Heather Throop of the New Mexico State University Department of Biology will present the science of how plants and soils influence carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere. Attendees can learn about connections between atmospheric carbon dioxide, climate change and vegetation in Southwestern deserts.

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The City of Las Cruces is seeking proposals for art work to be displayed in Las Cruces City Hall through December 15, 2011. Artists living and working in Doña Ana County are eligible to submit.

Applications packages are available inside city hall, 700 N. Main Street at the information desk and inside suite 3500 on the 3rd floor. Packages are also available on www.las-cruces.org. The deadline to submit is Friday, April 1st.

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Ehrlicke saw past current space projects to envision the future

Scientist believed space exploration was man's next stage

By **Michael Shinabery**
New Mexico Museum of Space History

Editor's note: This is part two of a two-part series.

Krafft Ehrlicke's proposals included the space city Astropolis, a Metaprobe or spacecraft fleet, the lunar settlement Selenopolis and nuclear propulsion to travel the solar system and beyond. In his Dynarium, tourists on space vacation cruises would swim as astronauts float today.

Then, at the American Astronautical Society Meeting in San Diego Feb. 21-23, 1966, Ehrlicke put forth in the paper "Utilization of Space Environment for Therapeutic Purposes" that orbiting hospitals might cure diseases and alleviate pain.

"He actually appeared with Walter Cronkite on television explaining that people with heart conditions, people with arthritic conditions, people who were recovering from severe burns, all of them would benefit by being in a microgravity environment," said author Marsha Freeman in a Jan. 6, 2011, interview on KRSY-AM 1230.

Eluding Russian capture after World War II, Ehrlicke, a German engineer, immigrated to the United States under Operation Paperclip. The Army contracted with him to work on missile development at White Sands Proving Ground.

In 1950, Freeman wrote in "Krafft Ehrlicke's Extraterrestrial Imperative" (Apogee/2008), "the majority of the German team" – led by V-2 developer Wernher von Braun – "was transferred to Huntsville, Alabama, to the Army's Ballistic Missile Agency." There, they designed and tested "medium-range ballistic missiles" that NATO would deploy in Western Europe. Ehrlicke was chief of the Gas Dynamics Section, which researched propulsion. But "when his Army contract expired in 1952," Ehrlicke chose private industry. He was, said "Von Braun: Dreamer of Space/Engineer of War" (Knopf 2008), "frustrated at (Huntsville's) apparent lack of a space future."

Bell Aircraft hired Ehrlicke; the company also employed Walter Dornberger, the former commander of Peenemunde, where Ehrlicke worked on the V-2.

"While at Bell Aircraft, he began thinking about how to most efficiently carry men and machines into orbit," Freeman wrote. "He developed the ground-breaking idea of having two types of rocket vehicles for manned space missions – one for the crew, and a separate one for cargo." His design for "a reusable winged orbiting craft ... later led to the design of the Air Force's (Dyna-Soar or Dynamic Soaring) concept," which, said the website islandfarm.fsnet.co.uk, "was the basis of the American space shuttle program."

In 1951, the Air Force contracted with Convair to build Atlas, "the first American ICBM," said Ted Spitzmiller in "Astronautics: Book 1 – Dawn of the Space Age" (Apogee 2006). Three years later, Ehrlicke joined Convair, which had planned



to hire him earlier "but his close Nazi association during the war held up the issuance of a U.S. security clearance."

At Convair, Spitzmiller said, Ehrlicke "finally felt he had found a creative home." He "was able to conduct in-house studies for orbiting satellites by 1956 but could not induce the government to fund his proposals until Sputnik."

After the Soviet Union launched the world's first artificial satellite, Freeman said that Convair, by then General Dynamics' Convair Astronautics Division, had Ehrlicke "proceed with a design for an Atlas upper stage," the Centaur. The company then sent him to Washington, D.C., with a proposal titled "A Satellite and Space Development Program," along with a \$15 million "funding

request" to build Centaur, "the world's first liquid hydrogen rocket stage."

Ehrlicke had a "passionate belief" in liquid hydrogen as a second-stage propellant "to produce a higher thrust than any known rocket fuel," Freeman said. That would "allow increases in payload ... between 35-40 (percent) per pound of lift-off weight. Ehrlicke insisted that mastering the difficult, and dangerous, use of liquid hydrogen was necessary in order to efficiently travel beyond Earth orbit."

"The Atlas (booster) is like a big truck," Ehrlicke said. "You can use it to carry men, equipment, most anything you want, into space."

The 1966 Lunar Surveyor "launched on an Atlas-Centaur," Freeman said. Surveyor "landed successfully on the Moon's Ocean of Storms, paving the way for the manned Apollo missions. Six more Surveyor missions followed." The Mariner 7 Mars mission was another spacecraft "with a Centaur upper stage."

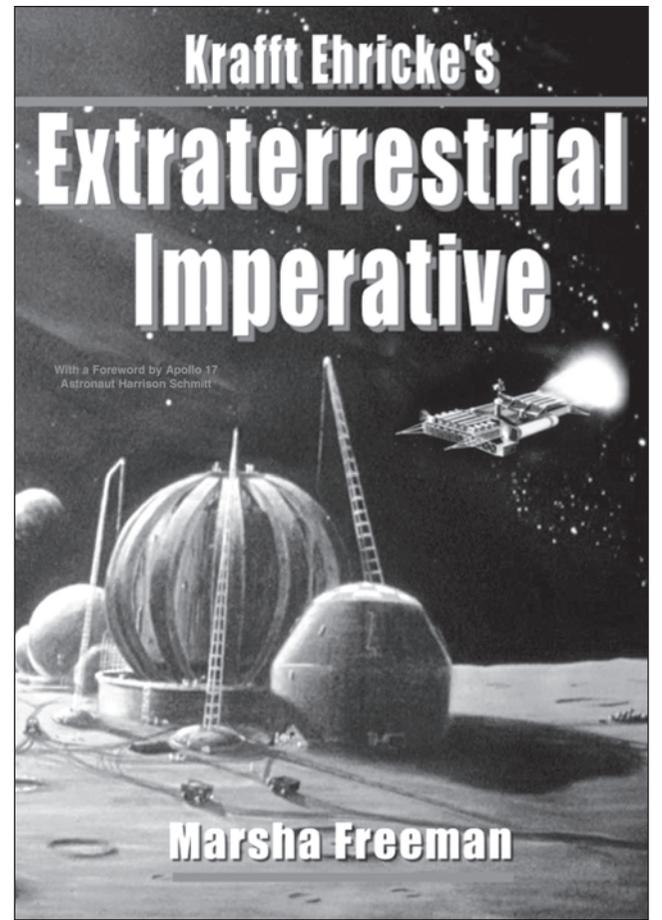
Ehrlicke "was well aware that the first step to exploring space was to be able to get there," Freeman said. "Convair's Atlas rocket would perform well enough to deliver a nuclear weapon halfway around the world, but to send machines to the planets, and open the universe to men, more advanced and powerful propulsion systems would be required."

"I cannot imagine," Ehrlicke said, "a more foreboding vision than the fate of a mankind possessed with cosmic powers and condemned to one small planet."

After NASA landed men on the moon, the federal government began reducing the aerospace budget. Conversely, Ehrlicke argued for increased research and development "investment," in the April 1982 Astronautics & Aeronautics. He also

“ Ehrlicke was well aware that the first step to exploring space was to be able to get there ... ”

MARSHA FREEMAN,
author



Apogee Books photo

Artist Christopher Sloan depicted Krafft Ehrlicke's lunar city, Selenopolis, from an Ehrlicke sketch, on the cover of "Extraterrestrial Imperative." Ehrlicke himself painted the nuclear-powered lunar freighter preparing to land, which is inserted into the depiction.

decried what he described as the "limits-to-growth syndrome, technophobia, and cultural pessimism (that) have undercut the space program." The result, he said, was that "we have lost time, and the public has lost confidence in our work."

"When the cultural situation changed by the end of the 1960s, he took on a very public fight," Freeman said on KRSY. The new attitude was that "man is a parasite on the earth, all we do is produce waste and pollution, and the dream was disappearing and man was becoming a pestilence instead of a creative individual who could look out and develop the universe."

Ehrlicke was a proponent of the "philosophical" view of space, said Freeman on KRSY, which means adopting a far-sighted view beyond any current project.

"He saw space exploration as really, fundamentally, a new stage in human existence. What he meant by the extraterrestrial imperative was that this is not just simply nice or exciting or interesting for people to do, but something that would really define the existence of humanity, that it would be a new level of human society. He said we have been living in a two-dimensional civilization. We have the earth and we walk around it or we fly around it. But going into space brings you into a three-dimensional civilization," Freeman said.

Ehrlicke died in December 1984 of leukemia.

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In the news

State appeals judge arrested on DWI charge

New Mexico Appeals Court Judge Robert Eugene Robles was arrested Wednesday, Feb. 16, on aggravated drunken driving and reckless driving charges, according to the Associated Press.

Robles, was pulled over around 1 a.m. on an Albuquerque street, police spokesman Robert Gibbs told the AP.

Robles was released about 10 to 12 hours later on his own recognizance and gave no other details about the arrest.

The Las Cruces Sun-News reported his breath-alcohol concentration at .20. The state's legal limit of .08.

Robles served state district judge in Doña Ana County for 17 years until he was appointed to the appellate court in 2008 and was re-elected last November.

Police ask public to share traffic concerns

Las Cruces residents with comments or questions related to the enforcement of traffic rules and regulations will have the opportunity to voice their concerns Saturday, Feb. 19, to officers from the Las Cruces Police Department's Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET).

NET officers will be listening to the concerns of Las Cruces residents from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the multi-purpose room at Meersheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

Anyone with concerns related to traffic safety – such as roadways with excessive speeders or potentially unsafe driving habits – is encouraged to attend the meeting.

NET officers will gather the information they receive from the meeting and work on traffic enforcement operations that may be necessary.

Allen Theatres screens feature film produced by NMSU graduate

Just a year after receiving his bachelor's degree in digital filmmaking and animation from New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute, Nick Chamberlin has produced his first full-length feature film, "Bomb Squad," which will be screened Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25-26 at Allen Theaters Cineport 10 in Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

Originally written several years ago with the help of his sisters, "Bomb Squad" was Chamberlin's biggest undertaking as he assumed the roles of writer, director, producer and editor, in addition to creating special effects and producing music for the film.

"Bomb Squad" follows four siblings who inherit super-abilities from their imprisoned

father. With the entire front of a government unit at their heels, they are forced to run, but don't know where to go or who to trust. After the news that their father was once a super-villain, they risk it all to keep what is left of their family together.

With the increasing pressure from the ruthless Gen. Ward and the looming threat of a terrifying super-villain, the bonds of their family are tested to their limits.

Over the course of 58 days, the cast and crew devoted their weekends to the film. Filming took place in various locations around Las Cruces, including Mesilla Valley Christian High School and the NMSU campus.

Once filming had wrapped, Chamberlin began the task of editing and adding special effects to his film.

Admission to "Bomb Squad" is \$6 and open to the public. To view the trailer for "Bomb Squad," visit www.vimeo.com/18929163.

Briefs

Lawmakers approve transfer of Camuñez building to city

Both the state House and Senate this week approved a resolution that clears the way for a state-owned building on the re-opened section of Downtown's Main Street to be transferred to the City of Las Cruces.

The state-owned Camuñez building, located south of the Rio Grande Theatre, will be used by the city, the Doña Ana Arts Council and the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership as a business incubator for nonprofits and a media facility for students of Alma d'arte Charter High School and Doña Ana Community College.

On the first floor of the building, the local green and Hispano chambers will have a presence to provide mentorship to farmers market-type businesses that would like to operate seven days a week.

McMillan introduces bill to end 'tax lightning'

A piece of legislation introduced this week would end the practice of capping residential property values for tax purposes, which has led to complaints of "tax lightning" after a home changes hands.

Increases in taxable property values for New Mexico homeowners are capped at 3 percent a year, but the cap doesn't apply when the home is sold, meaning the new owner could face dramatically higher property tax bills if the valuation rises.

House Bill 451 would put a 5 percent cap on the increase in taxable property value of the home when it changes hands.

"This would save homeowners and the state thousands because tax bills would be capped at 5 percent for homeowners, and it would save the government from the massive lawsuits that stem from tax (lightning)," the legislation's sponsor, Rep. Terry McMillan, R-Las Cruces, said in a press release announcing the legislation. "Tax (lightning) has affected thousands of New Mexicans who purchased a home only to find the tax bill, in some cases, tripled."

Garcia seeks tougher child abuse standard

The Senate Public Affairs Committee passed SB 213, which would make it child abuse to leave a child under 8 in a motor vehicle "under circumstances that manifest an extreme indifference to human life and that create a grave risk of death to the child."

"Fourteen other states have similar laws on the books. How much more important is it in New Mexico, where we routinely see 100-degree weather?" asked Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, D-Doña Ana, the sponsor.

Martinez proposes school grades
Governor says parents under report card ratings

By **Robert Nott**
 The New Mexican

Gov. Susana Martinez argued Tuesday, Feb. 15, that assigning New Mexico schools grades of A through F would lead to improvements by letting parents, teachers and others know where each school stands.

However, at least one person who attended a Tuesday afternoon press conference held by Martinez and her Secretary of Education-designate Hanna Skandera was skeptical.

Former Congressional candidate Carol Miller of Peñasco said the system will "just make you feel even worse about your school and about your community. I think a lot of our schools are going to be on an F scale."

The governor urged legislators, parents and public-school advocates to support Senate Bill 427, intended to put the school-grading system into place by August.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Vernon Asbill, R-Carlsbad, would grade schools based on several standards: student proficiency, student growth in reading and math and the academic growth in reading and math of the lowest 25 percent of students in each school.

Parents unhappy with a school's grade would be able to transfer their children to another school within the state.

Reading from a prepared speech, the governor called the state's educational system "broken." Noting that the state often nationally ranks near the bottom when it comes to K-12 academic achievement, Martinez said her educational reform agenda – including the grading system – will turn this trend around.

"Using an easy-to-understand grading system means that teachers and administrators can evaluate what is working – and just as importantly, what isn't working in the classroom," she said. "Also, families can make informed choices for their children. And communities – with help from the private sector and nonprofit groups – can rally around failing schools and offer resources to assist progress."

The governor noted that several other states, including Florida, have benefited from utilizing this grading system.

Patricia Levesque, executive director for the Foundation for Excellence in Education, located in Florida, said that may initially prove true. When Florida began grading schools more than 10 years ago – a controversial and unpopular move, she recalled – about 700 of the state's 3,500 schools received an F and only 515 received an A or a B.

But this system works, she said. As of 2010, only 181 schools rate an F, while more than 2,000 have hit the A or B mark.

"We used to use labels that nobody paid attention to: high performing schools, satisfactory schools, schools in need of improvement," Levesque said. "It wasn't until we started grading schools A, B, C, D and F that people paid attention. People understand that A and B is good, D and F is bad, and C leaves a lot of room for improvement."

Matthew Ladner, vice president for research at Phoenix's Goldwater Institute and an advocate of this grading system, said Tuesday that it's true that parents, community members, and school-board members worked to turn around failing schools in Florida.

"In broad strokes I think what the A-F system accomplishes is to give truth in advertising," he said.

Florida rewards schools that earn a higher grade, Levesque and Ladner said. Martinez mentioned this idea in her speech Tuesday, but acknowledged she couldn't yet offer specifics on how the program would be funded.

The bill is just one of several measures that Martinez and Skandera have announced to promote educational reform. They would also like to eliminate social promotion, where students who are not able to read at a proficient rate by the end of the third grade are nonetheless graduated to the fourth grade.

The governor has also spoken about creating a way to evaluate and reward effective teachers.

Earlier this week, Skandera took some heat when she hired eight out-of-state education consultants on short-term contracts at a total cost of \$152,000. Skandera previously worked as Florida's deputy commissioner of education under former Gov. Jeb Bush.

Martinez defended that decision on Tuesday, saying it was less expensive than hiring full-time employees with benefits, and it saved the state at least \$100,000.

One attendee at the event held up a sign toward the governor reading, "Gov. Martinez gets an F on Education Advisory Team." A trio of tall men in suits positioned themselves in front of the sign, apparently so Martinez and Skandera wouldn't be distracted by it.

But Skandera later approached Lynelle Ramone, a female companion of the sign-holder (who disappeared) to ask about the message. Ramone said she and her friends – Navajo students from the Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque – feel Skandera should have instead hired locals, "People who know the situation here."



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By Bryan Durbin
STAFF WRITER

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If you are like a lot of people, you might have an old Vintage Guitar lying around. If you have ever wondered what it's worth, now might be your chance to find out and even sell it, if you choose. Vintage guitars could be worth a lot according to the International Vintage Guitar Collectors Association also known as IVGCA. Collectors will pay a fortune for Vintage Guitars, Banjos, Acoustic Guitars and even Drum Sets for their collections. If they are rare enough, one could be worth over \$100,000 according to David McIntosh, Vintage Guitar Collector and IVGCA member. One 1960 Gibson Les Paul went for \$100,000 to a collector in July of 2007. While that is an extreme example, many rare and valuable guitars are stashed away in attics, closets, basements, or in a garage around the country. The IVGCA and its collectors have organized a traveling event in search of all types of Vintage Guitars and Instruments. "Even common guitars can be worth a significant amount due to high collector demands," says McIntosh. The rarest guitars these collectors are looking for include: Martin, Gibson, Gretsch and Rickenbacker. These guitars always bring big premiums according to the IVGCA.

While the IVGCA's specialty is guitars, they are also examining other instruments, including drum sets, banjos, flutes, clarinets, etc. The IVGCA says, "You never really know what you have until your item is evaluated by experts." Whatever kind of instrument you may have, bring it in to our experts.

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Navy

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Marine Capt. Jason Muscat said the pilot trainees get to know every nut and bolt on their trainer planes before taking flight. Most flights last for about two hours.

Though the desert mountain scenery is an enjoyable break from either the open ocean or the more urban surroundings in Corpus Christi, the student pilots start off by learning to fly by just their instruments, so their cockpit is covered by a shroud, recalled 1st Lt. Josh Barrett. Originally from Rochester, N.Y., Barrett said the area's scenery is unlike anything he's ever experienced as he has taken many other flights since.

"The visibility is incredible," Barrett said, who had taken two solo flights. "You can see for miles."

Barrett said he likes the Las Cruces location because there are fewer distractions. The group stays at a local hotel and doesn't have easy access to transportation. But there's little time for play, anyway. Barrett said the constant good weather here means most likely he will be flying every day and that's the way he likes it.

"It's at a much faster pace, but for me that makes it an exciting experience," he said. "I learn better this way – to have it ingrained in me through repetition."

"It's a school," Volcansek said, with daily briefings, frequent maintenance and constant planning.

"For the trainees, you're either attending briefings, flying or studying," said Lt. Cmdr. Paolo Carcavallo.

“The folks here at the airport make it a really good experience.”

LT. CMDR.
PAOLO CARCAVALLO

Constant repetition is the best way to learn how to fly, Carcavallo said, because it makes certain motor skills turn automatic, which is important in emergency and other critical situations.

With fewer distractions and being housed at the same hotel, Barrett said the student pilots also get to talk to each other about differ-

ent flying challenges.

Once they complete their basic flight training here – expected to end in mid-April – the

student pilots can then put in for more specialized training, such as for helicopters or jets, he said.

All the staff are very complimentary of the airport staff, including Adventure Aviation, where they are primarily hosted.

"It's not easy for a small airport like this to handle a big Navy detachment like this," Volcansek said. "The folks here at the airport make it a really good experience. And the people are very friendly. We love Las Cruces."

Carcavallo said the group also tries to be as cooperative as possible. "We try to minimize our impact," he said.

To the casual observer, the flights take off and land with steady regularity, but nothing appears hurried or rushed. That can be deceptive, Carcavallo said.

"At the end of the day, you look back and see all the activity that's taken place," he said. "It's extremely productive."



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Nick Mills and Capt. Jason Muscat prepare to hit the skies.

Nick Mills grabs his flight gear before heading out to his plane.

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Marisa Watson of the Navy shows that it's not all flying at flight school – there is some studying to be done as well.

Capt. Jason Muscat checks his plane before taking a student on a test flight Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Las Cruces International Airport.



A group of Navy pilots wait for their planes to be fueled so they can start their daily flights.

The cockpit view of the Navy's Mentor planes



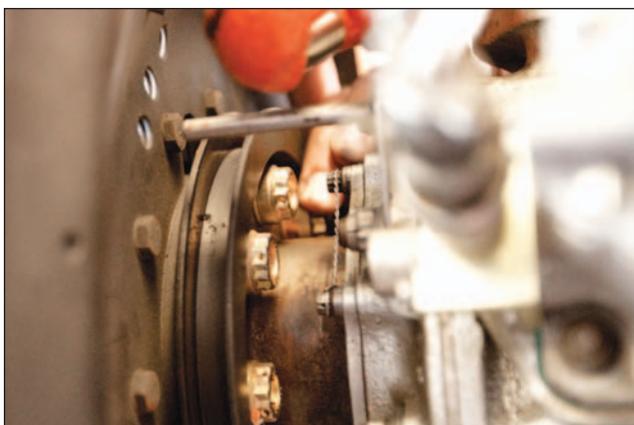
Jerry Peak fills up one of the Navy's Mentor planes before an instructor and student take it out.



Marine Jed Foglesong watches over the airfield in the Navy's makeshift tower at the Las Cruces Airport.



Lt. Cmdr. Paolo Carcavallo shows the flight check book that every pilot has to sign out before each flight.



Airplane mechanic Clemente Delgado tightens up the remaining bolts on an engine change to one of the Navy's Mentor planes.

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result in staff taking home less pay.

"I don't mean to paint a picture of doom and gloom," Rounds said, "but there's not a lot of latitude."

Rounds vowed to do all he could to see that employees who end this school year in good standing with the district still have a job waiting for them. Future budget considerations will balance retaining employees while making sure students continue to be afforded good educational opportunities, he said. Whatever is decided, Rounds said the district will keep teacher loads at the legal limits.

"My money is in retaining people and doing the right thing for kids," Rounds said. "We're going to be OK, but we need to start this conversation now."

Rounds said he is developing a set of answers for the most

frequently asked questions as this conversation goes on.

Although there are aspects to the changes that educators, parents and students won't like, "the alternative is dreadful," Rounds said. The alternative referred to by Rounds would be a reduction in force – in other words, layoffs.

Rounds said he will continue lobbying the Legislature and testifying before committees as the session goes into its final weeks. But Rounds said he has to realistically consider what's on the table currently as the "high-water mark" and that more cuts are likely as the funding legislation gets amended before being sent to Gov. Susana Martinez.

At the meeting, the school board also voted unanimously to extend Rounds' contract through June 30, 2013, an extension of one year. Board members Connie Phillips, Bonnie Votaw, Chuck Davis and Maria Flores all voted for the contract extension. Former board member Serena Shoop resigned her District 2 position Jan. 31 and her replacement is expected to be named by the board by mid-March.

Redistricting

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to draw district lines in ways that keep the democratic process competitive. He noted there are a number of states that have included a citizen advisory process in their redistricting laws and he said he would like to make the Doña Ana County-Las Cruces effort a case study to take to lawmakers so that New Mexico law will include a citizen advisory process in future redistricting statewide.

In both the city and county work, Research and Polling will give the boards several different options to choose from. Common Cause asked the County Commission to consider appointing a board that is equally made up of Democrats and Republicans, along with an independent member. With city elections officially nonpartisan, the City Council is considering having each councillor appoint a representative and alternate.

McCamey urged the elected officials to try to remove themselves as much as possible from the process, encourage openness and solicit citizen input.

Michael Sharp, a redistricting consultant with Research and Polling, said the company would be willing to work with such a process.

Sharp said the company will draw lines guided by five principles: making sure they are of equal population; that minority voting rights are preserved; that the districts are compact; that the boundaries have continuity; and that communities are preserved.

Councillor Dolores Connor said she was concerned the new district lines could cause sitting incumbents to lose their seats. Sharp said one of the plans offered will have the aim to contain the least amount of changes.

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima said the tremendous growth on the East Mesa will likely cause districts five and six to shrink.

CrimeStoppers

Attempted robbery

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that helps police identify the two men who assaulted a woman and attempted to steal the cash she was depositing at a local bank.



Las Cruces Police are investigating the incident that occurred at around 6:40 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Citizens Bank at 505 S. Main St.

Investigators learned the woman drove up and parked near the night depository at the bank. The woman stepped out of her vehicle and had just completed a deposit when the two men ran up and pushed her to the ground. The woman was not seriously injured.

The suspects were unable to steal the woman's deposit since it was already secured in the night depository.

Both suspects were wearing blue jeans. The first suspect was wearing a navy blue hoodie with white stripes on its sleeves and a white emblem on the front. The second suspect was wearing a white T-shirt and black ski mask.

The two men were last seen running eastbound from the bank toward Campo Street.

If you have any information that can help police identify the suspects you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477).

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Jim Hilley
Bulletin in the Zone

The Aggies' upcoming road trip to San Jose State and Hawai'i is not only long, it is also looming large if the Aggies are going to secure the second-place bye in the WAC Tournament in Las Vegas, Nev., March 9-12.

"We're right there, we have teams that have played one less game than we have that are right on our heels so we have to take care of business," coach Marvin Menzies said.

The Nevada Wolfpack (7-5 Western Athletic Conference, 10-15 overall), currently are alone in third place and breathing down the Aggies' neck for second place.

Nevada has just completed the long swing through San Jose and Honolulu, and managed to come out with a split, defeating SJSU (5-8, 11-14) in an overtime game 84-76, before losing 69-67 at Hawai'i (5-7, 14-10), also in overtime.

The Wolfpack have home games against Idaho (7-6, 14-11) and Boise State (7-6, 14-11) before embarking on their final road trip to conference cellar dweller Louisiana Tech (2-10, 11-15) and the current second-place team, NMSU (8-4, 14-12).

Neither Boise nor Idaho can be overlooked, and in fact, are not out of the second-place race yet, especially if either team comes away with a win in Reno.

One thing in the Aggies' favor is they own the tiebreaker against Idaho, having swept the Vandals this year.

League-leading Utah State (12-1, 23-3) will sew up the first-place bye with their next victory. They host Idaho in Logan on Feb. 26, before traveling to NMSU for a Wednesday, March 2, game on ESPN2, and a season-ending game at La Tech Saturday, March 5.

For better or worse, at least the Aggies hold their fate in their own hands.

By winning out, they are guaranteed a bye in the tournament. But even if they sweep on the road, a win over Nevada is the only way NMSU can guarantee second place, as a loss to the Wolfpack would give Nevada the tiebreaker.

A split on the road would make the final two home games must-win games for NMSU if they want to finish in second place, and pessimists can point to the Aggies' 2-4 road record in conference play as reason for concern.

Another concern for the Aggies is the health of Troy Gillenwater. Without the Aggie's leading scorer in the line-up against Louisiana Tech Monday, Feb. 7, the Aggies struggled to a 50-49 victory in Ruston.

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, Menzies said Gillenwater was healing up and he expected him to play against Northern Colorado Saturday, Feb. 19.

It's BracketBuster time



Gordo Castillo cheers on his team in a game earlier in the season. The senior guard only has three regular-season home games left in his career as an Aggie.

Ags face Northern Colorado in 6:30 p.m. Saturday contest

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State Aggies bring a sparkling 6-0 record in ESPN BracketBuster games into their contest with Northern Colorado at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, but the made-for-TV contest probably does not live up to its name when it comes to the Aggies' position.

"You would think ideally you would have some teams that have to win this game to get in the bracket (the NCAA Tournament), but when this game is played, it is still too far off from selection Sunday to really determine if the game has that weight or not," Aggies' coach Marvin Menzies said. "In our case it doesn't have the same weight it could hold if we had a better start to the season."

For Northern Colorado and coach B.J. Hill, their appearance in a BracketBuster game is a first.

"I told the conference commissioner we were interested and we

landed a game this year," Hill said.

The Bears' coach said the BracketBuster concept is probably not doing what it was originally intended, but it allows programs like his to play other programs that probably would not be scheduled otherwise. It also takes some of the load off his back when it comes to scheduling.

"It's a couple of games that I don't have to schedule, they are scheduled for me," he said.

When it comes to the actual basketball game, both coaches say it should be a good matchup.

Though Hill said he has not seen a lot of the Aggies, he has seen enough to make an impression.

"I've seen that they do some press, and they have some good players in Troy Gillenwater and Hernst Laroché. They will present a lot of difficult matchup problems," he said.

As far as coach Menzies is concerned, it will provide the Aggies a chance to get experience against a

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Oñate looks to clinch district title

Bulldawgs even the score with crosstown rivals

By **Craig Massey**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Oñate boys basketball team enters the final regular-season weekend holding on to the top seed for next week's district tournament, but they may now be looking over their shoulder.

That's because the Las Cruces Bulldawgs got the attention of Oñate – and the rest of the state – last Saturday night with a 58-40 win over the previously No. 1-ranked Knights. The win avenged a loss to Oñate earlier in the season and the Bulldawgs made their point in front of a packed house in Oñate's gym.

On Tuesday night, the Bulldawgs avenged another loss to another in-town rival when they downed Mayfield, 66-57. After Tuesday's games, the city's three 5A teams entered Thursday in the district's top three spots – Oñate at 6-1, LCHS at 5-2 and Mayfield at 3-3. Gadsden is winless in district and Alamogordo has only one win.

Las Cruces played Gadsden Thursday night. Mayfield took on Alamogordo Thursday night and faces Oñate in a big game at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19. If the Knights win, they'll clinch the top seed in the district tournament and will host the tourney's title game. A loss would drop the Knights into a first-place tie with LCHS, which is coming on strong.

"Whenever you beat the No. 1 team, it gives you confidence," LCHS coach William Benjamin said. "Oñate is still in the driver's seat, but this lets us know that we can play with anybody."

It was the second time this season that Las



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Craig Massey

Two of Las Cruces' best high school players, Oñate High School's Terrel de Rouen and Las Cruces High's Mando Marshall, battle Saturday, Feb. 12, in the Oñate gym. The Bulldawgs came away with an 58-40 win over the No. 1-ranked Knights.

Cruces (17-8) defeated a No. 1 team. The Bulldawgs defeated La Cueva earlier in the season when the Bears held the top spot.

Always long on talent and size, Benjamin said the recent surge by his team is due partly to increased aggressiveness.

"The kids are playing well right now," Benjamin said. "We're playing aggressively, we're

playing hard and playing with confidence."

Junior forward Mando Marshall led the Bulldawgs with 23 points in the big win over Oñate last Saturday.

"We played pretty well defensively," Oñate coach Saul Perez said after the loss. "Their bigs (Marshall and Trevor Noel) got their points, but

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Onthegreen

Train your brain for a better game of golf

Don't look to your sticks to find a game – it's all you

There is no such thing as a "mental game." That is, unless you play golf or some activity in your head. But that's no fun.

The whole idea of a "mental game" came from some pro who happened to tell a guy that his golf problems were all in his head. And the golf pro took it from Ralph Cramden (Jackie Gleason in the "Honeymooners") calling Norton a "mental case." Besides, "mental" is not politically correct anymore. It's like social agencies and Medicaid today don't treat mental illness, just "behavioral" problems.

Well, you and I know instinctively that to play good golf, it's going to take more than just swinging hard at the golf ball. Naturally, it takes something inside. The whole idea of "mental toughness" is giving way to a broader, more sophisticated concept called "emotional intelligence," or EQ for short. When we apply EQ to golf we have what I call "golf intelligence." In its most elemental essence, high golf intelligence means that you routinely master your emotions under every eventuality while thinking sharply, behaving deftly and performing successfully under pressure. You do this on and off the field because of full awareness of self, others and circumstances.

Common excesses

Regardless of your golf handicap, you're really a bundle of excesses and deficits, strengths and weaknesses, when it comes to the role your brain plays in your golf game.

The most common excesses I notice are these: over-thinking, which is self-sabotaging; roller coaster emotions with an inappropriate effect (like tantrums); unreasonable worrying, anxiety and tenseness; reluctance to take personal responsibility for how they play without much complaining; excessive self-conscious behavior with fear of social evaluation; being too impatient and impulsive, often leading to poor decision making.

You also might be able to relate to these typical golf

intelligence deficits: undisciplined shot-preparation (no routine); lack of imagination, especially with trouble shots; frequent lapses in attention and concentration; a pervasive self-defeating negative attitude; paucity of confidence; slowness (or refusal) to learn new things; failure to act in a gentlemanly or ladylike manner. That last item is mostly a little pet peeve of mine stemming from the abundance of sandbaggers, drunks, bad boys, inconsiderate buffoons and sloppy dressers I see, toting their bags of fake Pings.

Don't get me wrong. I also play with and coach likeable golfers who have wonderful inner strengths – high golf intelligence, in other words. I admire traits that include perseverance, tenaciousness, playfulness, emotional resilience, good social graces and a "never quit" attitude.

So, what to do? The simple formula is play to your strengths while you play catch-up with your weak spots.

But then, you ask, how do I go about accomplishing that? Before you do anything else, get some feedback on how well or poorly you manage yourself with a golf club in your hands. Pick your resources carefully, as you don't want your rivals feeding you horse pucky or feeding off your insecurities. Play a few rounds on the golf course with your teacher and get his or her opinion of where you need the most work.

Going back to what I advised in an earlier article, you need to analyze your inner game. It's like step four in a 12-step recovery program where you make a "searching and fearless inventory" of your golf game. Do some soul-searching to find your real insecurities, your shaky and vulnerable spots stemming from where your ego is most fragile.

Connecting your shadow self to your golf game isn't that complicated. I know guys who bomb it 300 yards, but can't break 90; they think we're wowed by their manliness, when

“ The simple formula is play to your strengths while you play catch-up with your weak spots. ”

Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor



what we actually admire is a gross 69 or 72.

Another more anal guy worries more about his "five a side" handicap strokes than his golf swing because taking a few bucks bolsters his ego.

Focus, visualize, relax

Want to become more golf-intelligent? Get in touch with the reality of what you do and how others experience you. Find your blind spots, your personality deficiencies and failures. Chances are they carry over into other areas such as the workplace.

When Herb Wimberly and I coach golfers at our golf clinics we notice folks are surprised to know they can actually practice solid golf-intelligent skills. The very first thing to practice is an efficient, abbreviated pre-swing routine that allows you to focus your brain, visualize your shot and relax your body.

When you're hitting balls on the range or working on your putting, practice specific shots for specific situations, as you go through your pre-shot rehearsal and routine. Taking the trouble to go through your process will allow you to become disciplined when the game is on the line. The secret to taking your range game to the golf course is to take the golf course to the range – by simulating the real thing as you practice.

I'm a believer in practicing with a purpose; and a believer in playing competitive games while practicing. I love playing chipping and putting games (like 7-up or 21) because the situation forces you to focus and put more effort into each shot.

Dropping three balls on the green and repeating the same putt doesn't do that. You don't get to drop three balls out on the golf course. You have to make the very first one count.

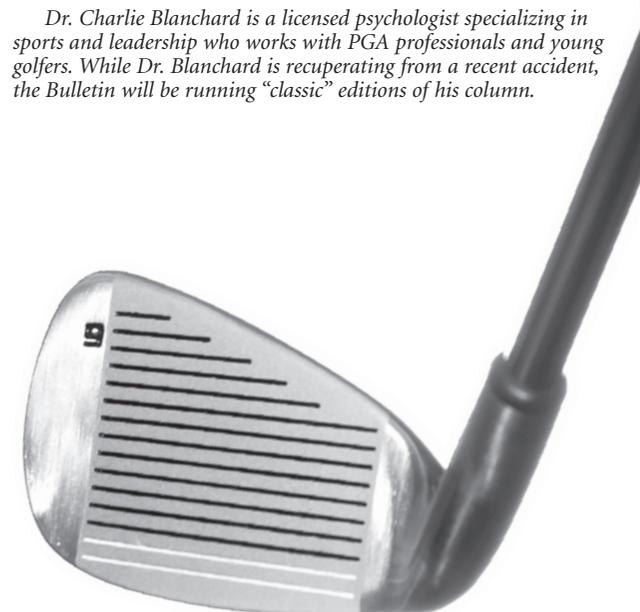
The next best thing to games is drills. Make 10 in a row from four feet. Make three from 2, 4 and 6 feet before going home. You're competing with yourself and developing confidence. Most folks you see practicing around the green are trying the same shot over and over. What's the point, to finally get one right?

I want you to chip six different shots from the fringe, then take out your putter and get them all up and down. Simulate the golf course, with your eyes, your muscles and your brain.

If you ask me to give you just one, powerful idea that will help transform your golf game to a new higher level it is simply this: believe in yourself. Believe that you have the potential and capability to acquire new skills and talent that will shift your own personal golf paradigm.

Do you have the desire, the discipline and the stick-to-itiveness to put the work in, work out in the gym and practice long hours? Then you can do it. When your patience is tested and your luck is down and the pressure is on, play your highest card – believe in yourself.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers. While Dr. Blanchard is recuperating from a recent accident, the Bulletin will be running "classic" editions of his column.



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High School Athletes of the Week

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Kelsie Niehoff

Kelsie Niehoff is a 16-year-old junior at Oñate High School. She plays point guard on the Lady Knight's basketball team and is averaging eight points, three assists, three steals and four rebounds per game. Niehoff had a season high with 24 points against Gadsden. She has a great work ethic, is a team leader and strives to be a better player. Niehoff is a wonderful person on and off the court. She understands that she has the ability to make this world a better place and works hard at accomplishing that every day! Niehoff's a good student, with a 3.25 GPA. Her interests outside of school are race car driving and basketball.



Rafael Ulivarri

Rafael Ulivarri is a 17-year-old junior at Oñate High School. He wrestles in the 135-pound weight class on the Knight's wrestling team. Ulivarri is a three-time district runner-up. He placed sixth at state in 2009, in the 117-pound weight class; fifth at state in 2010 in the 119-pound weight class; and qualified for state in 2011. He is a dedicated student, with a 3.40 GPA, and wants to continue to wrestle in college, aiming to get a scholarship at a district 1 school. When not wrestling or in school, Ulivarri enjoys his church, working out and attending post-season tournaments.

Aggie Insider



NMSU has performed well in BracketBuster Aggies face Northern Colorado

It is the ESPNU BracketBuster weekend, and the Aggie men's basketball team is hosting Northern Colorado for this first time in 60 years. The Aggies' record in the ESPN arranged games is perfect. This is the sixth year of the BracketBuster and this is the fourth home game for NM State.

The series began in Stockton, Calif., in 2006 versus Pacific. The former Big West rival was atop the league standings and was a good foe for an Aggie team that was coming into its own. The game ended up with a thrilling 79-69 overtime victory for the Crimson and White, one of a couple wild finales in this series. It looked like the Aggies had it all wrapped up in regulation when Michael Webb threw in a 40-foot 3-point field goal to tie everything up. The Spanos Center crowd went nuts and momentum seemed to be wearing UOP orange and black. The Aggies buckled down and limited Pacific to a single point in the extra time to win by 10. The two teams met again in the BracketBuster game last year that went to the Aggies by six, 84-78, in regulation.

The BracketBuster matchup of 2007 equaled the first in drama when Ohio came to the Pan American Center on the night that New Mexico State announced its All-Century Team. At halftime, things were not looking rosy as the Bobcats held a double-digit lead. I remember glancing at Athletics Director Dr. McKinley Boston as I prepared to introduce



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

the all-star team. He attempted to put on a happy face, but the dire game situation had his jaw locked up tight. Whether it was the presence of the Aggie greats or the results of a stern halftime lecture, the Aggies roared back to tame the Bobcats, 77-72.

The next couple of games in the series did not have as dramatic game stories as the first two, but were nonetheless satisfying. Long Beach State was badly over-matched in 2008, 80-48, but the next year brought the "Fightin Titans" from Cal State Fullerton and a deadeye shooter in Josh Akognon. He was a one man show but a team effort tamed the Titans, and NM State prevailed by eight, 94-86. The return to Stockton was the 2010 game and the Aggies won a "grind it out" half court battle.

This year, it's the Big Sky Conference Bears from Greeley, Colo., who, like the Aggies, are currently in second in their league. Their name is not one that is familiar to hoop fans, since the two schools have not played since 1941. Back then, Northern Colorado took two from the Aggies, who were coached by Julius Johnson who ran the program for two years. The BracketBuster series has been good to the Aggies, the good fortune should continue Saturday, Feb. 19.

Focus is on 'team'

Track and field athletes excel on the course and in the classroom

Heading into the WAC Indoor Track and Field Championship week, our track and field/cross country staff was asked to think back on the three-and-a-half short years since Athletics Director Dr. McKinley Boston hired them with a simple mandate, "To build it into one that is competitive in the WAC."

Then as now, head coach Orin Richburg's plan was simple yet straight to the point – build around a team concept, where all events are important and we will not focus just on the sprinting events but the jumps, distance running and throws. This will be a team effort, he said from the onset.

The team concept is simple, and I know every coach says it, but there is more to building a successful team than assembling talented athletes across the board. Believe me that under coach Richburg this is a daily discussion among the staff. It is about not letting the athleticism become the character of the student-athlete and recruiting athletes that understand they are at New Mexico State to get an education in order to have a "J.O.B." at the end of four years.

It's about making everyone on the team feel they have something worth contributing to the team success, that safety and health is above winning, teaching and modeling the family values and morals that are needed for success, instilling a sense of pride and ownership of the team's success or failure.

Entering the fourth year, we are still sweating the small stuff and striving for success, while being a little "old fashioned," as we have heard from time to time.

Scott Fister
Track and Field Assistant Coach



Our team is competitive in the WAC, both on the field and in the classroom. All of our teams GPAs are above 3.0. Last year, the team earned 23 academic All-WAC selections, with a roster that has nearly 70 athletes. Prior to this year, there have been 121 performances making the top 10 list in the school record book, and 16 school records have been broken. This year, we had 22 new top 10 finishes with 10 being improvements over previous records.

Last year, the team earned 30 All-WAC performances, with 11 first team selections. Track and field finished a team-high fourth place at the WAC Indoor Championship last year.

The men's cross country team earned a second-place finish this year at WAC Championships. The individual winner of the women's cross country championships, the past two years is a member of our team who was also selected as both the WAC Freshman and Athlete of the year last year. Then our team won the women's WAC cross country title last year with an impressive showing where all five scoring runners finished before any other's team had their second runner in the chute to win by more than 40 points.

And so as our team heads into the WAC Indoor Track and Field Championship in Boise, Idaho, our staff and team feel confident in our ability to be competitive in all events.

This Week

In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Feb. 18
Softball
Oklahoma
Las Cruces
4:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis
Northern Colorado
Las Cruces
1 p.m.

Baseball
Houston Baptist
Las Cruces
2 p.m.

Softball
Louisiana-Monroe
Las Cruces
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19
Men's Golf
New Mexico Collegiate Cup
Truth or Consequences
All day

Men's Tennis
Texas-San Antonio
Las Cruces
10 a.m.

Softball
Sam Houston State
Las Cruces
noon

Women's Tennis
Seattle
Las Cruces
1 p.m.

Softball
Southern Utah
Las Cruces
2:30 p.m.

Baseball
Houston Baptist
Las Cruces
2 p.m.

Men's Basketball
Northern Colorado
Las Cruces
6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 20
Men's Tennis
Northern Arizona
Las Cruces
9 a.m.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Suteera Chanachai
Senior
Women's Golf

Senior Suteera (Pang) Chanachai finished in the top 10 at the Arizona Wildcat Invitational, Feb. 7-8, in Tucson, Ariz. She carded two consecutive par rounds and finished

with a three-round score of 221. It was her eighth career top 20 finish and her first top 10 finish of the 2010-11 season.



Luis Ramirez
Sophomore
Men's Tennis

Sophomore Luis Ramirez defeated both his singles opponents and won a doubles match when NM State traveled to Denver and Air Force.

At No. 40 Denver, Ramirez was the deciding match to give the Aggies a 4-3 win. Down 6-0 in the tie breaker, Ramirez rallied and scored seven straight points to come from behind for the victory.



Jodie Williams
Sophomore
Women's Tennis

Sophomore Jodie Williams went undefeated and won two singles matches and two doubles matches. She helped the Aggie women's tennis team to a pair of victories

over New Mexico, Feb. 11, and Montana State, Feb. 12.



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League leaders visit Pan Am Ags hang tough with Lady Techsters

Photos by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney



Jasmine Rutledge battles for an offensive rebound against Louisiana Tech during the Aggies 88-79 loss to the league leading Lady Techsters at the Pan American Center Saturday, Feb. 12.



