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2010 CLOSED TRANSACTIONS

942 Old Bridge Court (S)	\$575,000
54 Dayflower (B)	\$1,295,000
211 Rosario Blvd. #4 (B)	\$319,000
64 Paseo del Conejo (S)	\$975,000
1212 North Summit (S)	\$2,550,000
2570 Atalaya Hill Trail (S)	\$1,750