Ariella McGhee plays tough defense on a Lady Techster.



Coach Darin Spence reviews the next play with the Aggie women during a time out.

Aggies fall to Hawai'i

First loss to Wahine in Pan American Center since 2007

New Mexico State senior guard Madison Spence posted her first career double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds, but the Aggie women's basketball team fell 57-52 to Hawai'i inside the Pan American Center Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Fellow senior backcourt mate Jasmine Lowe added 11 points and junior guard Kaitlyn Soto notched her fifth double-digit scoring effort of the season with 10 tallies.

The Aggies built an early lead of eight points midway through the first 20 minutes. NMSU suffered long scoring droughts at the end of the first half, allowing Hawai'i to take a 26-21 lead into halftime. NMSU struggled on the glass, losing the battle of the boards 52-32 on the night, but kept the game close to within a couple of possessions throughout the second half.

The Aggies battled back to overtake the Rainbow Wahine midway through the second half at 41-39 after Lowe capped a 9-1 run with a three-pointer. However, Hawai'i regained the lead shortly thereafter and never relinquished it.

After the loss, NM State drops to 10-14 overall and 4-6 in the Western Athletic Conference. Hawai'i improves to 9-16 overall and 3-9 in the WAC after recording its first road victory of the season. The result marked the first win for the Rainbow Wahine in Las Cruces in five tries since a 57-46 victory on Feb. 8, 2007.

NMSU continued its four-game home stand against San Jose State Thursday, Feb. 17, before traveling to Utah State for a game Thursday, Feb. 24.

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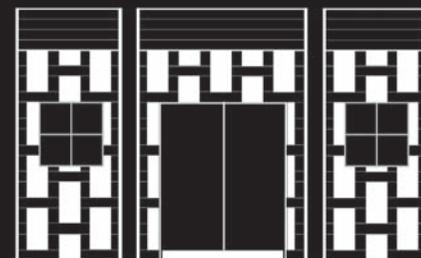
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Sports Briefs

Track records broken

The New Mexico State women's track and field squad rewrote the record books this past weekend after competing in the University of Washington Husky Classic at the Dempsey Indoor Complex.

Sophomore Camille Schultz beat the previous school record of 17:35.71 by Amy Arenas in the 5,000 meter by an astonishing 25 seconds. Schultz ran a 17:10.60 in the 5,000 meter while her sister Courtney Schultz ran a 17:10.81, which is 24 seconds better than the previous record and good enough for second on the NMSU all-time list. Also placing in the top 10 for 5,000 meters was junior Madelyn Stoltze. Stoltze ran a 17:46.10, which is fifth on the all-time list.

Also breaking an NMSU record was sophomore Samantha Thompson. Thompson beat her own school record in the mile run by more than three seconds after posting a time of 5:00.72. Her previous record was 5:03.89.

The Aggies next meet is Feb. 24-26 in Boise, Idaho, at the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Championships.

Tennis teams sweep

The men's tennis team of New Mexico State University wrapped up its weekend in Colorado with wins over No. 40 Denver Saturday, Feb. 12, and Air Force Sunday, Feb. 13.

The two wins pick the Aggies up to .500 after a slow start to the season. The Aggies are currently 1-0 against ranked opponents this season.

NMSU defeated Air Force 5-2 Sunday, Feb. 13, relying on wins all the way through the lineup.

The Aggies began by winning two of the three doubles matches to win the doubles point. Senior Arthur Surreaux and freshman Marc Westgate first defeated Alex Grubbs and Taylor Soster 8-1, followed by a victory from

sophomores Orlando Superlano and Luis Ramirez over Danny Gies and Lucas Marin-Salcido 8-2.

Senior Jim Brouleau defeated Andy Jackson in a dominating 6-0, 6-3, win for the Aggies' first singles win of the day in the No. 2 match. Superlano followed up with a 6-2, 6-1, win over Grubbs in the No. 4 match.

Ramirez defeated Soster in a tough 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, victory in the No. 5 match, and freshman Felipe Frattini put on another dominating performance with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Alex Lineberry.

On Saturday, Feb. 12, NMSU defeated the No. 40 University of Denver 4-3 for the Aggies' closest win of the season to date.

Surreaux and Westgate won together again, defeating Enej Bonin and Alex Clinkenbeard 8-6. The sophomore duo of Superlano and Ramirez lost for the first time all season when they lost to Jonathan Kidane and Yannick Weihs 9-8.

In the No. 1 match, Surreaux defeated Bonin, who is ranked No. 25 in singles, 6-2, 7-5. Fellow senior Brouleau followed up in the No. 2 match by defeating Jens Vorkefeld 6-1, 6-3.

Frattini fell behind in the No. 6 match by losing the first set, but was able to come back to defeat Clinkenbeard 3-6, 7-6, 6-2. Ramirez was the clinching match for the Aggies on the day when he defeated Kidane 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 in the No. 5 match. Ramirez fell behind 6-0 in the tie breaker, but was able to score seven straight points to win the match and claimed the victory for the Aggies.

The Aggies, now at 4-4, will be back in Las Cruces this upcoming weekend to face UT-San Antonio at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, and Northern Arizona at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 20.

The women's tennis team of NMSU swept both matches this weekend by defeating Montana State University 6-1 Saturday, Feb. 12.

NMSU defeated UNM 4-3 the previous day, Friday, Feb. 11. The Aggies have extended their

winning streak to four, which is the longest dual meet winning streak for the Aggies since 2008. NMSU is now off to a 4-1 start, which is the best start the women's tennis program has had since 2006.

The Aggies dominated in almost every aspect of the match, winning all three doubles matches and winning five of the six possible singles matches.

The Aggies also defeated rival UNM dur-

ing the weekend in a tough-fought 4-3 victory. The two wins put the Aggies at 4-1 as they prepare for the upcoming weekend in Las Cruces, where they will host three teams.

The Aggies will play host to Northern Colorado, Seattle and Northern Arizona the weekend of Feb. 18-20. NMSU will face Northern Colorado at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Seattle at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, and Northern Arizona at 8 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 20.

Trojan wrestlers win district



The Mayfield High School wrestling team won the 5A district championship with 244 points, outscoring Carlsbad, Las Cruces, Gadsden, Hobbs and Oñate. Individual District Champs are Adam Rodriguez (103 pounds), Orlando Guerra (125), Sterling Lucero (130), Nathaniel May (135), Rey-David Ramirez (145) and Nick Fisk (160). District runners up were Cooper Chambers (171), Bobby Chavez (189) and Pablo Calderon (215). Third-place finishers also qualifying for state were Cory Martinez (112), Israel Rodriguez (119), Billy Otero (140) and Ryan Delaney (152). Next up for the Trojans is the New Mexico State Tournament Feb. 18-19, at the Santa Ana Star Casino in Rio Rancho.

NM STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETE of the WEEK



Christina Keyes Junior, Equestrian

In the Reining competition against Oklahoma State, Feb. 12, junior Christina Keyes led the way for the Aggies, earning her first career MVP honor. She beat one of the Cowgirls' top riders in Caroline Daniels, 74.5-71.5. The Aggies defeated the Cowgirls, 6-4.



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NMSU swim team ranked Third consecutive week in Top 20, team heads to WAC championships

For the third consecutive College Swimming Coaches Association of America/CollegeSwimming.com Mid-Major poll, the New Mexico State swimming and diving team is ranked in the Top 20. Currently, the Aggies are No. 18 in the country.

After concluding the regular season with their fourth consecutive win over New Mexico, the Aggies are preparing for the 2011 WAC Championships, Feb. 22-26, in San Antonio, Texas. Last season, NM State recorded a school-best second-place finish at the WAC meet.

Quarter horse association ready for eventful season SWQHA program teaches 'cow sense'

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Southwest Quarter Horse Association (SWQHA), which is based in Las Cruces, promotes shows and clinics to help quarter horse lovers keep up their performance skills and to educate the public.

The SWQHA is affiliated with the American Quarter Horse Association, was organized in 1968 and has about 195 members in four categories, individual, family, lifetime and partnership, show secretary Farrell Morton said.

The board of director members are Elfigo "Fig" Padilla, president, Las Cruces; Jack Younker, vice president, Las Cruces; Jessica Johnson, secretary, Deming; and Jarrett Smith, treasurer, Las Cruces.

The SWQHA sponsors 22 AQHA-sanctioned shows at the Southern New Mexico State Fairground from November of one year to October the following year.

The largest SWQHA show in 2010 was the Border Circuit in May when 107 horses competed in 538 class entries.

The association has already held two early shows for this calendar year in January and February.

The SWQHA uses a split-combined system with two judges for two-day events.

On the first day, they judge reining, working cow horse, ranch sorting, barrels, poles, break-away roping, calf roping and team roping. The events for the second day are, halter, hunter under saddle, English equitation, trail, western pleasure, western horsemanship and western riding, Morton said.

At the March and April shows, cutting competition also will be offered at the end of each first day of events.

The remainder of the SWQHA 2011 calendar includes:

- March 12-13
- April 2-3
- May 27-30, Border Circuit
- June 25-26
- July 23-24
- Sept. 2-5, Fall Futurity Show
- Oct. 8-9

Recently, the Padilla family – Padilla and his wife Sue – have been traveling in Arizona so their 14-year-daughter Hallie could compete in the Sun Circuit Quarter Horse Shows on her mare, Hot Rocking Rita. Her past performances had ranked her in the top 10 in the Quarter Horse Congress, which holds its show in Dayton, Ohio, one of the largest horse shows in the nation.

Padilla grew up in the Las Cruces area and has been in agriculture and around horses for most of his life.

"I just enjoy working in the horse industry

and promoting the high quality of the quarter horse," Fig Padilla said. "Quarter horse owners have developed a better breed than owners of other breeds."

He graduated from New Mexico State University with a degree in agriculture and works for Purina Mills, a livestock feed company.

"They hired me right out of college," he said.

Many riders prefer the quarter horse because it has what they call "cow sense," they know how to work cattle, which is important in ranching country.

"Whenever you see a rodeo or show with horses in timed events in an arena, chances are that they're quarter horses," Fig Padilla said. "They have the ability to compete in all of the disciplines."

The quarter horse industry brings thousands of dollars into the local economy, Fig Padilla said.

"When we put on a Quarter Show here, we have 200 to 300 horses from New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and Colorado competing in the different disciplines," Fig Padilla said. "And the owners spend money on motels, restaurants, fuel stations and tack shops."

"And the shows give the local public a chance to enjoy the quarter horses in action, to see the beauty of the animal."

"And the quarter horse is an even-tempered horse," Morton said. "It excels in many areas."

The SWQHA also sponsors a youth association to promote horse ownership and responsibilities, Morton said.

The quarter horse is a compact animal, heavily muscled, small, alert-eared and wide-throat and jaw breed. It earned its name in the English 1600 colonial times along the Atlantic coast for its sprinting speed over a quarter mile. The races were usually conducted on a stretch straight through town.

But the quarter horse gained its reputation, as it is known today, west of the Mississippi. What is important, breeders kept improving the horse, including the introduction of the Spanish Bard, known for its agility and hardiness. And the animal became known as the American quarter horse, according to the AQHA information sheet.

As the western cattle industry grew ranchers recognized the quarter horse's ability, the quarter-mile sprint to cut off cattle, the athletic agility, the gentle disposition and the "cow sense."

And it became known as the American quarter horse.

The quarter horse is also popular because it is easy to work with.

"The quarter horse is an even-tempered horse that excels in many areas," Morton said.

Aggies sweep through Hotel Encanto tourney NMSU softball team off to 6-0 start

The New Mexico State softball team continued its early season success with two more victories as host of the Hotel Encanto Invitational over Minnesota and Colorado State at the NM State Softball Complex Sunday, Feb. 13.

The Aggies edged Minnesota 7-6 in their first game of the day before toppling Colorado State 10-1 in the Invitational finale. With the wins, NMSU improved to 6-0 with sweeps of the Golden Gophers, Rams and Bears of Northern Colorado this weekend.

The six-game win streak to open the season is one win shy of the program's best start under head coach Kathy Rodolph in 2009, when the Aggies sprinted out to a 7-0 start.

After defeating Minnesota 15-7 in six innings Saturday evening, the Aggies battled the Golden Gophers again in their first game Sunday. As a quirk of the tourney schedule, the Aggies were "visitors" in the contest.

Prior to the game, Minnesota requested a "drop-dead" stoppage time of 2 p.m. MT for travel reasons. As the teams entered the sixth inning of play, time expired in the bottom of the sixth and the game was called by the umpires. As a result, any plays in that frame did not count toward the final score.

As a result, the Aggies pulled out the one-run

win in five innings for its fifth win of the year, while Minnesota dropped to 0-4 this season.

In game two, NMSU matched up again with Colorado State – a team the Aggies knocked off in five innings on Friday evening.

Sophomore Alex Newman earned the starting pitcher nod for the Aggies and retired the Rams in four at-bats in the first inning.

NM State's bats kept rolling against new Rams pitcher Desiree Laswell. Randall walked; then both base runners moved up on an illegal pitch. Jones singled up the middle to score Javillo and advance Randall. Jennings belted a home run over the outfield wall to clear the bases and give the Aggies a 10-1 lead.

Schueler retired the side in the top of the fifth to give NM State its sixth win of the year. CSU dropped to 2-2 this season with both losses to NM State.

The Aggies look to remain perfect in the coming weekend when they host the Troy Cox Classic Feb. 18-20. NMSU hosts ULM, Sam Houston State, Southern Utah and No. 9 Oklahoma.

The ninth-ranked Sooners are 5-1 this season after surprising No. 2 Arizona 11-1 in five innings before falling 4-3 to No. 13 Arizona State in Tempe, Ariz., this past weekend.



Among Aggie fans who kicked off the Football Success Fund at the New Mexico State University Fulton Center on Tuesday, Feb. 8, were fund chair Mike Cheney, Athletic Director McKinley Boston, President Barbara Couture, coach DeWayne Walker and NMSU former All-American Hank Cook.

Rooting for Aggie success Fund modeled after program at Boise State

The New Mexico State University Athletics Department and Aggie football team has announced that a Football Success Fund has been established to help create a source of funds that will address key needs for football, including academic support and summer school scholarships, training table and nutrition, recruiting top talent and retaining assistant coaches.

NMSU alumni Mickey Clute and Hank Cook started the Football Success Fund early last year. The vision driving the fund is to make football competitive in the Western Athletic Conference. Membership in the fund is \$5,000 per person and to date, 22 people have committed to join the effort.

"A key focus of this fund is to ensure the dollars are utilized for the designated purposes and to enhance the current football

budget," Football Success Fund chair Mike Cheney said.

The prototype for this program is similar to the one created at Boise State about seven years ago. Now called the Football Coaches Club, the Broncos went from about 35 members the first year to raising \$550,000 in 2010-11 with 110 contributors. The Boise State model is an example of what a football success fund can do for a collegiate football program.

"Football is a top priority for New Mexico State Intercollegiate Athletics. Coach Walker is the right coach for this university and we have an opportunity to help his team succeed," said Wayne Stickney, associate athletic director for development.

For more information on the Football Success Fund, call the Aggie Athletic Club at 646-5151 or email aac@nmsu.edu.

Aggies

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team with outside shooters.

"This will be a good test for us," Menzies said. "I had a chance to look at a little film on Northern Colorado, and they really shoot the ball very well as a team. Kind of a Saint Mary's look. We didn't do to well against it last time so it's good to get a chance to go against a team that shoots it from the perimeter as well as they do with a lot of ball screens. Their action is similar to Saint Mary's, but they probably don't have the overall depth at the big position.

"It will be a good test for us, and we got to be ready to play."

Menzies said Gillenwater's ankle injury

was healing up and the junior forward would play Saturday if he's "80 percent or better."

"If he is going to play he is going to start," Menzies said. "You don't want him to go right back into the fire at San Jose in an ESPN2 game, if there's any cobwebs you want to get them out this weekend."

The ESPNU BracketBuster game against Northern Colorado is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19. The game is available on KGRT-FM 104 with the pregame show starting 30 minutes prior to tip-off. The contest is also available in Spanish on Vista-FM 98.7. The game will also be shown on AggieVision across New Mexico on Comcast, ESPN Full Court, ESPN3.com, Altitude 2 and Fox Sports-Arizona, including in New Mexico. The contest is tape-delayed in Las Cruces (channel 4) until 11 p.m.

District

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we just didn't shoot the ball well. Those things happen. Give Cruces credit. They came in with more energy and more fight."

Perez, whose team is 20-4 overall, said the loss could be a good thing for his team in the long run.

"This loss might motivate us a little bit," he said. "It could end up being a good night for both teams."

The Bulldawgs' size is a problem for most of their opponents, and they use zone defenses effectively. When they're not in a standard 2-3 zone, they're usually in a matchup zone - the same type of matchup zone that Benjamin played in when he was a member of coach Neil McCarthy's New Mexico State Aggie teams just over 20 years ago.

"They run that basic 2-3, and they also trap out of it," Perez said. "And they can clog up the middle. It's no secret, they do a great job of it."

And when a team has a cold shooting night

like Oñate did last Saturday, going against the zone is doubly difficult.

"Cruces has a real good zone," Mayfield coach Tommy Morrow said. "And their size is a real issue for everyone to deal with. We don't have anyone approaching guys like (Oñate guards) Terrel de Rouen and Tim Jacobs, and we don't have anyone like the big guys Cruces has, but we have good kids who work hard and are doing their best."

"Their best" has been pretty impressive. The Trojans have an overall record of 15-9 and one of their three district wins was a solid win over the Bulldawgs last month.

"We're sort of in the smoke-and-mirrors business," Morrow said.

Mayfield will have to go the rest of the season without the services of Christian Robles, who is injured. Robles is an underrated player who did a little bit of everything for the Trojans.

"He glued us together offensively and defensively," Morrow said. "He averaged more assists per minute than anyone else and was always in the right spot defensively. We're going to miss him more than even I thought we would."

H I G H S C H O O L SportsSchedule

Las Cruces High School

Friday, Feb. 18	Girls Track	at America Track Meet	9 a.m.
Feb. 18-19	Swimming	at State Diving meet	TBA
	Wrestling	at State Wrestling Tournament	TBA
	Tennis	at Oñate Tennis Tournament	TBA
Feb. 19	Boys Track	at Americas Track Meet	9 a.m.
Feb. 21-26	Boys Basketball	at District 3-5A Tournament	TBA
	Girls Basketball	at District 3-5A Tournament	TBA
Feb. 24-26	Baseball	at SISD Varsity Baseball Tournament	TBA
Friday, Feb. 25	Track	Las Cruces High School Meet	3 p.m.



Mayfield High School

Feb. 18-19	Track	at Parkland Track Meet	4 p.m., 9 a.m.
	Wrestling	at State Wrestling Tournament	TBA
	Tennis	at Oñate Tennis Tournament	TBA
Saturday, Feb. 19	Girls Basketball	Oñate High School (rescheduled)	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Oñate High School (rescheduled)	7 p.m.
Feb. 21-26	Boys Basketball	at District 3-5A Tournament	TBA
	Girls Basketball	at District 3-5A Tournament	TBA
Feb. 24-26	Baseball	at SISD Varsity Baseball Tournament	TBA
Friday, Feb. 25	Track	at Las Cruces High School Meet	3 p.m.



Oñate High School

Feb. 18-19	Wrestling	at State Wrestling Tournament	TBA
	Tennis	Oñate Tennis Tournament	TBA
	Track	at Parkland Track Meet	4 p.m., 9 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 19	Girls Basketball	at Mayfield High School (rescheduled)	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Mayfield High School (rescheduled)	7 p.m.
Feb. 21-26	Boys Basketball	at District 3-5A Tournament	TBA
	Girls Basketball	at District 3-5A Tournament	TBA
Tuesday, Feb. 22	Baseball	Franklin High School	5 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 25	Track	at Las Cruces High School Meet	3 p.m.



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Friday, Feb. 18	Girls Basketball	at Cloudcroft	6:30 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Cloudcroft	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 21	Boys Basketball	at District 5-2A Tournament	TBA



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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

Marvin Tessneer's
Out of the Past



100yearsago

1911

• Declaring the 18,000 vote majority by which the people of New Mexico ratified statehood was obtained by fraud and corruption, the Anti-Saloon League, the Women's Christian Temperance Union and other similar groups appealed to President Taft to use his influence to prevent the implementation of statehood.

• A Valentine's Day baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Adair.

• Word was received by Henry Stoes that the site selected for a new federal building was at the corner of Freeman and Walker. (Readers, your guess is as good as mine.)

75yearsago

1936

• The Girl Scouts elected a new leader to replace Mrs. Murray Beene, who had moved to Santa Fe. The new leader was Mrs. Merschate.

• The Boy Scout troop completed its 13th year in Las Cruces in 1936. William Turney was scoutmaster and Carl Nakayama was assistant scoutmaster. Members included Richard Artschwager, Jas. Albertson, Willie Black, Charles Botkin, Ralph Doss, Bill Eakins, Fred

Furgeson, Robert Grey, Frank Gorden, Albert Holder, Willie Jackson, Steve Ledin, Hunter Lewis, Alex Lyton, Alex MacNabb, Will Nakayama, Roy Nakayama, Joe Quesenberry, Fred Shelton, Nelson Shelton, Earl Stull Jr. and George Thompson.

• Buyers could purchase a new 1936 Ford truck with an 80-horsepower V8 engine for as little as \$500.

50yearsago

1961

• Gov. Edwin L. Mechem was to address the Las Cruces Future Farmers of America at its annual dinner to honor FFA Week in New Mexico.

• A \$225,000 hospital bond issue was on the ballot for Feb. 21. The money was to be used to upgrade the hospital's facilities for osteopathic surgeons so patients would not have to travel to El Paso for treatment.

• The Las Cruces Bulldogs extended their district win streak to nine games with a 64-45 win over Alamogordo. The Bulldogs were vying for the district's only berth in the New Mexico State Tournament.

25yearsago

1986

• "Close to the Border" was the theme of a New Mexico State University art exhibit. Gallery director Jim Featherstone said the purpose of the exhibit was to "bring to light a variety of high-quality works being created

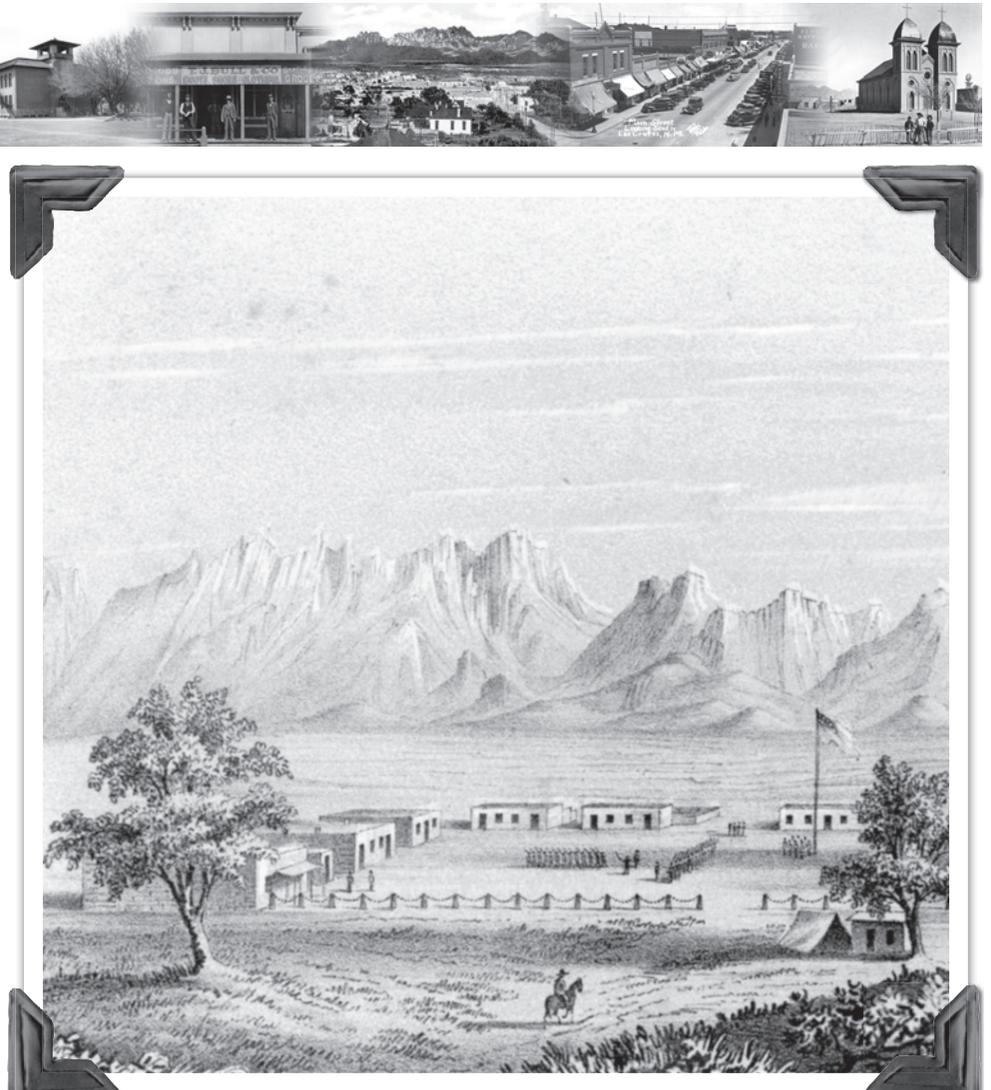


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This drawing purports to show Fort Fillmore in 1854, shortly after the post was established. The fort was located south of Las Cruces on El Camino Real, which followed the east side of the Mesilla Valley. Some features of the painting indicate it was probably drawn from memory or from a different observer's sketch, since there would be no high ground on the west side of the fort, as indicated here.

right under our noses."

• Unemployment figures for the Mesilla Valley were 1.6 percent higher than the national average of 6.7 percent, according to the Employment Security Department.

• Gov. Toney Anaya declared 1986 to be "Buy New Mexico Year," as part of his program to promote economic growth in the state.

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Having fun raising funds at the Mesilla Valley CASA Dinner Dance Show

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Stephanie Bernhagen receives a box of Valentine chocolates from Family Court Judge Fernando Macias and Mesilla Valley Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Executive Director Doreen Gallegos at the organization's annual Dinner Dance Show fundraiser Friday, Feb. 11, at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces. CASA is a nonprofit that coordinates volunteer advocates for children in court cases. Bernhagen and Rita Triviz were recognized at the event for their volunteer efforts to Mesilla Valley CASA.



Bonnie Kilroe, the night's entertainer who imitated famous women performers, plays Cher and Aprendamos Program Director Abel Covarrubias was brought on stage to be transformed into Sonny.



Eddie and Sue Groth with their daughter Valerie Pickett



Sofia and Rudy Landeros

Stocum's service honored GLBTQ Center director among winners

New Mexico GLBTQ Center Executive Director David Stocum is among the honorees at the third annual Vincent R. Johnson Models of Hope Awards presented by Pride and Equality Magazine.

The award honors individuals within the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer (GLBTQ) community that can be seen as role models to GLBTQ youth and the community itself. Recipients of this award will be honored at a dinner and silent auction Friday, Feb. 18, at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

The Vincent R. Johnson Models of Hope Awards are named in honor of Vince Johnson, a successful Albuquerque businessman and a

proud, gay community leader. He died August 2006. The awards are presented by Pride and Equality Magazine, whose mission is to portray the GLBTQ community in a different light.

"This was a big surprise, it is very humbling to be recognized for work you are passionate about," Stocum said. "It's just amazing that I get to spend my time doing what I feel called to do."

New Mexico GLBTQ Centers is a statewide nonprofit working to create a network of GLBTQ community centers across the Land of Enchantment. The organization currently operates the Southern New Mexico Regional GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St.

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Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on ongoing programs.

AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatics class (senior exercise class) with Nora Bailey is offered on a first-come, first-served basis from 11:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. Donation suggested.

AEROBICS CLASS

Aerobics class with Luis Ortega is at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Donation suggested.

HATHA YOGA

Yoga classes are held at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road. Nora Bailey, a certified instructor, leads Hatha yoga classes beginning at 8 a.m. Mondays,

Wednesdays and Fridays. Donation suggested.

BLOOD PRESSURE AND GLUCOSE CLINICS

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are:

- 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road
- 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.
- 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday,

Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

- 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday, East Side Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Donation suggested.

CORE-FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

Core-floor exercise classes with Lucille Garcia are held from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Thursday at Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. Donation suggested.

T'AI CHI CLASSES

T'ai chi classes with instructor Jason Shoberg are held from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Donation suggested.

CHINA PAINTERS

China painters class is from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

CHESS

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

MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg is played from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

JEWELRY MAKING

Jewelry-making classes are from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, and Jewelry Lab is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

BINGO MANIA

Bingo Mania is from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. No money is involved. Donations of old and/or new knickknacks for prizes are welcome. Call 541-2305 or 541-2304 for more information.

PINOCHLE

Pinochle players meet from noon to 5 p.m. Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

HORSESHOE PITCHING

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

CANASTA

Canasta is played from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays at Munson Center, 975 S.

Mesquite St. All are welcome.

MEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

A free men's 8-ball tournament open to men 50 years of age and older is held at 9:15 a.m. the last Wednesday of each month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign-up is from 8 to 9 a.m. For more information, call Dan Carrillo at 528-3111.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS

Watercolor painting class is held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

STAINED-GLASS

Beginning and advanced stained-glass class meets at 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and intermediate stained-glass class meets at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

WOODCARVING

Woodcarving class meets from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

HANDS 'N' FEET CARD GAME

Hands 'n' Feet card game is from noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at Munson Center and is currently booking the following trips:

- **Indian Cliff Ranch and Cattleman's Steakhouse in Fabens, Texas:** Friday, Feb. 25. \$75 per person, includes dinner.
- **Cloudcroft Mardi Gras in the Clouds:** Saturday, March 5. \$28 per person.
- **Bisbee/Kartchner Caverns:** March 22-23. \$210 double, \$235 single.
- **Las Vegas and Hoover Dam:** April 11-15. \$385 double, \$410 single.
- **Mount Rushmore and Black Hills of South Dakota:** May 14-22. \$760 double, \$1,019 single.
- **Alaska Cruise and Tour:** Sept. 7, 11 days/10 nights. Call for details.
- **Hawaii Cruise:** Oct. 22. Call for details.
- **Branson Show:** Nov. 12-20. \$869 double, \$1,109 single. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

DAY TRIPS

To register for a walking group or fishing trip, seniors must present their membership card along with payment. Checks must be made out to the City of Las Cruces. There is a minimum of eight participants and maximum of 10 to 13. Trips are subject to cancel-

ation. For more information or to sign up, call 528-3000.

WALKING GROUP

All walks depart from Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., at 9 a.m. and return by approximately 11 a.m. In case of bad weather, walks will take place at Mesilla Valley Mall. Minimum participants eight, maximum 14. For more information, call 528-3000 from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m.

MYSTERY TOURS

A mystery tour will depart from Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., at 9:30 a.m. the last Friday of the month. All trips will be within the surrounding area and will return by 11:30 a.m. Trips may be for sightseeing, visiting a museum or touring new buildings. Trips are limited to the first 14 participants. Some trips have fees. Sign up begins the first Monday of each month at the center or by calling 528-3000.

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center meet at 7 p.m. Saturdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 523-1871.

THE THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first, third and fifth Thursday of each month at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2350 N. Main St. Cost for lunch is \$9, including tax and gratuity. Cost for bridge is 60 cents. All are welcome.

For more information, call 523-6106 or 373-9309.

INCOME TAX PREPARATION

The Southwest Tax Coalition is offering free tax preparation from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon Fridays through April 14 at 3880 Foothills Drive. Evening hours are from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition, taxes will be prepared from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Women's Intercultural Center, 303 Lincoln Street in Anthony, N.M. For more information, call 527-8799.

SENIOR OLYMPICS KICKOFF EVENT

The Doña Ana County Senior Olympics will kick off the 2011 Games with its annual registration and awards program from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Trails West clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla. All residents age 50 and over are invited to participate in one or more of the 26 sports. For more information, call the Senior Olympics office at 541-5171.



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Dining and dancing for the Free Wheelchair Mission

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Phillip Montoya takes New Mexico Miss Congeniality Vanessa Mendez for a spin on the dance floor at the Free Wheelchair Mission's Dancing With Heart To Lift Lives – the group's second annual Valentine's Dinner Dance featuring Bob Burns and the Mike Caranda Big Band Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. Proceeds benefited the Free Wheelchair Mission's efforts to distribute wheelchairs in Latin America.



Mellow and Janet Honck, left, donated two wheelchairs. They are accompanied by Erlinda Portillo, Ashley Herron, and Dennis and Elaine Prickett, advocates of the Free Wheelchair Mission.

Vintage guitars sought

Collecting group coming next week

The International Vintage Guitar Collectors Association (IVGCA) will be in Las Cruces next week looking for collectable guitars.

The IVGCA will be at the Ramada Palms, 201 E. University Ave., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Feb. 22-25, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26.

The Las Cruces stay is part of the IVGCA's world

tour, according to a press release. Japanese collectors are especially keen to buy vintage Fender, Martin, Gibson, Gretsch, Dobro and others, paying up to 20 percent over retail for name brand and good-condition guitars, the release stated.

A 1960 Gibson Les Paul guitar sold for \$100,000, a 1961 Gibson Les Paul SG sold for \$25,000 and a 1954 Shore

Line Gold Telecaster sold for \$19,000, according to the IVGCA.

Besides guitars, IVGCA collectors will look at amps, mandolins, bass guitars, saxophones and other musical instruments. They will make offers based on what their collectors are willing to pay, the press release stated.

For more information, call 217-726-7590.

Valentines for troops



Students in Susan Titus' eighth-grade Advanced Educational Services class at Camino Real Middle School created Valentine's Day cards Feb. 10 for 350 wounded soldiers at Warrior's Transition Battalion at Fort Stewart Army base, in Hinesville, Ga. The cards were mailed Feb. 11.

Neighbors We've Lost

DEATH NOTICES

POLK

Daisy F. Polk, 91, of Las Cruces died Wednesday, February 9, 2011. Funeral service will be handled by George Price Funeral Home, 1400 Ave. J, Levelland, TX 79336 (806)-894-3131. Local Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home. 526-2419.

KELLY

Shawn A. Kelly, 52, of Las Cruces, NM, died Monday, February 14, 2011. Arrangements are with Getz Funeral Home. 526-2419.

LEVESQUE

Joyce E. Levesque, 69, of Alamogordo passed away on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home. 526-6891.

PRITCHETT

Robert Nicholas Pritchett, 79, of Las Cruces passed away Monday, February 14, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center. Arrangements are pending with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home. 526-6891.

The Las Cruces Bulletin will publish paid obituaries, which may include up to two photographs. Brief death notices are published at no charge. Memorials and remembrances are also available. For more information, call Sid Graft at the Las Cruces Bulletin, 575-524-8061, or email obits@lascrucesbulletin.com.

'I do' on a special day



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Richard Burkeholder of Anthony, N.M., signs the wedding certificate after being married to Monica Ortega of El Paso by Doña Ana County Probate Judge Alice Salcido Monday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day. Before the day was over, Salcido held marriage ceremonies for almost 20 couples in a decorated meeting room at the County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

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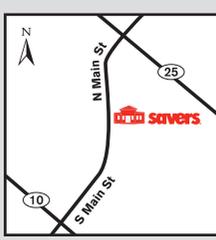
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Man vs. machine

Gabriel Vasquez
Business Editor



Most people just consider it useless information.

What country introduced the over-arm crawl swimming stroke to England in 1902? Who lived at 221B, Baker Street, London? What's the only mammal that can't jump? What was the first film to feature sound?

Personally, I love trivia. I live for it. I'm the guy who pounds on tables and screams out answers during Trivial Pursuit. The guy who mopes for days if he gets bested at a "friendly" game of Pictionary. The guy who considers "Jeopardy" part of his religion.

Which brings me to my next point.

Computers are taking over. I'm convinced.

After watching an episode of "Jeopardy" that featured IBM's Watson supercomputer wiping the floor with the game show's greatest human contestants Tuesday, Feb. 16, I was both alarmed and a little saddened.

After all, the ability to reason, comprehend and understand complex grammatical structure and instruction is a trait only akin to humans, right? Computers are for math, I thought.

Nope.

It's not the fact the computer can store massive amounts of information and recall it in less than a second that gets me. It's that the computer can understand even the most complex of "Jeopardy" categories, which at times, I have trouble deciphering myself.

Take for example, the category "Before & After," which asks contestants to come up with answers like "Who is Ford Madox Ford Mustang?" The question is, "Parade's End author who drives the first of the Pony Cars." Are you kidding me?

Watson can figure out the answers to these and even more complex categories with more than 95 percent certainty.

Things like this happen, and I start thinking, "Just a matter of time before 'The Matrix' evolves." I check the windows to make sure they haven't turned to solid concrete. I start thinking of a time when humans will be so reliant on computers, they'll be making our decisions for us – controlling finances, social policy and dictating human emotion.

As a kid, I considered myself lucky

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More pain at the pump

No relief in sight for rising gas prices

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Rachel Block said she's seriously considering canceling her family's annual summer vacation.

Spending more than \$100 a month as part of her everyday travel in her Jeep Wrangler, Block said if gas prices continue to rise, she will have to make tough decisions regarding her family's budget.

"We may not go up to the lake this summer," she said. "With our cars, recreation off-road vehicles and other equipment, it will just be too expensive to take everyone to Elephant Butte like we usually do every year. We just can't afford it."

Block, who lives on the East Mesa, said since gas spiked to \$3 per gallon for unleaded fuel at most gas stations in the area, she's began frequenting the Pic Quik on Avenida de Mesilla, which Tuesday, Feb. 15, was offering a gallon of unleaded fuel for \$2.97.

"This is the place to come," she said. "I come all the way over here when I need to fill up now. The prices are just too expensive everywhere else."

The lowest price per gallon of unleaded fuel can be found at Sam's Club on North Telshor Boulevard, at \$2.93. The most expensive is at the Love's Truck Stop on Crawford Boulevard, \$3.15 a gallon.

The New Mexico average price is \$3.08. On average, gas prices in the state have gone up 12 cents since mid-January.

Expect higher prices

James Peach, professor of economics at New Mexico State University, said world oil prices have been rising steadily as the world's economy regains its footing.

"It's world demand that really counts,"



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Las Cruces Rachel Block fills up at the Pic Quik on Avenida de Mesilla Tuesday, Feb. 15. Since gas prices started hovering at \$3 per gallon, Block said she is spending more than \$100 a month for everyday travel.

Peach said. "We're seeing a recovery in what are often called 'developing nations,' or emerging nations, especially in China. China last year, for the first time, sold more cars than the United States."

The current price for a barrel of crude oil is \$84. During the massive gas spike of '08, crude prices skyrocketed to \$147 a barrel, causing widespread unrest and uncertainty among American consumers.

"Many people then thought it was going to \$200," Peach said. "When gas prices go up a lot, it squeezes consumer budgets – they have less to spend on other things. And if gas prices are rising, it contributes to a general feeling of uncertainty and people are more reluctant to buy things."

It's no easy task predicting energy prices,

Peach added.

"Anyone who really thinks they can predict energy prices is a fool," Peach said. "I've been looking at them for 30 to 35 years, and I can't predict them. The key fact is that energy prices are very volatile. Prices go up and go down."

But consumers can expect gas prices to continue climbing into the summer months.

"We can expect increases in gasoline prices during the summer driving season, that's a good bet," Peach said. "If the U.S. economy starts to rebound a lot, that will contribute to rising gas prices as well."

Chris Erickson, who also teaches economics at NMSU, said emerging countries such as China and India have increased the demand for oil and are driving up prices.

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The dust clears at Meson

Mesilla bed and breakfast, restaurant re-opened

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The third time's a charm. Cali Szczawinski is banking on it.

Szczawinski, a singer, restaurateur and owner of Meson de Mesilla, re-opened the Mesilla restaurant Feb. 10. She bought the Meson property in 2006 and first opened the restaurant in 2007. Since then, the 14,000-square-foot business has closed and re-opened twice. Open now for the third time, Szczawinski said the formula is finally right.

"I remember seeing the listing at 1 a.m. one Saturday morning and immediately calling the Realtor to let him know I was interested," Szczawinski said. "I came and saw it, and it had such potential. It still does, and I know this time it's going to succeed."

Szczawinski, originally from Ohio, had never been to Las Cruces before moving here in 2006 to purchase Meson.

"I originally wanted to turn it into my own Jazz club," she said. "And I also wanted to own

my own restaurant. The problem was that I just wanted to sing and do the accounting – I didn't really want to mess with the kitchen and the bar. The first time we opened, I hired people to run the business for me, which looking back, was not a good decision."

After closing the doors the first time, Szczawinski leased the property to a pair of hopeful entrepreneurs, who for a short time revived the establishment, but ultimately couldn't keep the doors open. Meson last closed in January 2010.

"I decided in December (2010) that I really wanted to reopen it again," she said. "I had two-and-a-half years to think about it, and now that it's open, there's nothing here that I'm not responsible for. It's the right way to do it."

Along with Executive Chef Consultant Robyn Jarvis, Szczawinski began the painstaking process of rebuilding the bed and breakfast and restaurant operations from scratch. Together, the duo customized a new,

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Gabriel Vasquez

Meson de Mesilla owner Cali Szczawinski prepares to greet lunch guests at the newly reopened restaurant Tuesday, Feb. 15.

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"The factors affecting energy prices are mainly international," he said. "It is a by-product of the recovery of the global economy following the sub-prime market meltdown. The underlying economic factors affecting demand are such that price increases could continue long-term. Meanwhile, new sources of oil are harder to come by."

Consumers should plan to pay more at the pump during late spring, Erickson added.

"We could see another 50-cent increase," he said.

Las Cruces Public Schools

At LCPS, official travel for staff and faculty is being reduced to ensure the district stays within its transportation budget, said Kat Provencio, LCPS fleet secretary.

"I don't foresee anyone doing a whole lot of travel except for athletics, which is necessary," she said. "We have already cut back considerably on our travel, partly because of budget cuts and because of the rising costs (of fuel)."

Larry Altamirano, LCPS director of transportation, said each year, the state's Public Education Department develops a formula for transportation funding for each school district based on the latest energy market projections.

"When they put together the formula for this (fiscal) year, they may have figured \$2.50 per gallon for diesel, but I'm sure the contractors are calling them now and saying, 'Hey, this won't work. I'm paying \$3.50,'" he said.

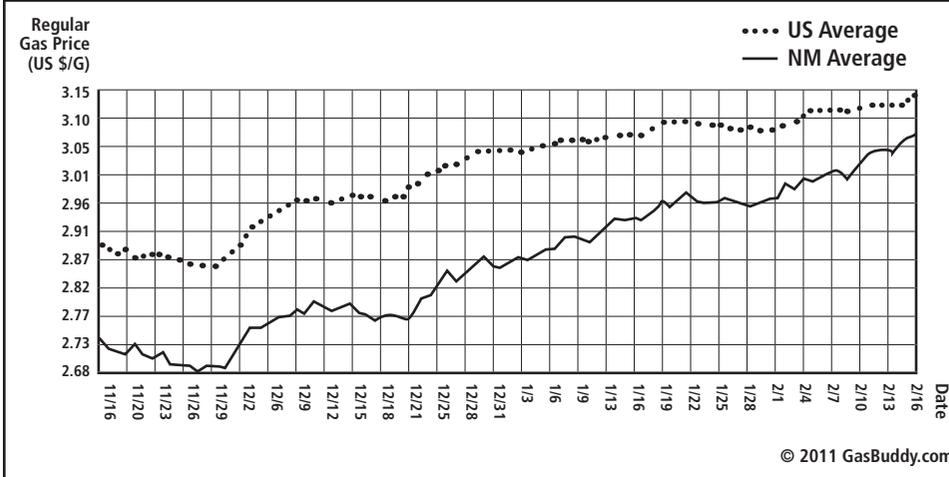
The contractor in charge of busing students at LCPS is STS New Mexico, which took over operations for another contractor that opted out of its contract after disputes about existing contracts and increased fuel costs.

Jim Hart, the Las Cruces manager for STS, said representatives from his company will travel to Santa Fe soon to lobby for adjustments for its current contracts.

"The (rising) gas prices have increased our overall cost of doing business," he said. "The (bus) contractors in this part of the state will be going to Santa Fe to tell the legislators what we're looking at in terms of additional costs on top of the price for our overall contract, which has been cut by 3.2 percent already."

In the meantime, "We're trying to become

Three-month average retail gas prices



more efficient with our routes and how we operate," he said.

STS operates 136 school buses in Las Cruces.

New Mexico State University

NMSU is leading the charge locally to improve its fleet efficiency. Since last year, it has implemented a campuswide vehicle reduction initiative that has reduced the fleet by more than 100 vehicles, and its budget accordingly, said NMSU President Barbara Couture. The combined initiatives have resulted in a 24 percent, or 23,000 gallon reduction, in fuel usage at the campus fueling station.

Ophelia Watkins, who is tasked with improving the efficiency of NMSU's Transportation and Parking services, said NMSU looked at the fleet operations of peer institutions – universities similar in size, scope and purpose – and determined it had too many vehicles in its fleet.

"On average, they owned quite a few less vehicles than we did," she said. "We started analyzing which departments had how many vehicles and what they used them for and began to reduce the number of vehicles to an acceptable level."

Rather than have underused vehicles sitting idle in each department, many staff and faculty members now "rent" vehicles from Watkins and her staff.

"Little by little, were getting there," she said. "We have close to 40 vehicles right now that

we're getting ready to auction off in the next couple of weeks – a lot of sedans and pick-ups."

NMSU purchases its unleaded and diesel fuel in bulk, a truckload at a time, and has its own fueling station on campus, Watkins said.

Watkins added that since gas prices have begun to spike, more students are riding the on-campus transit system.

"According to our ridership information, when fuel prices go over \$3, we see an increase of people using our transit system," she said. "We've had more riders all year long and we expect to see more."

A city coping

The City of Las Cruces is reaching the breaking point for its budgeted fuel allotment for the current fiscal year, said Don Haskins, the city's Fleet Services administrator.

"We're still within our budget, but it's getting really close to where the amount of money we're spending (on fuel) will exceed our monthly budget," he said.

The city has 268 police and non-police cars, 26 sport utility vehicles, 351 pick-ups and vans, 35 transit buses, 16 vehicles for the fire department and 12 motorcycles in its fleet, Haskins said.

"We are trying to reduce our fleet, too," Haskins said. "The higher-ups think there is just too many vehicles and pieces of equipment in the fleet. It's not all cars, some of it is trailers and things like that too."

To save on gas expenses, the city instituted

Who's paying what?

The 10 highest and lowest gas prices in the nation by state

Highest:

1. Hawaii – \$3.71
2. Alaska – \$3.53
3. California – \$3.48
4. New York – \$3.37
5. Connecticut – \$3.35
6. Washington – \$3.27
7. Washington, D.C. – \$3.27
8. Oregon – \$3.27
9. Vermont – \$3.25
10. Illinois – \$3.23

Lowest:

1. Wyoming – \$2.93
2. Missouri – \$2.95
3. South Carolina – \$2.96
4. Oklahoma – \$2.97
5. Louisiana – \$2.97
6. Colorado – \$2.97
7. Texas – \$2.97
8. Tennessee – \$2.98
9. Mississippi – \$2.99
10. Alabama – \$3

a "no-idling" policy last year, although Haskins admits, "it is still not really in effect." At Fleet Services, however, Haskins has enforced the policy, which dictates that city employees cannot leave their car running while conducting official business.

"Here, they used to just bring them in and leave them running for a long time," he said.

The city's fuel budget for the current fiscal year is \$2.5 million for diesel and unleaded, Haskins said.

"We've also been cutting back on our (fuel) loads," he said. "With the price so high, instead of purchasing 7,000 gallons, we're getting something like 5,500 to keep us from going over until the prices go back down again."

If gas prices continue to rise, Fleet Services will have to look at re-allocating its own budget to add more funds for fuel expenditures, he said.

"I get up everyday and look at the weekly prices and see what they're doing and try not to panic," Haskins said. "But I don't predict us going over our fuel budget. We will have to make adjustments somewhere along the line."

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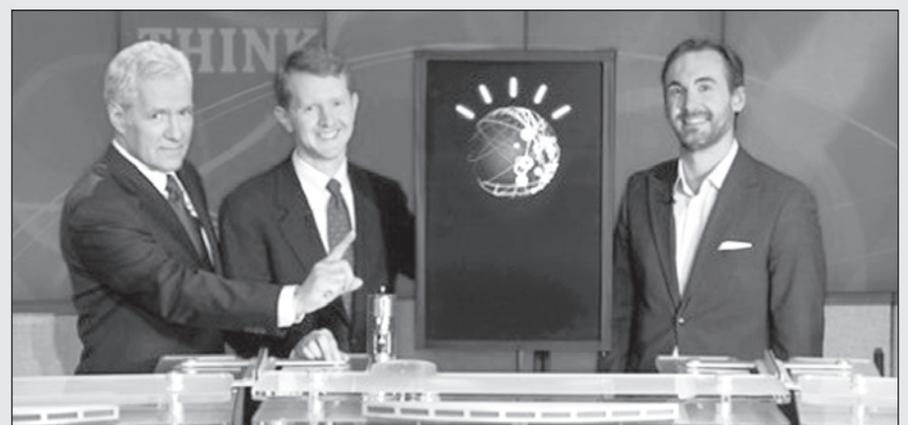
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to play "Prince of Persia" on my parents' Commodore 64. I cried once when I spilled orange juice on a floppy disk that had a week's worth of homework. And once, I coded my own search program in C+ that only worked in MS-DOS.

I have since given up my quest to keep up with technology. I can only imagine how two of the most knowledgeable

humans on the planet, "Jeopardy" contestants Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter, felt after a lifetime of learning was bested by a supercomputer that took a few months to program.

I'm sure they, too, are waiting for the looming techno-driven apocalypse.

The answers, by the way, to my column's prior questions are Australia, Sherlock Holmes, the elephant and "The Jazz Singer," respectively.

Bring it on, Watson.

State's snow runoff outlook poor

Reservoir storage considerably depleted

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Early reports indicate that Mesilla Valley agricultural producers will have to farm with another short surface-water supply this year.

The Rio Grande Basin snowpack is about 68 percent of average compared with 114 percent last year at this time, said Wayne Sleep, a snow survey and hydrology technician with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The Feb. 1 Mesilla Valley snowstorm was impressive, but it didn't help build the area accumulative precipitation for 2011. The snowfall, which was fluffy, ranged from two to four inches, but the water content, the important measurement, was .08 inches, which is the total for the year, state climatologist David DuBois said.

DuBois is stationed at New Mexico State University and he was referring to his campus gauge. He also works with 58 collaborative rain, hail and snow volunteers in the county.

"The main problem was the temperature, five below zero on the campus, a record for Feb. 1," DuBois said.

The NRCS receives radio-transmitted data for snowpack measurements from its 26 snow telemetry units located in mountains at elevations from 8,000 to 12,000 feet in the state.

Based on the data, the NRCA is projecting a spring runoff flow at the Rio Grande San Marcial measuring station of 405,000 acre-feet, about 70 percent of the long-time average.

Based on this early data, the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) does not plan to release surface water until mid-April or May and will continue until September. The plan is to provide for adequate surface water delivery during the hot, high-demand months, according to the EBID Board of Directors.

Working with these early figures, the board is considering starting the 2011 season with a 1-foot or 18-inch maximum allotment.

Last year, 573,000 acre-feet flowed through San Marcial into the Elephant Butte Reservoir.

"It looks like the snow runoff is going to be down again this year," Sleep said. "Everything we've seen indicates that the snow is going to be below average and the temperatures are going to be above normal."

The Elephant Butte storage has been drawn down to 474,200 acre-feet, compared to 561,500 acre-feet last year for the same period. The long-time Elephant Butte average storage is 1.29 million acre-feet.

With a good snowpack runoff, the EBID usually continues diverting water until October. But last year, when the district started running short of water, it shut the

gates at Caballo Reservoir in September 2010. Irrigators had used 282,000 acre-feet of water and had an efficiency rating of 60 percent, EBID hydrologist James Narvaez reported.

The EBID started the 2010 season with a conservative allocation of 18 inches of irrigation water and closed the season with 2 acre-feet.

In 2007, the New Mexico Pecan Growers Association worked out an agreement with the Office of the State Engineer to grant pecan growers four acre-feet of surface water — an issue now being adjudicated in court.

"At the end of December (2010), the water supply was looking pretty good," King said. "But in January we just didn't get any snow up in the mountains. But we've been through this before."

The EBID board advised farmers to service their well pumps as supplemental ground water backup.

"It's our policy to use all of our surface water to reduce the use of ground water, which is our drought reserve," said EBID engineer consultant Phillip King. "It's like a savings account, and we don't want to dip into it. The drought is now, so be prepared to supplement the reduced surface water supply with groundwater. The EBID will continue to facilitate the transfer to pump water for farmers who need it through our conveyance system."

The National Weather Service doesn't provide much hope for the irrigation system, predicting a small snowstorm and warmer temperatures this weekend in the northern New Mexico and southern Colorado mountains, climate analyst Ed Polasko said.

"The storm developed off the California coast and is heading east," Polasko said. "We won't know right now how long it'll last and how much snow it'll leave."

Area ranges have been receiving only



Farmer Jose Lopez reroutes irrigation water released by the EBID in 2009.

“ It could rain on one side of your ranch and not rain on your neighbor's. ”

BILL PORTER,
New Mexico Feed Co.

scattered rains for the past three years. The impact from the recent snowstorm and freeze still is unknown. All that cattlemen know right now is their ranges are dry.

"It could rain on one side of your ranch and not rain on your neighbor's," Luna County New Mexico Feed Co. operator Bill Porter said.

The freeze has also reportedly killed large areas of range plants. Ranchers are watching to learn if the thawing will benefit the soil moisture.

"We won't know how much loss until the growing season starts," Porter said.

The cattlemen's problems may be felt in food prices. Because of range deficiencies, cattlemen have been cutting back on breeding herds and they have been holding back on replacements.

"The costs of feed and commodities are so high, which is going to be reflected in higher food prices," Porter said.

Building Las Cruces Holiday Inn Express



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Excavation and groundwork are under way at the construction site of a new Holiday Inn Express hotel on Telshor Court off of North Telshor Boulevard past UNO Chicago Grill. The other Holiday Inn Express in Las Cruces is located at 2635 S. Valley Drive.

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Obama budget seeks to thread the needle

Sharp deficit cuts could trigger recession, but debt is unsustainable



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

The United States faces a very complex macroeconomic situation, many elements of which are unique in our history.

We face large budget deficits, owe debt to China and other foreign governments and face a difficult financial situation. President Obama's newly released 2012 budget seeks to thread the needle as the economy moves from near meltdown to more normal times.

The Obama plan would reduce deficit rapidly from the current 10.9 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimated for fiscal year 2011 to 7 percent in fiscal year 2012, 4.6 percent in fiscal year 2013 and to around 3.3 percent thereafter. Given the high rate of unemployment and continued softness of the U.S. economy, it

is difficult to see how the deficits could be reduced more rapidly without significant adverse consequences.

Obama plans to achieve his budgetary goals by a combination of spending cuts and tax increases. Here is where the politics becomes dicey. Republicans, of course, will resist tax increases, yet deficit reduction will have to be more modest without tax increases.

The problem is that balancing the budget imposes a short-run drag on the economy. Reduced government spending and higher taxes reduce total demand for goods and services, which in turn reduces demand for workers and could push us into another recession.

On the other hand, current deficits are unsustainable. The U.S. national debt is expected to exceed 75 percent of GDP by the end of fiscal year 2011. This is about as much debt as the U.S. can sustain without undermining our credit rating with foreign

investors. Such high debt could force inflationary policies to meet our obligations.

The question is how to balance the short-term danger of a renewed recession with the long-term danger of unsustainable debt and inflation. Finding the balance isn't easy. This is illustrated by the experience of the UK's new conservative government, which announced a new austerity budget only to see a sharp drop in GDP.

So, the Obama budget seeks to avoid the UK's fate while still reducing the deficit. In this regard, tax increases are a better tool as tax increases have a small, short-run impact. A household faced with a tax increase will pay for part of the tax increase by reducing spending, but also will pay for the tax increase from savings. Thus, total spending is reduced initially by less than one-for-one with a tax increase. Government spending cuts, by contrast, results in an initial one-for-one reduction in spending, and has a larger, short-run impact.

Of course, macroeconomic considerations are not the only criteria in developing a budget. Any budget creates winners

and losers. Then there are philosophical questions about the appropriate role for government. The president also wants to re-prioritize spending toward education, especially higher education, and infrastructure. Republicans want to prioritize new tax cuts and smaller government so as to empower the private sector. Moreover, Republicans view large government as incompatible with personal freedom.

Obama does as well as one can hope balancing short-run and long-run goals. Where the Obama budget falls short is in the out-years. His budget has the national debt stabilizing at 76 percent to 77 percent of GDP. This is too high, bordering on a level that could trigger a loss of confidence should a new recession force increased deficits.

Here, the Republicans may be on the right track as they push for reform of entitlement programs.

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“ Obama does as well as one can hope balancing short-run and long-run goals. ”

The average sale: \$104 per square foot in 2010

With an improved economy, 2011 could show better results

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Las Cruces area homebuyers purchased a little more than 1,150 new and existing homes, townhomes and condominiums last year. What did they buy? About 22 percent of buyers closed on newly constructed homes, with the remaining 78 percent of buyers purchasing existing homes.

Sales data show that buyers paid an average price of just under \$185,000 for the new homes, townhomes and condominiums they purchased in 2010. Free standing, single-family homes brought the highest prices, averaging just under \$190,000 for the 228 prior-year closings. The final sales prices of the 18 condominiums sold last year averaged just under \$134,000, while the four new

2010 new and existing home sales in Las Cruces

2010	Type	Units sold	High price	Low price	Median price	Average price	Average sq. ft.	Avg. price p/sf	DOM
	Single family	228	\$890,000	\$110,000	\$164,005	\$189,663	1,745	\$109	117
New homes	Townhouse	4	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000	1,315	\$105	29
	Condo	18	\$211,900	\$87,300	\$134,000	\$133,766	1,208	\$111	1,052
	Subtotal	250	\$890,000	\$87,300	\$161,880	\$184,812	1,700	\$109	183
	Single family	839	\$950,000	\$25,000	\$170,000	\$203,187	1,928	\$105	116
Existing homes	Townhouse	39	\$187,000	\$85,000	\$120,000	\$119,385	1,282	\$93	95
	Condo	23	\$255,000	\$67,602	\$114,000	\$122,257	1,186	\$104	528
	Subtotal	901	\$950,000	\$25,000	\$165,000	\$197,264	1,923	\$103	115
Combined	Total	1151	\$950,000	\$25,000	\$164,870	\$194,559	1,877	\$104	130

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townhomes closed during the same period carried an average price of \$138,000.

The average price of the 901 existing homes, townhomes and condominiums sold last year was just under \$197,000 during 2010. Free standing, single-family home prices averaged just over \$203,000, while the average prices of the condominiums and townhomes sold during the year averaged about \$119,000 and \$122,000, respectively.

The average new home contained about

1,700 square feet of heated and cooled space, while the average existing-home consisted of just over 1,900 square feet of living space. Condominiums and townhomes were smaller, averaging around 1,250 square feet.

In the aggregate, it took sellers a little more than four months to close their transactions in 2010. With an improved economy and a little luck, 2011 could produce better results.

See you at closing.

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Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico						
Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20110477	B & L Roofing Inc.	Alex and Aurora Z. Mendoza	Reroof	1983 Coyote Ridge Drive	\$8,628	\$79
20110501	Margaret Goehring and David A. Klement	Margaret Goehring and David A. Klement	Res/Add	361 Wall Ave.	\$20,000	\$146
20110478	B & L Roofing Inc.	John J. Purcell and Margaret L. Wiley	Reroof	670 Frank Maes Ave.	\$11,832	\$97
20110518	Robinson Homes LLC	William and Kathleen Lohr	Res/New	4312 Hopi Court	\$214,084	\$3,312
20110484	Victory Construction	Brian Keith Meyers	Res/Add	3130 Katrina St.	\$5,000	\$57
20110385	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	7574 Sierra de Luna Place	\$186,960	\$1,787
20110543	Metal Building Specialties LLC	LCMC Group	Comm/Alt	301 N. Seventeenth St.	\$3,500	\$97
20110565	Progreen Superior Coating & Roofing Inc.	Concha B. and Felix B. Baca	Reroof	1613 Neleigh Drive	\$5,000	\$57
20110570	McGinley Construction Inc.	Rio Grande Professional Center LLC	Comm/Alt	2701 Missouri Ave.	\$137,102	\$562
20110568	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	Res/New	2824 San Lorenzo Court	\$195,570	\$1,553
20110545	Theodore Brannan Jr.	Theodore Brannan Jr.	Res/Alt	3689 Vista Belleza Ave.	\$2,500	\$85
20110581	GS Roofing	John S. and Cindy D. Fierro	Reroof	1707 Royal Drive	\$7,112	\$70
20110580	GS Roofing	Rafael and Teresita Baeza	Reroof	2951 Fountain Ave.	\$5,200	\$58
20110582	GS Roofing	Ben Furth	Reroof	4931 Calle Bella Court	\$7,800	\$74
20110594	Centimark Corp.	Z2SP LLC	Reroof	2143 Telshor Court	\$200,000	\$742
20110589	Summit Development	P I Holdings #1 Inc.	Res/New	4252 Lyra Court	\$324,310	\$4,332
20110584	Debco Construction Inc.	Michael and Priscilla Madrid	Res/New	3333 Valverde Loop	\$132,676	\$3,454
20110634	C Renteria Construction	Ramon O. and Eugeniz M. Ortega	Reroof	114 Ridgecrest Drive	\$3,000	\$45
20110638	JV Construction	Mesilla Valley Mall LLC	Comm/Alt	700 S. Telshor Blvd.	\$100,000	\$457
20110595	Arei LLC	Trey W. and Yvonne H. Taylor	Reroof	3839 Imperial Drive	\$11,199	\$94
20110633	Clayton Donnelly Roofing	Rudolph Fink	Reroof	623 S. Manzanita St.	\$3,119	\$46
20110632	A.B.R. Construction Inc.	Stuart S. Kelter and Leora R. Zeitlin	Comm/Alt	2145 El Paseo Road	\$20,000	\$146
20110590	Nancy Almvig	Nancy J. Almvig	Res/Add	4326 Kachina Canyon Road	\$6,000	\$63
20110655	JDI Construction	James and Geraldine Neeley Trust	Res/Add	120 E. Madrid Ave.	\$4,999	\$57
20110649	Double J Contactors	Joe Quesenberry	Reroof	1185 E. Madrid Ave.	\$19,800	\$144

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Doña Ana County Building Permit Report Jan. 28 to Feb. 11

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico						
Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
36287	Manuel Castillo	Manuel Castillo	Res/Add	28 Arellano Road	BLM Plat 92	\$362
36291	Scott Bannister	Scott Bannister	Swimming pool	680 S. Fairacres Road	N/A	\$124
36293	James Brumley	James Brumley	Reroof	6900 Doña Ana Road	N/A	\$70
36295	Martin Guerrero	Martin Guerrero	Res/Add	31 Memory Lane	USRS Tract 17 36A	\$220
36297	Nu Tech Gen Cont	James Sullivan	Reroof	260 Love Court	Mesilla Park Townsite	\$100
36300	Fort Seldon Roofing	Blas Reyes	Reroof	108 Cristo Ave.	Del Cerro Estates	\$90
36301	Daniel Nuñez	Daniel Nuñez	Res/New	611 Old Laredo	Chaparral North Phase I	\$435
36308	Ricardo and Hilda Amaro	Ricardo and Hilda Amaro	Res/Add	285 W. San Miguel St.	N/A	\$314

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Matching grants, a tool for nonprofit sustainability

Asombro Institute is a valued foundation partner

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

In an effort to increase nonprofit sustainability, the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) will match donations to nonprofits within the CFSNM dollar for dollar up to \$1,500 to create an endowment.

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. In addition to a portion of the funds going toward programs, a portion of earnings is returned to the principal of the endowment and a portion is earmarked for management of the new endowment.

The Asombro Institute for Science Education has participated in the matching grant program in the past.

"Having an endowment has allowed us to get our fund up to more than \$22,000 so far, even during difficult economic times," said

Stephanie Bestelmeyer, executive director of Asombro. "Nonprofits have many pressing immediate needs. I completely understand that, but we all need to make sure that we are thinking long-term, too. Endowments help make sure that all of our hard work now will be sustained in the future."

Bestelmeyer said many donors also really like giving to endowments because they want to have long-term impacts with their donations.

Asombro programs are focused on the future, educating children for the technology-oriented work force of the future while preserving the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park for future generations to be able to learn and explore. As a science education provider, Asombro brings quality, hands-on education to more than 13,000 K-12 students each year, helping students learn critical thinking skills and preparing them for the technology-oriented work-force of the future.

For many organizations like Asombro, endowments are perfectly matched to a future focus because they ensure the organizations are building the resources needed to sustain work well into the future.

"Raising funds for general operating costs has always been challenging, but it has become even more difficult in the last few years. We are steadily building our endowment now," Bestelmeyer said. "Eventually, it will be large enough that the distributable annual income will cover a significant portion of these operating costs, leaving even more resources for programs."

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the Southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the CFSNM offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of



Students collect data on soil moisture at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park as part of Asombro Institute for Science Education.

the foundation is that donors need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people in our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds, donors can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to their heart. Through our planned giving programs, donors can honor loved

ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of southern New Mexico for generations to come. The CFSNM can advise donors on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information, visit www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794.

For more info

For more information on the Asombro Institute for Science Education, visit www.asombro.org or call 524-3334. To donate to this, or any established fund, visit the foundation's website at www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794.

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Briefs

Wells Fargo to open on Presidents Day

Wells Fargo Banks will remain open at all 96 of its locations in New Mexico Monday, Feb. 21, Presidents Day. Bank locations in Las Cruces will be open regular hours. "Wells Fargo strives to provide service when, where and how our customers want," said Lisa Riley, Wells Fargo regional president for New Mexico.

New business aimed at seniors in transition

Roadrunner Relocation Services LLC, a home-based business, has opened in Las Cruces. The business offers a wide range of services for seniors who are moving across town or across the country. Services include assistance with downsizing, sorting and packing prior to the move; creating a floor plan of the new residence to assure that furniture will fit; unpacking and setting up the new home; making sure utilities are turned on; arranging for profitable disposal of items left behind after the move; and preparing the previous residence for sale. Roadrunner Relocation is owned and managed by Mary Jane O'Connor-Ropp and Steve Ropp, who moved to Las Cruces in 2007 from Massachusetts. For more information, call 647-4453, email roadrunnerrelo@aol.com or visit www.roadrunnerrelocation.com.

Martial arts school now open

Traditional Arts of the Pacific, a mixed-martial arts school, recently opened at 740 N. Alameda Blvd. The school offers classes in eight martial arts styles and disciplines. For more information, call 635-8874.

Academic help center opens

The Academic Readiness Center (ARC), a business that helps students going back to school prepare for college, has recently opened in Las Cruces. The mission of ARC is to offer effective and affordable college readiness and education remediation services in a non-judgmental, whole-person manner, said owner Chris Nordquist. ARC seeks to help individuals develop the confidence and academic skills to get from where they are to where they want to be. ARC offers up to 15 hours of small group training for \$160. For more information or to reserve a spot in one of ARC's English and Math readiness workshops, call 635-3270.

Nominate a business or nonprofit for chamber recognition

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the Business of the Month and Nonprofit of the Month awards. Nomination forms are available online at www.lascruces.org. Nominees must be chamber members in good standing. Winners will be featured in the Chamber's monthly

newsletter, The Bottom Line, which is distributed to the entire membership and is inserted in the Las Cruces Bulletin. Business of the Month is awarded every third month based on number of employees (1-10 employees, 11-50 employees and 50-plus employees). All nominations will be kept on file for three months. For more information, call Joel Courtney at 524-1968 or email jcourtney@lascruces.org.

Valley Cold Storage expands

Valley Cold Storage and Transportation, 101 Watson Drive, will soon begin a \$3.2 million expansion project at its facility. The new 32,000-square-foot freezer expansion will be used to store pecans and other agricultural products. For more information, call 800-711-5706.

Free tax preparation offered

The Southwest Tax Coalition will offer free tax preparation from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8:30 a.m. to noon Fridays through April 14 at the Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico, 3880 Foothills Drive. Evening hours for tax-preparation help will also be offered from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition, taxes will be prepared from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Anthony Women's Intercultural Center, 303 Lincoln Street in Anthony, N.M. Items to bring include all W-2 forms, expense reports related to work, a valid driver's license and all information pertaining to employment in the past year. For more information, call 527-8799.

Guard to recognize military employers

Spouses the focus of department's outreach effort

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) has announced an expansion of the Patriot Award Program to include employers of Guard and Reserve members' spouses.

The Patriot Award was previously presented only to employers of Guard and Reserve members. After learning of the growing number of employers adopting supportive initiatives for military spouses, ESGR embraced the opportunity to recognize these employers with their own Department of Defense award.

The employer of a military spouse has no legal obligation to provide unique support, but Guard and Reserve spouses often share the challenges of military service. Child care, managing the household and work schedules often have to be adjusted when one spouse leaves to serve the country. Military spouses value the cooperation and encouragement of their employers just as much as those in the Guard and Reserve. The expansion of the Patriot Award honors these patriotic employers and is the only Department of Defense award designated for spouses' employers.

The nation has relied heavily on Guard and Reserve service members since entering continuous operations nearly 10 years ago. These service members have deployed and fought side-by-side active duty members,

each time leaving a spouse behind to do the work of two. Unlike their counterparts on active duty, Guard and Reserve spouses may not live near the supportive network of large military bases. In many cases, an employer is a Guard and Reserve spouse's strongest support community.

Guard and Reserve spouses are already coming forward to share how their employers have gone above and beyond in their support. For one spouse, her supervisor shifted her nursing schedule when her husband deployed to allow the mother of three to continue working, but also to be at home for their children during the school year. When babysitter options became too difficult to coordinate, she was granted a leave of absence with no questions asked.

Robyn Gellerup, a Wisconsin mother of three, works as an office manager for a construction company showroom.

"While my husband was deployed both times, Rod and Becky Cook have taken care of us like we are part of their family from mowing our lawn, plowing snow from our driveway to performing maintenance on our vehicles and home," she said. "It gave my husband peace of mind knowing that if something goes wrong I could just pick up the phone and they'd be there."

All spouses of Guard and Reserve members are eligible to nominate their employers. Spouses can log on to www.esgr.org/PA to fill out the Spouse Nomination Form. Each nominated supervisor will receive a Department of Defense Certificate of Appreciation, presented by the spouse employee or the local volunteer from the ESGR State Committee.

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On the Agenda

HTC meeting

Local actor and filmmaker Mark Vasconcellos will present research regarding available resources for media production projects during the next meeting of the High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at the Sunset Grill at Sonoma Ranch, 1274 Golf Club Road. Vasconcellos has been seen as Pastor Jeff in the CW network's "Easy Money" and writes, produces and hosts the New Mexico travelogue show, "Enchantments." He is also an instructor at Doña Ana Community College. At the meeting, Vasconcellos will provide information for the foundation of a feasibility study on creating a multi-function media production facility to serve the needs of digital media efforts in the region. Following the regular meeting, there will be a focused session to discuss the feasibility study from 1 to 3 p.m. Both meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 521-0018.

Date: Friday, Feb. 18
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Sunset Grill
 1274 Golf Club Road
Contact: 521-0018

Las Cruces Press Women presentation

Does the thought of being interviewed for newspaper, radio or TV terrify you? Or maybe you just don't know what to expect? Or perhaps as a media professional yourself, you're used to being the one asking the questions. The Las Cruces Press Women Association will host the workshop "Give a Great Interview for Radio, TV or Newspaper" presented by KRWG's Carrie Hamblen at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at Taste of India, 1001 E. University Ave.

Learn how to be a well-informed, poised and sought-after interview subject. Cost is \$10 for members, and \$13 for nonmembers, which includes a buffet lunch. For more information or to reserve a seat, email lcpresswomen@gmail.com. More information is available at lcpresswomen.blogspot.com.

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 22
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Taste of India
 1001 E. University Ave.
Contact: 521-0018

Business After Hours

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly Business After Hours networking event at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau, 2220 N. Telshor Blvd. For more information, call 524-1968.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 24
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau
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Contact: 524-1968

Free real estate seminar

Toby Jansen and Elaine Heitz of Re/Max Classic Realty will present "What do I do Next?" a seminar that focuses on short sales, foreclosures and bankruptcy in real estate at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Bueno Title, 2802 Doral Court. The seminar will address questions dealing with back payments, unemployment, bankruptcy and foreclosure. For more information, call 524-8788.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 26
Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Bueno Title
 2802 Doral Court
Contact: 524-8788

Business on the Border

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance will host its next Business on the Border luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. The forum will focus on arts, culture and history throughout the state. Lori Grumet, public services director for the City of Las Cruces, will present an overview of an Arts and Cultural District option. The meeting will begin with a hot entrée buffet, followed by a brief update by MVEDA staff. Luncheon cost is \$20 per person, payable by cash, check or major credit card. Due to space limitations, reservations are required. Confirm your attendance no later than Thursday, Feb. 24, by sending an email to rsvp@mveda.com or by calling the office at 525-2852. The meeting is open to the public.

Date: Tuesday, March 1
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
 705 S. Telshor Blvd.
Contact: 525-2852

Solar Energy Zone public meeting

On Jan. 14, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and Secretary of Energy Steven Chu announced a schedule of public meetings to gather comments on a comprehensive environmental analysis that has identified proposed "solar energy zones" on public lands in the west most suitable for environmentally sound, utility-scale solar energy production. The study, known as the Draft Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, was compiled over the past two years as part of the Obama administration's efforts to create a framework for developing renewable energy. As a result of the Las Cruces area being identified in the study, a public-comment meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Individuals may register to speak at a meeting in advance through the Solar PEIS project website, <http://solareis.anl.gov>, or may register prior to the public meeting. The public may also review maps and informational posters that will be on display. Additionally, computers for reviewing the project website or for submitting electronic comments will be available. There is no cost to attend the meeting. For more information, call Kendra Barkoff at the Department of the Interior at 202-208-6416.

Date: Thursday, March 3
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
 705 S. Telshor Blvd.
Contact: 202-208-6416

Good Morning Las Cruces

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will hold its next Good Morning Las Cruces networking event from 7 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 S. Don Roser Drive. Only 49 spaces will be available for local businesses to promote themselves. The morning will begin promptly at 7 a.m. with a continental breakfast and special presentation by Davin Lopez, president/CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance. Lopez will address the economic development climate in Doña Ana County and the effects of the current legislative session on economic development. The cost for the event is \$15 for members or \$30 for nonmembers and includes a continental breakfast. For more

information or to register, call 524-1968.

Date: Wednesday, March 9
Time: 7 to 10 a.m.
Location: Hilton Garden Inn
 2550 S. Don Roser Drive
Contact: 524-1968

Tax issues and accounting basics

Learn about eligible tax breaks for businesses as a result of the Small Business Jobs Act during a Small Business Development Center workshop from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, at the SBDC Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. The various types of business entities and issues regarding their tax status will also be discussed. The workshop will also address general accounting principles in order to effectively run a business. The presenters for this workshop include a CPA and an accountant, both with 20 years combined experience in for-profit and nonprofit businesses. For more information, call Claudia Hadley at 528-7430.

Date: Wednesday, March 9
Time: 9 to 11 a.m.
Location: SBDC Workforce Center
 2345 E. Nevada Ave.
Contact: 528-7430

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Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance
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 227 E. Amador Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88001

NM Dept. of Taxation and Revenue
 524-6225 • www.tax.state.nm.us
 2540 El Paseo Road, Bldg. 2
 Las Cruces, NM 88001

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NMSU to offer ag degree program in northern NM

Students at Luna Community College can begin class in Las Vegas, N.M., graduate in Las Cruces

New Mexico State University and Luna Community College in Las Vegas, N.M., finalized an agreement that will enable students to start work on an agricultural degree at Luna and finish at NMSU.

The "2 + 2" program allows Luna students to get credit for classes during their first two years of study that will meet specific major requirements of a bachelor's degree in their third and fourth years at NMSU. The courses will apply toward a Bachelor of Arts in agriculture at NMSU.

Finalizing the agreement during a ceremony Feb. 10 in Santa Fe were NMSU President Barbara Couture and Luna Community College President Pete Campos.

"As New Mexicans, we all enjoy the benefits of a robust system of higher education," Couture said. "To truly be effective, however, the components of that system must find new and innovative means to meet the needs of our most precious asset, the students of our state. This articulation agreement between Luna Community College and NMSU is an example of how, by teaming together, we can efficiently and effectively utilize the institutions we have in place, to extend opportunities to the next generation. I am proud to join President Campos in signing this agreement."

Campos, who also serves as a state senator representing District 8 (Guadalupe, Mora, San Miguel, Santa Fe and Torrance counties), said the agreement reflects the need for

efficient yet powerful solutions for meeting the state's educational needs.

"At a time when budgets are tight and education needs are mounting, it is crucial that educational bridges are built and provide students new life-changing opportunities," Campos said. "This mega relationship with New Mexico State University links the far ends of our state to share what our best and brightest educators have to offer students. Our youth and adult learners will definitely be the beneficiaries of this example of what working together can truly accomplish."

The agreement offers Luna Community College students 11 major-specific courses to choose from during their first two years that will prepare them to efficiently complete their program of study at NMSU.

Details

New Mexico State University is now offering agricultural degrees at Luna Community College in Las Vegas, N.M.

Luna students can study for two years in their hometown and finish their degree at NMSU. Students interested in applying should contact Luna Community College at 505-454-2500 or talk to their adviser.

City sustainability officer addresses green chamber

City increasing efforts to operate more efficiently

Bulletin Staff Report

City of Las Cruces Sustainability Officer Tom Schuster spoke Friday, Feb. 4, at the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce's monthly First Friday luncheon at El Tiburon restaurant on Amador Avenue.

The meeting came on the heels of a massive winter storm, and Schuster commented on the impact to the city's water and energy infrastructure.

Schuster informed the green chamber group that the City of Las Cruces' annual electricity expenditure is about \$4.5 million. About half of that electricity consumption, Schuster said, goes toward water pumping and wastewater treatment. Schuster also discussed the city's sustainability action plan, which includes the following initiatives: increase energy efficiency, accelerate deployment of renewable energy, ensure a sustainable water supply, reduce and recycle solid waste, prevent air and water pollution, encourage sustainable development and transportation options, conserve habitat and ecosystems and support local food networks.

Two specific ways the city is working to implement the action plan are converting traffic lights to LED – saving \$133,000 per year in electricity – and converting much of the city's vehicle fleet to run on B20 biodiesel, a fuel produced locally in Anthony, N.M.

Details of the city's sustainability program can be found at www.las-cruces.org/council/sustainability.asp.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Richard Coltharp

City of Las Cruces Sustainability Officer Tom Schuster spoke at the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce First Friday luncheon Friday, Feb. 4. He told the audience the city is converting part of its fleet to run on B20 biodiesel.

Tax considerations for the self-employed

Accountability, responsibility should come first

By **Eloisa Rivera**
President, Eagle Storm Corp.

Courtesy of Finance New Mexico

Self-employment has its appeal, especially when businesses aren't creating jobs fast enough for the nation's unemployed.

A person who chooses this route might be a sole proprietor in a trade or business – for example, a plumber or cabinet-maker – or they might be an independent contractor, insurance agent, limited liability corporation member or a partner in a business. These taxpayers are treated as independent contractors by the Internal Revenue Service and must be aware of the responsibilities and benefits of being self-employed. They will quickly become familiar with Schedule C – the IRS' self-employment form.

Anyone who pursues a trade or business to make a profit must file a Schedule C form along with the standard 1040 income tax form. The Schedule C (profit or loss from business) summarizes gross income and profit, business expenses or deductions and net profit or loss.

There are tax advantages to being self-employed, but being one's own boss also means being responsible for accurately reporting all income. Sole proprietors who underreport income – intentionally or due to poor record keeping – face fines and penalties if an IRS audit determines that the filer committed fraud to evade taxes or failed to report all income because of an honest mistake. The IRS gives close scrutiny to Schedule C filers, and any taxpayer who files this form should keep careful records of all business-related transactions.

All business income must be reported on Schedule C. In addition to income reported on 1099-Misc forms, all cash receipts or sales must also be included.

Expenses are also reported on Schedule C. Expenses must be in line with the industry in which the taxpayer works, and they must be legitimate. Most business expenses are 100 percent deductible. Fully deductible expenses include supplies,

postage, advertising, repairs, contract labor and insurance costs.

Costs associated with business meals and entertainment are only partially deductible, and strict rules apply. Those who claim automobile expenses can report actual expenses or simply apply the standard IRS mileage rate. Self-employed people can deduct for depreciation of business property, but this, too, is subject to complicated rules and requires precise documentation.

If the self-employed person chooses to deduct the costs associated with using part of the home as an office or studio, he or she must file Form 8829 with the tax return. This deduction has tax repercussions when the home is sold, so the homeowner-proprietor should also consider this carefully before taking this deduction.

Once the filer has calculated all income and deductions, the next step is determined by whether he has made or lost money. If the net profit exceeds \$400, most Schedule C filers must submit a Schedule SE to pay their share of Social Security and Medicare taxes.

The Small Business Development Centers provide workshops about self-employment and Schedule C. A tax professional

should be contacted for more detailed information. Only attorneys, CPAs and EAs – tax practitioners known as enrolled agents who are authorized by the U.S. Department of the Treasury – may represent taxpayers before the IRS.

Visit www.nmsbdc.org to find business-tax workshops.

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LifeSupport technology offers state-of-the-art monitoring

By **Gabriel Vasquez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Did you know falls among older adults cost the U.S. health care system more than \$20 billion each year?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in three adults age 65 and older falls each year, and of those who fall, 20 to 30 percent suffer injuries that permanently alter their lifestyles.

Preventing that lifestyle change, saving clients money on health care costs and ensuring maximum mobility into the golden years are the priorities of a local business started by Anthony Dohrmann and Ken Hoeksema.

"Falls are the No. 1 cause of accidental deaths for people age 65 and older," Dohrmann said.

Dohrmann, the founder of Lasershield, and Hoeksema, a retired Amway executive, have partnered to create LifeSupport Medical, a technology-based company headquartered in Downtown Las Cruces that serves the national market.

"The marketplace for this is tremendous," Dohrmann said. "There are 40 million seniors and as of Jan. 1, there are 10,000 people hitting 65 every 24 hours."

With its state-of-the-art sensors and monitoring technology for the home, LifeSupport Medical offers all-inclusive services for seniors battling with mobility and health issues. In essence, the company offers a home medical response system designed to do everything from prevent falls to remind people to take their medication.

"We did a whole lot of research before setting up the company in February 2009," said Dohrmann, the CEO of the company. "We started building the infrastructure, supply systems, made arrangements with manufacturers, found a product line we wanted, customized it, did beta testing and now we offer our

service nationwide."

The LifeSupport monitoring system includes several components, including an easy-to-use and read center console, wearable remote transmitters, emergency fall detectors, and a set of safety detection devices designed to prevent and detect fire hazards, floods, carbon monoxide poisoning and extended periods of inactivity.

When it comes to falls, the first line of defense is LifeSupport's wearable pendant, the second is the fall detector and the third are a set of oversized buttons strategically placed throughout the home.

"We basically designed a system that covers the most common forms of accidents and injuries in the home," Dohrmann said. "We approached these products from a customers' perspective and what their needs were. Rather than having engineers design the system, we used the most useful data provided by consumers."

Responding to a question about a similar product in the market, Dohrmann said he's well aware of the competition and is confident his company offers superior services.

"Somewhere between 50 and 80 percent of people that wear (fall-protection devices) misplace them or forget to wear them every day," Dohrmann said. "And if they're knocked unconscious when they fall, how are they supposed to press the button? Our technology offers 12 points of protection that you don't get with the competitors' products."

“Our technology offers 12 points of protection that you don't get with the competitors' products.”

TONY DOHRMANN,
CEO, LifeSupport Medical

LifeSupport's automatic fall detector can measure the movement of a user by determining his or her position relative to the sensor. If a person moves more than 50 degrees off-kilter, the sensor notifies the proper authorities as to the person's fall.

"The control center gives out three warnings at 30 seconds a piece," Dohrmann said. "The user can then indicate they are OK, and if they're not, our system contacts neighbors, friends, family and the paramedics."

LifeSupport's control center has a highly sensitive communication system, allowing two-way communication between a company operator and a client anywhere in the home, regardless of the location of the control center and the client.

All of LifeSupport's sensors and monitors are hooked up to the company's emergency response system, which is based in Syracuse, N.Y., and housed inside a 40,000-square-foot state-



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Gabriel Vasquez

LifeSupport Medical CEO Anthony Dohrmann and COO Ken Hoeksema display the life-saving monitoring technology used to prevent falls and accidents among seniors and others battling with mobility problems or chronic illness.

of-the-art facility. LifeSupport technicians have at least a two-year college degree and complete six months of training classes before taking calls. They handle everything from complaints about chest pains to troubleshooting the monitoring system.

"They're certified as a Class B Emergency Medical Technician," Dohrmann said. "That's far superior to any other operator in this industry."

Although the company is marketing its product nationwide and is developing a dealer system in every state, Dohrmann said Las Cruces was the logical choice to launch the business.

"I'm originally from southern California, but going through a major expansion and with the intention of making the best use of our capital, we wanted a place that was more affordable for us and for our executives," he said. "We also do some light assembly work with the maquiladoras in Juárez, so it made sense to set up here."

Other services offered by LifeSupport include nonprofessional caregiver training and a health care advocacy service – free – that helps clients to streamline their medical expenses, procedures and appointments.

"We have a team of researchers, accountants, lawyers, physicians and specialists ready to help," Dohrmann said. "They can do everything from schedule appointments, get procedures approved, facilities upgraded, fight denied claims and deal with insurance companies. We even help find clients grants to cover large medical debt."

For more information, call 522-4046 or visit www.lifesupportmedical.com.

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Meson

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more affordable menu, lowered the room rates for the bed and breakfast, installed new décor that was “comfortable and subtle” and crafted a business plan they believe is tailor-fitted for the local market.

“People had the perception before of (Meson) being a ‘special occasion’ restaurant, and we wanted to do away with that,” Szczawinski said. “This place is too beautiful not to have customers every day. All of our lunch prices are now under \$10 and our dinner prices are under \$20. We’ve got great drink prices, too.”

Jarvis said the duo handcrafted each dish and personally taste-tested every item. Szczawinski is a chef herself.

“We wanted to have the quality of a higher-end restaurant for an affordable price,” Jarvis said.

Items on the new Meson menu include jalapeño pecan-crusted chicken tenders, calamari, a stuffed New Mexico green chile cheeseburger, cheesesteak, mussels steamed in fresh garlic, hand-cut steaks, sea bass and a hand-cut Frenched rack of lamb. The restaurant’s new slogan is, “Where elegance and economy sit at the same table.”

Room rates for the bed and breakfast have also been remodeled and prices have been dropped. The smallest room ranges in price from \$79 to \$89 and the Jacuzzi suite goes for \$119 to \$129.

“We tell our guests our place is intimate, casual, friendly and warm,” Szczawinski said. “Although, it has already gotten pretty lively in the bar since we opened.”

Meson was built in 1984 by Chuck and Merci Walker. It was later purchased by Steve Blue, who sold Szczawinski the property in 2006.

“We want people to know there’s an affordable place to eat on this side of town,” Szczawinski said. “I just want people to really come and try us. We want everyone’s honest feedback. We’re open to anything.”

Meson de Mesilla is open from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. It’s open from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

For more information, call Meson at 652-4953.

Bartender Jessica Stanke preps the bar before opening for business Tuesday, Feb. 15.



It took owner Cali Szczawinski more than 14 months to remodel Meson de Mesilla when she first purchased the property in 2006.



This room at the Meson de Mesilla Bed and Breakfast rents for \$79 on weekdays and \$89 on weekends.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-10-2878

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

ISIDRO M. PENA, JR.; ALMA PENA; and BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. d/b/a BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 23, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 620 Rocky Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 2A
A tract of land situate South of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, situate in Section 3, T. 24 S., R. 2 E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of Lot 2, Block 2, Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Subdivision "B" No. 3, filed June 2, 1911, in Plat Record 4, Page 24, Doña Ana County Records, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron rod found on the South line of Rocky Road for the Northwest corner of the tract herein described identical to the Northwest corner of Lot 2, Block 2 of the mentioned Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Subdivision B;

THENCE from the point of beginning, along the South line of Rocky Road, S. 89 deg. 55' 00" E., 148.79 feet to an iron rod found on the South line of Rocky Road for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE leaving the South line of Rocky Road, DUE SOUTH, 330.00 feet to an iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 89 deg. 55' 00" W., 148.79 feet to an iron rod found identical to the Southwest corner of Lot 2, Block 2 of the mentioned Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Subdivision B;

THENCE DUE NORTH, 330.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 1.1272 acre of land more or less.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 11, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$309,848.84 and the same bears interest at 4.2500% per annum from December 31, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,984.31. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

ment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CASE NO: CV-2010-1682
Judge James T. Martin

CITIZENS BANK OF LAS CRUCES, Plaintiff,

vs.

ANA E. FELIX, Defendant.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Default Judgment issued out of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 23, 2010, in the above entitled cause in which it was determined that Plaintiff had a judgment against the Defendant and the amount of the judgment is \$49,679.65, together with interest at the rate of 18% per annum, from and after October 26, 2010, and by which judgment I am among other things commanded to sell all of the lands described in said judgment which real estate is to be sold in this foreclosure sale is more particularly described in the Judgment in said cause and hereafter described.

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of March, 2011 at the hour of 2:00 p.m. in the front of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, I will in obedience to said Judgment sell the following described real estate to wit:

A tract of land situate east of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Lot 4, Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M., and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the tract herein described,

whence the northwest corner of said Section 4, bears the following two courses and distances: N. 89 deg. 50'40"W. a distance of 326.15 feet; thence N. 0 deg. 56'41"W. a distance of 314.01 feet; thence from said point of beginning S. 89 deg. 50'40"E. 119.29 feet to a point; thence S. 0 deg. 53'30"E. 170.95 feet to a point; thence S. 89 deg. 50'40"E. 216.50 feet to a point; thence S. 0 deg. 53'30"E. 130.11 feet to the southeast corner of the tract herein described; thence N. 89 deg. 39'41"W. 337.98 feet to the southwest corner of the tract herein described; thence N. 0 deg. 28'45"W. 299.95 feet to the northwest and beginning corner of the tract herein described and containing 1.474 acres of land, more or less.

The property or its address is commonly known as 6880 #2 Moongate Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88012. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the real property address, the legal description shall control together with the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging to said real estate and in any way pertaining to said premises to satisfy Plaintiff's Judgment in the amount of \$49,679.65, together with interest thereon to the date of sale in the amount of \$3,062.50 together with all costs of said sale.

If the amount bid is over and above the amount due the Plaintiff, plus costs of sale, the amount of the proceeds shall, pursuant to said Judgment, be paid into the registry of the Court for determination of the amounts to be paid, and to whom said amount shall be paid, said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds provided however that Plaintiff shall be entitled to bid all or a part of its Judgment.

DATED this 20 day of January, 2011.

RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED,
By /s/ Stephen Hosford
Special Master
P.O. Box 420
Arrey, NM 87930-0420
(575) 644-6068

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-10-2442

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., successor in interest to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. by merger, Plaintiff,

vs.

SONYA L. DELGADO and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; MELANIE D. VIRAMONTES and, if married, JOHN DOE B, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION fka LaSalle Bank Midwest N.A., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 23, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to

the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 623 Kristin Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

The westerly portion of Lot 3, SUNDOWN ACRES, 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 January 9, 1976, in Book 12 Pages 33-34 of Plat Records, more fully described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northwest corner, a found iron rod, which is identical with the northwest corner of Lot 3;

Thence from the point of beginning N. 70 deg. 54' E., 145.20 feet along Kristin Drive, to the northeast corner;

Thence S. 19 deg. 06' E., 150.35 feet to the southeast corner;

Thence S. 71 deg. 34' 48" W., 113.84 feet to a set iron rod;

Thence S. 19 deg. 06' E., 1.00 foot to a point on the south line of said Lot 3;

Thence S. 70 deg. 54' W., 31.37 feet to the southwest corner, marked by a found iron rod, which is identical with the southwest corner of Lot 3;

Thence N. 19 deg. 06' W., 150.00 feet to the point of beginning.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 14, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$130,874.49 and the same bears interest at 5.625% per annum from December 16, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,411.83. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-105

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Successor in Interest to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff,

vs.

TANY P. NIETO; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 23, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2710 Boldt Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 5, Block D, MESILLA FARM 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 December 5, 1988, in Book 15 Page(s) 389-390 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 August 21, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. Subsequent to the entry of the judgment, the Debtor(s) made payments pursuant to a Forbearance Plan and partially satisfied Plaintiff's judgment. The amount now due on the judgment is \$402,547.86, plus interest thereon at the rate of 6.375% per annum from December 31, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,866.95. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-200900355

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO HOME EQUITY TRUST 2004-2, Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT ANTHONY GUTIERREZ; OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT ANTHONY GUTIERREZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 24, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lots 1,2,3 AND 4, Block 2, GRANDVIEW ANNEX SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 354, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on March 3, 1948, and recorded in Book 6, Page 71, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1502 Arizona Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 27, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$40,161.06 plus interest from November 11, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 10.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real estate in the sum of \$205,437.39 plus interest from November 8, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.50% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201002528

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

TYLER J. KETELHUT-HERRERA; MEGAN L. WARD; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TYLER J. KETELHUT-HERRERA, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MEGAN L. WARD, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 24, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 7, Block 1, SETTLERS' RIDGE, UNIT ONE, AT RANCHO DEL REY, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on November 22, 1991, in Book 17 Page(s) 108-110 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 3931 Ramrod Forge, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 21, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-

described real estate in the sum of \$205,437.39 plus interest from November 8, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.50% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201002690

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

EDWIN R. CLARK; MARY T. CLARK; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 24, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 218, Hacienda Acres (Revised), in the City of Las

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Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on August 22, 1961, recorded in Book 8, Page 77, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

The address of the real property is 5208 Wilt Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 14, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$79,791.86 plus interest from November 26, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.00% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
c/o Castle Stawski, LLC
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2010-0052
Judge Arrieta

**BBVA COMPASS BANK f/k/a,
STATE NATIONAL BANK,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**WESTMORELAND
ENTERPRISES,
LLC, FORREST W.
WESTMORELAND and
JOYCE WESTMORELAND,**

Defendants.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF
SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 24th day of February, 2011, at 10:00 AM, at the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue (corner of Alameda and Picacho), Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, the undersigned Special Master will sell all the right, title, and interest of Defendant Westmoreland Enterprises, LLC, Forrest W. Westmoreland and Joyce Westmoreland and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The property which is the subject of this action (the "Real Property") is a series of lots located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, which is attached as Exhibit A.

This is an action by Plaintiff upon indebtedness and foreclosure of mortgages, and the sale will be made to satisfy a Stipulated Judgment, Order of Foreclosure, and Dismissal of Counterclaim entered by the Court on January 4, 2011, in favor of Plaintiff as follows:

BBVA Compass Bank shall have judgment against the Property and against Defendants to the extent of their interest in the Property, in the following amounts;

1. On Note #8506894 in the amount of the unpaid principal balance of \$4,551,359.70, plus accrued interest of \$558,883.91 plus late fees of \$46,312.29, and appraisal fees of \$23,700.00 for a total judgment of \$5,180,255.90 as of November 9, 2010, plus additional interest accruing at the default rate of 18% per annum from that date until the judgment is paid.

2. On Note #88535109 in the amount of the unpaid principal balance of \$1,000,000.00, plus accrued interest of \$113,353.90 plus late fees of \$1,610.28, appraisal fees of \$705.00, and title fees of \$1,074.38, for a total judgment of \$1,116,743.56 as of October 21, 2010, plus additional interest accruing at the default rate of 18% per annum from that date until the judgment is paid.

3. On the Note #88579610 in the amount of the unpaid principal balance of \$413,135.73, plus accrued interest of \$15,244.50 plus late fees of \$1,595.11, for a total judgment of \$429,975.34 as of November 9, 2010, plus additional interest accruing at the default rate of 18% per annum from that date until the judgment is paid.

4. BBVA Compass Bank has an additional judgment for its attorneys' fees, costs, interest, appraisal fees, environmental assessments and other charges expended or to be expended in this proceeding in the amount of \$39,590.00.

Should any judgment holder, including Plaintiff, herein bid and/or become the purchaser of said real estate and improvements at the foreclosure sale, it may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser or purchasers at the foreclosure sale shall take title to the above-described properties, subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

The Special Master is empowered, without notice, to postpone the time and date of the Special Master's sale in the

event the Special Master deems postponement advisable.

The real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold as is, subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Lots may be sold separately, in groups, or in bulk.

SPECIAL MASTER
/s/ Douglas Boberg
P.O. Box 1119
Mesilla Park, New Mexico
88047
Phone: (575) 644-9469

EXHIBIT A

TRACT 1

Lots 2, 4 and 6, Block A, Lots 2, 3, and 4, Block B, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21 and 22, Block C, Lot 11, Block D, Lots 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block E, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block F, Lots 1, 2, 3, 8 and 14, Block K, Del Rey Estates Phase 1, located in The City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico as shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of said County on October 25, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Pages 363-365.

TRACT 2

AND

TRACT 2

Lots 18 through 31, Block 14, and Lots 13 and 14 and 16 through 22, Block 15, Elephant Butte Land and Trust Co. Amendment #2 of Subdivision "C", Blocks 12, 13, 14 and 15 as Corrected, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico as shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of said County on July 17, 1967 in Book 10, Pages 10-12.

AND
TRACT 3

A TRACT OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, LYING WITHIN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST, N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, BEING COMPRISED OF A PORTION OF LOTS 28, 29 AND 31, ALL OF LOT 30, BLOCK 15, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST COMPANY SUBDIVISION "C", CORRECTED 2ND AMENDMENT, AS RECORDED 07-17-1967 IN PLAT RECORD 10, PAGES 10-12, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, ALSO BEING A PORTION OF THAT TRACT DESCRIBED IN BOOK 828, PAGES 197-198 (RECORDED 07-18-2005), AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A 1/2" REBAR SET ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SUBDIVISION FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE A U.S.G.L.O. BRASS CAP FOUND FOR THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 20, T.22 S., R.2E., BEARS S. 86° 24' 07" E. 6584.42 FEET;

WHENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LEAVING SAID SUBDIVISION LINE, N. 26° 11' 21" W, 45.89 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A

CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE N. 85° 32' 32" E., 121.31 FEET TO 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE N. 42° 27' 08" E., 289.05 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE N. 50° 22' 12" E., 157.60 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE N. 24° 26' 30" W., 932.38 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE S. 64° 28' 30" W., 2.83 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE N. 24° 26' 30" W., 110.00 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED LOT 31, BLOCK 15, FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINES OF LOTS 31, 30 AND 29, BLOCK 15, N. 64° 26' 30" E., 827.82 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE A 1/2" REBAR FOUND FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 29 BEARS N. 64° 26' 30" E., 15.53 FEET;

WHENCE S. 24° 20' 46" E., 549.27 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE N. 64° 26' 42" E., 257.30 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF CURVATURE AND A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE 12.79 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 205.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 03° 34' 15", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS N. 82° 39' 35" E., 12.77 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE S. 24° 23' 37" E., 677.81 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SUBDIVISION FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH SUBDIVISION LINE, S. 64° 14' 06" W, 1532.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 28.764 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESERVATIONS OF RECORD;

AND

TRACT 4

LOTS 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36 AND 37, BLOCK 15, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST CO. AMENDMENT #2 OF SUBDIVISION "C", BLOCKS #12, 13, 14 AND 15 AS CORRECTED, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JULY 17, 1967, IN BOOK 10 PAGES 10-12 OF PLAT RECORDS.

AND

TRACT 5

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING A PART OF LOTS 34 AND 35, BLOCK 15, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST CO. AMENDMENT #2 OF SUBDIVISION "C", BLOCKS #12, 13, 14 AND 15 AS CORRECTED, FILED JULY 17, 1967, IN BOOK 10 PAGES 10-12 OF PLAT RECORDS AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY ROAD D-026, ALSO KNOWN AS DEL REY BOULEVARD, FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TRACT HERIN DESCRIBED. SAID MONUMENT BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 35, BLOCK 15 OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED SUBDIVISION, WHENCE STATION 51=23.84 OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY ROAD D-026 PLAT FILED AUGUST 4, 1977, IN BOOK 12 PAGES 119-121 OF PLAT RECORDS BEARS S.64°12'38"W., 639.94 FEET;

WHENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LEAVING THE COUNTY ROAD AND FOLLOWING ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF LOT 35, N.24°27'32"W., 706.98 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE LEAVING THE WEST BOUNDARY OF LOT 35, N.64°26'02"E., 659.63 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT THE EAST BOUNDARY OF LOT 34 FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF LOT 34, S.24°29'22"E., 704.40 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT THE NORTH LINE OF A PLOTTED ROAD FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, SAID CORNER BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 34;

WHENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE PLOTTED ROAD S.64°12'38"W., 395.21 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY ROAD D-026 AND AT 660.06 FEET THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 10.687 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

SAVING AND EXCEPTING THE FOLLOWING TWO TRACTS OF LAND FROM TRACTS 4 AND 5

ALL OF DEL REY ESTATES, PHASE 1, FILED OF RECORD ON OCTOBER 25, 2007, IN PLAT BOOK 22, PAGE(S) 363-365, PLAT RECORDS AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

A TRACT OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, LYING WITHIN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST, N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, BEING COMPRISED OF A PORTION

OF LOTS 31, 34, 35, 36 AND 34, AND ALL OF LOTS 32 AND 33, BLOCK 15, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST COMPANY SUBDIVISION "C", CORRECTED 2ND AMENDMENT, AS RECORDED 7-17-1967 IN PLAT RECORDS 10, PAGES 10-12, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, ALSO BEING A PORTION OF THAT TRACT DESCRIBED IN BOOK 626, PAGES 197-198, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

BEGINNING AT A 1/2" REBAR SET ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF AFOREMENTIONED SUBDIVISION FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE A U.S.G.L.O. BRASS CAP FOUND FOR THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 20, T.22S., R.2E., BEARS S.86°24'07"E. 6564.42 FEET;

WHENCE LEAVING SAID SUBDIVISION LINE, 45.74 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 25.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 104°49'08" AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS S.11°49'33"W., 39.82 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET WITHIN THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF DEL REY BOULEVARD FOR THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF THIS TRACT AND A POINT OF COMPOUND CURVATURE (NON-TANGENT) LYING ON THE PROPOSED EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE DEL REY BOULEVARD RE-ALIGNMENT PROJECT;

WHENCE ALONG SAID PROPOSED EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 102.73 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1460.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04°01'64", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS N.42°35'57"W., 102.72 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT AND A POINT OF COMPOUND CURVATURE (NON-TANGENT);

WHENCE LEAVING SAID PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 31.05 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 25.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 71°09'00", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS S.80°11'24"E., 29.08 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE N.64°14'08"E., 186.40 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE N.24°26'27"W., 635.34 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE S.64°26'42"W., 337.06 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF CURVATURE OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE 139.36 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 185.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 43°09'43", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS

S.42°03'54"W., 136.09 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF TANGENCY AND A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE S.20°29'02"W., 45.65 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF CURVATURE OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE 39.43 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 25.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 88°04'13" AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS S.23°33'05"E., 34.78 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF COMPOUND CURVATURE (NON-TANGENT) LYING IN THE PROPOSED EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE DEL REY BOULEVARD RE-ALIGNMENT PROJECT;

WHENCE ALONG SAID PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 98.34 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1460.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 03°51'33", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS N.69°30'58"W., 98.32 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT AND A POINT OF COMPOUND CURVATURE (NON-TANGENT);

WHENCE LEAVING SAID PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 38.43 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 25.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 88°04'14", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS N.84°31'09"E., 34.76 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR THE POINT OF TANGENCY AND A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE N.20°29'02"E., 45.64 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF CURVATURE AND A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE 177.36 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 235.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 43°14'33", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS N.42°06'19"E., 173.18 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET AT THE POINT OF TANGENCY AND A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE N.64°26'44"E., 603.48 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT, SAID POINT BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THAT PARCEL DESCRIBED IN BOOK 254, PAGE 625, AS RECORDED 03/05/79;

WHENCE N.24°25'09"W., 489.15 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND FOR THE MOST NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, SAID POINT BEING IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THAT PARCEL DESCRIBED IN BOOK 254, PAGE 625, AS RECORDED 03/05/79, AND ALSO IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED LOT 33, BLOCK 15;

WHENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINES OF SAID LOT 33, 32 AND PART OF LOT 31, N.64°26'30"E., 807.50 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE S.24°26'30"E., 110.00 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE N.64°28'30"E., 2.63 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE S.24°28'30" E., 932.38 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE S.50°22'12"W., 167.60 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR THE CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE S.42°27'08"W., 289.05 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE S.65°32'32"W., 121.31 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE S.25°11'21"E., 45.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 26.938 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

ZIA ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, LLC, DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2006.

AND

ALL OF THE PROPOSED DEL REY SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

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WHENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LEAVING SAID SUBDIVISION LINE, N.26°11'21"W., 45.89 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

WHENCE N.85°32'32"E., 121.31 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

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WHENCE N.50°22'12"E. 157.60 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

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THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINES OF LOTS 31, 30 AND 29, BLOCK 15, N.64°26'30"E., 827.62 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE A 1/2" REBAR FOUND FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 29 BEARS N.84°28'30"E., 15.53 FEET;

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THENCE N.64°26'42"E., 257.30 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF CURVATURE AND A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE 12.79 FEET ALONG THE ACRE OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 205.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 03°34'15"; AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS N.82°39'35"E., 12.77 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.24°23'37"E., 677.81 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SUBDIVISION FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH SUBDIVISION LINE, S.64°14'06"W., 1632.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 28.764 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

ZIA ENGINEERING & CONSULTANTS, LLC, DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2006.

A.P.N. 03-06642

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Dates 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-145

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

EDWARD R. SALAZAR; JOHN DOE I, JANE DOE I, JOHN DOE II, JANE DOE II, JOHN DOE III, JANE DOE III, JOHN DOE IV and JANE DOE IV, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 23, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder

for cash. The property to be sold is located at 238 Desert Rose Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 18 IN BLOCK 1 OF ROSE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1978 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 12 AT PAGES 219-220, 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 April 22, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. After accounting for the amounts paid by the Defendant(s) Edward R. Salazar while protected under the bankruptcy action with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Mexico, Case No. 13-10-11060 SL, entitled "Edward Salazar", in which bankruptcy action an Order of Dismissal was entered on November 8, 2010, and additional advances made by Plaintiff after the judgment, the amount due on the judgment including interest is \$162,772.21 plus interest thereon at the rate of 8.375% per annum from December 16, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,614.39. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(505) 525-2711

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Dates 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2011

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

NO. D-0307-CV-2010-00100

NORCO SYSTEMS, INC., PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

STONE CANYON HOMES, INC., JOHN TOTH III, a/k/a JOHN TOTH, ROBERT and TINA BRADSHAW, and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled Court, having appointed the undersigned as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered the Special Master to sell the below described real property, situated in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT 21, THE VILLAGES AT RANCHER'S CLUB, UNIT 1, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on June 9, 2006, in Book 21, Pages 650-651.

The sale shall commence at 10:00 a.m. on March 15, 2011, at the front entrance to the Third Judicial District Court House, at 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005. The property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. The property will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and to any liens and assessments not otherwise foreclosed upon herein. Interested bidders should undertake to make their own determination as to the status of title.

For purposes of this sale, "cash" shall mean (1) cash on hand, (2) other immediately available funds, including, but not limited to, bank cashiers checks, or (3) an irrevocable letter of credit payable at sight issued by a financial institution acceptable to and in a form acceptable to the Special Master in an amount not less than the bid amount, delivered to and approved by the Special Master prior to sale.

For purposes of this Sale, the term "immediately available funds" shall refer to those funds that can be delivered to the Special Master within TWENTY-FOUR (24) hours of the acceptance of the bid.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proceeds of sale will be applied as follows: first, to all costs and expenses of sale, including the Special Master's fee and costs; second, to the judgment awarded to Plaintiff for damages in the amount of \$79,916.07, plus interest from March 28, 2009, at the rate of 11.0% per annum, damages in the amount of \$10,000.00, plus interest from February 2, 2009, at the rate of 12.0% per annum; plus attorney fees in the amount of \$4,352.76 and costs incurred by Plaintiff in the amount of \$43.78, plus interest from December 20, 2010 at the rate of 8.75% per annum; third, in such manner as the Court may determine by order entered after the sale.

NOTICE IS FINALLY GIVEN that Plaintiff may bid and purchase the property at the foreclosure sale and may apply all or a portion of its judgment as

cash toward the purchase price.

JOHN P. COSENTINO
Special Master
500 N. Church St.
Las Cruces, NM 88001-3440
(575) 523-9505

Pub # 10374
Dates 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201003254

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER R. BAKER; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRISTOPHER R. BAKER, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Christopher R. Baker and The Unknown Spouse of Christopher R. Baker, if any.

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 1954 Redwood St, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 7, BLOCK 16, Unit NO. 8 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on December 24, 1974, in Book 12 Page(s) 7 of Plat Records.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 20 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By: Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven J. Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013;
(505) 848-9500

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES THOMAS MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 13 day of January, 2011.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Deputy

10-3283 FC01

Pub # 10383
Dates 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201003256

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LOUISETTE H. CONLEY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LOUISETTE H. CONLEY, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Louissette H. Conley and The Unknown Spouse of Louissette H. Conley, if any.

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 4682 Rimrock Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 12 in Block numbered D of Parkhill Estates Subdivision, Phase 2, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Parkhill Estates Subdivision, Phase 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 7, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Folio 372-373.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 20 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC
By: Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven J. Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013;
(505) 848-9500

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES THOMAS MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 19 day of January, 2011.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Deputy

10-3736 FC01

Pub # 10384
Dates 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201003329

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

NICHOLAUS F. WILLIAMS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NICHOLAUS F. WILLIAMS, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Nicholas F. Williams, Occupants, Whose True Names are Unknown, if any, and The Unknown Spouse of Nicholas F. Williams, if any.

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 4805 Camino Dos Vidas, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

APN: 02-32258
LOT 6, BLOCK M, DOS SUENOS ESTATES, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 4230 ON 09/28/2005 IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 352-57 OF PLAT RECORDS.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 20 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC
By: Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven J. Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013;
(505) 848-9500

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 18 day of January, 2011.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Deputy

10-4070 FC01

Pub # 10385
Dates 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-200802442

MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

VICTOR M. MEZA; SANDRA O. MEZA; CITIFINANCIAL, INC.; THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and inter-

est of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 9, BLOCK 5, OF CANYON POINT SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON APRIL 27, 1995 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, FOLIO 243-245, PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 4675 Rock Canyon Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on April 20, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$83,270.67 plus interest from April 15, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013;
(505) 848-9500

08-1539 FC01

Pub # 10386
Dates 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-10-2913

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

GARY SIDA, and if married, JANE DOE SIDA (true name unknown, his spouse; and MARCY SANCHEZ- SIDA, aka MARCY SANCHEZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 2, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1203 Edgewood Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 15 IN BLOCK 107 OF COUNTRY CLUB MANOR NO.3, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 7, 1966 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 9 AT PAGES 86-87, PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 18, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$184,410.08 and the same bears interest at 6.500% per annum from January 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,003.25. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

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

Cause No. CV-10-1735
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

FIRSTLIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

v.

RANDAL SOUTHERLAND and MELISSA SOUTHERLAND, husband and wife, Defendant.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on March 8, 2011, at 11:10 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:

Lot 218, AMBER MESA SUBDIVISION, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County as Plat No. 1868 on October 20, 1988 in Book 15 Pages 326 through 349 of Plat Records.

The address of the real estate is 6531 Topaz Rd., Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered into January 12, 2011, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose two notes and two mortgages held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$78,021.09 (\$73,967.10 plus interest from February 16, 2010 to the date of sale in Count I, \$4,053.99, plus interest from February 16, 2010 to the date of sale in Count II), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit its respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its respective judgments to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if

any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

Notice is further given that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February, 2011.

D. Lyle Wood, Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(575) 526-3336
Submitted by:

THE DARDEN LAW FIRM,
P.A.
P.O. BOX 578
LAS CRUCES, NM 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655
(575) 524-2059 (FAX)

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Dates 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25,
2011

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

Cause No. CV-10-1737
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

FIRSTLIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

v.

OBED ROMERO, Defendant.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on March 8, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:

Lot 32, of PRADERA DORADA, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on March 19, 1996 in Plat Book 18, at Page 436-437 as Plat No. 2785, records of Doña Ana County

The address of the real estate is 1001 Aguilera Court., Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered into on December 13, 2011, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$169,372.97 (plus interest from February 16, 2010 to the date of sale),

plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit its respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its respective judgments to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

Notice is further given that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February, 2011.

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Pub # 10389
Dates 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25,
2011

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

No. SA-2010-17
Judge Fernando Macias

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF GUILLERMO TELLEZ ALVAREZ and MARIA MERAZ ALVAREZ

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING OF ADOPTION AND TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

The State of New Mexico to: April Alvarez, Carlos Sanchez, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Miguel Herrera and the unknown fathers of M. J. Alvarez and C. R. Alvarez.

Greetings:

You each are hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption and Proceedings to Terminate your parental rights was filed in the District Court of Doña Ana County, wherein you are identified as the parent of the person to be adopted and wherein the Petitioners seek to obtain service of process upon you.

The general object of said action is to terminate your parental rights to your children,

A female child born April 06, 1994 in Las Cruces, New Mexico;

A male child, born July 09, 1995 in Las Cruces, New Mexico;

A female child, born July 27, 1997 in El Paso, Texas,

A female child, born June 08, 2001 in Las Cruces, New Mexico;

A male child, born September 09, 2003 in El Paso, Texas;

A male child, born July 25, 2005 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

and to allow the adoption of said children, pursuant to the Children's Code and New Mexico Adoption Act.

You are further notified that you shall respond to the Petition within twenty (20) days if you intend to contest the adoption and the failure to so respond shall be treated as a default and your consent to the adoption shall not be required. A Hearing will be held on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the Las Cruces District Court, 201 West Picacho Ave #A Las Cruces, New Mexico, Courtroom No# 5

The name and address of the attorney for Petitioners are: New Mexico Legal Aid, Inc. Evangelina Mercado 600 E. Montana, Suite D Las Cruces, NM 88001 (575) 541-4855

Witness and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 20th day of January, 2011.

DISTRICT COURT CLERK
By /s/ Peggy Brock
DEPUTY CLERK
SEAL

Pub # 10392
Dates 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 12, 2011, Frank Sloan, 309 W. Sloan Rd., La Mesa, NM 88044, filed applications numbered LRG-731-POD3 and LRG-731-POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-731 located on land owned by Sierra Vista Farms LTD CO and others within the NW1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 31, Township 25 South, Range 03 East, NMPM, and drilling replacement wells LRG-731-POD3 and LRG-731-POD4. Both wells will have 6" casing to an approximate depth of 150 ft. on land owned by the applicant. LRG-731-POD3 will be located in the NW1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 31 at approximately X=1,506,344 Y=397,347 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83), and will be used for the continued claimed diversion of shallow groundwater in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 4.29 acres of land owned by the applicant and located in Pt. NW1/4 of said Section 31, of which groundwater is combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District. Well LRG-731 is located approximately 1,200 feet north of the intersection of NM Hwy 28 and W. Sloan Rd. on the east side of NM Hwy 28. Proposed wells LRG-731-POD3 and LRG-731-POD4 are located approximately 760 ft. and 650 feet, respectively, north of said intersection on the west side of NM Hwy 28, southeast of La Mesa, NM. Well LRG-731 will be retained for other water rights.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 10395
Dates 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2010

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

No. PB-11-11 (Driggers)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH JEANNE SANTA MARIA, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Dated: February 4, 2011

Pub # 10394
Dates 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 21, 2011, Gary V. Arnold on behalf of Arnold Brothers Partnership, PO BOX 450, Fairacres, NM 88033, filed application numbered LRG-4396-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill Supplemental Well to supplement ground and surface waters within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling well LRG-4396-POD2, located within the NE1/4 NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 19, Township 19 South, Range 02 West, NMPM at approximately X=1,386,028 Y=600,408 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) with 16" casing to an approximate depth of 120 ft. on land owned by the applicant, supplemental to existing well LRG-4396, located on land owned by Nancy W. Mahoney, within the SW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 02 West, NMPM, for the continued diversion of that amount of shallow groundwater required for beneficial use, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 16.81 acres of land located within the Pt. NE1/4 of said Section 19. Proposed well LRG-4396-POD2 is located approximately 125 ft. southwest of the intersection of Rincon Rd. and NM Highway 185. Existing well LRG-4396 is located approximately 850

feet south of said intersection, south of Rincon, NM.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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Dates 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2010

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

No. PB-11-11 (Driggers)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH JEANNE SANTA MARIA, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Dated: February 4, 2011

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Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2011

/s/ Joel Bustillos Santa Maria
1044 Aguilera St.
Las Cruces, NM 88007

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:
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/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Pub # 10402
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-10-2682

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

ANTONIO PICADO; ROCIO PICADO, Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 9, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 350 Chile Patch Lane, La Union, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate Southwest of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located in Section 17, T.27S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a ½" iron rod set for the Southwest corner of this tract:

WHENCE the Northwest corner of Section 17, T.27S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, bears the following two courses and distances:

N. 89° 46' 30" W., 853.85 feet; and N. 62° 12' 12" W., 2501.88 feet;

THENCE, from the point of beginning, N. 00° 13' 02" E., a distance of 280.84 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE, S. 89° 46' 30" E., a distance of 155.11 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE, S. 00° 13' 02" W., a distance of 280.84 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE, N. 89° 46' 30" W., a distance of 155.11 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 1.000 acre of land, more or less. A plat was prepared under Job No. 1071a. Field Notes by SCANLON WHITE, INC. License No. 9433.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 29, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$171,484.23 and the same bears interest at 7.500% per annum from January 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,396.09. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real

or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4,
2011

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF E.A. and B.S. DAVIS, Petitioners.

Cause No SA-2011- 02
Judge Macias

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: DAVID ULLOA

Please be advised that there is currently pending in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005, USA, a Motion to Terminate your Parental rights. In their adoption petition, Petitioners, E. A. Davis and B. S. Davis, and the natural mother of the adoptee, Cruz Jax Vigil, named you as the natural father of the adoptee.

You are hereby requested to respond to this notice by informing the Petitioners, E. A. Davis and B. S. Davis, in care of their attorney E. Ann Strahan at 741 N Alameda, Las Cruces, NM 88005, USA, telephone number (575) 523-9052, of your current address and position concerning this matter.

If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days your parental rights, concerning the adoptee, will be forever terminated.

The Law Office of Ann Strahan LLC
E. Ann Strahan
New Mexico Bar Number 23501
Attorney for the Petitioners
741 N Alameda, Suite 9
Las Cruces, NM 88001
(575) 523-9052
(575) 523-9055 fax

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Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 2011

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

Cause No.
D-307-CV-201002914

INTERSTATE ADVISORS, LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

RICARDO TALAMANTES; LINDA TALAMANTES AKA LINDA M. TALAMANTES; U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SALOMON

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BROTHERS MORTGAGE SECURITIES VII, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 10, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 3110, BLOCK 16, SUNRISE TERRACE PHASE NO. 3, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 28, 1979 RECORDED IN BOOK 12 AT PAHGES 246-248 OF PLAT RECORDS

More correctly known as: Lot 3110, Block 16, Sunrise Terrace Phase No. 3, in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on March 28, 1979, recorded in Book 12, at Pages 246-248, of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1718 Defiance Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 12, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$13,469.74 plus interest from December 29, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 14.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-

described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC
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Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
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(505) 848-9500

10-3372 FC01

Pub # 10405
Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201002972

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

DAVID G. HANCOCK SR.; MYRNA HANCOCK; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 10, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A 6.79 acre tract of land situate in the SE1/4 of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M., of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being a part of U.S.R.S. Tract 21-74-B, East of Vado, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the south line of Vade Drive (a.k.a. NM State Highway 227) for the northeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by an iron rod, WHENCE the east ¼ corner of the aforementioned Section 20 bears N. 00 degrees 06 minutes 30 seconds W., 29.05 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning leaving Vado Drive S. 00 degrees 06 minutes 30 seconds E., 1092.38 feet to a point on the east line of the Mesquite Drain for the southernmost corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod;

THENCE along the Mesquite Drain N. 26 degrees 33 minutes 29 second W., 1215.02 feet to a point on the south line of Vado Drive for the northwest corner of the tract herein described, marked a set iron rod;

THENCE along Vado Drive N. 89 degrees 24 minutes 40 seconds E., 541.20 feet to the point and place of beginning, containing 6.79 acres, more or less.

This legal description based on field data by Gerald K. Donohue, NMPLS No. 8172. Date of Survey: September 25, 2008, Job No. 157-09.

The address of the real property is 800 Vado Drive, Vado, NM 88072. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 20, 2011 in the above entitled

and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$170,278.18 plus interest from December 30, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.25% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
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Attorney for Plaintiff
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(505) 848-9500

10-3083 FC01

Pub # 10406
Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201002026

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

JULIAN GUTIERREZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 10, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 10 in Block 2 of Mirasol Subdivision No. 1, located in Doña Ana County, New

Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doan Ana County, New Mexico on October 9, 1984 and recorded in Book 13 at Pages 335-337, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 5473 Valle Alegre, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 11, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$141,565.56 plus interest from October 26, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
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Albuquerque, NM 87102
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10-1875 FC01

Pub # 10407
Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-200903027

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

SONIA D. CROSE; DAMON L. DWIGGINS; CITIZENS BANK OF LAS CRUCES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 10, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 16, Block G, SUNSET HILLS SUBDIVISION PLAT NO. 5, in the City of Las Cruces, 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 February 25, 1988, in Book 15 Pages 157-158 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 3335 Highridge Street, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 3, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$93,330.32 plus interest from November 19, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.25% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
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09-2856 FC01

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D-307-CV-200901885

CHARTER BANK, A FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff(s)

v.

PHILLIP A. ORQUIZ AND JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE (WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN) TENANTS, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 9, 2011, at 10:00am, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 7, BLOCK J, LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE II, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AS DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 4152 THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 19, 2005 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 21, PAGES 208-209, PLAST RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 2842 Fountain Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88007. Said Sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 24, 2009, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$145,193.51, plus interest from January 1, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.360% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take to the above-described real property subject to the rights of redemption. Dated: , 2011.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Robert J. Hopp & Associates, LLC
333 West Colfax, Suite 200
Denver, CO 80204
(303) 225-0800

Pub # 10409
Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 2011

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

No. PB-11-08 (Arrieta)

IN THE MATTER OF TEE ESTATE OF WILMA JUNE HEICK, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P. O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: February 7, 2011

/s/ Lynna G. Asbury
5247 Melanite Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88012

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:
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/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for Estate

Pub # 10410
Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB-2010-126
Judge Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSE M. DURAN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Sylvia Duran, has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jose M. Duran, 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, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative in care of HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT MARTINEZ 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 31st day of January 2011.

HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT MARTINEZ P.C. /s/ STEPHEN A. HUBERT
Attorneys for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 2699
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004
Telephone: (575) 524-8812

Pub # 10411
Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 2011-0010

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALD NATHAN LOEWE, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARY ANN LOEWE has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: February 7, 2011.

MARY ANN LOEWE
c/o Alan D. Gluth
Gluth Law, LLC
2455 East Missouri, Suite A
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Prepared by:
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Pub # 10412
Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2011

IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. 2011-0027

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KEITH EARL FLOREN, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THOMAS A. FLOREN has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: February 1, 2011.

THOMAS A. FLOREN
236 Cherry Hill Lane
Santa Teresa, NM 88008

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Bldv. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: February 1, 2011.

THOMAS A. FLOREN
236 Cherry Hill Lane
Santa Teresa, NM 88008

Prepared by:
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New Mexico Bar #14980
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Pub # 10413
Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2011

**IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. 2011-0026

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF SUZANNE
BARRETT, DECEASED**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RONALD LORD has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: February 4, 2011.

RONALD LORD
107 Chestnut Hill Ln. South
Amherst, NY 14221

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Pub # 10414
Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2011

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

No. PB-2010-124

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF R. L. BECKETT,
also known as ROBERT LACY
BECKETT Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of R. L. BECKETT, also known as ROBERT LACY BECKETT, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within the time prescribed by law, after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or to the Attorney for the Personal Representative, R. Glenn Davis of ScottHulse PC, 201 North Church Street, Suite 201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, Phone: (575)522-0765, FAX: (575)522-0006, or filed with the Court at Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho

#A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 31st day of January, 2011

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Personal Representative of
the Estate of R.L. BECKETT,
also known as ROBERT LACY
BECKETT, Deceased

/s/ Sandy Medina
Assistant Vice President
And Trust and Fiduciary
Specialist

Pub # 10415
Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 26, 2011 Salopek 6U Farms, Inc., 5090 Snow Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application no. LRG-3201-POD 3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill a Supplemental Well to Supplement Ground and Surface Water within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling well LRG-3201-POD 3 with a 4-inch casing to approximately 200 ft. below ground surface on land owned by the applicant at approximately X=1,479,481 Y=443,301 ft. (NMSR, Central, NAD83) within the NE1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 18, T24S, R02E, NMPM for the continued diversion of that amount of shallow groundwater, combined with surface water received from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 87.21 acres of land owned by the applicant within Pt. N1/2 NW1/4 and Pt. W1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 20,

Pt. NE1/4 of Section projected 19, Pt. E1/2 SE1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 18, and Pt. S1/2 SW1/4 of projected Section 17, T24S, R02E, NMPM. Well LRG-3201 is located approximately 575 ft. northwest of the intersection of Rio Dorado Dr. and Rio Hondo Street, 4.1 miles southeast of Mesilla, NM. The proposed location for well LRG-3201-POD 3 is located approximately 2,650 ft. northwest of said intersection.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having, standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 10419
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 2011

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

CAUSE NUMBER
DM 2010 - 1861
JUDGE MURPHY

RAMON SAENZ, Petitioner

vs

MARIA SAENZ, Respondent

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF SUIT**

PENDING PUBLICATION

**THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO TO MARIA SAENZ**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE Petitioner has filed a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in the above entitled and numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico seeking dissolution of marriage.

You are hereby notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance in this action on or before thirty (30) days after the date of the last publication, judgment will be rendered against you by default.

Petitioner's attorney is:

RAMON SAENZ
who mailing address is:
850 HOLLY DRIVE
SPACE 63 - B
LAS CRUCES, NM
88005 - 1078

WITNESSETH THE

HONORABLE JUDGE MIKE MURPHY, DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO AND THE SEAL OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, THIS 6 day of January, 2010.

Pub # 10420
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 2011

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

No. PB 2008-126
Judge Driggers

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF PHYLLIS
SELDERS, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON
PETITION FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
OF ESTATE BY PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE**

Phillip R. Larsen, Personal Representative of the estate of Phyllis Selders, deceased, gives the following Notice:

1. This Notice is being mailed on the date of filing this Notice to the following persons:
2. Phillip R. Larsen has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Phyllis Selders, deceased.
3. A hearing on the Petition of Phillip R. Larsen has been set for March 21, 2011, at 1:30 p.m., at the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New

Mexico before the Honorable Douglas R. Driggers.

/s/ Phillip R. Larsen
Personal Representative
1138 Pueblo Gardens Court
Las Cruces, NM 88007

KENNETH L. BEAL P.C.
P.O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM 88004
/s/ Kenneth L. Beal
Attorney for the Personal Representative

Pub # 10421
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 28, 2011, Abelardo & Consuelo Martinez, 522 Sierra St, El Paso, TX 79903 filed application numbered LRG-14930-POD1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning use of well LRG-9234 located within the SW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 4, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and by continuing the diversion of amount of water to be determined by the courts supplemental to the surface rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) from a replacement well drilled to a depth of 160 feet and fitted with 6 inch casing and located in the SW1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 of said projected Section 18, where X=1,518,156 feet; Y=357,838 feet, NM State Plain coordinate system central zone NAD 83, on land owned by the applicant for the continued irrigation of 11.13acre(s) all of which is located within the Pt. SW1/4, of said projected

Section 4 located on map LRS-16 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey Subfile No. LRS- 280170019.

Proposed change location of well LRG-14930-POD1 can be found 1 3/4 miles east of Hwy 28 on the south side of Vinton Road.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

Pub # 10422
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 2011

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

No. CV-2010-649

**SUNTRUST MORTGAGE,
INC., Plaintiff,**

vs.

VINH Q. TRAN, Defendants.

**FIRST AMENDED NOTICE
OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 13, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4089 Calle de Luna, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 13, BLOCK J, DOS SUENOS ESTATES, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 23, 2004, IN BOOK 21 PAGES 84-89 OF PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 15, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is

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\$137,476.75 and the same bears interest at 7.875% per annum from September 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$6,673.75. The Plaintiff and the Crossclaimant have the right to bid at such sale and submit their bids verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The Crossclaimant may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash after first paying the judgment of the Plaintiff. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Pub # 10423
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11,
2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-2143

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON TRUST COMPANY,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FKA THE BANK OF NEW
YORK TRUST COMPANY,
N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK
N.A. AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LARRY D. GURSKY; and
CARRIE F. GURSKY,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 16, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1220 Fourth Street, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land being the south half of Lot 6, and all of Lots 7 and 8, Block 4, Parker Place 2nd Amended as filed in January 6, 1951 in Plat Book 7, Page 12,

Doña Ana County Records, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the southwest corner of the tract herein described, BEING IDENTICAL with the southwest corner of Lot 8, Block 4, of the aforementioned Parker Place 2nd Amended;

THENCE from the point of beginning N. 18 degrees 26 minutes 40 seconds W, 62.50 feet along the east line of 4th Street to the northwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod;

THENCE N 75 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds E, 129.85 feet to the northeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod;

THENCE S 18 degrees 26 minutes 40 seconds E, 62.50 feet to the southeast corner of the tract herein described marked by a found iron rod;

THENCE S 75 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds W, 129.85 feet to the place and point of beginning, containing 0.186 acre of land, more or less, and subject to easements of record and such as may exist on the ground.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 1, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$70,190.96 and the same bears interest at 7.7900% per annum from September 4, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,906.22. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Pub # 10424
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11,
2011

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinances at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on March 7, 2011:

1. Council Bill No. 11-027; Ordinance No. 2607: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from O-2c (Office, Professional-Limited Retail Service-Conditional) to C-2c (Commercial Medium Intensity-Conditional) for 0.60 ± Acres of Land Located at 775 S. Telshor Boulevard. The Proposed Zone Change Would Allow the Use of a Restaurant/Café on the Subject Property. Submitted by Jake Redford on Behalf of Mactimski, LLC, Property Owner (Z2822).

2. Council Bill No. 11-028; Ordinance No. 2608: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from A-2c (Rural Agriculture-Conditional) to WMIP (West Mesa Industrial Park) for 120.14 ± Acres of Land Located at 0 Crawford Boulevard (Parcel Id 02-24501). The Proposed Zone Change Would Bring the Subject Property into Compliance with the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. Submitted by the City of Las Cruces. (Z2824).

3. Council Bill No. 11-029; Ordinance No. 2609: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) for 1.377 ± Acres of Land Located at 3425 Bataan Memorial West. The Proposed Zone Change Would Bring the Subject Property into Compliance with the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. Submitted by DVI on Behalf of Mesilla Valley Commercial Tire, Inc., Property Owner (Z2826).

4. Council Bill No. 11-030; Ordinance No. 2610: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) for 1.55± Acres of Land Located on the North Side of Us 70/ Bataan Memorial West at the Intersection of Saturn Circle. The Proposed Zone Change Would Bring the Subject Property into Compliance with the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. Submitted by Christian Ricky Sr. et Al. (Z2827).

5. Council Bill No. 11-031; Ordinance No. 2611: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from R-4 (Multi-Dwelling High Density & Limited Retail and Office) to O-2 (Office, Professional-Limited Retail Service) for 0.31 ± Acres of Land Located at 780 S. Walnut Street. The Proposed Zone Change Would Bring the Subject Property into Compliance with the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. Submitted by Kary Bulsterbaum on Behalf of Mesilla Capital Investment, LLC, Property Owner (Z2829). 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 15th day of February, 2011.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub # 10425
Dates 2/18, 2011

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following legally-described trust real estate will be sold, pursuant to the power of sale as provided in the deed of trust recorded as instrument # 1016589, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, records, at public auction to the highest bidder at the main entrance on the east side of the county courthouse in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on May 27, 2011, at 10 o'clock a.m. of that day:

One tract of land in Doña Ana County situated west of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in Section 20, T.23S., R. 1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF,

Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property,

also identified as parcel ID number 03-01981, with a street address of 6220 W. PICACHO, FAIRACRES, NM 88033.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 16th day of February, 2011.

Firstlight Federal Credit Union
(Name of Trustor)
3105 Del Rey Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Bueno Title and Escrow
(Name of Trustee)
2802 Doral Court
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 521-8600

By: /s/ Adrienne Loera

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORPORATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16th day of February, 2011, by Adrienne Loera, Assistant Manager and Escrow Officer of Bueno Title and Escrow, Trustee, on behalf of the Trustee.

/s/ Helena K. Lara
Notary Public

My commission expires:
April 10, 2011

Exhibit "A"

A tract situate west of the limits of the town of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, T.23S., R.1E., Section 20, in S 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 & W1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4. Said tract containing approximately plus or minus 4-1/2 acres of land as shown on survey subject to reservations, restrictions, easements and zoning of record, more fully described as follows:

A TRACT of land situate west of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico the S1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 20, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at an iron rod found for the northwest corner of the tract herein described, whence the west 1/4 corner of Section

20, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears N. 0 degrees 04'E., a distance of 329.98 feet;

THENCE from the place of beginning N.89 degrees 59'E., 660.09 feet to an iron rod set for the northeast corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE S. 0 degrees 05'W., 150.80 feet to an iron rod set on the north right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 70-80 (FI-002-2(2)) for a corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE along said right-of-way line around the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 5829.58 feet, an arc length of 403.76 feet, through a central angle of 3 degrees 58' 06" and whose long chord bears S. 63 degrees 29'15"W., 403.68 feet to an iron rod set for the southeast corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE leaving said right-of-way line S.89 degrees 59'W., 299.04 feet to a U.S.G.L.O. brass cap found for the southwest corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE N. 0 degrees 04'E., 330.89 feet to the place of beginning, containing 4.2461 acres of land, more or less.

Pub # 10426
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11,
2011

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following legally-described trust real estate will be sold, pursuant to the power of sale as provided in the deed of trust recorded as instrument # 0832047, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, records, at public auction to the highest bidder at the main entrance on the east side of the county courthouse in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on May 27, 2011, at 10 o'clock a.m. of that day:

A tract of land in Doña Ana County situated within the North 1/2 of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 2 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, Northeast of Las Cruces, containing 4.9896 acres of land, more or less, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF,

Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property,

also identified as parcel ID number 03-20292.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 16th day of February, 2011.

Firstlight Federal Credit Union
(Name of Trustor)
3105 Del Rey Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Bueno Title and Escrow
(Name of Trustee)
2802 Doral Court
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 521-8600

By: /s/ Adrienne Loera

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORPORATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA)

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16th day of February, 2011, by Adrienne Loera, Assistant Manager and Escrow Officer of Bueno Title and Escrow, Trustee, on behalf of the Trustee.

/s/ Helena K. Lara
Notary Public
My commission expires:
April 10, 2011

EXHIBIT "A"

A tract of land situate within the N. 1/2 of Section 14, T.21S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, Northeast of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described as follows to wit:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of this tract, WHENCE the E.1/4 corner of said Section 14, bears the following 3 courses and distances, S.0.deg 02'30"E., 412.05 feet, N.89deg 31'53"E., 1,586.51 feet, and N.89deg 32'00"E., 1,316.01 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning, N.0deg 02'30"W., 410.54 feet to the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N.89deg 29'30"E., 529.50 feet to the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.0deg 02'30"E., 410.90 feet to the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.89deg 31'53"W., 528.90 feet to the Southwest corner of this tract and point of beginning, containing 4.9896 acres of land, more or less.

Pub # 10427
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11,
2011

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following legally described trust real estate will be sold, pursuant to the power of sale as provided in the deed of trust recorded as instrument # 0832046, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, records, at public auction to the highest bidder at the main entrance on the east side of the county courthouse in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on May 27, 2011, at 10 o'clock a.m. of that day:

Lot 1A, of PICACHO CANYON ESTATES REPLAT NO.1, located in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on September 13, 2006 in Plat Book 21, at Page 779 as Plat No 4453, records of Doña Ana County,

WITNESS my hand and seal this 16th day of February, 2011.

Firstlight Federal Credit Union
(Name of Trustor)
3105 Del Rey Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Bueno Title and Escrow
(Name of Trustee)
2802 Doral Court
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 521-8600

By: /s/ Adrienne Loera

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORPORATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16th day of February, 2011, by Adrienne Loera, Assistant Manager and Escrow Officer of Bueno Title and Escrow, Trustee, on behalf of the Trustee.

/s/ Helena K. Lara
Notary Public
My commission expires:
April 10, 2011

Pub # 10428
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11,
2011

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following legally-described trust real estate will be sold, pursuant to the power of sale as provided in the deed of trust recorded as instrument # 0832048, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, records, at public auction to the highest bidder at the main entrance on the east side of the county courthouse in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on May 27, 2011, at 10 o'clock a.m. of that day:

A tract of land in Doña Ana County situated within the North 1/2 of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 2 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, Northeast of Las Cruces, containing 11.738 acres of land, more or less, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF,

Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property,

also identified as parcel ID number 03-20289.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 16th day of February, 2011.

Firstlight Federal Credit Union
(Name of Trustor)
3105 Del Rey Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Bueno Title and Escrow
(Name of Trustee)
2802 Doral Court
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 521-8600

By: /s/ Adrienne Loera

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORPORATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16th day of February, 2011, by Adrienne Loera, Assistant Manager and Escrow Officer of Bueno Title and Escrow, Trustee, on behalf of the Trustee.

/s/ Helena K. Lara
Notary Public
My commission expires:
April 10, 2011

EXHIBIT "A"

A tract of land situate within the N. 1/2 of section 14, T.21S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, Northeast of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of this tract, WHENCE the E.1/4 corner of said Section 14, bears the following 3 courses and distances; S.0deg 02'30"E., 489.82 feet, N.89deg 31'53"E., 1,586.51 feet and N.89deg 32'00"E., 1,316.01 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning, S.89deg 27'22"W., 1,045.48 feet to the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N.0deg 04'30"W., 489.00 feet to the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N.89deg. 27'22"E., 1,045.76 feet to the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.0deg 02'30"E., 489.01 feet to the Southeast corner of this tract and point of beginning, containing 11.738 acres of land, more or less.

Pub # 10429
Dates 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11,
2011

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

No. PB-11-17 (Martin)

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF MICHAEL F.
DZIAK, Deceased.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION ON
PETITION FOR FORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL
AND APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE**

**THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO:**

**To: CLARENCE M (BUD)
DZIAK RICHARD F.
DZIAK, JOHN DZIAK AND
CHRISTOPHER DZIAK;**

And

**To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS
OF MICHAEL F. DZIAK, AND
ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS
WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY
INTEREST IN THE ESTATE
OF MICHAEL F. DZIAK,
DECEASED, OR IN THE
MATTER BEING LITIGATED
IN THE HEREINAFTER
MENTIONED HEARING.**

Clarence M. (Bud) Dziak has filed a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative, in which Clarence M. (Bud) Dziak seeks to be named Personal Representative. Hearing on the Petition will be held before The Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, Third Judicial District Court, at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.

Pursuant to 45-1-401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said Petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for two consecutive weeks.

DATED: February 15, 2011

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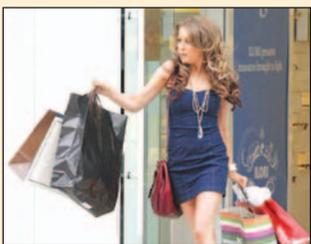
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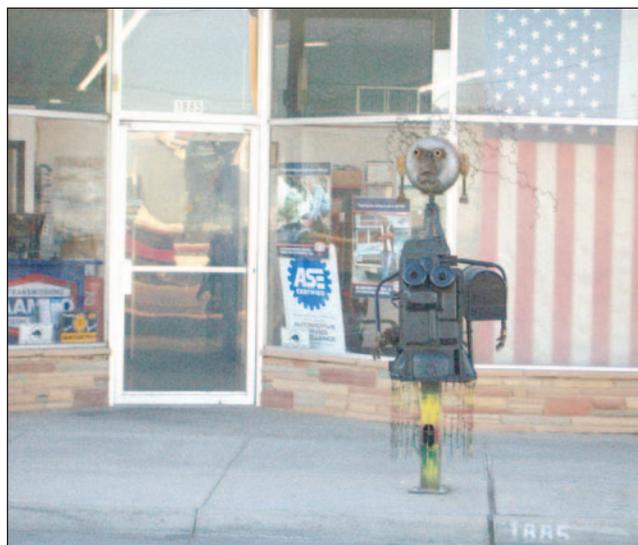
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Art in Las Cruces

Photos by Samantha Roberts



"Tranny-Annie" by Steve Almazan guards the mail at AAMCO, 1885 W. Picacho Ave. The sculpture is made of old transmissions parts and is modeled after AAMCO owner Richelle Ponder. She said her friend, who put up the structure in April 2010, insisted on creating a more durable mailbox for the building. Almazan is a full-time welder in Mesa, Ariz., who enjoys creating artistic sculptures as a hobby.



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ArtsBriefs

New Horizons Symphony Orchestra presents 'Mostly Mozart' concert

As part of For the Love of Art Month, the New Horizons Symphony Orchestra (NHSO) presents "Mostly Mozart," a free concert that is, as the title suggests, filled mostly with songs by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at Atkinson Recital Hall on the New Mexico State University campus.

The songs that will be performed are "Symphony No. 40," "Concert Rondo," "Haffner Serenade in D Major" and a piece by local composer and NHSO member Jim Gray titled, "A Mozart Overture for Phyllis." Gray is a percussionist with the NHSO and is well known for his compositions. A prolific composer, Mozart penned more than 600 works in the Classical period before his untimely death at the age of 35.

The orchestra is conducted by Shawn Robinson, who is also the director of the New Horizons Swing Band. For more information about the NHSO, visit www.nhsocruces.com or call orchestra manager Millie Conrad at 522-5571.

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools concert

A performance by Grammy Award-winner Rebecca St. James will launch Mesilla Valley Christian Schools' \$12-million campaign to build a new campus for middle school and high school students. St. James headlines the concert that takes place at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at First Assembly of God, 5605 Bataan Memorial West.

Australian born, St. James is both a Grammy Award winner and multiple Dove Award recipient as well as lead actress in the film "Sarah's Choice." Songs such as "Wait for Me" and "Yes, I Believe in God" have driven her record sales into the multi-millions globally, and she was named "Favorite Female Artist" in Contemporary Christian Music for seven consecutive years.

Tickets for the event range from \$100 for platinum seating and an opportunity to meet the artist, \$75 for platinum seating only, \$50 for gold seating and \$30 for Blazer blue seating. Tickets can be purchased at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, the New Mexico State University Box Office or online at www.ticketmaster.com.



The New Horizons Symphony Orchestra will perform "Mostly Mozart" Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Atkinson Recital Hall on the New Mexico State University campus.

Torn and cut paper workshop

The Black Range Artists are hosting a workshop in Las Cruces featuring local artist and member Laurel Weathersbee from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. Weathersbee is a signature member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter. The workshop will focus on torn and cut paper landscape collages and participants will finish a small matted collage created with a variety of papers while learning tearing and cutting techniques. The workshop is \$50 and includes all materials. Bring resource landscape photo subjects. For more information or to register, call Weathersbee at 373-1971. Space is limited to 12 participants.

ASTC Mardi Gras rescheduled

Tickets are now on sale for American Southwest Theatre Company's Mardi Gras Gala, which has been rescheduled for 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Tickets are \$30 per person, or \$275 for tables of 10. This year's Mardi Gras Gala will be among the first events held in the new convention center. Master of ceremonies for the evening will be KRWG's Carrie Hamblen and the event will include music, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and a costume contest.

The Mardi Gras Gala includes a silent auction, featuring a Brian Fallstead Mardi Gras blue marble mask sculpture, a sofa table from Ashley Furniture, beautiful jewelry, a Japanese figurine, Waterford crystal chip and dip set, William & Sonoma cheese spread set and much more.

For more information, visit the ASTC website at www.theatre.nmsu.edu/astc. To purchase tickets, call the ASTC box office at 646-4515 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets are also available from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at Hershel Zohn Theatre's box office on the NMSU campus.

Bluegrass trio concert

"Music @ St. Paul's" series continues with a performance featuring bluegrass/gospel musicians from Las Cruces. The concert will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. The series features one concert per month through May. "An Afternoon of Gospel & Bluegrass" will be in the sanctuary at St. Paul's and will feature Steve Smith and Chris Sanders with Anne Luna, a trio that brings the traditional sounds of old-time, bluegrass, gospel and modern folk, blending in original instrumental and vocal works to create the modern/retro sounds of a string band. Strong vocals and virtuosic instrumentals are the result of decades of musical experience. Admission for this concert is free, but a donation at the door will be accepted. For more information, call 526-6689.

'All You Need Is Love - A Musical Gift'

To continue celebrating For the Love of Art month in Las Cruces, a 100 voice-welcome to patrons and visitors to the Las Cruces Museum of Art on Main Street will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. The organized but spontaneous sing will be directed by Jerry Ann Alt and feature New Mexico State University choirs. Combining with them for several numbers will be members of Alt's Masterworks Chorus, Mesilla Valley Chorale, New Desert Harmony Singer and Oñate High School Choir members. They will be interspersed carefully and delicately around an exhibit of sculptures by Michael Naranjo. After five Hebrew love songs, featuring University Singers, the rest of the singers will provide a couple of surprises. The event is free and the public is invited to join in.

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Featured Artist: Pat Gill

Storytree has deep roots

Storyteller Pat Gill reflects on 51 years of playful narration

By David Edwards
Las Cruces Bulletin

On College Avenue, just before it starts to curve north, right before the irrigation ditch, stands a massive old pine tree with a lopped-off top. Near its base is a boulder with a plaque attached to it.

The plaque reads "Storytree, State College Story League, Founded in 1927 Dedicated on April 11, 1987."

Jennie Curry, founder of the State College Story League, now Storytellers of Las Cruces Story League, used to gather children under the branches of this tree and tell stories. And

other adults used to learn the art of storytelling under this same tree. One of those adult storytellers was Pat Gill.

Gill, who moved to Las Cruces from Illinois in 1959, was asked by a fellow Sunday school teacher to join the league in 1960.

"She said I had a nice way with children," Gill said, adding that she has been telling stories ever since.

Every year the Storytellers of Las Cruces hold an event in honor of Curry. This year the Jennie Curry Storyfest takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, in the Roadrunner Room of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

"There will be a celebration of words and song in remembrance of Jennie followed by refreshments," Gill said. "It is free and open to the public."

Gill describes Curry, who had a tremendous influence on her, as "a low-key, lovely lady who was very soft-spoken, intelligent and used stories to educate and entertain. She was (the league's) founder and sustainer."

"People in her life were very important," Gill said. "And she taught us that the audience comes with you on this journey because of the material. And while the stories are made up,

there is a kernel of truth in each one."

Curry was also a writer of stories, compiling a book called "Tumbleweed Tales," a collection of stories with a local, Southwestern influence.

Gill has spent 51 years as a storyteller, the longest standing member of the Las Cruces Storytellers. She has served as the group's president, service chairman and is currently its treasurer.

"We have 17 members," she said. "And everyone is very upbeat about life. We all get pleasure from what people enjoy."

She feels that Curry never really emphasized the individual storyteller and they should not be the sole focus, but felt that "the getting together of people to listen and the story was what was important."

The national organization, the National Story League, has been in existence since 1903 and is the only national volunteer organization dedicated to storytelling. The organization's theme for this year is "Worldwide Wisdom Stories."

"The spoken word is the basis for all our thinking," Gill said. "Stories give us food for thought. We learn lessons through the way the characters work through problems or overcome obstacles. And we enjoy either hearing about them, getting their comeuppance or how they benefit from their success."

Gill, with her soft voice and gentle demeanor, has the ability to capture the audience's attention and make them want to listen, and listening skills are an important part of a child's ability to learn. Stories teach critical thinking and cause them to pay attention to details.

“The spoken word is the basis for all our thinking. Stories give us food for thought.”

PAT GILL, storyteller



Pat Gill has been telling stories for more than 51 years and will participate in the Jennie Curry Storyfest Saturday, Feb. 25.

"People like stories," she said. "They tell them all the time."

Even grownups enjoy a good story and Gill did a Christmas storytelling for an adult party this past year.

The Las Cruces Storytellers engage an audience every Saturday at both Solano and Downtown locations of COAS My Bookstore, something the bookstore has made possible for the past eight years. During the storytime, children also get a coupon for a free children's book.

"People sometimes have a misconception about storytelling, they think we just read the books to the kids," Gill explained. "While a book may be the basis for what we tell, we aren't reading the story. We are interpreters of the story. The kids create their own pictures of the characters and situations in their imaginations."

"Storytelling is a learning experience, and we pass on things that make life better. With all the technological devices that we have today, kids could watch a video of many of these stories, but we miss the human voice, facial expression and body language. With a video, you miss the intimacy of actually being there."

"So much is to be learned from other people's wisdom," Gill concluded.

End of story.

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LCCT presents darker Neil Simon play

Review by **David Edwards**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The plays of Neil Simon have been a staple of community theaters across the country for more than 50 years.

He has brought us a variety of memorable characters, usually drawn from his New York roots, and he is the master of the one-liner. There were times during the 1960s and '70s when at least one and sometimes two or three of his plays ran on Broadway simultaneously – it just wasn't a Broadway season if that wasn't the case.

In the early '70s, the writer began experimenting with plays that had a bit more serious tone rather than just being straight comedies. "The Gingerbread Lady" dealt with a female entertainer who was funny and full of jokes, but also an alcoholic. "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" followed closely on its heels.

Written during a time when New York City was experiencing quite a bit of upheaval – with financial trouble, labor problems and high crime – it told the story of Mel Edison, a 45-year-old man who was going through the stress of life in the big city and the toll these external forces, including living in a poorly run, deteriorating building, were taking on him.

The air conditioning doesn't work, the walls are thin and the neighbors are noisy, there is sometimes no electricity and/or water, he and his wife Edna get robbed. Mel's worst fears come to pass when he loses his job. He does, in fact, become a prisoner, not only of circumstances, but he also feels trapped in his

own apartment.

While the play does have funny moments and those famous Simon zingers, it really would have to be classified as a dark comedy that pulls the audience into Mel's collapsing world.

This production is something of a one-man operation. James Jensen directed, designed the optically stimulating set and plays Mel. Jensen has been active at Las Cruces Community Theatre for the last two seasons, doing solid work in a number of acting roles. He has taken on directing a full-length show for the first time with "The Prisoner of Second Avenue."

Jensen's sole stage partner for most of the play is Indrani Rauth as Edna. Rauth has become somewhat the prime leading lady at LCCT, performing in a number of full-length and one-acts over the last several seasons.

Rauth and Jensen perform very competently, taking on the bulk of the acting chores in "Prisoner." They play well off each other and both effectively communicate the couples' frustration with their situation and, despite the stresses on their marriage, it is clear that the husband and wife care for each other and draw support from their relationship.

The only respite that Jensen and Rauth have

is during the second act, when Mel's sisters and older brother show up because they are concerned about his welfare. Jeff Peckham as Harry, Connie Welch as Pearl, Autumn Gieb as Pauline and Marcia Bardwell as Jessie make good use of their stage time, believably portraying Mel's caring but definitely quirky family.

Bob and Jasmine Singer provide the amusing radio broadcasts that serve as transitions between scenes and additionally give us more information about the sad state of the city outside of the Edisons' apartment.

The play moves along at a good pace and Jensen does a good job directing himself and the rest of the cast. There is some good physical humor as well, mostly from the heard but unseen upstairs neighbors. The set is a sight to behold – a retro black-and-white refugee from the "mod" period. I did wonder why the sliding glass door that opens on the terrace was just an opening, but was

willing to forgive that slight flaw.

Simon was just beginning to portray an urban experience and deal with some subjects that weren't exactly "funny ha-ha." So the audience should be aware that just because he is the playwright, it doesn't mean they shouldn't be prepared for less jokes and more meat.

"The Prisoner of Second Avenue" continues Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons through Feb. 27. Tickets are \$7 to \$10. For more information, call 523-1200.

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Playbill

Now Playing

The Prisoner of Second Avenue
Las Cruces Community Theatre
313 N. Main St.
523-1200
Tickets \$7-\$10
Through Sunday, Feb. 27

Opening

The Crucible
LCPS Performing Arts Center at
Oñate High School
5700 Mesa Grande Drive
527-9400
Tickets \$5-\$7
Thursday, Feb. 17

Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead
Hershel Zohn Theatre
NMSU campus
646-4515
Tickets \$10-\$13
Friday, Feb. 18

A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Main St.
523-1223
Tickets \$10
Saturday, Feb. 19

Coming Soon

One-Act Play Festival
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Main St.
523-1223
Tickets \$9-\$10
Friday, March 4

Call to Artists

NEW ART FOR CVB

The Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau is looking for quality local artist to feature in the lobby gallery. All artists interested in exhibiting their work at the CVB will be required to abide by the following guidelines:

- All submitted work must be of professional gallery quality and will be subject to review by a selection committee composed of CVB and the City of Las Cruces Museum staff.
 - Digital or printed samples of artist work must be made available to the committee for review by submission deadline. Deadlines require all artwork to be on display July through December and must be submitted by April 14.
 - All works must meet the space requirements for canvas art and space and weight requirements for three-dimensional works. Canvas art can be no larger than 24 inches wide or 45 inches tall. Three-dimensional art can be no larger than 22 inches tall, 65 inches wide and 22 inches deep. Total weight of three-dimensional art, including all display materials, must be no more than 35 pounds.
- Artists are only eligible to display once a year for a one-month period and can use

eight easels for display.

For more information, contact the CVB at 541-2444 or cvb@lascrucescvb.org.

2011 AUTHOR AWARD

Applications are being accepted for the 2011 Author Award provided by the Friends of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. Authors must be current residents of Doña Ana County. The book must have been published in 2009 or 2010 and can be non-fiction, fiction, poetry, a collection of short stories or children's book. Two copies of the book must be submitted with the application form, which can be obtained at the reference desk on the first floor of the Thomas Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. by March 1. Forms can be obtained online from Sue Fletcher at sjfletch1940@yahoo.com.

The books will be reviewed by a reading selection committee comprised of members of the Friends of the Library, and the award winning author will be chosen in late July. The official Author Award will be presented at the Author Award Luncheon Sept. 17.

'A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE'

The Preston Contemporary Art Center announces a call to artists for an exhibition

titled "The Photographic Experience."

In celebration of all photographic media and processes – from non-silver to silver-based and digital collage – the exhibition will include 24 of the finest photographic-based works. The exhibition will be displayed at the Preston Contemporary Art Center from May 13 to June 30. Selected works will also be showcased in Photo Technique magazine or the Photo Technique website. Three works from the 24 selected will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 and valuable camera case systems from f-stop. The top winner will also be awarded a workshop from Mesilla Digital Imaging Workshops.

The exhibit is open to all photographers. Judging will be based on aesthetic concept and skilled presentation using any photographic-based process. To enter, a non-refundable \$30 entry fee must be paid prior to sending the images for submission. Payments should be made online at www.regonline.com/photo_technique_juried_exhibition_contest. After paying the entrance fee, artists can enter up to five works online at exhibition@phototechmag.com. Image size should be 300 dpi, 6 inches on their longest side and jpeg compression no less than 7. Any subject matter is acceptable. Label images

as follows, "last_name_first initial_title." In the email message, include a list of images submitted by title and the medium and size of each work submitted. Also include artist name, email address, mailing address and phone number to match the submission fee payment receipt.

Submissions must be received by Monday, Feb. 28.

CHILD COMPOSER PROJECT

The 2011 "Hey, Mozart!" New Mexico competition will be accepting submissions through Thursday, March 31. New Mexico children born on or after March 31, 1998, are eligible to submit one or more of their original melodies, either in music notation or simply by providing a CD of the child performing. Past "Hey, Mozart!" composers have performed not only at the project's free, community concert in Albuquerque at the Journal Theatre of the National Hispanic Cultural Center, but also in concerts around the state.

The project focuses on the creativity of the composer, not his or her technical performance skills. It recognizes and encourages the creative impulses of children making music. Karl Hinterbichler of the University of New Mexico faculty, is

the Music Director for "Hey, Mozart!" He will oversee selection of the melodies and the orchestration of the selected works. Information on how to submit your applications will be posted in the coming weeks.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, has openings for interested artists and digital photographers to display their work. For more information, call 522-2933, stop by the gallery for an application or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

ART MUSEUM SEEKS SOLO AND GROUP EXHIBITS

The Las Cruces Museum of Art seeks submissions of utilitarian and sculptural ceramics for the 2011 exhibition "From the Ground Up XXV." The submission deadline is April 8. This call for submissions is open to ceramic artists from the Rocky Mountain region of the United States – New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Artists may submit up to four entries that were completed within the past three years. The submission fee for one to four entries is \$30 and is payable to Potters' Guild of

Las Cruces. Submission forms can be downloaded from the Las Cruces Museum of Art website, www.las-cruces.org/museums. Mail entries to Museum of Art, Attn: From the Ground Up, P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004. For more information, call 541-2137.

CENTENNIAL ART WANTED

New Mexico-based artists and artisans are invited to submit proposals for special commemorative pieces for the upcoming statehood centennial. A wide range of artistic media will be considered, including glassware, jewelry, basketry, pottery and fiber arts (both wearable and decorative). The work should be inspired by the New Mexico Centennial, but will not include the Centennial logo, nor be a souvenir or promotional in nature.

New Mexico Creates, a program of the Museum of New Mexico Foundation, is working in partnership with the New Mexico Centennial Foundation to promote the "New Mexico Creates/Centennial Commemorative Art" line. The 16-month commemoration period begins fall 2011.

For more information, visit www.nmcentennial.org, call 505-984-2012 or email nmcentennial@gmail.com.

AtTheMovies

'Made in Dagenham' does not strike out

Women's rights film is a bit overdone

Review by **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Brought down a smidge by stereotypes, "Made in Dagenham" manages to eke out an interesting drama/comedy tribute to the women who went on strike in the '60s at a Ford Motor plant in England.

Led by happy-go-lucky Sally Hawkins and Bob Hoskins (who are in almost every English movie made in the last 20 years), the women use every available weapon in their meager arsenal to achieve equal pay and parity.

At once the picture is inspiring and retro, as director Nigel Coles tosses in shots of the women languishing behind sewing machines in the basement of an aging factory. The factory seems to be missing any kind of air movement whatsoever or a decent waterproof

ceiling while showing small shots of their lives away from the factory.

Enough is enough decides Hawkins, as Rita O'Grady, and she starts, what is at first, a one-woman crusade to get those in power to stand up and take notice.

Rita rides a bike, lives in a tiny flat with her family and tends to all things family while working at the Ford plant, home of 186 other women who pretty much all have the same duties.

Traditional efforts by Rita go ignored or compromised, but soon, after some strategy plans offered by Hoskins' character, Albert, a wise and slightly fiery union organizer, things begin to change. Seen as unskilled workers, in spite of an abundance of evidence to the contrary, which comes to light quite clearly when a work stoppage takes place, the goal of clos-



"Made in Dagenham" is about the 1968 strike at the Ford Dagenham plant, where female workers walked out in protest against sexual injustice.

ing the huge wage and benefit gap between the genders is under way.

Things don't go well since the work stoppage soon forces the plant to shut down, throwing almost everyone except the bosses out of work, and making Rita and her co-leaders pariahs in the community. Rita's marriage also begins to falter, and repo men are soon gainfully employed.

However, as other allies align things change, and the (I hate this word, but it really fits) plucky O'Grady and her co-workers start to see the light of day.

"Made in Dagenham" arches from one end of the entertainment spectrum to another. It is a historical piece that became a catalyst for the women's rights movements that took place in later years, but it also tries hard – often too hard – to show that Rita and her companions are just ordinary everyday folks, something the film and some of the supporting cast don't do too well at.

Hawkins is a great choice for the part of Rita, and she also does a good job as the wise and supportive union rep.

It is a cheerful, albeit entirely predictable story, but it does have its moments, which are

bolstered well by the history and location. Cole also makes good use of the times including the soundtrack, even including a former top-40 piece by the English band The Lemon Pipers ... kudos if you remember them as well!

"Made in Dagenham" will only show at the Fountain Theatre, thanks to the continued efforts of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. Screenings begin Friday, Feb. 18, and continue through Thursday, Feb. 24. In English, running time is 113 minutes.

Jeff Berg went on strike once, but no one paid any attention ... jeffberg@lascrucebulletin.com.



Now playing at the Fountain Theatre, "Made in Dagenham" stars Sally Hawkins and Bob Hoskins.



Fountain Theatre celebrates Russian History Day

Foreign films highlight trials, tribulations and art throughout the 20th century

The CineMatinee for Saturday, Feb. 19, celebrates Russian History Day, with the film "The Desert of Forbidden Art" (2010, 80 minutes, in Russian and English with subtitles).

Admission is free as part of For the Love of Art Month, sponsored in part by the Law Offices of Beverly Singleman and M. Phillips Fine Art Gallery, 221 N. Main St. How does art survive in a time of oppression? During the Soviet rule, artists who stay true to their vision are executed, sent to mental hospitals or gulags.

Their plight inspires young Igor Savitsky, who pretends to buy state-approved art but instead daringly rescues 40,000 forbidden fellow artists' works and creates a museum in the desert of Uzbekistan, far from the watchful eyes of the KGB.

Though a penniless artist himself, he cajoles the cash to pay for the art from the same authorities who are banning it. Savitsky amasses an eclectic mix of Russian avant-garde art. But his greatest discovery is an unknown school of artists who settle in

Uzbekistan after the Russian Revolution of 1917, encountering a unique Islamic culture, as exotic to them as Tahiti was for Gauguin. They develop a startlingly original style, fusing European modernism with centuries-old Eastern traditions.

Ben Kingsley, Sally Field and Ed Asner voice the diaries and letters of Savitsky and the artists. Intercut with recollections of the artists' children and rare archival footage, the film takes us on a dramatic journey of sacrifice for the sake of creative freedom. Described as "one of the most remarkable collections of 20th century Russian art" and located in one of the world's poorest regions, today these paintings are worth millions, a lucrative target for Islamic fundamentalists, corrupt bureaucrats and art profiteers. The collection remains as endangered as when Savitsky first created it, posing the question whose responsibility is it to preserve this cultural treasure. For more information, visit www.desertofforbiddenart.com.

Also being shown, "Kravchenko's Trial" (2008, 52 minutes, presented by author Gary

Kern, one of the interviewees in the film) is set in Paris in January 1949. Soviet defector Victor Kravchenko's libel suit against the French communist weekly, Les Lettres Françaises, became the "trial of the century."

In a courtroom packed with journalists, Kravchenko called on witnesses who spoke for the first time about the famine in Ukraine, the purges and, 15 years before Solzhenitsyn, the hell of the Soviet gulag. Opposite to him, the Moscow-supported paper brought in witnesses and intellectuals, who, in battle order, fiercely denied the evidence.

For three months, as the world looked on, the courtroom was a theater of cold war – the gulag versus the radiant future of the proletariat, human experiences versus official speeches and facts versus ideology. What insidious mechanisms force one to remain blind to the truth?

Gary Kern, who lives in Las Cruces, has published widely on Russian literature and history. Working behind the scenes, he helped The Washington Post expose the Soviet agent Theodore Hall, a scientist in Los Alamos who in 1945 passed the design of the plutonium bomb to a Soviet contact in Albuquerque. Kern's book, "The Kravchenko Case," uses documents won in a six-year lawsuit against the FBI.

The documentary film, "The Kravchenko Case: The Cold War in Paris," features the "trial of the century" – the 1949 trial in Paris that Soviet defector Victor Kravchenko brought against the French Communists and the Stalin regime. Kern is one of the commentators in the film and will be on hand to answer questions after the screening.

CineMatinee is a unique blend of movies presented by the Mesilla Valley Film Society which showcases unique films, past and present, often with an emphasis on life in the West – which could mean the new West, the old West, or anything in between – and "movies that missed us" – films that are notable but never had a lot of publicity.

The series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art and education as well as entertainment! At least one film a month for this series has a "New Mexico Connection," drawing from the vast pool of movies made in the state (nearly 500) or perhaps featuring a star/story from New Mexico talent ... film festival quality movies in an old adobe theatre!

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m., and admission is \$4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$1. The theater is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287, and leave a message.

EventsCalendar

FRI. 2/18

10 a.m. Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society dance, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. The SNMMDS is a nonprofit organization that sponsors dances and music jams. Cost \$4-\$5. Call 522-1691.

10 a.m. Friday morning storytime, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-4499.

Noon, Storytelling 3.0 by Jason Silverman, DACC Auditorium, 2800 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Free. Call 527-7573.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

6:30 p.m. Howling Coyote, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Open to acoustic musicians, singers, poets and storytellers. A full stage, sound and lights are provided by Skip Connelley. Join Howling Coyote's sixth anniversary during For the Love of Art Month. Free. Call 525-9333 or 915-799-5684.

6:30 p.m. MountainFilm World Tour, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Each year, a selection of films from the international film festival are taken on the road. Those films display themes of adventure, mountaineering, remarkable personalities and important environmental and social messages. Cost \$8-\$10. Call 646-4746.

7:30 to 10 p.m. Oldies but Goodies concert. Las

Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Bring your sweet-heart and dance to music of Frankie and the Oldies but Goodies Band. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

SAT. 2/19

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Dotty Ormes will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Captain Jeff Porter will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 526-8377.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For the Love of Lit, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. A poetry and prose reading in conjunction with Artforms and sponsored by Sin Fronteras will be held. Readers include Dick Thomas, Joanne Townsend, Peter Brooks, Wayne Crawford, Gwendolyn Joyce Mintz, John Pate, Frank Varela, Ellen Roberts Young, Joe Somoza, Sheila Black, Larry Stocker, Floyd Eliot, Gerry Stork, Terry Hertzler, Heather Frankland and Tim Staley. Free. Call 522-1119.

11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

1 to 3 p.m. Winter Feral Cat Care, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Learn simple ways to help feral cats through the cold winter months and prevent new litters from being born in the spring with co-op employee Joe Miele. Free. Call 523-0436.

1:30 p.m. LCAA February meeting, Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Free. Call 532-6293.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center, Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, singles and guests are welcome to dance to the music of Jim Corrons. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

SUN. 2/20

Noon to 4 p.m. Uptown Craft and Growers Market, Mesilla Valley Mall in front of Sears in the parking lot, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Shop for local arts, crafts and produce. Free. Call 650-7414.

1 p.m. Bingo, Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open one hour before the games begin, with early-bird sessions beginning before the regular games start. There is a snack bar available. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

3 to 7 p.m. Open Mic, Blue

Grammy award-winner Rebecca St. James will perform Saturday, Feb. 26, at First Assembly of God.

Greg Giannascoli will perform Sunday, Feb. 20, the Rio Grande Theatre.



Moon Bar, 13060 N. Highway 185. Free. Call 647-9524.

3 p.m. Greg Giannascoli concert, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The marimba and percussion artist is a faculty member at Juilliard Pre-College and also the coordinator of the percussion department at New Jersey City University. Cost \$20. Call 521-4051.

5 p.m. Organ Recital with Doña Ana Youth Choir, First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road. Michael Bedford will present organ and choral music. Free. Call 532-9239.

6:30 p.m. Danny Garcia and Jazz Quirk concert, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Join the Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society monthly meeting and concert to follow. Cost \$1-\$5. Call 525-9333.

MON. 2/21

10 a.m. Yarn Junkies, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Meet in the café for fun and exchange knitting ideas. Free. Call 522-4499.

1:30 p.m. Bingo, Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open one hour before the games begin, with early-bird sessions beginning before the regular games start. There is a snack bar available. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

TUE. 2/22

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

5:30 p.m. Every other Tuesday performance, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Tombaugh Elementary will perform. Free. Call 523-6403.

7 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango Group, Las Cruces Country Club, 2350 N. Main St. Beginners, singles and couples over 21 are welcome to join the Big Band Dance Club. Cost \$5-\$10. Call 642-1699.

WED. 2/23

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh

produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit meeting, Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative ideas and good conversation are shared. To participate, bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625, email meadows@zianet.com or visit lascrucsstitches.multiply.com.

THU. 2/24

9 a.m. to noon, Fiber Club, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class, My Place Jewell 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

6 to 8 p.m. Homebrewing Basics, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Learn the basics of brewing your own beer. Free. Call 523-0436.

7 p.m. Bingo, Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open one hour before the games begin, with early-bird sessions beginning before the regular games start. There is a snack bar available. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

7:30 p.m. "Mostly Mozart" concert, Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. The performance is by the New Horizons Symphony Orchestra. Free. Call 522-5571.

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Dance ballroom, swing and Latin style. Beginners, singles and couples are welcome. Must be 21 years or older. Dress code enforces. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 526-6504.

FRI. 2/25

10 a.m. Friday morning storytime, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-4499.

5 to 9 p.m. Wrap-up For the Love of Art Month, La Iguana Café, 139 N. Main St. The event is open to the public and the Baylor Canyon String Quartet



will perform. Complimentary wine tasting and a special appetizer menu will be available. No cover. Call 647-3546.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. La Cella Bella cello quartet, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla. Join the free pop/rock concert. No cover. Call 524-0390.

8 to 10 p.m. "Swing into Spring", Las Cruces Event Center, 522 Idaho Ave. Bob Burns, Lauren Michaels and the Sophisticated Swing Combo present all the ballroom styles of dancing as well as show quality performances. Cost \$10. Call 525-9333.

SAT. 2/26

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org.

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11 a.m. to noon, Introducing Mountain View Market Essentials, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Learn about Mountain View Market's new private-label line of vitamins and supplements with Genevieve Mitchell. Free. Call 523-0436.

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6 p.m. Rebecca St. James concert, First Assembly of God, 5605 Bataan Memorial West. Cost \$50-\$100. Call 525-8515.

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Galleries & Openings

ONGOING

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA hosts "For the Love of Toys" during February. Expressions, Expressions photographs will be there along with two local artists. The artists are Mary Beagle and Linda Hagen. Beagle will be showing "Native Spirit," a collection of oil paintings of a Native American theme, and Hagen is influenced by the openness and light of the Southwest. The gallery is at 326 S. Mesquite St. Hours are noon to 3 p.m. Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday or by appointment. Call 524-0003.

JOYCE T. MACRORIE STUDIO GALLERY celebrates For the Love of Art Month with a group exhibition featuring Linda Gendall, Paul Lawrence, Joyce T. Macrorie, Or-Dima and Scott Weaver. Gendall works in sculpture as well as oil paintings. Lawrence, a relative newcomer to Las Cruces from Jackson Hole, Wyo., will exhibit his color photography. Macrorie is a respected artist and works in many media. She will exhibit acrylic paintings, pastels and monotype prints as well as displaying examples of her popular and unique approach to jewelry-making. Or-Dima, a native of Las Cruces, is best known for his fantastical pen-and-ink wash drawings. He will exhibit several new works, including his own take on Botticelli's "Birth of Venus," and a very large drawing titled "Santa Brigida de Compostela Cartouche." Weaver will exhibit his photography, including some work from the past that had only once been briefly exhibited. Expect controversy from some of these images. The exhibit can also be viewed by appointment through February. The gallery is at 639 S. San Pedro St. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday by appointment only. Call 571-8349.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY will host "Disease Detectives" through Sunday, June 5. "Disease Detectives" is an interactive exhibit that explores infectious diseases. Visitors can study three cases of illnesses represented by mannequins. They can learn how to examine each patient by taking temperatures, listening to hearts, lungs and other internal organs, and assessing symptoms in order to determine what's making them sick. Then, visitors can analyze test results and try to trace the origins of the microbes at the root of their patients' illnesses. The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History is next to JC Penney inside Mesilla Valley Mall. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-3120.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY hosts "Colored," an exhibit

of all new work by Las Cruces artist Georjeanna Feltha to coincide with Black History Month. The show will run from through Friday, March 4. The show is titled "Colored" because when Feltha was born, in the space on her birth certificate where it asked for race, it said "colored." In celebration of Black History Month as well as For the Love Art Month, Feltha presents the many facets of color. The gallery is at 2000 Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281.

UNSETTLED GALLERY & STUDIO hosts new work by C.C. Cunningham titled "Traces a Map of One Journey." Cunningham, who recently relocated to Colorado, will be welcomed by her many area friends and collectors. Cunningham's work blends elements of the push and pull of her journey – her ties to the Las Cruces art community and love of the Southwest light and desert landscape as well as her connection to, and feelings for, the iconic figures from "Affection" (her first solo exhibit in Las Cruces). The exhibit also displays the uncertainty of the unknown, the creation and birth of her grandchild, the determination to move on and the process of relocating. Unsettled Gallery is at 905 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday or by appointment. Call 635-2285.

SOUTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER hosts "Raptors of the Southwest," at Cottonwood Gallery inside the SWEC. The show consists of 42 color prints reproduced from paintings created by Richard Sloan for the "Raptors of Arizona" book, published in 1998. Hawks, vultures, falcons, kites and owls are portrayed in their typical Southwestern habitats. The show will run through March. The gallery is at 275 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 522-5552.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART presents "Sight Unseen," a retrospective exhibition showcasing 30 years of work by sculptor Michael Naranjo. The exhibit will be open through Saturday, April 2. Many of the sculptures on display are cast in bronze with a dark black patina. Works on display include intimate scenes of everyday life, reflections of the pueblo culture and a life-sized figure of an eagle dancer. The museum is at 491 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2137.

LAS CRUCES CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU hosts "Love in the Dream Garden" during February's Love of Art Month. The exhibit features an eclectic grouping of eight pieces

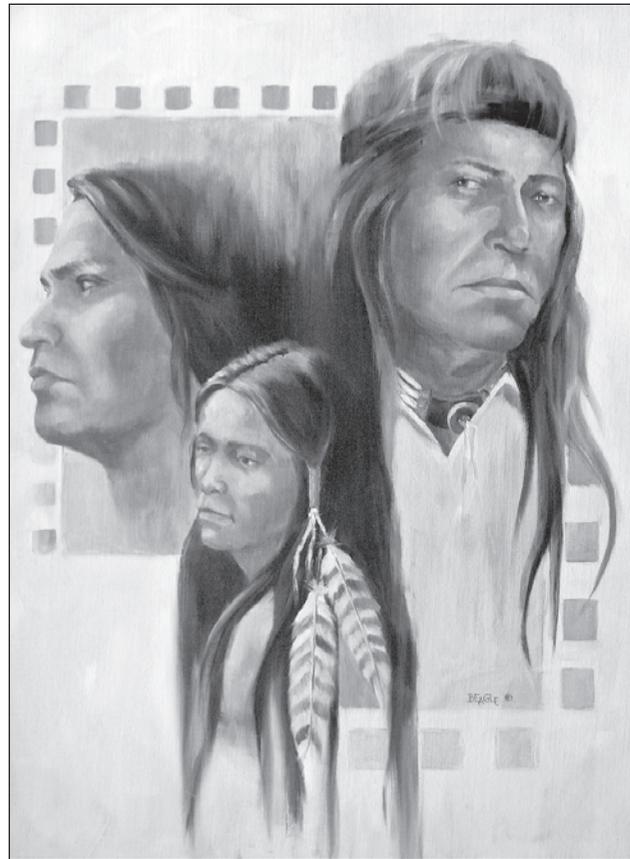
by Margaret Bernstein. With an eye toward open space and its creatures, Bernstein creates a short narrative in each of these visual art works designed both to stand-alone and to intertwine. The bureau is at 211 N. Water St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 541-2444.

UNIVERSITY MUSEUM hosts "Masked Traditions of Venetian Carnival." This exhibit explores the vibrantly colorful tradition of "il Carnevale di Venezia" through display of costumes, masks and photographs. A major part of the festival of carnival has traditionally been masquerade, which provides a way for ordinary people to adopt an extraordinary personality or character. Many of the masks in this exhibit were commissioned from Venetian mascherari (mask-makers) by costume designer Shawn Dudley Reeves for use on popular soap operas, such as "The Guiding Light" and "As the World Turns." The museum is at 1280 E. University Ave. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 646-5161.

THE CUTTER GALLERY hosts "The Bridge to Tir na nog" by Rosemary McLoughlin. The exhibit is a tribute to her brother Bill, who has recently died of cancer. Tir na nog is the land of eternal youth and her show is a reminder of her brother's wonderful spirit. McLoughlin is well known for her whimsical paintings with cats, family and friends flying around her work in a dream like way. Settings for her work are both magical and based on real life with references from Brooklyn, Europe and Mesilla predominant in her work. The gallery is at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-0658.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY will participate in the eighth annual For the Love of Art Month celebration in Mesilla in conjunction with the Las Cruces celebration. The gallery will hold the annual "My Masterpiece" contest. "My Masterpiece" challenges local artists to mimic oil-famous artists, such as Charles Russell, R.C. Gorman, Monet and many more. A \$50 gift certificate will be awarded to the winner of the contest. The gallery will also feature Carol Lopez and Karin Bradshaw during the month of February. Lopez has been involved in the arts for more than 25 years, working with a variety of media, including the ancient painting medium encaustic (beeswax). Bradshaw's work depicts traditional Pueblo Indian designs burned into beautiful symmetrical gourds. From a distance, these decorated gourds look like Indian pottery.

The gallery is pleased to announce new member



"Native Spirit" by Mary Beagle is on display at Nopalito's Galería as part of "For the Love of Toys" exhibit.

Aubrey de Cheubell. Both an art historian and a working studio artist, Cheubell has developed into a unique perspective on creating ceramic art. Cheubell has participated in numerous art shows and received many awards. The gallery is at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "By George!" through Saturday, Feb. 26. "By George!" (the theme of the 2011 President's Challenge exhibit) presents the possibility for a wide variety of interpretations in the use of George Mendoza's fabrics. Mendoza, now a Las Cruces resident, was a promising high school athlete when a degenerative eye disorder caused legal blindness. Mendoza's talents remained intact as he became a world-class runner, a motivational speaker and a full-time artist. His colorful art has become a 100-percent cotton fabric collection that debuted at the International Quilt Market Show in October 2009.

The Las Colcheras Quilt Guild will hold hand-quilting demonstrations from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the month of February.

"I See Red," an intimate exhibit by the Southern Chapter of the New Mexico Watercolor Society, will run at Branigan through Saturday, Feb. 26. The New Mexico Watercolor Society was founded as a statewide chapter of the Southwestern Watercolor Society of Dallas in 1969. In 1975, the NMWS became an independent entity. Founded in 2001, the southern chapter is located in Las Cruces and serves the state's southern counties. NMWS promotes watercolor as an art medium and educates the public as to the significance of water-

color as an important painting medium. Its goal is to make New Mexico known nationally for its watercolorists.

The center is at 501 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2154.

THE MAIN STREET GALLERY features Material Girls Judy Licht, Lynn Unangst and Ann Angel through February. Fiber artworks include hand-dyed silk, quilted constructs and hand weavings. Other artists exhibiting at the Main Street Gallery include Winfrey Hearst, Daphne Wirthlin, Lois Wilson, Margaret Berrier, Joanna Bradley, Rudy Lucero, Paula Gonzalez, Jan Severson and Annette Paajanen, Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt and Woody Hoffman. The gallery is at 311 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 647-0508.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY presents the 2011 Art Faculty Biennial exhibition. The exhibition showcases current work by NMSU studio art faculty in a wide variety of media, including photography, sculpture, metalwork, painting, ceramics and drawing. The exhibit will remain on display through Wednesday, Feb. 23. The gallery is at 1390 E. University Ave. on the NMSU campus. Hours are 11 a.m.

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Where

The Adobe Patio Art Gallery
1765 Avenida de Mesilla

When

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Friday, Feb. 18

Reception

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Saturday, Feb. 19

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to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 646-2545.

THE ADOBE PATIO GALLERY & STUDIO hosts an exhibition focusing on regional excellence, featuring the works of local and area artists. The exhibition includes the vinyl tile murals of Tony Pennock; Joseph Ireland, a long recognized regional artist; the powerful watercolor and pastels of Glenda Bucci; and many more. The building contains spaces that were designed to show off a variety of paintings and sculptures. The gallery is at 1765 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. Call 523-0573.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER presents the first of six exhibitions of 2011, including Craig Cully, painting; Fernando Delgado, photography; Ed Freeman, photography; Charlotte Segull, drawing; and Leandra Spangler, handmade paper sculpture. The gallery is at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. Call 523-8713.

GALERÍA TEPÍN hosts an exhibition "Carnaval Social" featuring the work of César Iván, a visual artist and musician, through Feb. 28. He works in various media including oil-acrylic painting, metal, wood, mosaic, murals, computer graphics and handmade calaca (skeleton) marionettes. Galería Tepín is located at 2220 Calle de Parian. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 523-3988.

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Pioneering restaurants set the pace

Five Las Cruces eateries to take part in New Mexico Restaurant Week Feb. 20-27

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Five-star dining is not just for big-city life, and this week the best of Mesilla Valley's restaurants are offering their gourmet foods at "rock-bottom" prices.

After an extremely successful 2010 debut in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico Restaurant Week is back for a second helping and this time Las Cruces has been added to the mix.

The event includes four consecutive Sunday-to-Sunday celebrations in Las Cruces (Feb. 20-27), Taos (Feb. 27-March 6), Santa Fe (March 6-13) and Albuquerque (March 13-20).

The week is a time for restaurants to offer a unique menu and show off their capabilities. Restaurants are encouraged to put together a three-course, prix-fixe dinner, beginning at \$25 per couple for casual-dining restaurants or \$20 to \$40 per person for fine-dining restaurants.

With the success in the northern part of the state, Michele Ostrove, president of WingsMediaNetwork, and her team recognized the need to make the event statewide.

"Last year, both local and out-of-town diners embraced the opportunity to sample new restaurants at an affordable price in Santa Fe and Albuquerque," said Ostrove, adding she is certain the success will carry on this year in Las Cruces.

"The week brings diners out in droves because it gives guests a great excuse to get out during the winter. The prices are affordable and it creates a great social atmosphere."

Restaurant Week is strategically picked during a slower time in the restaurant industry, or off-season, which creates a win-win situation for guests and restaurant owners.

"The event is really embraced in New Mexico," Ostrove said. "Nearly 40 percent of all guests in restaurants last year were trying the

restaurant for the first time. New Mexico is a dining destination and attracts people from all over, including neighboring states. People flock to New Mexico for their iconic cuisine."

The week is also a great opportunity for locals to try new places in a social atmosphere.

Participating restaurants include La Posta de Mesilla, Double Eagle, Sunset Grill, De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery and Café España.

La Posta de Mesilla

La Posta de Mesilla originated in 1939 and the business has grown to occupy 10,000 square feet of the La Posta compound, which now includes several shops.

The restaurant offers many fine traditional "New Mexico" Mexican dishes and owner Tom Hutchinson believes Restaurant Week will increase the restaurant's exposure.

"I've heard from different restaurants who have participated in past events (in Santa Fe) and they describe the event as very worthwhile and a well-run program," Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson also hopes the event attracts a crowd during a slower time for the restaurant industry.

"We are highlighting our new items, such as a shrimp cocktail and a chocolate pecan pie," he said. "We are also offering a three-course meal, something that is new for us."

During the weeklong event from Feb. 20-27, La Posta will offer an array of pairings in the three-course meal, including guacamole salad, chile con queso and a Mexican shrimp cocktail as appetizers. A newer menu item, the Mexican shrimp cocktail offers whole shrimp in a spicy blend of fresh avocados, cucumbers, celery, onions, tomatoes and jalapeños. For entrée options, La Posta will feature the La Posta combination, tostada compuesta cups, flautas, enchilada plate and La Posta combination No. 1.

"We are offering a three-course meal at a reasonable price," Hutchinson said. "The meal

“ The week lets us highlight favorites on the menu and do something different and new. ”

ASHLEY SPRINGER,
De La Vega's Pecan Grill &
Brewery Marketing Director



Steaks from De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery heat up on the grill. Other menu items for the week include decadent desserts and a wine tasting.

is \$25 per couple, something that would be quite more expensive at other times. There is a lot of value there, and will be offered for dinner or lunch or on the weekend. If you can't eat it all, you can take it home."

To top off the trio, couples can pick from Stahmann's chocolate pecan pie – exclusively at La Posta, dessert empanadas and homemade flan for dessert.

Although the event will be shortly after Valentine's Day, Hutchinson and other restaurant owners don't think it will affect the guests' turnout.

"There really are no concerns in regards to the holiday," he said. "We usually run our specials for about a week to give guys a little more time, but I feel that Restaurant Week is just outside of that Valentine's window."

Double Eagle

"In regards to dining out during the winter, there is a time slot of rest for Mesilla," said Double Eagle Manager Jerry Harrell, adding that the Double Eagle is looking for a boost in guests' attendance during Restaurant Week. "It's a chance for us to show off what we've got."

Harrell also said he hopes to attract both new and returning customers.

"We are hoping our current customers will recognize a good deal and take advantage of it," he said. "And those who haven't been here will come out and try what we have to offer."

Harrell said the restaurant has taken its most popular items and given them a "twist" by putting them together in new ways and at discounted prices – \$40 per person.

"We are using dishes we typically serve, so people can come back and get the same basic items," Harrell said. "I would recommend the rosemary roasted pork tenderloin. It comes with a jalapeño glaze that has a splash of Spanish cherry to give it a zing."

Appetizers at the Double Eagle include a choice of Caesar salad, tortilla soup or spinach salad. In addition to the rosemary pork tenderloin, guests can also pick from chicken breast Jerusalem or beef bourguignon. To finish

off a perfect meal, caramel apple meltaway pie, brownie jubilee and crème brulee are the dessert selections.

While reservations at the Double Eagle are always recommended, even if it's a few hours' notice, Harrell said he urges guests to notify the restaurant about reservations during Restaurant Week "ASAP."

The Double Eagle has also decided to upgrade its scotch well to Speyburn, a 10-year-old single malt.

"People that know scotch are going to say 'Wow' because this is usually a premium liquor," Harrell said. "I would recommend pairing it with the beef bourguignon because the scotch has a light-lemon, medium-bodied flavor and complements the rich wine sauce of the beef and mushrooms."

Sunset Grill

According to Peter Raitt, general manager of Sunset Grill, the event is great for the restaurant industry as a whole and showcases what the restaurants are capable of.

"We hope to get as many people through the door as possible," Peter Raitt said. "Especially new customers. There is still a preconceived notion that Sunset Grill is private, but actually we are open to the public."

Along with its special menu, Sunset Grill will offer a Cocktail Clinic that highlights the restaurants signature drinks for \$10.

"Since we do have a signature cocktail menu that our Wine Director/Mixologist Ian McKay put together, we are going to teach the public how to make those drinks," he said.

The clinic will be on a first come, first serve basis and is open to anyone over 21 years.

With regard to food, Sunset Grill will focus on its fresh seafood and aged beef because those dishes give a good feel of the restaurant, Raitt said.

"Our two most popular dishes are fresh scallops and filet mignon," Peter Raitt said. "The filet is the most tender in Las Cruces, and although we offer it on our regular menu, we are preparing items differently for Restaurant

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Residing in Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, Café España boasts a well-planned three-course menu, including steak España, chicken pasta and tarragon salmon as entrée options.



Throughout the week, The Double Eagle will offer a three-course meal in its elegant dining room.



A local and tourist favorite, La Posta de Mesilla features many of its favored dishes for \$25 per couple.

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Week, such as different sauces and sides.”

The menu at Sunset Grill will be \$30 per person for the meal and \$40 per person for the meal with wine pairings. Raitt said the menu alone typically costs \$55.

Appetizers on the special menu include a choice of 7 onion soup, raw oysters or fire-cracker spinach salad. For the entrée portion, guests can choose between filet mignon, seared sea scallops or halibut; and desserts options are comprised of almond zabaione, chocolate and pistachio cannoli or chocolate cake.

Café España

Nestled in Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces,

Café España is a traditional hacienda style cocina with attentive selections of wines, liqueurs and self-indulgent desserts. The café’s menu includes a choice of the encanto spinach salad, roasted pablano corn chowder or ensalada Caesar for starters. The steak España – usually a \$20 entrée alone – mesquite chicken pasta or Spanish olive and tarragon salmon are the entrée options. For dessert, the café is offering chocolate mousse cake, cheesecake xangos or flan España.

“We chose these items because they are our most popular items at a great price, especially for a steak dinner,” said Susan Raitt, director of sales and marketing for the hotel.

In addition to the menu, café servers will suggest optimal wine pairings for the meal.

Raitt said the café chose to participate in Restaurant Week because they want to remind people that the café is open to the public.

“We really hope to attract new visitors as well as introduce renovations from a few years ago that locals may still be unaware of,” she said.

The meal is \$20 per person.

De La Vega’s Pecan Grill & Brewery

Ashley Springer, marketing director of De La Vega’s Pecan Grill & Brewery said Restaurant Week is an “awesome” concept and a good fit for local businesses, especially De La Vega’s.

“The week lets us highlight favorites on the menu and do something different and new,” she said. “Although we don’t really know what to expect, we are prepared with extra staff members and food.”

Springer said the restaurant will be serving special green chile items and a very popular bread pudding.

“We are also serving items that are not normally offered, such as a new fish, chicken, steak and vegetable plate,” she said. “A lot of these items take more preparation time and really showcase what we can do. They are items we can prepare for caterings, but maybe not every day.”

In addition to its unique menu, the restaurant will hold a blind taste test at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24.

“For \$25 a person, guests will blindly be tasting six wines, taking notes and comparing qualities,” Springer said. “None of the bottles will be shown until the night of the event, so this is a true blind taste test.”

Reservations for the event can be made with Bar Manager Nick Pederson at nick@pecangrill.com. Spaces are limited.

The brewery’s menu will consist of beef tenderloin canapés, smoked salmon canapés or stuffed hatch green chiles for starters. Main course options include green chile chicken

Details

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Cuisine

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Phone

524-3524

Cost

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523-6700

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Phone

532-4277

Cost

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Cuisine

Steaks and seafood

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500 S. Telshor Blvd.

Phone

521-1099

Cost

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Sunset Grill has picked an array of seafood and beef items for their menu during Restaurant Week.

lasagna, mushroom filled beef tenderloin, green chile stuffed chicken, salmon in lemon pepper dill sauce or porterhouse steak with sautéed mushrooms. Sweet options such as cinnamon bread pudding in rum sauce, napoleon a la mode or peaches and crème parfait will be offered for dessert. The menu will cost \$30 per person.

For more information on Restaurant Week, visit www.nmrestaurantweek.com and click on Las Cruces.

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Lady Gaga
- 2 **I Need a Doctor**
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- 3 **Never Say Never**
Justin Bieber
- 4 **Firework**
Katy Perry
- 5 **Forget You**
Cee Lo Green
- 6 **Need You Now**
Lady Antebellum
- 7 **S&M**
Rihanna
- 8 **Grenade**
Bruno Mars
- 9 **What the Hell**
Avril Lavigne
- 10 **The Cave**
Mumford & Sons

Top 5 albums

- 1 **Sigh No More**
Mumford & Sons
- 2 **Never Say Never**
Justin Bieber
- 3 **The Suburbs**
Arcade Fire
- 4 **I and Love and You**
The Avett Brothers
- 5 **Need You Now**
Lady Antebellum

Source: iTunes

Featured musician: *Daniel Park*

A passion for music, success

Local violinist, guitar player expands his horizons

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

While Daniel Park was learning his ABCs, he was also busy learning other basic notes – music notes.

“Ever since I was little, I have enjoyed music,” Park said. “I started playing the violin at 6 years old and then later, I picked up the guitar and started singing. My parents really encouraged me to play an instrument, take lessons and participate in the orchestra.”

Although Park continued his musical hobby throughout middle and high school, he said he really didn’t know what he wanted to do with it.

“It was just a hobby at the time,” he said. “I went to (New Mexico State University) for engineering and kept performing for fun.”

Now, Park considers himself an entertainer, specializing in wedding ceremonies, concerts and more.

“Someday, I want to play in shows where people want to come out and hear me play and buy tickets,” he said. “I want to create something that people really want to listen to.”

Park has played with a couple of groups in Las Cruces, including Live Bait, which won “Best New

Alternative Band” at the local college radio station KRUXfest in 2005, and Kiss to Betray, winner of the Las Cruces Battle of the Bands in 2006.

Since being on his own, Park has released two CDs, “These Illusions” in 2007 and “Search and Rescue” in 2011 as well as playing at venues throughout New Mexico and the western United States.

When Park performs solo, it is a truly unique experience, being that he plays both the guitar and the violin in his sets, using a looping machine. The machine loops his guitar while he jams with his violin.

“It’s always funny to watch everyone’s reaction when I stop playing the guitar, but it still sounds like I am playing through the speakers,” Park said.

A multi-talented musician, Park also writes his own music and said other than two songs on his newest CD, all the lyrics are original.

“My newest album is called ‘Search and Rescue,’” he said. “It was recorded in Las Cruces, and I wrote all the songs, but had some help with two of them. I also had friends help with drum and guitar parts.”

Park said each song has a different

message or theme, and his favorite song, also called “Search and Rescue,” is about finding what people are searching for.

“It seems as though everyone is searching for something or someone,” Park said. “People are crying out for that thing they are always looking for. That is what the song really talks about.”

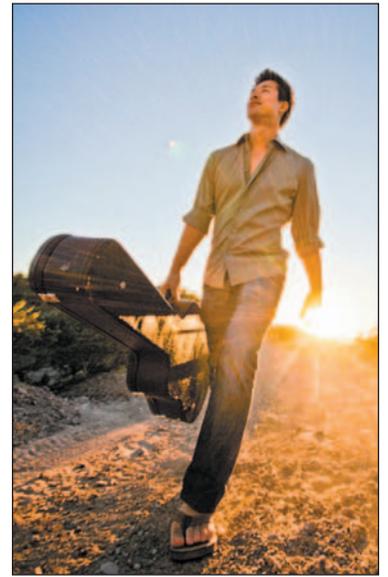
Although Park said he turns to Las Cruces for inspiration in his writing, he added that the community has room for growth in regard to embracing up-and-coming musicians.

“When I travel to other places, all you have to say is ‘live music’ and people will come out on a whim,” he said. “Here, it’s a little more difficult to get that support.”

Park said he foresees a big future ahead of him, including more traveling.

“I hope to be traveling more and farther away,” he said. “I have a manager and a booking agent. I also have a tour scheduled in April that includes shows in Seattle, Idaho, Las Vegas and California.”

For more information or for upcoming concerts, visit www.danielparkmusic.com.



Details

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	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS 22	News	Heartland	Ebert	News	Monarch of the Glen	Wait...	Red	Austin City Limits	Afropop: Cultural	Sun Stud	Taste				
CBS 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	CSI: NY		Criminal Minds	48 Hours Mystery	News Extra (N)	Judge J.					
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	Wipeout		*** "Over the Hedge" (2006)	ABC 7	(:35) Cheaters	Ent					
FOX 8	14	House "Painless"	The Unit		Cops (N)	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted	News Seinfeld	Fringe "6B"	30S	Office				
NBC 9	9	Raymond	News	News (N)	Lopez	Harry's Law	Law-Order L.A.	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live					
CW 14		** "Love Is All There Is" (1996)			** "Only You" (1994)	Marisa Tomei.		The Hills	The Hills	Chris	Payne	South Pk	South Pk		
WGN 15		Bones	Bones		Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Mother	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb		
ESPN 26		College Basketball	College GameDay		College Basketball			SportsCenter	Final	NBA		SportsCenter			
ESPN2 27		College Basketball			College Basketball			College Basketball				2010 Poker			
USA 31		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		
TNT 32		The Lost Dunks	Tip-Off	NBA Basketball 2011 All-Star Saturday Night				** "The Longest Yard" (2005)	Adam Sandler.			Repla			
TBS 33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	** "Bedtime Stories" (2008)			* "Just Married" (2003)	Ashton Kutcher.	** "Yours, Mine & Ours" (2005)						
COM 35		"Bringing Down"	Kevin Hart		Katt Williams		Patrice O'Ne.	Katt Williams: It's Pimpin' Pimpin'				Eddie Griffin			
LIFE 39		* "Glass House: The Good Mother" (2006)			"Deadly Honeymoon" (2010, Drama)			One Born Ev.	Kids	Kids	Mother	Mother			
FOOD 40		B. Flay	Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners			
HGTV 41		Hunters	Candice	Color	Dear	Cash,	House	Hunters	Hunters	Dear	Cash,	House	House		
A&E 43		The First 48	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48			
HIST 44		Modern Marvels	Top Shot		Top Shot		Sniper: Inside the Crosshairs		(:01) Top Shot	(:01) Top Shot	(:01) Top Shot				
TLC 45		Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed		The Queen (In Stereo)			Lottery Changed	The Queen (In Stereo)						
DISC 47		Sons	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Kidnap & Rescue			
ANPL 50		Must Love Cats	Must Love Cats (N)		Cats 101		Pit Boss (N)	Cats 101	Pit Boss (In Stereo)			Must Love Cats			
FAM 51		*** "Titanic" (1997)	Leonardo DiCaprio. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship.					*** "Under the Tuscan Sun" (2003)	Diane Lane.						
DISN 52		Wizards	Wizards	Wizards-Place	Deck	Deck	Deck	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Sonny	Wizards	Wizards		
NICK 54		iCarly	iCarly	Anubis	Anubis	Big Time	Big Time	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	
AMC 57		"Fistful-Dollars"	*** "For a Few Dollars More" (1965)	Clint Eastwood.				*** "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (1967)	Western						
SYFY 59		"Anaconda 3: Offspring" (2008)			"Anacondas: Hunt for the Blood Orchid"			"Anacondas: Trail of Blood" (2009)				"Sea Snakes"			
CNN 62		Newsroom	Rogue Justice		Piers Morgan	Newsroom		Rogue Justice	Piers Morgan	Newsroom					
CNBC 63		American Greed	American Greed		Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	
MSNBC 64		Nightmare-Drs	Lockup: N.M.		Lockup: N.M.		Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	

SUNDAY MORNING												FEBRUARY 20, 2011			
	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 22	Sun Studio	Taste	McLaughlin	Contrary	Santa Fe	Scully	Need to Know (N)	Wash.	Legislators	Religion	McLaughlin				
CBS 3	Home.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)		The Nation	Nieman	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Today				
ABC 7	Business	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso		Good Morning America		Good Morning El Paso	This Week-Amanpour	Hannah	Suite Life					
FOX 8	14	Paid Prog.	magicJack	Paid Prog.	Bndg Brkr	Abndnt L	Paid Prog.	Fox News Sunday	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NASCAR Racing				
NBC 9	9	Bellator	Old House	Today (N)		Secrets	Church	Shirt Off!	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)	Hockey	Hockey			
CW 14		(2:30) Storm Track Weather 24/7			Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
WGN 15		Winston	Facts	Key/David	Beyond	Beauty	Word	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Videos	Master				
ESPN 26		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Outside	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live)							
ESPN2 27		Winners	Nation	Final	NBA	NASCAR Now		Outside	Reporters	Nation	Women's College Gymnastics				
USA 31		Paid Prog.	Creflo Doll	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	White Collar		** "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" (2007)	Johnny Depp.						
TNT 32		NBA Basketball 2011 All-Star Saturday Night						*** "White Men Can't Jump" (1992)	Wesley Snipes.		"Talladega Nights:"				
TBS 33		"Yours, Mine & Ours"		* "Just Married" (2003)	Ashton Kutcher.			*** "Father of the Bride" (1991)			"Father-Part II"				
COM 35		Get Ripped	Bed	Comedy	Scrubs	Scrubs	Loni Love: America's	* "Who's Your Caddy?" (2007, Comedy)			Bringing D				
LIFE 39		In Touch		Hour of Power		J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Chris	Chris	** "Two Weeks" (2006)	Sally Field.				
FOOD 40		Boitano	Day Off	Secrets	Nigella	Rachael Ray's		Giada	Giada	Cooking	Aarti Party	Money	Diners		
HGTV 41		Kitchen	Sweat Equ.	Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection		Over Head	Disaster	Yard	Income	House	Hunters		
A&E 43		Biography	"Pink" Pink.	Biography		Private Sessions		*** "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986)				Dog the Bounty Hunter			
HIST 44		Modern Marvels		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers			
TLC 45		Dr. Frederick K.C. Price		Paid Prog.	Miracle	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes		
DISC 47		Paid Prog.	Jentezen	J. Osteen	In Touch	Dirty Jobs		Man vs. Wild "Zambia"	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska					
ANPL 50		Animals	Animals	Funniest Animals		Me or Dog	Me or Dog	It's Me or the Dog	Wild Kingdom	Wild Kingdom					
FAM 51		Boy World	*** "Dirty Dancing" (1987)	Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze.				** "Sixteen Candles" (1984)	Molly Ringwald.		** "Legally Blonde"				
DISN 52		Charlie	Little	Movers	Chugging	Babar		Manny	Agent Oso	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas		
NICK 54		Parents	Rugrats	Fanboy	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	T.U.F.F.	T.U.F.F.	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Power	SpongeBob		
AMC 57		Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	(:15) *** "A Fistful of Dollars" (1964)	Clint Eastwood.			For a Few			
SYFY 59		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Twilight Zone		"Highlander: The Source" (2007)	Adrian Paul.		"Children of Men" (2006)				
CNN 62		Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Sunday Morning		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS	Reliable Sources		State of the Union				
CNBC 63		Paid Prog.	TRIALaser	Oreck	Miracle	Twist	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	People	Get Hot!	Paid Prog.	TRIALaser	Paid Prog.		
MSNBC 64		Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)	MSNBC News Live (N)		

SUNDAY AFTERNOON												FEBRUARY 20, 2011			
	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30			
PBS 22	News	New Mexico In Focus	Moneytrk	Wider	Opinion	Healthy	Greener	Field Trip!	Travel	Antiques Roadshow					
CBS 3	3	College Basketball Ohio State at Purdue.		PGA Tour Golf Northern Trust Open, Final Round. (Live)								Paid Prog.			
ABC 7	7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		"Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate"				Entertainment Tonight			
FOX 8	14	(10:00) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Daytona 500. (In Stereo Live)						Funniest	Paid Prog.			Deadliest Catch			
NBC 9	9	(10:30) NHL Hockey Regional Coverage.		NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Chicago Blackhawks.				AAA	Paid Prog.						
CW 14		Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Moments	Storms	Storms	Kickin' It (N)	Latino TV	LatNation	Smash Cut	Smash Cut				
WGN 15		"Master and Commander: The Far Side"			*** "Remember the Titans" (2000)	(In Stereo)		Scrubs	Chris	Vault	Chris				
ESPN 26		College Basketball Florida at LSU. (Live)		College Lacrosse Duke vs. Notre Dame. (Live)				SportsCenter (Live)							
ESPN2 27		College Basketball		Women's College Basketball				Women's College Basketball							
USA 31		"Pirates-Worlds"	(:03) ** "National Treasure" (2004)	Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez.				Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU						
TNT 32		"Talladega Nights:"	** "The Replacements" (2000)	Keanu Reeves.				** "The Longest Yard" (2005, Comedy)	Adam Sandler.						
TBS 33		"Father-Part II"	** "Bedtime Stories" (2008)	Adam Sandler.			** "The Wedding Planner" (2001)			*** "Hitch" (2005)					
COM 35		(10:30) "Bringing Down the House"	** "The Original Kings of Comedy" (2000)				** "First Sunday" (2008)	Ice Cube.			Kevin Hart				
LIFE 39		"Love Notes" (2007, Drama)	Laura Leighton.		"Lovewrecked" (2006)	Amanda Bynes.		** "August Rush" (2007)	Freddie Highmore.						
FOOD 40		Home	Guy's, Bite	Best Thing	Best Thing	Diners	Diners	Food	Candy	Cupcake Wars	Restaurant: Impossible				
HGTV 41		My First	First Place	Estate	Selling NY	Bang, Buck	Get It Sold	House	Hunters	For Rent	Unsellable	Designed	To Sell		
A&E 43		Dog the Bounty Hunter	The Sopranos	"Boca"	The Sopranos			The Sopranos		Criminal Minds	Cults.	Criminal Minds			
HIST 44		Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers			
TLC 45		Extreme Couponing	Addiction	Addiction	Addiction	Addiction	Addiction	Addiction	Addiction	My Strange Addiction	Addiction	Addiction			
DISC 47		Untamed Alaska	Wild: Venezuela		Desert Car Kings			Sons	Sons	American Chopper	American Chopper				
ANPL 50		Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding		Confessions: Hoarding			Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding	Confessions: Hoarding				
FAM 51		** "Legally Blonde"	** "The Wedding Date" (2005)	Debra Messing.			** "Practical Magic" (1998)	Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman.		Titanic					
DISN 52		Phineas	Fish Hooks	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Sonny	Sonny		
NICK 54		SpongeBob	Big Time	Big Time	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Drake/Josh	Drake/Josh	iCarly	iCarly		
AMC 57		(10:45) *** "For a Few Dollars More" (1965, Western)		Clint Eastwood.	(:45) *** "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (1967)	Clint Eastwood, Eli Wallach.									
SYFY 59		"Children of Men" (2006)		* "In the Name of the King: A Dungeon Siege Tale" (2007)			"Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid"			Total Recl					
CNN 62		Fareed Zakaria GPS	Newsroom		Your Money		Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom				
CNBC 63		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Miracle	Paid Prog.	Sexy Hair	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wealth	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Sexy Bikini			
MSNBC 64		Valentines Day	Meet the Press		The Marrying Kind		The Vanishing		To Love & To Kill		Caught on Camera				

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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	Nova scienceNOW	NOVA (N) (In Stereo)	Treme	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Survivor-Island	Criminal Minds (N)	C.M.: Suspect	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Middle	Better	Family	Sunshine	Off the Map (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX 8	14 Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	American Idol "Hollywood Round, Part 4"	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb				
NBC 9	9 News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW 14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	Top Model	Shedding for	The City	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access			
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb		
ESPN 26	NBA Basketball: Thunder at Spurs					NBA Basketball: Clippers at Hornets					SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2 27	College Basketball Temple at Duke. (Live)					College Basketball Baylor at Missouri.					College Basketball		Final NBA	
USA 31	NCIS "Reunion"		NCIS "Honor Code"		NCIS		NCIS "Frame-Up"		Fairly Legal		Royal Pains		CSI: Crime Scene	
TNT 32	Bones		Bones		Bones		Bones		Southland		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TBS 33	King	King	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	There	There	Conan (N)		Lopez Tonight (N)		Conan	
COM 35	Daily	Colbert	Chap	Chap	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Daily
LIFE 39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	Meth: County Crisis	Meth's Deadly High	Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will		
FOOD 40	Flay	Best	B. Flay	B. Flay	Worst Cooks	Restaurant: Im.	Diners	Diners	Worst Cooks	Restaurant: Im.				
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	Property	Property	Disaster	Disaster	House	Hunters	Vanilla	Vanilla	Disaster	Disaster	House	Hunters
A&E 43	The First 48	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Storage	Storage	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog
HIST 44	Presidential	Ancient Aliens	Weird Weapons	(:01) Ancient Aliens										
TLC 45	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras
DISC 47	MythBusters	MythBusters	Sons	Sons	Desert Car Kings (N)	MythBusters	Sons	Sons	Desert Car Kings					
ANPL 50	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive
FAM 51	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	The 700 Club	Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid			
DISN 52	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny-Chance	Good	Good	*** "Meet the Robinsons"	Fish	Good	Good			
NICK 54	Anubis	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	George	George
AMC 57	"The Godfather"	*** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.
SYFY 59	Face Off	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Face Off (N)	Ghost Hunters	Face Off	Ghost Hunters	Face Off	Highlander				
CNN 62	John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper				
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed (N)	Mad Money	Mad Money	American Greed						
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	MSNBC Live (N)	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show (N)	The Ed Show	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show					

THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 24, 2011

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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	News	Field	Globe Trekker	Aviators	NMSU	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Rules	CSI: Crime Scene	The Mentalist (N)	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Wipeout (N)	American Idol "Top 20 Chosen" (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb					
FOX 8	14 Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Commun	Couples	Office	Parks	30 Rock	Out	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late		
NBC 9	9 News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	The Vampire Diaries	Nikita "Echoes" (N)	The City	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access				
CW 14	Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars	Entou	Curb			
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	WWE Superstars													
ESPN 26	College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)					College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)					SportsCenter		NFL Live Final		
ESPN2 27	College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)					College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)					College Basketball		Gonzaga at St. Mary's.		
USA 31	NCIS		NCIS "Probie"		Royal Pains (N)		Fairly Legal (N)		White Collar		Royal Pains		Fairly Legal		
TNT 32	NBA Pregame (Live)					NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Chicago Bulls.					NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Denver Nuggets.				
TBS 33	King	King	** "Last Holiday" (2006) Queen Latifah.	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan (N)	Lopez Tonight (N)	Conan							
COM 35	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	South Pk	Futurama	Daily	
LIFE 39	Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	** "Sydney White" (2007)	Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will				
FOOD 40	Flay	Best	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Cakes	Unwrap	Chopped	Iron Chef America	Cakes	Unwrap					
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	First Pla.	First Pla.	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters			
A&E 43	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	(:01) The First 48								
HIST 44	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Ax Men	Swamp People	Swamp People	Pawn	Pawn	Hooked: Illegal	(:01) Top Shot							
TLC 45	Wreck	Wreck	Police Women	Police Women	Police Women	Babies Behind Bars									
DISC 47	Man vs. Wild	Man vs. Wild	Man vs. Wild (N)	Wild: Venezuela	Man vs. Wild										
ANPL 50	Hippo Hell	Natural World	Killer Aliens	Deadliest Towns	Natural World	Killer Aliens	Deadliest Towns								
FAM 51	** "Bruce Almighty" (2003) Jim Carrey.	** "Liar Liar" (1997) Jim Carrey.	The 700 Club	Who?	Who?	Paid	Paid								
DISN 52	Good	Good	Good	Good	Hannah Forever	Good	Good	Fish	Deck	Good	Good				
NICK 54	Anubis	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	George	George	
AMC 57	"Godfather Pt 2"	*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton.	
SYFY 59	"Wrong Turn 2: Dead End" (2007)	*** "Dawn of the Dead" (2004) Sarah Polley.	"Dead Men Walking" (2005) Griff Furst.	The Final											
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Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the grey matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

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CHALLENGER

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8			2		3			5

EXPERT

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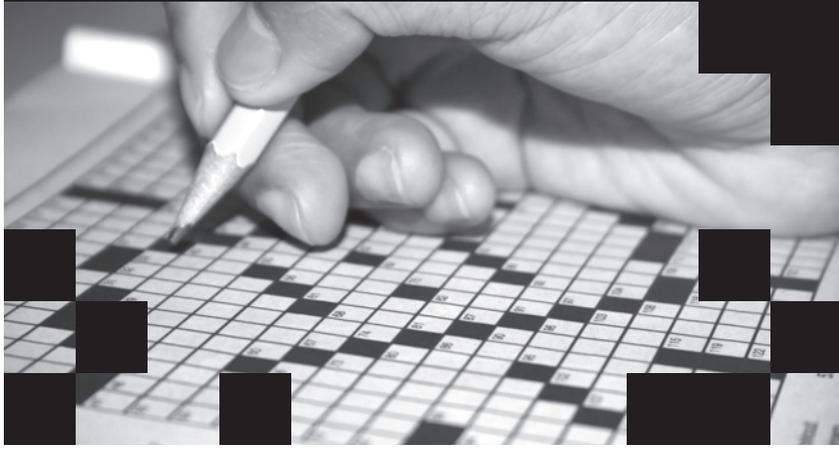
BEGINNER

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CHALLENGER

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BrainGames



Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

HIDE-AND-SEEK

ENGLISH

BOUNDARIES
GAME
PLACE
RULES
QUIETLY
TO DISCOVER
TO FIND
TO LAUGH
TO HAVE FUN
TO HIDE
TO INTERACT
TO SEEK

SPANISH

LÍMITES
JUEGO
LUGAR
REGLAS
CALLADAMENTE
DESCUBRIR
ENCONTRAR
REÍR
DIVERTIRSE
ESCONDER
INTERACTUAR
BUSCAR

REVOCSIDOTMGIOT
ANUFEVAHECALPTO
UINTERACTMNOÍOI
TOFINDIVERTIRSE
CEQEÍTCARETNIO
ADUTKSTOHAVERFUN
RIÍLTGRARTNOCNE
EHYSEIRADNUOBKM
TOLAUGHBOUNDUEA
NTTRSRRIRBUCCSED
ISEAJUEGOJGJCSA
EÍIGMLÍMITESAOL
RTUUÍESCONDERTL
ULQLLSALGERMÍLA
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Crossword Puzzles

Diagramless, 21 x 21

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

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Medium" like perception
 - 4 Travel helper
 - 7 Board or living?
 - 9 Nothing to write home about
 - 10 Goes with doom
 - 12 Military uniform color
 - 13 Arcade area, often
 - 15 Crowd noise
 - 16 Relaxed: ___ back
 - 18 Worrier
 - 22 Major invasion time
 - 24 Big Bird has a big one
 - 25 Wedding agreement
 - 26 Vitality
 - 28 Lived
 - 29 Passionate
 - 30 Electrician's repeat
 - 32 Secret plan
 - 33 Thin
 - 34 Cool
 - 35 Will Ferrell character
 - 38 Joke
 - 39 Romaine lettuce
 - 40 A gazelle
 - 41 Middle of the alphabet letters
 - 42 Needle
 - 43 Supreme being
 - 44 Soak
 - 45 Some
 - 46 Understand
 - 48 Underage drinker
 - 50 Wheat husk
 - 51 Invent
 - 54 Cat cry
 - 55 Flagellate
 - 56 Night light?
 - 57 Animal foot
 - 58 Origin
 - 59 Sea motion
 - 61 Armed helicopter
 - 63 Over the rim shot
 - 65 Electric sea creature
 - 66 ___ Ready
 - 68 Sleeping problem
 - 71 Dough raiser
 - 74 Boat parking lot
 - 75 Right to sell if debtor defaults
 - 76 Chest for coins at a mint
 - 77 Mosquito protection
- DOWN**
- 1 Energy measurement
 - 2 Spanish sun
 - 3 A deck
 - 4 Kiwi kin
 - 5 Inquire
 - 6 Luau fare
 - 8 Labor
 - 9 Scram!
 - 11 Ancient drink made from honey and alcohol and water
 - 12 Crazy person
 - 14 Contract clause
 - 15 Highland hillside
 - 17 Legendary Nascar driver, first name
 - 18 Titanic's nemesis
 - 19 Displaced turf
 - 20 Prepare for publication
 - 21 "Maggie May" singer, Stewart
 - 23 Swerves off course
 - 24 Crooked
 - 27 Neighing softly
 - 28 High winds, little rain
 - 29 Imp follower
 - 31 Apparel
 - 32 Troublesome
 - 34 Scandinavian goddess of fate
 - 35 Provoke
 - 36 Window-shop
 - 37 Craze
 - 39 "The Good Shepherd" group
 - 46 Adult
 - 47 Sensitive
 - 48 Debatable
 - 49 Violent commotion
 - 50 Boyfriend
 - 51 Horse hoof sound
 - 52 Cancel
 - 53 Give
 - 54 Auto efficiency measurement
 - 55 Prevent
 - 58 "Cheers" actress, Perlman
 - 60 A deadly sin
 - 62 Permeate
 - 64 Boat part
 - 67 "___ Man" Dustin Hoffman character
 - 68 Programming language
 - 69 Type of wood
 - 70 Disapprove
 - 72 Poker play
 - 73 Demolition compound

CHICAGO TO CANTON

ACROSS

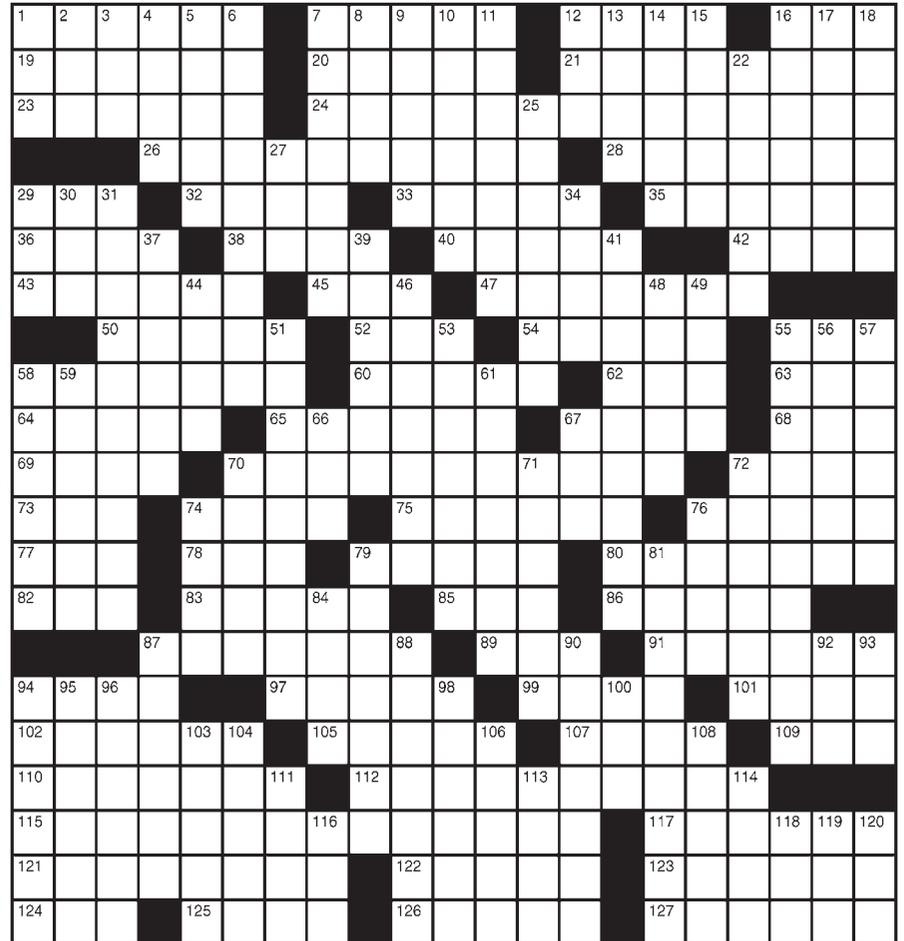
- 1 With 127A, Bear in Canton since 1993
- 7 Handle capably
- 12 Droop
- 16 Ernie of the PGA
- 19 Take for granted
- 20 Nine: pref.
- 21 Type of navigation system
- 23 Make additional cuts
- 24 Bear in Canton since 1963
- 26 Host of a '70s variety series
- 28 Brand name on cakes
- 29 Listening device
- 32 Inside: pref.
- 33 Of bristles
- 35 Hermits
- 36 Quickly!
- 38 Long, thin fish
- 40 Chicken caller
- 42 Vesicle
- 43 Called (archaic)
- 45 Extinct bird of New Zealand
- 47 Any individual
- 50 ___ salts
- 52 C&W fan's channel
- 54 Soup scoop
- 55 When it's light out
- 58 "The Thieving Magpie" composer
- 60 Pink color
- 62 Wedge-shaped piece
- 63 Non-network station
- 64 Diarist Nin
- 65 Wailed
- 67 End of a buck?
- 68 ___-Magnon
- 69 Charles II's lover Nell
- 70 Bear in Canton since 1963
- 72 Related (to)
- 73 Go, in Glasgow
- 74 Pops
- 75 Intervene
- 76 Kind of cigar or sandwich
- 77 Goof
- 78 Lilly or Wallach
- 79 Main Street structure
- 80 Small sphere
- 82 Deg. with teeth
- 83 Taiwan Strait Islands
- 85 RPM part

- 86 Israeli seaport
- 87 Gambling
- 89 Grad. deg.
- 91 Russian drinks
- 94 Slangy negative
- 97 Robert and Alan
- 99 Yen
- 101 Continental cash
- 102 Sports venues
- 105 Flags
- 107 Jedi teacher
- 109 Half of B.S.
- 110 Mid-ocean
- 112 Work by Horace
- 115 Bear in Canton since 1998
- 117 Whole lot
- 121 Partly
- 122 Roofing material
- 123 Cosmopolitan
- 124 Confirmed
- 125 Blue-green color
- 126 Mighty mount
- 127 See 1A

DOWN

- 1 Simple card game
- 2 Peer Gynt's mother
- 3 D-Day craft
- 4 Greensward
- 5 French writer Zola
- 6 "Bronco Buster" sculptor
- 7 Destructive caterpillar
- 8 Calvary inscription
- 9 Tautomeric compounds
- 10 Filmed, slangily
- 11 Badlands states
- 12 Take first place
- 13 Claire and Balin
- 14 Authorized by law
- 15 Cornwall town
- 16 Anthony of "Hawaiian Eye"
- 17 NBA team
- 18 Crafty to the max
- 22 Hypnotic state
- 25 Streaking
- 27 School org.
- 29 Hound sound
- 30 Trojans of sports
- 31 Bear in Canton since 1977
- 34 "Champagne Tony" of golf
- 37 Stomach enzyme
- 39 Mia Hamm's game
- 41 Bear in Canton since 1963
- 44 Greek letters
- 46 In the company of
- 48 Medleys
- 49 Moses's mount
- 51 Bear in Canton since 1988
- 53 Christmas star's place
- 55 Bear in Canton since 1979
- 56 Of an entrance court
- 57 Actress de Carlo

- 58 Tattered
- 59 Ahead
- 61 Sticks
- 66 Dawn goddess
- 67 Mr. Baba
- 70 Festive events
- 71 Quick impression
- 72 Daybreak song
- 74 Actress Moore
- 76 Neighbor of N.Mex.
- 79 Daytime timepiece
- 81 Was extravagant
- 84 Riverbed deposit
- 87 French city in Bretagne
- 88 Attics
- 90 Tearless
- 92 Circle segment
- 93 ___-disant (so-called)
- 94 Judd and Campbell
- 95 Sempervivum
- 96 Sneak a look
- 98 Part of a sonnet
- 100 Acquired
- 103 Selling point
- 104 Cast net
- 106 Let live
- 108 Legend automaker
- 111 Latin handle
- 113 Caen's river
- 114 "Dear" columnist
- 116 Solidify
- 118 Love-handles content
- 119 One in Toledo
- 120 Sportscaster Berman
- 122 Golfer's gadget
- 123 Pioneering TV co.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

NÓZARÉBQUEGUCDOR
ÓPAJERAPUONNOA
IAJSJAUBSVRMCRC
CROZARORAEADIAOD
SSIKOKTYOYUIZOUÉ
OHEADIEMOUCIONS
NETNATVOLIIYNÓEO
OAROMROAMENQZQL
IDCIIAALQCBSUATP
TEOTNEIMITNESIU
CVUOKHOITOMRZLO
EOPMÓOTCEFAIAC
FLLEPQTKISIDRVI
FEELINGTEAMOBOO
ABRAZARÉBRAZEUN

Diagramless

RAG AASH
ALA LAO
TOT BRO
TUSH AKA
BAD IRIS NAG
SON PINUPS HORDE
HOG SHAKEUPS HAT
RIG POL TUT ERA
SLY PLY ARMY HUE
NAP NOD FIT
BUT WAR HEN NTH
TRIB CORN COW ARE
TOR OUR AHA BID
OTTOR GLOVEBOX COP
OCHER DWELLS ROB
REG GLEE DER
BOA NEED
PUN NOIS
EGO ICE
NEW TEA

Broken Hearts

PARAFFIN LEAFAGE BRAE
ADELAIDE ALGEBRA LISB
THEARTISTS MOTHER OCTO
HELIO TAT NEON COHAR
ORE DOSTING SRA EMERY
SERICIN APO DAN ATM
PAPIERMACHEART RES
PROSIT SUE TAL ERST
LIVERYMEN JAVA SUCHAS
AYE OCA SONORA MATSU
YARD HEARTHECALL BOSH
ADHOC STERNS BIT NIK
SHEERS TAOS SEABREEZE
ASOF ICK POP YATSEN
HOR APACHEARTIFACT
OPT TDS DEO ANTARES
BAHAIV PIPSCENTS AMR
OLIVIA IDEA EVE LEMMA
KINE FRENCHHEARTRUMPET
ENGR REACTED DECIMATE
NEISS ORLEANS SEASALTS

CRYPTOGRAM

L V J L Y Y W Y D M M G L B N
X S Z M V A N L J B N G L F B : Z
I L F X N G T A D W N N M I Z X S
M D G N T L X Z N F V N L F B Z
I L F X X S N G F D I !
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
Drilling for a bit of oil is a bit boring. Drilling for gas is a gas.



AtTheMovies

Jane Austen con queso Film takes it too far toward 'nada'

Review by **David Edwards**
Las Cruces Bulletin

I am all in favor of small movies. I love it when some little-guy independent makes a film that – even though it may be made for a niche market – somehow catches lightning in a bottle, appeals to a broader audience and gains some recognition for the filmmakers – maybe even makes a little money.

As a general rule, those types of films have some substance to them, usually in the story. But being backed by some exceptional acting and/or creative direction can't hurt.

One would think that an author of the stature of Jane Austen would be a pretty good place to start when it comes to having a basis for a film. Alas, when the tale is executed in a rather shallow or amateurish way, no amount

of good storytelling is going to save the day. I know that the makers of the film "From Prada to Nada" had their hearts in the right place – they sincerely wanted to successfully tell a modern, updated version of Austen's "Sense and Sensibility" for a Latino audience. I was really rooting for them.

Austen's novel tells the story of two sisters who, when their father dies leaving his estate to their older half-brother, find themselves with no income or place to live. Despite their father's deathbed request that the brother take care of the mother (his second wife) and three half-sisters, his selfish and greedy wife convinces him he has no financial obligation to them. They move into a small cottage on the estate of a distant relative. But it is there that they experience love, although not without some bumps along the way, discovering the "sense and sensibility" of life.

In the "From Prada to Nada" version, there are two Beverly Hills sisters – Nora (Camilla Belle) and Mary (Alexa Vega) – whose father dies suddenly (their mother had passed away years before) and they discover Gabe Jr., the older half-brother (a result of their father's affair) they never knew they had. His



Mary (Alexa Vega) awaits nervously as Rodrigo (Kuno Becker) meets family members.

wife Olivia is, of course, greedy and wants the girls out so she can remodel the family home and sell it. They end up going to live with an aunt in east Los Angeles and reconnecting with their roots that they have denied since birth.

Nora is the older and more serious law-student sister, while Mary is the spoiled shopaholic party girl. They each find themselves confronted with romantic possibilities, but Nora denies her attraction to Olivia's brother to focus on her career, while Mary falls instantly for Rodrigo, a sexy new graduate assistant in her literature class. The suddenness and appropriateness of that relationship stretches credibility a bit, not to mention he inspires her to read Lorca's "The House of Bernardo Alba."

Bruno, the guy across the street, also has a thing for Mary – she can't stand him, so you know where that's headed – and is really solidly played by Wilmer Valderrama (from television's "That '70s Show"). Aunt Aurelia is played by Adriana Barraza, who was nothing short of brilliant in "Babel" – she should have won the Oscar, but don't get me started. She is, sadly, mostly wasted in this role, although she and some of the other older women characters have among the most fun moments in the film.

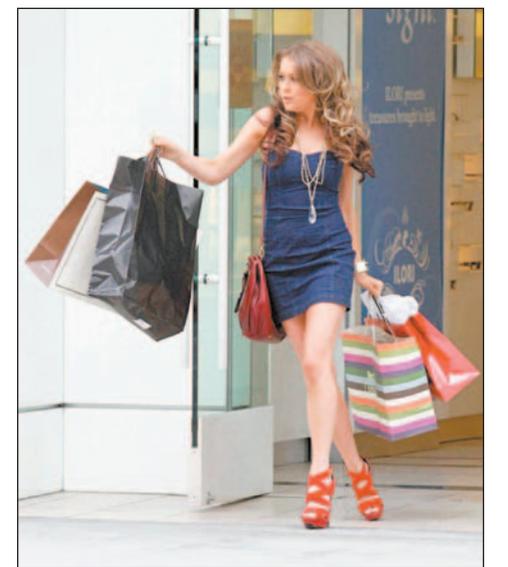
For the most part, and I am really guessing because I have never been there, but the movie recreates the east L.A. atmosphere and it's interesting to watch the girls come around to actually liking living there and to admitting their heritage.

One of the major drawbacks to the success of the film was the performances of the two lead actresses. Belle has appeared in a few mainstream films of questionable quality, such as "10,000 B.C." and the remake of "When a Stranger Calls," but also "The Ballad of Jack and Rose" with Daniel Day-Lewis. Vega has distinguished herself by appearing in the "Spy Kids" movie franchise and "Repo! The Genetic Opera." Whether these roles are underwritten – which is one of my suspicions

– or whether director Angel Gracia doesn't have the experience to get strong performances out of them – my other suspicion – the film suffers due to the strictly one-dimensional characterizations.

I did appreciate the fact that "From Prada to Nada" did not portray Latinos as gang members or criminals – although there are some maids, "cholas," janitors and illegals working in a home tailoring business in constant fear of "la migra." There are some portrayals of cultural events, such as a Mexican Independence celebration at the aunt's house, that has real charm and reality.

I doubt that Austen would recognize anything but the bare bones of her original story, and while the writers were trying to shoot for the success of other modern interpretations of classic literature – such as "Clueless," which was loosely based on Austen's "Emma" – they unfortunately covered those bones with a liberal serving of cheese.



In "From Prada to Nada," Mary does what she knows best – shopping.

FROM PRADA TO NADA

Starring: Camilla Belle, Alexa Vega

Rated: PG-13

Running time: 107 minutes

Director: Angel Gracia

Jane Austen would be disappointed, as was I in "From Prada to Nada."

Grade C

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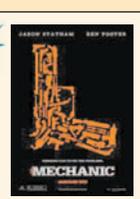
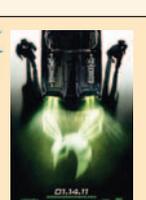
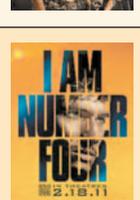
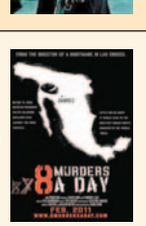
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At The Movies

Picking the Flicks

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

<p>No Strings Attached </p> <p>Rating: R Plot Overview: In this comedy, Emma and Adam are lifelong friends who almost ruin everything by having sex one morning. Starring: Natalie Portman, Ashton Kutcher Director: Ivan Reitman</p> 	<p>Just Go With It </p> <p>Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: A plastic surgeon, romancing a much younger schoolteacher, enlists his loyal assistant to pretend to be his soon to be ex-wife, in order to cover up a careless lie. Starring: Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston Director: Dennis Dugan</p> 
<p>The King's Speech </p> <p>Rating: R Plot Overview: The story of King George VI of Britain, his impromptu ascension to the throne and the speech therapist who helped the unsure monarch become worthy of it. Starring: Michael Gambon, Colin Firth Director: Tom Hooper</p> 	<p>Sanctum 3D </p> <p>Rating: R Plot Overview: The 3-D action-thriller follows a team of underwater cave divers on a treacherous expedition to the largest, most beautiful and least accessible cave system on Earth. Starring: Richard Roxburgh Director: Alister Grierson</p> 
<p>The Roommate </p> <p>Rating: R Plot Overview: A psychological thriller about a deranged college freshman who becomes obsessed with her new roommate. Starring: Leighton Meester, Minka Kelly Director: Christian E. Christiansen</p> 	<p>Justin Bieber: Never Say Never </p> <p>Rating: G Plot Overview: This is the inspiring true story and rare inside look at the rise of Justin from street performer to global super star. Starring: Justin Bieber, Miley Cyrus Director: Jon Chu</p> 
<p>The Mechanic </p> <p>Rating: R Plot Overview: Arthur Bishop (Jason Statham) is a "mechanic" — an elite assassin with a strict code and unique talent for cleanly eliminating targets. Starring: Jason Statham, Ben Foster Director: Simon West</p> 	<p>From Prada to Nada </p> <p>Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: A modern twist on Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility," is a new romantic comedy about two spoiled sisters. Starring: Calilla Belle, Alexa Vega Director: Angel Gracia</p> 
<p>The Fighter </p> <p>Rating: R Plot Overview: A look at the early years of boxer "Irish" Micky Ward and his brother who helped train him before going pro in the mid-'80s. Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Amy Adams Director: David Russell</p> 	<p>The Green Hornet </p> <p>Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: Britt Reid, aka the Green Hornet, and his human weapon Kato, jump into action to rid the city of the mob once and for all. Starring: Seth Rogen, Cameron Diaz Director: Michel Gondry</p> 
<p>The Eagle </p> <p>Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: In second-century Britain, two men venture beyond the edge of the known world on a dangerous and obsessive quest that will push them beyond the boundaries of loyalty. Starring: Channing Tatum Director: Kevin Macdonald</p> 	<p>Gnomeo and Juliet </p> <p>Rating: G Plot Overview: The greatest love story ever told, starring ... garden gnomes. Shakespeare's revered tale gets a comical, off-the-wall makeover. Starring: James McAvoy, Emily Blunt Director: Kelly Asbury</p> 
<p>I am Number Four</p> <p>Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: Three are dead. He is Number Four. An action-packed thriller about an extraordinary young man who is a fugitive on the run from ruthless enemies sent to destroy him. Starring: Alex Pettyfer, Timothy Olyphant Director: D.J. Caruso OPENING FEB. 18</p> 	<p>Unknown</p> <p>Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: Dr. Martin Harris awakens after a car accident in Berlin to discover that his wife suddenly doesn't recognize him and another man has assumed his identity. Starring: Liam Neeson, Diane Kruger Director: Jaume Collet-Sera OPENING FEB. 18</p> 
<p>Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son</p> <p>Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: Big Momma has backup — his teenage stepson Trent. Martin Lawrence returns as FBI agent Malcolm Turner and as Turner's deep-cover alter ego Big Momma. Starring: Martin Lawrence Director: John Whitesell OPENING FEB. 18</p> 	<p>8 Murders a Day</p> <p>Rating: Not rated Plot Overview: A documentary about the Juárez drug cartel, led by Vicente Carrillo Fuentes, that has been in a turf war against the Sinolua drug cartel, led by Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman. Starring: n/a Director: Charlie Minn OPENING FEB. 18</p> 

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- Due Date**
Rating: R
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Zach Galifianakis
Director: Todd Phillips
- Get Low**
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Comedy, Drama
Starring: Robert Duvall, Bill Murray, Sissy Spacek
Director: Aaron Schneider
- Mesrine: Killer Instinct**
Rating: R
Genre: Crime, Action
Starring: Vincent Cassel
Director: Jena-Francois Richet
- Sword of War**
Rating: R
Genre: Action, Adventure
Starring: Rutger Hauer
Director: Renzo Martinelli
- Fish Tank**
Rating: Not Rated
Genre: Drama
Starring: Michael Fassbender
Director: Andrea Arnold

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- Just Go With It** (Week No. 1)
\$30,514,732
- Justin Bieber: Never Say Never** (Week No. 1)
\$29,514,054
- Gnomeo and Juliet** (Week No. 1)
\$25,356,909
- The Eagle** (Week No. 1)
\$8,684,464
- The Roommate** (Week No. 2)
\$8,126,025
- The King's Speech** (Week No. 12)
\$7,230,790
- No Strings Attached** (Week No. 4)
\$5,810,291
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Meet me halfway ... with a plan

Natisha Hales

Adventures in Dieting



We've hit the halfway mark of our weight loss challenge, and it seems that some of us have lost a little bit of momentum, which is how it seems to go no matter what group you join.

To keep us in the groove, Laura Smart has been awarding weekly prizes for those with the biggest accomplishments, but she also has been mindful enough to reward everyone so as not to discourage us.

Fitness expert Bill Davila has been keeping our exercise routines interesting by switching it up on us every week and allowing those of us who exercise regularly already to try new things and those who don't to learn the different exercises and discover what we like and what we have to do to see results.

But the bottom line is that we won't get too far without a plan – and that's necessary when it comes to working out and changing our eating habits. Part of the reason many of us make unhealthy choices is because we lead busy, stressful lifestyles and rely on a fast-food world to accommodate our schedules because we haven't planned what we're going to eat. If you're like me, you only wake up with enough time to get ready in the morning – you even sleep in an extra 20 minutes if you've showered the night before – and leave little room for exercise to fit in the schedule.

However, as Laura stressed last week, we need to have a plan if anything's going to work. Eating healthier foods means setting aside the time to plan the menu, do the grocery shopping, pulling out the chicken, fish, etc., to defrost and making the time to actually prepare the meal. That is a little different in the planning I have done – Maya and I usually decide what we're going to eat while we're on our way home from her dad's house. Not happening anymore.

This week's challenge shouldn't be too difficult, if each challenger has been following along each week. Laura has asked us to incorporate all of the challenges from the past six weeks in each week for the rest of the challenge, something we should have been doing every day. That means we should be drinking 16 ounces of water with lemon every morning – before we put anything in our mouth. No more artificial sweeteners, and nothing with more than 12 grams of sugar per serving. No added salt on our foods. No fried foods. Journaling everything we eat. Incorporating Omega-3 in our diets.

It sounds like a lot, but since it was introduced slowly, it doesn't seem like so much as we do them. I do have to purchase an Omega-3 supplement because I don't eat many foods that contain a large amount of the fatty acid.

Bill tasked us with creating an exercise
See **Challenge** on page D2



Instructor Ryan Groveley leads a Zumba class of more than 300 at Oñate High School during the Zumba for a Cause event in October 2010.

Come join the dance party

Zumba craze infects Las Cruces

By **Natisha Hales**

Las Cruces Bulletin

While Zumba was relatively unknown just two years ago, today, classes are packed, gyms and unconventional facilities are offering it and instructors are a dime a dozen. It seems that everyone's lining up for the Latin-infused aerobic workout that incorporates salsa, merengue, cumbia and reggaeton rhythms.

Hundreds of participants sign up for class with Ryan Groveley, who is unofficially known as the local "Zumba king." At his recently opened facility, Ultimate Fitness, Groveley is ready to share his passion for dancing and turn it into a high-impact, calorie-burning dance party.

But when he first came to Las Cruces from Hobbs in 2009, the excitement wasn't necessarily the same.

"I got here, and people were like, 'What's Zumba?'" Groveley said. "I would have classes and would get five people, and they would be my friends."

Groveley said he was determined to get the word out about Zumba since he first took the class in Hobbs and fell in love with it. He looked up more information at Zumba.com and quickly signed up for an instructor certification workshop to share his newfound passion with others.

Groveley said he provided information to nutrition shops and provided free demonstrations at public events, such as SalsaFest and wellness fairs.

"I told people to come check it out, and classes just started growing and growing," he said. "Zumba is really big now."

A 'happy accident'

The dance craze is actually a "happy accident" that started in the mid-'90s when Colombian fitness instructor Alberto "Beto" Perez forgot his traditional aerobics music and improvised with salsa and merengue tunes he had on hand. He subsequently created a dance-fitness program that he called Zumba.

In 2001, Perez brought his new workout to Miami, and partnering with fellow Colombians Alberto Perlman and Albert Aghion, they

formed Zumba fitness and set a goal to launch the program worldwide. Starting with DVDs and an infomercial, the craze has become the world's largest dance-fitness program. According to Zumba.com, more than 10 million people are taking weekly Zumba classes in more than 90,000 locations in more than 110 countries.

Zumba is available to groups of all ages and fitness levels, including children and seniors. Groveley said he is certified in all Zumba classes available – Zumba Basic 1, which is the most common class offered; Zumba Basic 2, which incorporates additional rhythms such as belly dancing and samba, flamenco and tango; Zumba Gold, a lower-impact class offered for seniors; Aqua Zumba, an aquatic course; Zumba Toning, which incorporates weights; and Zumbatomic, for children ages 4 to 12.

At Ultimate Fitness, Groveley and six other instructors offer 14 Zumba classes each week.

"It's just a party," he said. "It's dancing, burning calories, sweating. It's not just like walking on a treadmill, we have the disco lights. It's a club atmosphere in here."

He also teaches a free class at the monthly Ciclovía, held the last Sunday of the month at Young Park.

Joining the dance-fitness party

While Groveley sought to teach Zumba and started his facility around the craze, an instructor approached the Las Cruces Event Center requesting to offer the course. The event center has been known to host events, such as bingo and community dances, but fitness classes weren't always an option.

"We considered it and thought it was going to be a great service for people to maintain health and vitality," said George Pintar, manager of the facility. The class started four weeks ago and is offered Monday and Wednesday evenings.

"We average about 10 people per session and can fit up to 30 in the class," Pintar said. "It's a matter of building right now, because we're only four weeks into it."

Pintar said the Zumba classes offered at the Las Cruces Event Center are unique in that

they invite the entire family to join in the fun.

Leslie Kowalski, who runs the Musical Beginnings pre-school, also began offering Zumba courses taught by instructors Courtney Bullock and Jessica Trembly.

After starting three weeks ago in the First Christian Church, Kowalski said a floating dance floor was recently installed that provides a cushion and some "give."

"A lot of places have done Zumba and they have a big space, but they have concrete floors," she said. "Concrete floors are so bad for the knees, and people of all ages are doing Zumba now."

She also provides Zumba classes in the morning, a niche that she said is needed to fill in the class. Those who are interested can also try their first class for free, she said.

"There are so many evening Zumbas all over town," she said.

Classes are offered Tuesday and Thursdays, but Kowalski said she is seeking instructors to teach a Monday and Wednesday class.

Right now, the classes offered at First Christian Church are relatively small, but Kowalski said it's about getting the word out.

Part of their outreach has been conducted on facebook through the Zumba Las Cruces group. Various Zumba facilities and instructors post their class times and last-minute schedule changes on the page, which has 159 members.

Amanda Mata, a student at New Mexico State University, has joined the Zumba craze. She works out between three and four times per week at Tom Young's Fitness Center and World Gym. Her mother also teaches a class at Tom Young's.

"I love Zumba because it gives me this energy that makes me feel youthful," Mata said. "Plus, the workout is fun, and it's not the same old gym workout."

Details

Zumba around Las Cruces

For more information or to find a specific class or instructor, visit www.zumba.com.

Health Briefs

Dog Park Coalition dinner a success

The inaugural dinner of the Las Cruces Dog Park Coalition held Saturday, Feb. 12, was a success, according to Kevin Armstrong, newly elected president of the organization. Nearly 50 supporters dined while listening to the music of Ross LeCompte and the Jazz Hounds. The group raised several hundred dollars.

MMC welcomes cath lab director



HALL

Trish Hall, RCIS, started as the new cardiac catheterization lab director at Memorial Medical Center Jan. 17.

Hall, a registered cardiac invasive specialist, comes to MMC from California and brings more than 20 years of cath lab leadership experience.

"I love working in the cath lab because there is always something new to learn. Every patient is a different challenge. I love learning new things and implementing them to provide better care," Hall said. "The care received in the cath lab is appreciated by our patients. It is great to have a job where you are getting positive feedback from patients on a regular basis."

MMC has three state-of-the-art cardiac cath labs that accommodate both scheduled and emergency patients. They are equipped with flat-screen technology that allows for improved image quality. MMC is able to perform both cardiac and peripheral procedures in these labs. Hall graduated from the cardiovascular

technology program at Grossmont College in El Cajon, Calif., and worked her first job at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles as a technician in the cath lab. She then moved to Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, Calif., where she worked up to a leadership role, eventually overseeing the cath lab, Cardiac Short Stay Unit and EKG/Echo Department.

Hall has also spent time working on California legislative issues and as a contract employee in the cath lab at Scripps-Green Hospital in La Jolla, Calif.

Pet-adoption events slated

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will conduct two off-site pet adoption events Saturday, Feb. 19. Available for adoption will be dogs, puppies, cats and kittens.

Adoptions will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market Downtown. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., adoptions also will be facilitated at Pet's Barn, 1600 S. Valley Drive.

Adoption fees are \$75 for dogs and puppies and \$50 for cats and kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay/neuter and microchip.

At the Pet's Barn event, microchipping for pets that already have homes will be available to the public for \$20, and city pet licenses will be available to neutered pets for \$5 each. Licenses for unneutered pets are \$25 each. Proof of spay/neuter is required before a \$5 license will be issued. Pet owners also must bring current proof of rabies vaccination for each animal to be licensed.

For more information, call the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley 382-0018, or visit www.ascmv.org. People who are hearing-impaired can call 541-2182.

Challenge

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plan, and he went over each plan with us individually and gave us his suggestions.

"This is a lifestyle change," he said, "and a lot of people like to avoid that aspect of it all, but with this plan, you start to educate yourself. Continue to keep trying different things to either find something that you like, and maybe things you don't like, but they know they work."

And to give everyone an added boost, I've decided to include how much each of us has lost since we started. We had to change scales, so I've added the difference between scales to our original weight.

And I beat my sister in our little bet to wash cars – I lost 2.2 pounds and she was the same as last week. And my car is still filthy from our nice winter storm from two weeks ago.

Weight Loss Challenge Halfway Point

Name	Starting Weight	Weight as of Feb. 15	Total inches lost
Lou Holguin	215.4	190.6	14.5
David Edwards	212.2	191.8	11.5
Daniel Basaldua	230	214.8	10.5
Theresa Basaldua	252.4	242.2	9.5
Steven Parra	229.8	219.6	4
Selene Mata	158.6	150.8	6.5
Alyssa Davila	176	169.6	3.5
Anthony Avallone	213.8	207.8	N/A
Jazmin Davila	195.8	190	N/A
Natisha Hales	182	177.6	7.5
Natasha Lawson	188	184.2	4
Jason Scott	212	208.4	2
Amanda Mata	174.8	172	2
Beth Sitzler	156.2	152.8	4.25
Joey Morales	198.2	195.6	5
Samantha Roberts	120.8	119.4	5.5
Eunice Calderazzo	135.6	135.2	3.5
Alan Riehl	221	220.4	0

The tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth

Valentine's Day not the best day for the dentist



Bob Nosbisch

Getting the Word Out

While many of you were out Monday evening celebrating Valentine's Day, my date was with an endodontist and his assistant.

I had planned to ask my wife to be fancily dressed by the time I returned from work Monday evening and then take her, a nice tablecloth and some candles to a fancy fast food restaurant. Being the big spender that I am, I would have let her choose more than one item from the Dollar Menu.

But alas, a painful tooth a few weeks ago compelled me to make an appointment with my dentist. After the normal prodding, poking and scraping, he asked me a flurry of questions, which led to him to say, "I think you might need a root canal, so I'm referring you to an endodontist."

At first, I was deliriously happy. A root canal! I imagined floating down a canal filled with root beer, but the delirium quickly dissipated into disappointment when I realized he had said "root canal."

My appointment with the endodontist was supposed to be this past Wednesday, but last weekend the tooth was so excruciatingly painful that I had hoped to move the appointment up to Monday. I called the endodontist's office Saturday morning, got his cell phone number from the answering machine and called him. He was in Santa Fe, but he quickly returned my call and said he would try to fit me in. I thanked him and spent the rest of the weekend in bed and on painkillers.

When Monday afternoon arrived, I went to the endodontist's office, filled out the requisite paperwork and waited. My name was called, and I was escorted to a small room. The dental assistant and endodontist introduced themselves.

The endodontist then explained a root canal procedure to me. He showed me the X-ray of the tooth (No. 19, a molar on the bottom set of teeth on the left side of the

mouth), pointed to a darkened area, and said, "That's bacteria. That's what's causing your pain and we're going to clean that sucker out."

Then he asked, "What kind of music do you like?" I said, "Rock music," so he went to his stereo and tuned in the Sirius channel that plays rock music from the late '60s and '70s.

As I reclined in the dentist's chair with a mouth full of gizmos, gadgets and doodads, I closed my eyes and focused on the lyrics that were being sung. Peter Frampton asked, "Do you feel like we do?" (I don't think too many people felt like I did in that dentist's chair.) Jimi Hendrix sang, "There must be some kind of way out of here." I thought, "That's true. There must be some kind of way out of here." A few lines later, Jimi crooned, "I can't get no relief." I thought, "Bad grammar, but I feel the same way."

About an hour or so later, the gizmos, gadgets and doodads were removed from my mouth, the chair was returned to its upright position and the endodontist said, "You're done. Stay on the antibiotics for the next few days. You will never feel pain in this tooth again."

When I went home that evening, I wondered, "Will I be able to return to work tomorrow?"

The answer was, "yes." I returned to work Tuesday, and for the first time in two weeks, I was able to avoid painkillers. Much information and misinformation about root canals is on the Internet, but the best a person can do is gather as much information as possible and make an informed decision.

As for me, I'm glad I went with my dentist's recommendation. Now that I'm free of pain, I can make good on my Valentine's Day plans with my wife and will concentrate fully on finding the best Dollar Menu availabilities around.

Bob Nosbisch is a senior program specialist in the College of Health and Social Services at New Mexico State University. He says you know you're in trouble when you walk into a dentist's office and the song playing on the radio is "The Yanks are Coming."

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For more information, visit www.adultchildren.org.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room. For more information, call 523-6240.

T'AI CHI CHIH CLASSES

Instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado holds T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement classes each Tuesday, with beginners classes from 9 to 10 a.m. and classes for more experienced practitioners from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. in the fourth-floor Women's Resource Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4351 E. Lohman Ave. No registration is required. Cost is \$2, or free for Senior Circle and Healthy Woman members. For more information, call 526-3016.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. every Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church on the corner of St. James and South Main streets. For more information, call 647-5684.

CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, an activity support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 4 to 6 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St.

The group matches those in need of support with caring volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment. For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to

stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. each Monday at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door. The group also has a big-book meeting at 2 p.m. Fridays at Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive.

YOGA CLASSES BY KAREN NICHOLS

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and upper teens at 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at My Place, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardín de los Niños. Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience. For more information, email Karen at karen_fn@yahoo.com or leave a message at 882-4943.

T'AI CHI CHIH, YOGA CLASSES

Clear Mind Zen Temple, 642 S. Alameda Blvd., will offer T'ai Chi Chih classes at 6 p.m. each Wednesday with certified instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado.

An introduction to Zen meditation is from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the temple.

A small donation is asked for each class.

For more information, call Harvey Hilbert at 680-6680.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Las Cruces Chapter Parkinson's Support Group meets at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call Kay Laurel Fischer at 522-4047 or Bill Wallace at 680-2520.

APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Aphasia Support Group is a community group for social conversation, support and education about aphasia. The group meets at 4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call 521-6400.

FEDERATION OF THE BLIND MEETS

The Mesilla Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind meets from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. For more information, call Nato at 571-2604.

CITY RECREATION SCHEDULE

The City of Las Cruces offers recreation and fitness classes at city recreation and community centers.

The following classes are held at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.:

- Aerobics: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- Yoga: 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Spinning: 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Pilates: 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Zumba: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays

For more information, call 541-2563:

The following class is held at Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road:

- Zumba: 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays

For more information, call 541-5185:

The following class is held at Club Fusion Teen Center, 101 E. Union Ave.:

- Zumba: 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 541-5181. All classes are \$2.

For more information, call the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department at 541-2550.

GAY COMMUNITY CENTER GROUPS

The Las Cruces Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Questioning/Queer (GLBTQ) Center, 1210 N. Main St., is open from noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The center offers gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender members of the community counseling, support groups and networking activities. For more information, call the center at 635-4902, email info@newmexicolgbtcenters.org or use the group-specific contact information listed below.

- Pride on Main Al-Anon is a 12-step support group and fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics that meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday. The group is open to all with a focus on the GLBTQ community.
- A GLBTQ youth support group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. For more information, email Eloy at eacastro@nmsu.edu.
- A support group for parents, guardians, other family and friends caring for or raising a GLBTQ youth meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Share camaraderie while learning new skills and receiving support and advice on raising a GLBTQ youth.
- Sexual Compulsives Anonymous meets from 7 to 8 p.m. each Monday. The group is a 12-step program for anyone dealing with sexual compulsion.
- A LBTQ women's group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month. The group provides an opportunity for LBTQ women to get know and support each other. For more information, email Dawn at dmbates@nmsu.edu.

- A men's group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group is an opportunity for men in the community to get together and support each other. It is an inter-generational group with discussions and activities designed by the group members. For more information, call Nato at 635-4902.
- Bisexuals' support group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. For more information, email Dawn at dmbates@nmsu.edu.

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION

The Las Cruces Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America will have its monthly meeting at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The topic will be "The Alphabet Soup of Hearing Aid Technologies: T-Coils, Blue Tooth, N and M Ratings," presented by Julie Stanton of ATS Resources. The Saturday, March 19, meeting will discuss living with multiple limitations and will be a joint meeting with the National Federation of the Blind and the Blind Veterans Association. All are welcome. For more infor-

mation, call Ann Switzer at 521-8890.

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Las Cruces Trans People is a group of people with varied sexual identities, including, transsexual, transgender, questioning trans, cross dresser, transvestite and allies. Everything that remotely crosses the gender barrier. The group meets the third Friday of every month and has a group outing on the first Friday of the month. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at Wellspring Church, 140 Taylor Road. For more information, visit lasrucestrans.org, call 201-3241, or email lasrucestrans@gmail.com.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Las Cruces, a group for breastfeeding mothers and mothers-to-be interested in breastfeeding, has two monthly meetings. The daytime meeting is at 10 a.m. the first Friday of each month at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Downtown Mall.

The nighttime meeting is at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. The meetings are currently held at the home of leader Renee Beltran.

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Halftime show



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney
Memorial Medical Center Marketing Director Mandy Leatherwood accepts an autographed basketball from Maria Roth, associate athletic director at New Mexico State University, during halftime of the NMSU women's basketball game against Louisiana Tech Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Pan American Center. The hospital was recognized for sponsoring the game.

Don't let it get physical

Four steps help you avoid the worst

Marcy Shoberg
The Art of Self-Defense



Last time we covered a five-step method for changing a situation where a friend or loved one is yelling at you to a two-way conversation. In this column and the next, we will shift gears a bit and learn about actions and words to use when speaking to someone that you feel may be about to take a swing at you or reach for you with bad intentions.

It is possible a friend or family member may someday be angry enough to harm you: We see this in the newspapers often. However, you may find it more comfortable to imagine being in this situation with a stranger as I continue with some various possible body language and verbal responses.

As you may remember from a previous article, when it gets to the point where you think it's very likely they will swing or reach for you, drop your gaze to the level of their shoulders instead of their face. This is so you will realize at the earliest possible moment that they are starting to move toward you. As in any confrontation, remember that your goal is to not escalate the situation. Although you must be ready to hit them if you need to, don't say or do things that make it more likely that someone (either you or they) will be struck.

I also previously mentioned the best way to stand when facing someone you may need to hit – have your right foot a step behind your left, your left hand 12 or so inches in front of your left eye (this makes them punch in a way you will likely see coming) and your right hand near the midline of your chest. Have your hands open in a calming, but boundary-setting gesture. Remember not to look like you want or expect to make this confrontation physical.

Now comes the tricky part. You will only be able to see their shoulders move if they are about two arms lengths away from you. If you have someone to practice this distance and stance with, it would be a good idea.

First, reach toward each other with your left arms and touch fingertips to see what two arms lengths looks like. Then, each step your right foot back and take the "self-defense stance." I also suggest you teach this to your children.

In an actual confrontation, feel free to loudly tell your adversary, "You are making me uncomfortable. Take a step back."

If they do, that may be a sign you can calm down a bit. If they don't, at least you are sure you are in danger. Recognizing danger is the first step to protecting yourself.

Picture your adversary moving around, waving their hands and speaking angrily. In this case, you should pivot by moving your back foot so you are always directly facing them. Although it seems logical to step away from them to maintain the "two arms length" distance, this is usually not practical.

In self-defense classes, we teach ways to move when talking to someone you may need to hit. But, if you aren't trained in this, it's probably best to stand your ground. For one reason, if you back up, you may trip or run into something. Second, if you rock your feet or back up, you may appear to be the easy victim a predator is looking for.

No one can tell you exactly the best way to defend yourself in a hypothetical situation. Your best course of action is to be educated about various options and trust your instinct.

Before you assume my next article will tell you to beat up the bad guy, let me share my four criteria for ethical self-defense. I learned this from another self-defense teacher via the Internet. One, never hit people to defend your feelings, only your body. Two, don't hit people because you think they "might" hurt you or will hurt you later. Three, don't participate in the escalation of the conflict by saying or doing things that make the conflict more likely to turn physical. Four, if you must hit someone in self-defense, stop hitting them when you are safe.

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Marcy Shoberg is owner of Gold Medal Taekwondo, 519 Boutz Road, which teaches sport and traditional taekwondo, as well as self-defense, to preschoolers, kids, teens and adults. She is also director of Las Cruces Self Defense, which specializes in teaching no-nonsense, reality-based self-defense to women, children and men. Shoberg can be reached at 526-4429 or gmtkd@zianet.com.

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Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free discussion from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 19, at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The topic will be "Us Dreams for Spiritual Unfoldment." For more information, call 524-2580 or visit www.eckankar-nm.org.

GREEN ENCHILADA SALE

El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St., will hold a green enchilada sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the fellowship hall. The plates will be \$6 each, take out only. For more information, call 524-1230.

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MVCS kicks off capital campaign with concert

Funds will go toward building a new mid-high and high school campus

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

After years of consecutive growth, Mesilla Valley Christian Schools will begin a \$12 million capital campaign to build a new mid-high and high school campus with a concert from Grammy Award-winning gospel artist Rebecca St. James at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at First Assembly of God, 5605 Bataan Memorial West.

The projected three-year project aims to construct a two-story, 83,000-square-foot facility on 25 acres of land located two miles from the present MVCS campus on Stern Drive.

"We've been really blessed to have, even in our current economy, seen growth," said Lisa Tillery, co-chair of Long Range Planning and Development for the school. "We're almost to capacity. We're bursting at the seams."

Housing K-12 on one campus, Tillery said the school has about 500 students. With the new facility, the school will be able to double its size with 500 students in just grades six to 12.

While a capital campaign for a new facility has been in talks for several years, Tillery

said all of the "puzzle pieces" came together, including the land, which is currently under contract, and a donated building that will be the shell of the school.

"It's only 2 miles down the road, which makes it very convenient for families with students at both campuses," she said.

Working with Studio D Architects on the master plan for the site, Tillery said the building will include classrooms, labs, community gathering spaces and art venues, such as a 350-seat auditorium for musical and theatrical productions as well as chapel.

While MVCS offers an array of after-school activities, such as band, choir, art and numerous sports teams, Tillery said the new campus will allow them to offer even more, as well as provide students with the latest technology.

"We will make students prepared for 21st century technology," she said, adding that the school will maintain its high academic standards and biblical focus.

The campus will also include athletic fields for football, baseball and girls softball, which it currently doesn't have.

"We'll have athletic fields to host other schools," said Tillery, adding that other facilities, such as a gym, will be added during the next phase.

Thanks to its smaller class sizes, averaging 15 to 18 students, and its 99 percent graduation rate, Tillery said MVCS is a desired school for families, with some students traveling from



This rendering shows what the new Mesilla Valley Christian Schools mid-high and high school will look like.

Hatch, Deming and El Paso to attend. Tillery said the new campus will allow for even more students to be accommodated.

"We'll have the ability to bring in more students who desire this type of schooling," she said. "Also, it will allow us to grow our elementary school and bring back our preschool, which we lost when we started to grow."

The St. James concert will kick off a series of entertainment events held by MVCS over the next few years to raise funds.

"What we really wanted to do is not have the focus of the events just be on the capital campaign and not just on the school, but to have events for the community," Tillery said.

Also during the concert, Tillery said one

of the school's various praise teams will be selected to open for St. James. After a PowerPoint presentation on the capital campaign, a meet and greet with the artist will be held.

Tickets range from \$100 for platinum seating and an opportunity to meet the artist, \$75 for platinum seating only, \$50 for gold seating and \$30 for blazer blue seating. Tickets can be purchased at the school, 3850 Stern Drive, at the New Mexico State University box office or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Tillery said in addition to monetary donations, MVCS is always in need of volunteers. For more information on volunteering, events and the capital campaign, call 525-8515 or visit www.mvconline.com.

Church News

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MAKE A BLANKET DAY

The Las Cruces Chapter of Project Linus will host its annual Make a Blanket Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Grace Covenant Church, 3111 N. Main St. The event is open to anyone who would like to crochet, knit or sew a blanket for a child in need. Volunteers are asked to bring their own sewing machines, quilting projects, crochet hooks, knitting needles and yarn. Projects will also be available. For more information, call 526-3695, email sgstolt13@gmail.com or visit www.projectlinus.org.

ORGAN RECITAL

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, will host an organ recital by organist and choirmaster Michael Befor with Doña Ana Youth Choir at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. The public is invited to this family-friendly event, which is sponsored by the Las Cruces Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A free-will offering will be taken. For more information, call 526-5559.

CITYWIDE GOSPEL CONCERT

The Good News Jail and Prison Ministry presents a citywide gospel concert at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Calvary Chapel Three Crosses, 4301 Bataan Memorial West. Admission is free, but a love offering will be accepted to benefit the chaplaincy of Doña Ana Detention Center. Come

hear groups from area churches and testimonies of the power of God to change lives, even behind bars. For more information, call 647-7636.

REBECCA ST. JAMES CONCERT

A performance by Grammy award-winner Rebecca St. James at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at First Assembly of God, 5605 Bataan Memorial West, will launch Mesilla Valley Christian Schools' \$12-million campaign to build a new campus for mid-high and high school students. Tickets range from \$100 for platinum seating and an opportunity to meet the artist only, \$75 for platinum seating, \$50 for gold seating and \$30 for blazer blue seating. Tickets can be purchased at the school, 3850 Stern Drive, at the NMSU box office or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

NATIVE AMERICAN MEDICINE CULTURE

Pete Jackson, Tribal member and Elder of the Gila River Indian Community in southern Arizona, will share ancient knowledge about the soul, purpose of life on Earth, cycles of life, ceremonial practices, spiritual growth and prophesy at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. The lecture will also address the reasons for current world events. Donations will be accepted. For more information, call 649-4419 or 512-921-1941.

BLUEGRASS TRIO AT ST. PAUL'S

The Music at St. Paul's concert series presents "An Afternoon of Gospel and Bluegrass" by Steve Smith and Chris Sanders with Anne Luna at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. For more information, call 526-6689.

TEACHERS IN SERVICE MEETING

Teachers In Service Inc., an evangelical, nonprofit Christian organization that works internationally with teachers and schools for missionary children, will hold a meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, in the Roadrunner Room of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The meeting will discuss recruitment and professional development activities for schools of missionary children. Those interested are encouraged to attend. For more information, visit www.teachers-in-service.org.

JOURNAL WORKSHOP

"Journal to the Self," a four-session workshop to discover the writer within you, will meet from 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17 and 21, at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Certified instructor Rita Popp will teach personal journal techniques for self-development and creativity. Students will write together in a safe, non-judgmental setting. The fee is \$130 and

includes a workbook. To sign up or for more information, call 526-1317 or email ritapopp@msn.com.

EASTERN STAR MEETINGS

The Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold monthly meetings at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Aztec Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road. A potluck dinner will be held prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. All OES members in good standing are invited to attend.

BLUE MASS

The Knights of Columbus will host a Blue Mass at 6 p.m. Monday, March 7, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Dioceses of Las Cruces Bishop Ricardo Ramirez will celebrate the eighth annual Mass. The Blue Mass honors community members who have served in protecting, such as law enforcement, firefighters, military, emergency services and land security personnel. Their families are also invited to attend.

ENCHILADA DINNER

Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1240 S. Espina St., will hold an enchilada dinner from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 11. Tickets cost \$6 per person. For more information, call 524-8564.

CALVARY GROUPS

El Calvario United Methodist Church is starting a

group approach to empower Christian believers to become better disciples. Calvary Groups, to be led by Rev. Raul Dominguez, are planned for various areas in Las Cruces. Anyone interested in participating, whether they're a member of the congregation or not, should call the church office at 524-1230.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., is providing two prayer groups. A centering prayer group will meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays and will include 20 minutes of meditation. A prayer group focused on support, healing and gratitude will be held at 4:30 p.m. Mondays in Classroom 107. For more information, call 522-7119.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Center, a Roman Catholic community, offers spiritual healing programs and ministry. Holy Mass is held weekdays at 11:15 a.m. at 5480 Lassiter Road. Also on Mondays, the Healing Prayer Team meets to pray for anyone who is interested. If you or someone you know would like to meet with the team, call 647-1117 for an appointment.

BOOK STUDY AND PROSPERITY DISCUSSION

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will hold a book study group for

"Atom Smashing Power of Mind" by Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, at 10 a.m. Tuesdays. New members are welcome to come explore another facet of Practical Christianity in action. The church will also hold prosperity discussions at 9 a.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

DIVORCECARE

Sonoma Springs Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave., now offers an ongoing DivorceCare support ministry from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The ministry is devoted to helping people find support, healing and becoming whole again. Child care is available. For more information, call 526-4907.

BIBLE COURSE

John Anderson at Holy Cross Church, 1327 N. Miranda St., will hold a course based on the writings of the apostolic fathers from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays in the church's gathering space. Bring your Bible and a friend.

DIVORCE CARE

Morning Star UMC, 2941 Morning Star Drive, will hold a 13-week, video-based discussion and support group for those suffering from the pain of separation or divorce at 6:30 p.m. Mondays. Participants can enroll at any time for the free group, and child care will be provided. For more information, call 521-3770.



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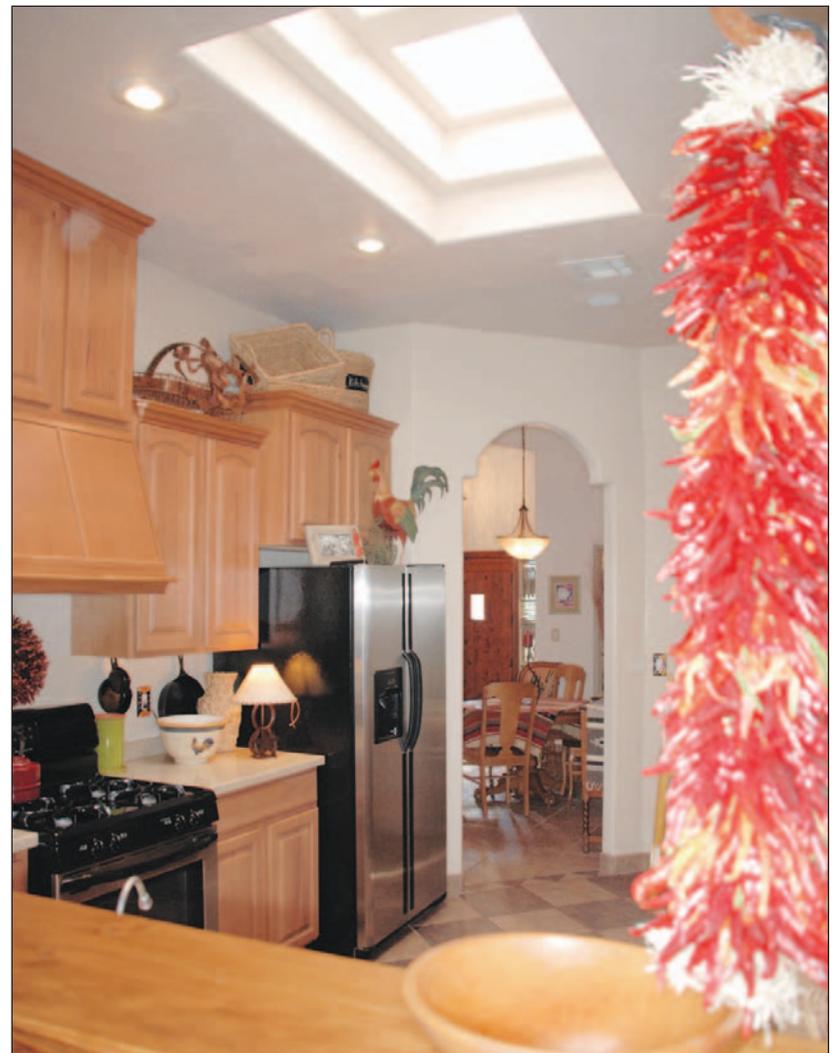


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Featured home: 1932 Santa Ines

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Located at 1932 Santa Ines, the three-bedroom home offers Southwest style mixed with comfort.



Upgraded cabinets fill the kitchen, which is lit with natural light from a skylight.



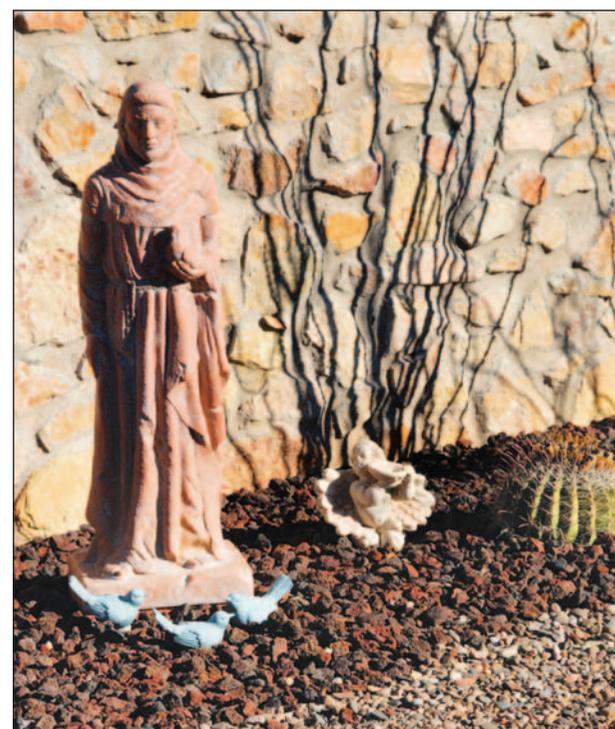
Vigas line the ceiling as a multi-colored gas fireplace rests in the corner of the family room.



A window opens the kitchen to the family room.



A fountain can be found in the backyard, which also includes a large covered patio with several areas for seating and relaxing.



The xeriscaped landscaping is a blank canvas for the owner's statue collection.

Finding home in Las Cruces

Quiet neighborhood welcomes out-of-towners to Southwest

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In addition to the numerous palatial estates found throughout the Mesilla Valley, Las Cruces is also home to an array of stylish yet comfortable abodes.

Built in 2005 by Manny Sosa, the home at 1932 Santa Ines offered Stephanie and Joe Wilbanks the Southwest aesthetics they were searching for along with high-quality construction.



The guest bathroom in the three-bedroom home features a tiled shower.

After living in Colorado for several years, the Wilbankses wanted to leave the cold weather for sunnier climates. Deciding Santa Fe was out of their desired price range, Stephanie Wilbanks said they gave Las Cruces a look.

"My husband went to (New Mexico State University)," she said, adding that he was a native to the Land of Enchantment, and at heart she is a desert rat. "We checked out Las Cruces. The fact that it was a college town drew us."

In addition to the abundance of medical facilities and the city's designation as a retirement destination in several magazines, Wilbanks said they were drawn to the culture, color and, of course, the culinary delights of the area.

"I love the Mexican food," she said. "And the colors, I love them – the blues and reds."

When it came time to relocate, the couple was in more of a rush than they had originally expected when the buyer of their Colorado home informed them that they would be moving in in three weeks.

"We told our Realtor we had a week to find a home," Wilbanks said.

Willing to pay cash for a new home, the Wilbankses came upon the Santa Ines residence, one of about three houses in the area at the time, and fell in love with the former Spring Showcase of Homes entry.

"It's a really comfortable home," she said.

Tucked behind an arch and covered in stained concrete, the home's courtyard is just the location to admire the surround neighborhood and even fireworks on the Fourth of July.

"It's nice and private," Wilbanks said. "At night, from here you can see all of the lights on Lohman."

Filled with tan rock and various native plants, including cacti, the entire front of the home has xeriscaped landscaping.

"Nothing out here needs water," Wilbanks said. "They just need sunshine."

Glass blocks surround the colorful front door. Inspired by their favorite northern New Mexico getaway, the couple painted the door "Taos blue."

Inside, a mosaic designed by Sosa's son greets guests as earth-tone ceramic tile leads past the living room and dining area to the center of the home – the kitchen. Wanting the work area to be stylish and functional, the couple chose upgraded cabinets with crown molding.

"My husband was allergic to pressed wood because of the formaldehyde," Wilbanks said of the solid-wood selection.

Near the kitchen is the family room. Dark wood vigas line the ceiling as a tan and chocolate brown gas fireplace fills the corner. A slightly curved wall dotted with rectangular windows allows natural light to fill the area.

Designed to have a split-bedroom floor plan, the master suite is to the right of the family room. Repeating elements found throughout the home, the bedroom features two chocolate brown accent walls and another slightly curved wall of windows, which surrounds a small sitting area.

The bathroom features double sinks, a Jacuzzi bathtub and a freestanding tiled shower with glass door, in addition to a walk-in closet.

On the other side of the home are two guest bedrooms, which share a full bathroom that includes a tiled shower. Wilbanks said she frequently hosts out-of-town guests, adding that they appreciate their own space, which includes nichos, built-in corner shelves and large closets.

As with the front, the Wilbankses kept the backyard easy to maintain with only a few cacti and native plants, including ocotillo, and tan rocks. The simplistic yard is an ideal canvas for the couple's assorted statues.

Wilbanks said an elastomeric roof was installed last year. Solar shades have also been installed on the west-facing windows to block the desert sun.

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"All of the windows have been treated with solar film," said Wilbanks, adding that the film not only blocks intruding light and heat, but also creates a reflection, giving the home privacy without the need of window treatments.

While the couple played up the home's Southwest style with their collection of regional art, Wilbanks said the residence can be decorated in any fashion to complement the owner's taste.

"You can do whatever you want," she said. Also, she said the neighborhood is not only quiet, but is close to several Las Cruces amenities, such as hospitals, restaurants and shopping centers – just one more feature the home has to offer.

"I really think it's built well," she said. "A lot of people had their pipes freeze last week and their roofs leak. I've never had a problem in the house."

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A job for every art brush

Paintbrushes work wonders beyond the studio easel

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Since the beginning of time, mankind has expressed itself through art, and while there are various art-related tools available, the most well known is likely the paintbrush.

Little is known about the invention of the paintbrush, however, it has a simple design: bristles attached to stick. While the handle can come in wood or plastic forms, there are numerous options for bristles – from hog and saber hair to synthetic materials.

As with any tool, there is a specially designed paintbrush for just about any job. Large, broad brushes can cover a canvas with a simple sweep and smaller utensils can be used to create the perfect leaf, stem or cloud.

Whether you're as talented as Michelangelo, or a beginning student trying your hand at watercolors, paintbrushes can help anyone create a masterpiece. Not just handy in the art studio, paintbrushes also can serve several applications in everyday life.

1. Dust delicate items: Although dust rags are great for cleaning large surfaces, small, intricate pieces need a gentler touch. Whether a porcelain knickknack, tightly woven basket, carved-wood figure or ornate chandelier, softly clean these items with a paintbrush. Work a small natural-bristle paintbrush carefully in those hard-to-reach places.

2. Clean a keyboard: In addition to ornate objects, a small paintbrush can also be used to clean your computer keyboard. The fine bristle will easily wedge between the keys, allowing you to sweep away any dirt. When you're done, be sure to turn the keyboard over and give it a good shake. This will help dislodge even more debris.

3. Spread sauce: While pastry brushes are



Around-the-home item: Paintbrush

available to assist in applying creamy sauces, marinades and glazes to your gourmet dishes, you can save money by using a paintbrush instead. A medium-sized synthetic-bristle paintbrush is an ideal applicator for your kitchen needs – from coating barbecue to giving piecrust an egg wash. Also, the art accessory will be easier to clean than a traditional pastry brush.

4. Apply a stain remover: From the kitchen to the laundry room, the paintbrush is also a must-have tool when it comes to washing your clothing. Use the art utensil to clean stains more effectively than by simply pouring the detergent or stain remover over the soiled area. Just use the brush to coat the spot with your selected cleaner and wash as usual. A paintbrush

application will not only be more accurate and less messy, but the brush itself is easy to clean with warm running water.

5. Refresh a window screen: After a cold winter, you'll want to open your home up to enjoy a refreshing spring breeze. Be sure to prepare your window and door screens by cleaning them with a paintbrush. Dust the mesh using a large brush, sweeping away dirt and grime. The brush can also be dipped in water or a cleaning solution to give the screen a more thorough wash.

6. Cover seeds: When sowing seeds in the spring, it can be difficult to give your plants the right amount of TLC without smothering them. Get help from a large paintbrush. After planting a row of seeds, use the brush to gently sweep the soil over them. This will help distribute the correct amount of dirt without running the risk of over-packing the seeds.

7. Grease a baking pan: Another kitchen application is using the paintbrush to coat a baking dish in butter. Several recipes call for the pan to be greased beforehand to prevent food from sticking. This can easily be done by melting a portion of butter and brushing it on with the art staple. When it comes time to clean your brush, be sure to use plenty of soap and warm water to break the grease down.

Types of paintbrushes

- **Filbert brush** – This narrow, flat brush comes to a round point, and can be used on its side to apply a thin line or flat for a broad stroke. When applied with various amounts of pressure, a tapering effect is produced. The brush is commonly created from hog hair.
- **Round brush** – The most traditional paintbrush shape, this art brush has a sharp point, allowing users to create fine lines and details with it. This brush is made from a variety of fibers, from synthetic materials to sable hair.
- **Flat brush** – As the name suggests, this brush is designed to be wide, but not very thick. The length of the bristles vary depending on the brush, with a shorter brush creating small, precise marks. The bristles are usually synthetic or a mix of natural hair and synthetic.
- **Rigger/liner brush** – Consisting of extremely long bristles, the brush has either a sharp point or a flat, square or angled tip, and is especially handy for painting a fine line with a consistent width. The bristles are made from either natural or synthetic materials.
- **Mop brush** – Just as the name suggests, this brush will hold a large quantity of fluid paint. Its soft, floppy bristles, usually made from hair, are ideal for watercolors.
- **Fan brush** – Designed to mimic a fan, the brush has a thin layer of bristles that are great for blending, stippling, smoothing and creating highlights. It is typically used to create hair, grass or thin branches.
- **Stencil brush** – A round brush with short, stiff hairs cut flat rather than pointed, the design makes it easier to paint a stencil without getting the paint under the edges. Although often dismissed by those associated with fine art painting, the brush can also be used to create texture.
- **Varnishing brush** – This large brush is handy when applying a sealant to your painting. This flat, thick brush has long bristles, typically synthetic or natural.

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Restoration class resumes

Students and community greatly contribute to Phillips Chapel conservation efforts

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: This article is the fourth in a series following the restoration of Phillips Chapel CME Church, constructed in 1911 on North Tornillo Street.

After taking a semester off, the Doña Ana Community College historic conservation and restoration course is back this spring with the hopes of completing its work on Phillips Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, 638 N. Tornillo St.

Since the formation of the course in January 2010, historic conservation and restoration students have flung mud, created bricks, crawled under floors and secured rafters of the 100-year-old, one-room adobe structure.

"During the course, they're not just working on an old adobe building, but they're realizing that they're working on a building that has not been touched for many years," said David Chavez, who took over for Ron Taylor as course instructor.

Chavez is being assisted by DACC paint instructor Dominick Fiumara, Las Esperanzas member Faith Hutson, church steward Clarence Fielder, historic home specialist Pat Taylor and Larry Limon, an adobe expert specializing in lime plaster.

Featuring 16 students, Chavez said many of the students have participated in the course all three semesters it has been offered and have contributed to the structure's many improvements.

With the top coat of lime plaster completed on the south- and east-facing walls, Beth O'Leary, an anthropology professor at New Mexico State University and member of the Phillips Chapel Restoration Committee, said they just need to apply three layers of lime wash.

"The original church was white, and that's what it's going to be again," O'Leary said. "We're taking it back to what it was."

While the students have improved several elements, including the property's drainage system, a major issue for the church, there are still several tasks to be completed. One area that needs repairs is the façade, which has a large crack under the window and needs several bricks to be replaced.

The last task that will take place, O'Leary said, will be securing the roof, which will first need to be assessed by an engineer to determine the extent of the structural damage.

While the team hopes the church will be completed by the end of the spring semester, O'Leary said they have discovered more damage than expected.

"We found some significant damage on the roof and on the bearing walls," she said. "You never know what you're going to get until you start."

Although it is still up in the air if a summer course will be held, Chavez said his hope is to continue the course until the church is fully restored and then move on to another structure in need.

"There is no source on adobe restoration," he said of the lost art, adding that the group is often approached by community members who want the class to work on their home.

Chavez said he and other concerned citizens have worked for several months to create an ad hoc committee for historic preservation.

"When the church, we will show the importance of



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Beth Sitzler

Dominick Fiumara works to rehabilitate the adobe façade.

preserving historic buildings," said Chavez, adding that he hopes to turn the Mesquite district into a destination for community members and tourists. "Let's save what we have now, no matter what."

The restoration project has also received help from community members. In addition to various volunteer days, Chavez said many Las Cruces have dropped by to see their progress first hand.

"People will drive by and stop, and watch us work on it," he said.

Members of the community were able to get up close to the restoration effort during Casas de Antaño, Houses of Yesteryear, a tour of historic buildings held by Mesilla Valley Preservation Inc. Saturday, Feb. 12.

"One lady even asked if she could throw some mud," Chavez said.

Interest in the project also inspired three NMSU students – Nader Ayadi, James Lucero and Ramon Lopez – to make a movie on the life of Fielder titled "A Walk with Clarence Fielder." The



Volunteers work on the exterior of Phillips Chapel CME Church, 638 N. Tornillo St., during the Casas de Antaño home tour, held by Mesilla Valley Preservation Inc. Saturday, Feb. 12.

film also examined the church, which was created by Fielder's grandparents in 1911.

O'Leary said they will hold a fundraiser on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8, that will celebrate the end of the spring semester and the progress made on the church.

"There will be a blues band, and we will talk about how far we've come on the church," she said.

She added that a time capsule, which will include a photograph of the church as well as artifacts found on the property, will be placed next to the building's cornerstone during the event.

With more than \$20,000 in repairs still needing to be completed, Chavez said in addition to volunteers, the project is in need of monetary donations.

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Visiting the past at the Casas de Antaño

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Built in 1870, the Rynerson House, 266 W. Court Ave., reflects the Victorian Queen Anne style popular at the time.



Reclaimed-wood vigas fill the living room of the Padilla House.



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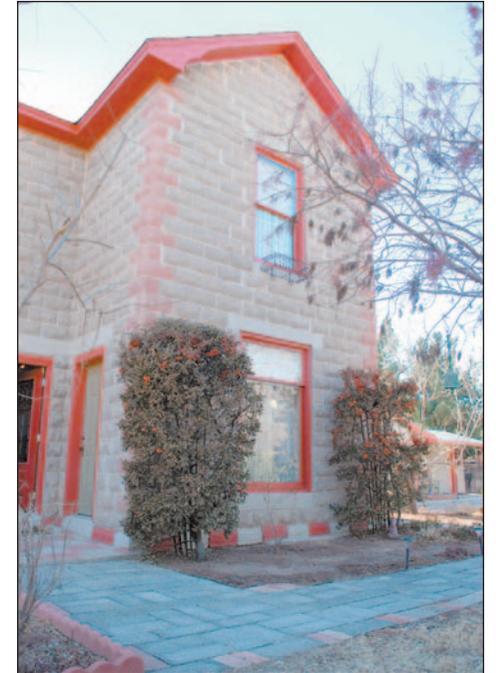
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The kitchen of the McDowell Farm House, 3380 McDowell Road, features a colorful and modern style.



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Volunteer Luke Gurley explains the renovation process of the Padilla House, 2320 Calle de Santiago. The home, built in 1915, under went extensive rehabilitation in 2007.

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New group focuses on teamwork

Slow market inspires Realtor to start something different

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

During a time when most in the real estate industry are working to maintain their business, Realtor Laura Szalay saw the slow market as an opportunity to branch out with a new agency.

After about two years with RE/MAX Classic Infinity, Szalay opened a local office for the national Keller Williams franchise on Aug. 4, 2010.

"It wasn't that I was unhappy," she said, adding that she was drawn to the Keller Williams philosophy. "It's a company largely based on education and technology."

Although some see an economic downturn as the time to cut back and conserve resources, Szalay said for her, it was a time to implement a system for success so when the market improved, the agency would "hit the ground running."

"It's my belief that people always need homes, even when the market is tough," she said.

"This company was started in 1983, during one of the worst economies," said Debbie Frapp, general manager for the West Texas Keller Williams Office. "The model is set up to help offices set up and thrive. Then, when the market turns around, things just get better."

When it came time to build the office, Szalay said she looked for Realtors who shared that same sense of integrity and service the national company follows.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler

Formed in August 2010, the Keller Williams Realty office of Las Cruces now includes seven Realtors who work to represent 100 listings.

"Everyone of us has a strength," she said. "We're all very driven."

Meet the team

One of the first members to join Keller Williams in September 2010 was Cynthia Lopez,

who has been a Realtor for six years.

"I've dealt with Keller Williams agents in Albuquerque and California, and I've always been impressed," she said.

Drawn to the hands-on approach of the company, Lopez said she looks forward to gaining more experience and one day managing her own team of agents.

Although Beth Hand has been with Keller Williams since October 2010, on Jan. 14, she was made qualifying broker of the office.

"I was intrigued with Keller Williams. It was just a perfect fit for me at that point in my career," she said, adding that she has been a Realtor for 16 years. "It took me to that next level. It was a very good move for me."

As with Hand, Todd Archuleta said he was drawn to the company's stance on education and technology.

"Outside of real estate, I love technology," he said, adding that he has used his tech-savvy skills to help other agents in the office and hopes to continue that practice.

Joining Keller Williams in September 2010 after being in real estate for almost five years, Archuleta said the company has been successful thanks to its agents – not the other way around.

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"We work in terms of relationships," Szalay said. "We're not dollar-driven."

This sense of teamwork also interested Co-sette Casciani-Eaton, a Realtor of five years who joined in October 2010, thanks to the company's motto of "God, family, business."

"I knew Laura and I liked the culture and the positive energy," she said. "I liked the idea of sharing knowledge, sharing experiences, working together as a team."

"Business over the last couple of years had been blah, and I was looking for a new beginning. It's been great."

After five years as a Realtor, Maria Contreras also decided the Keller Williams team was the place for her.

"I want to educate myself more," she said. "There is so much out there. Keller Williams gives us so many opportunities to educate ourselves. It helps everyone."

The latest addition to the group is Sherrell Grimes, who joined in January with five years of real estate experience under her belt. In addition to the company's values, she said the fact that it was a national company drew her to the office.

"They have 700 offices throughout the United States," she said. "It's also the fastest growing companies since 1998."

Frapp said to ensure success, agents receive large amounts of training that familiarize them with the tools and resources available to them.

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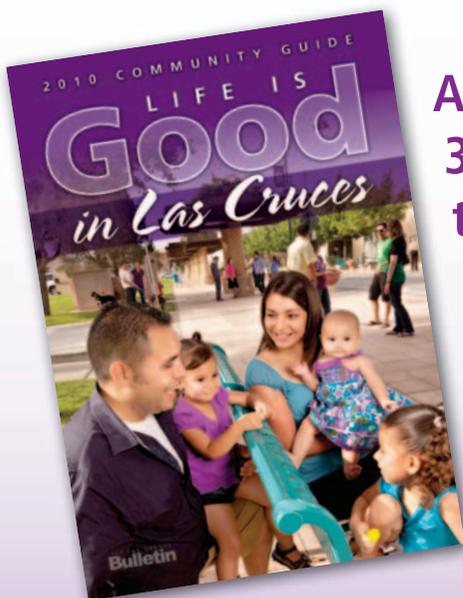
Two yearly events are held for the entire company, one in February and the other in September, in order to bring everyone together as a family and provide educational opportunities, including training, panel discussions and teambuilding exercises.

In addition to free educational classes offered to all Keller Williams agents at the Albuquerque office daily, Szalay said she was drawn to the company's commitment to its agents and the communities in which they serve.

Working collaboratively on a variety of issues, such as marketing and listings, Szalay said that when one agent in the office succeeds, they all succeed.

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The home at 7458 Sierra Luz is represented by Todd Archuleta of Keller Williams.

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“We’re sharing ideas to help the whole agency,” Hand said. “That’s so different from other companies.”

To further the spirit of collaboration, Szalay said the company is run by the Agent Leadership Council. The council is comprised of the company’s top producing agents who work together to determine agent policies. While one person has 51 percent of the vote to resolve any disputes, she said the council makes agents feel welcomed.

“Agents feel like they have an active role and an active voice in the office,” she said.

Szalay said the company focuses on win-win, integrity, commitment, communication, creativity, customers, teamwork, trust and success – or the WI4C2TS belief system.

This belief system also applies to the community.

“Keller Williams believes in the community and helps the community,” Grimes said.

Every year, the company holds Red Day, on which every office does something to give back to the community in which they’re located.

“We just want to be a great partner with in the community and with other Realtors,” Frapp said.

Also, Szalay said the company has Keller Williams Cares, a nonprofit organization and grant program that helps associates and those in their immediate family with emergency assistance, such as unexpected medical bills.

Frapp said the Keller Williams team sees a bright future for the Las Cruces office.

“We expect them to be extremely successful,” she said. “We see great potential in Las Cruces.”

Szalay said the office currently represents 100 listings and she expects even more in the future.

“I just see the road ahead and I think we’re going to grow,” she said, adding that her business has already doubled since the switch. “It’s been a positive force.”

While temporarily located at 1300 Avenida de Mesilla, Suite 210, Szalay said they are currently looking for a new office and will move into a permanent space in the next 90 days or so.

Tracking your food’s freshness

Digital day counter shows how long items have been open

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As homeowners look for ways to save money and reduce costs, one area they should examine is actually in the refrigerator.

According to www.moneycrashers.com, about 1.5 pounds of food per home are wasted in the United States on a daily basis, with approximately 100 billion pounds thrown away each year by Americans.

With about 14 percent of foods purchased wasted in the average household, there are simple steps that can be taken to help reduce these figures. Most food items are thrown away because consumers can’t keep track of their freshness. To help solve this problem, try a digital day counter.

What is it?

Created by DaysAgo, a northern California company created in 2005 by friends Debbie Stephens Stauffer and Kathleen Whitehurst, the digital day counter keeps track of how much time has elapsed since an item has been opened.

Attach it to your food container, and the reusable gadget will count the days allowing you to track its freshness up to 99 days.

Manufacturers say this low-cost investment will help consumers save money on groceries over time because they will know the exact freshness of the food in their refrigerator, eliminating the need of guessing and throwing away good food.

This can be used on a variety of items, including sauces, eggs, cookie dough, fruit juices, salsas, milk, coffee beans, wines, meat and stored leftovers.

How does it work?

This high-tech gadget is easy to use. Remove the plastic side tab on the unit to engage the battery. A flashing dot will appear to show that the device is operating.

Next, attach it to the container. In addition to a magnet allowing it to connect to metal lids, the base has a suction cup that adheres to most smooth surfaces. Firmly press down the cup onto a clean, dry surface. If it won’t stick, moisten the suction cup and press again.

After the counter is attached, set or reset the timer by holding down the button for five seconds. The gadget will display the days that go by. After quickly pressing the button, the hours will also be shown.

When it comes time to remove the counter, simply lift it off if it’s attached with the magnet. If using the suction cup, slide your fingernail or a sharp object under the base to release the seal.

The water-resistant gadget can be cleaned with a damp cloth and wiped with a dry towel. However, don’t submerge the counter in water or place it in the dishwasher.

Where can it be found?

The digital day counter can be purchased online from www.cheftools.com and www.containerstore.com.

How much does it cost?

The digital day counter costs between \$7 and \$10, so be sure to shop around. Also, if purchasing online, remember to factor in the cost of shipping and handling.

Helpful hints

In addition to keeping your food fresh, the digital day counter can be used to track other tasks – from refreshing kitty litter and giving your pets heartworm medication to watering plants and changing the oil in your car.

Featured gadget: Digital day counter



Details

Knowing stored food freshness

Open frozen vegetables	1 month
Pantry-stored open marshmallows	3 months
Raw eggs, in shell	4 to 5 weeks
Raw ground meats	1 to 2 days
Lunch meat, opened	3 to 5 days
Soup	3 to 4 days
Cooked meat and meat dishes	3 to 4 days
Fresh chicken or turkey	1 to 2 days
Open juice containers	7 to 10 days
Opened wine, corked	1 week
Butter	1 to 3 months
Yogurt	7 to 14 days

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Small creatures get aggressive

Deadly insects in the home are usually overlooked

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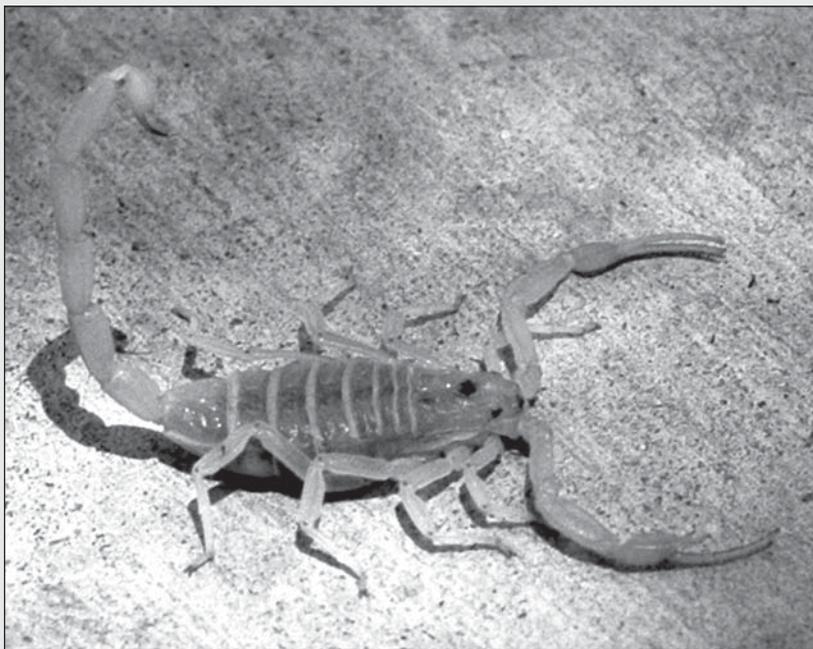
Maybe you should be bugged by the small things, at least when it comes to insects.

Most people never believe it's going to happen to them, but no one ever expects they will be the one that becomes violently ill or worse following an insect bite. I'm here to tell you today to be aware and don't overlook even the smallest of bites.

Six-legged bugs can be more dangerous than the bugs you can't see. Killer bees, recognized for their extremely aggressive behavior, have been known for deadly attacks on human beings and animals. One bite by a mosquito, and you can run the risk of catching the deadly West Nile virus. A household flea can even carry fatal diseases such as the plague. An allergic reaction to a fire-ant bite can also be a life-or-death call.

Here in New Mexico, scorpions pack a fatal sting and could be invading your home. By the time you see even one, your home may already be infested. In addition, scorpions are one of the most difficult pests to eliminate.

The Africanized bee is capable of killing people and livestock, and has dramatically changed beekeeping in the countries they have entered. There has also been exaggerated concern about the bees, as news of their spread has inspired magazine and newspaper articles and even motion pictures portraying juggernaut swarms of uncontrollable deadly stinging insects invading cities and towns. Doctors say the stinger detaches from the bee



Small pests, such as the scorpion, can be dangerous and shouldn't be ignored by homeowners.

and remains in the flesh of the person stung, where it continues to pump venom and attracts more bees to sting.

People consider mosquitoes to be simply a picnic-time pest, but potentially deadly mosquito-borne illnesses actually strike some 700 million people each year. One mosquito-borne disease alone – malaria – kills more than 1 million people annually. Even scarier is the fact that new drug-resistant strains are starting to appear. In fact, a study done in 1979 in Wisconsin has documented the link between scrap tires, mosquitoes and more than a dozen cases of La Crosse encephalitis, which can be fatal to children.

The bottom line is awareness is key,

so pay attention to your surroundings, check your unworn shoes for spiders, look for spider webs and do a thorough search of your home and yard for any potential problems.

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, Ariz.-based Truly Nolen of America is one of the largest family owned pest control companies in the United States. For more information, to ask the expert a question or to see the brand-new "Insect Inquirer" blog, visit www.trulynolen.com.

Local chef debuts a new sauce line

Toucan Market to sell line of gourmet condiments

Bulletin Staff Report

Las Cruces and internationally renowned chef Tatsu Miyazaki will debut his new line of sauces from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Toucan Market, 1701 E. University Ave., Suite 1, in the Pan Am Plaza.

At the events, Miyazaki, owner of Aqua Reef and American Culinary Federation Certified executive chef, will offer samples of the first two sauces in his sauce and spice line, as well as sushi. Also, recipes will be distributed and door prizes will be given away during the event.

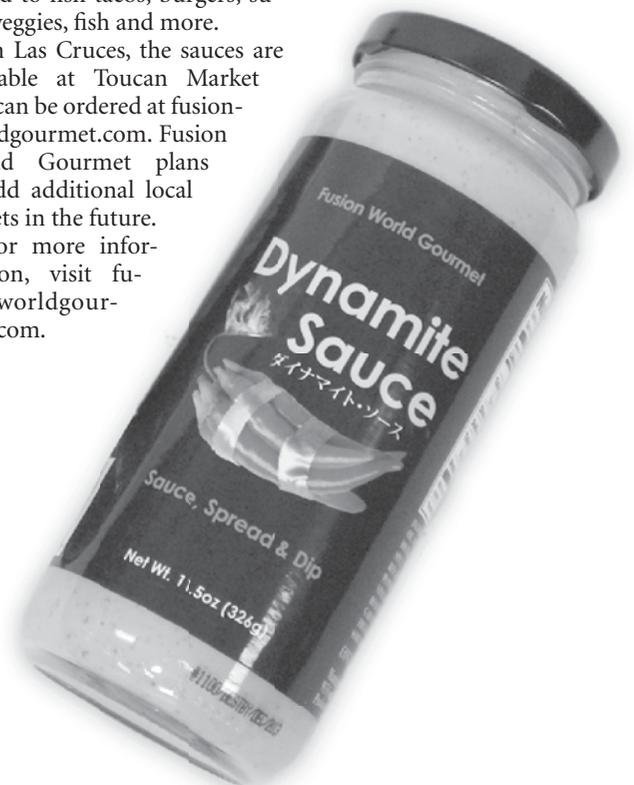
The two sauces Miyazaki and his partners at Fusion World Gourmet are premiering complement a wide variety of international cuisine.

Chiliracha Sauce is a spicy chile sauce that goes well with seafood, soup, spring rolls, Bloody Marys, pasta and much more. Chiliracha sauce is an all-natural and vegan product.

Dynamite Sauce is a creamy and spicy sauce, spread and dip that is very versatile. It can be added to fish tacos, burgers, sushi, veggies, fish and more.

In Las Cruces, the sauces are available at Toucan Market and can be ordered at fusion-worldgourmet.com. Fusion World Gourmet plans to add additional local outlets in the future.

For more information, visit fusionworldgourmet.com.



Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales New Homes	2	3	4
Closed Sales Existing Homes	13	11	10
Pending Home Sales (All)	161	158	200

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	112	168	98

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$135,850	\$147,760	\$160,210
Median Price Existing	\$165,000	\$117,900	\$145,000

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,061	1,049	1,217
Real Estate Agents	406	406	450

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

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It's time for pizza

Make your own in unusual ways

Let's talk pizza! About twice a month, I get in the mood for one and, if hungry enough, I can polish off an entire pizza by myself.

Often, I purchase the commercially prepared frozen variety (think "lazy"), but homemade is hands-down best. Numerous and tasty-sounding pizza dough recipes are a Google search away.

During one of my searches, I discovered several pizza recipes that called for crusts featuring matzo bread, flatbread and focaccio. Heated with chile pepper bits, the crusts can be heaped with your favorite toppings. I will share a few in this week's column.

As a perk, I will also include a recipe for cone pizza, a popular offering in Korea. Although the recipe calls for a commercially prepared, ready-to-bake crust, a homemade crust can be substituted. Clever and practical, cones are a creative way to eat pizza that's free from messy drips. After all, how many times have you rolled up a piece of pizza to eat it? This week, take time to MYOP (make your own pizza) for yourself or to share!

Enchanting Cornmeal Flatbread Pizza Dough

Top this chile-charged flatbread with your favorite toppings.

1 cup boiling water
1/3 cup yellow cornmeal
1 package dry yeast (about 2 1/4 teaspoons)
1/4 cup warm water (100 to 110 degrees)
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon chile powder or New Mexico red chile powder (medium hot)
2 teaspoon olive oil
Cooking spray
1 tablespoon yellow cornmeal, divided

Combine boiling water and 1/3 cup cornmeal in a bowl; let stand 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Dissolve yeast in warm water in a small bowl, and let stand 5 minutes. Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups, and level with a knife. Combine cornmeal mixture, flour and salt in a food processor, and pulse four times or until blended. With the processor on, slowly add yeast mixture and oil through food chute; process until dough forms a ball. Process 1 additional minute. Turn dough out onto a floured surface, and



Think outside the box when it comes to pizza crust.

knead lightly four to five times (dough will feel tacky).

Place dough in a bowl coated with cooking spray, turning to coat top. Cover; let rise in a warm place (85 degrees), free from drafts, 1 hour or until doubled in size. (Press two fingers into dough. If indentation remains, the dough has raised enough.)

Punch dough down; cover and let rest 5 minutes. Divide dough into four equal portions, shaping each into a ball (cover remaining dough while working to prevent drying).

Roll each ball into a 10-by-6-inch oval. Place two ovals on a baking sheet lightly dusted with 1 1/2 teaspoons cornmeal. Repeat procedure with remaining two ovals on an additional baking sheet lightly dusted with 1 1/2 teaspoons cornmeal. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes.

Mesilla Hot Matzo Pizza Dough

1/4 cup oil
1/4 cup honey, preferably green chile
1 teaspoon hot green chile powder
2 teaspoons salt
3 eggs
1 1/2 cups water
6 to 6 1/2 cups bread flour or all-purpose flour

In a large mixing bowl, combine the oil,

honey, salt, eggs and water. Stir until well mixed. Stir in about 4 cups of the flour, then add more flour as needed and knead into fairly stiff dough.

Divide dough into three pieces. On a lightly floured surface, roll each piece into a thin large rectangle. Prick with a fork. Sprinkle with salt if desired.

Roll out into very thin circles and pre-bake on a lightly greased baking sheet for about 7 to 8 minutes at 375 degrees. Remove from oven, add desired toppings and bake for an additional 10 minutes. If toppings aren't browned enough after 10 minutes, place pizza on top rack of oven and turn setting to broil. Broil for a minute or two, until top is browned.

White Wine and Hot Pepper Focaccio Pizza Dough

4 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon fresh yeast, crumbled
3 teaspoons red chile pepper flakes
3/4 cup white wine
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups lukewarm water

Mound the flour on a smooth work surface, and create a well in the middle of the

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flour.

Break up the cubes of yeast with your hands and add it to the well, along with the red chile pepper flakes, white wine, olive oil and a portion of salted lukewarm water.

Work the flour slowly, adding the rest of the salted lukewarm water as needed until it turns into a uniform dough.

Cover the dough and let rest to rise for about 20 to 30 minutes at room temperature.

Preheat the oven at 450 degrees. Oil the bottom of a pizza pan and stretch out the dough until the pizza covers the whole pan. Add as little or as much of your favorite toppings before baking it until the crust is golden brown and the toppings are bubbling, golden, or cooked through (depending on your ingredients), approximately 20 minutes. (Recipe adapted from food.com.)

Korean Pizza Cone

This recipe requires a paper towel cardboard roll to make the cone-shape.

1 (11-ounce) can pizza dough

Roll out the dough onto a flat surface dusted with flour. Using a rolling pin stretch out the dough as thin as possible into a rectangular shape, large enough to divide into three equal pieces. Use a sharp knife to divide the dough into three triangular-shaped pieces. Bake dough according to the recipe or package directions.

Once the triangles have baked, place a paper towel roll on one end of each triangle and roll the dough around until it forms a cone. Pinch the end of the cone so that there is no space left at the bottom. Allow the cones to cool so that they can harden. Remove cardboard roll and fill cones with prepared pizza toppings.

Korean-Style Cone filling:

1 green onion, chopped
1/2 cup crab meat, minced
1/2 cup pork, chopped and cooked
1/2 cup firm tofu, chopped
1 cup bean sprouts
1 cup frozen stir-fry Asian-style vegetables
1/2 cup cabbage, shredded
1 or 2 serrano chile peppers, stemmed, seeded and minced
Parmesan cheese if desired

While cones bake, stir-fry the ingredients until toasty warm or until Asian-style vegetables are cooked al dente. Fill cones immediately and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese if desired.

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Why change it at all?

Redecorating can easily update a room

You've been living pretty comfortably in your home. Redecoration, updating or renovation would cause a lot of inconvenience and perhaps even a lot of money. Why get involved in making changes? There are many different reasons to change the home you live in and these changes make more sense in times when real estate values are questionable and home sales are difficult.

Your daily lifestyle may have changed – the last of the kids are out of the house, or the grandkids are now starting to come into the house on a regular basis. You may have rooms that are never used and rooms that you need or wish were

suitable for other purposes. You might even be simply restless for a change in your everyday surroundings.

How's the traffic pattern in your house? Can you seat everyone at the table when family and company comes to visit? Are the children or grandchildren knocking over furniture or accessories? Do you have the ability to make overnight guests (or longer-staying guests) comfortable? Is it easy to pass through one room to get to another or is there furniture in the way?

Changes can be major or minor. Solutions can be found in redecorating or structural changes. Either can be expensive

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depending upon the amount and type of work to be done. You need to be sure that when you're done, you've solved your problem, that you have increased (not decreased) the sales value of your home, and that you've done it in the most efficient and cost effective way.

Redecorating involves changing the look or use of a room without actually making structural changes to it. Turning that unused dining room into an office or sewing room can often be done simply by changing the furniture around and perhaps adding a piece or two or more appropriate lighting fixtures or lamps.

Changing wall colors also is an easy way to change the look of the room, but you want to be sure that you don't also have to change upholstery, drapery or bedspreads – unless they are specifically what you want to change. You can pick a different color out of your drapery or bedspread for the walls and still have the whole thing coordinate beautifully. Changing wall colors is a fast and inexpensive way to get a fresh look to a room or a home.

Check the focal point of your rooms. This can be a fireplace, an entertainment center with the TV or an architectural feature of the room, such as built-in display shelving or bookcases. If you can get the architectural focal point and the television in the same place, the look will be better. If there is more than one way you can arrange furniture in a room it can be very dramatic.

Updating may only require some redecoration in the form of painting, moving some furniture around or even changing out some tile or carpet. The goal here is to make changes that eliminate things that were done that may have been "stylish," but have gone out of style.

Moving accessories from one place to another is another low-cost solution that will still give a very different "feel" to your surroundings. Gather all of the accessories into one place and then redistribute them into other areas.

If your furniture is arranged in a "mortuary" style with all the pieces lined up around the walls and the center of the room is empty, it's definitely a time for change. Walk around the room(s) in question and analyze the traffic flow and ease of getting from one place to another. Would furniture rearrangement help? Remember, it's only space and the fact that the builder put a chandelier there doesn't mean it has to be a dining room.

Redecorating or updating can provide a lot of change for not a lot of money. You can create a different and better "feel" to your home, satisfy your need for change or solve specific solutions to specific problems.

Next time, we'll talk about renovation, a more serious solution, but often a necessary one.

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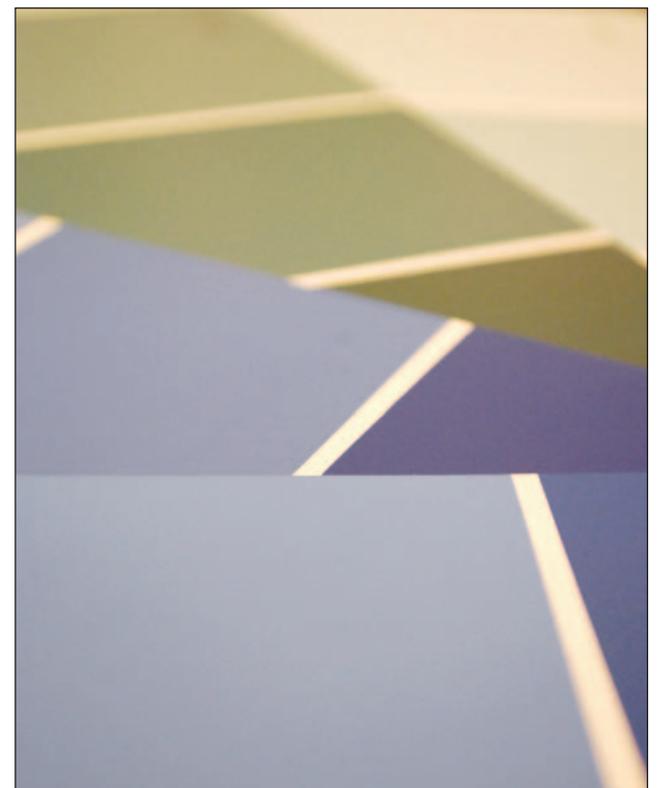
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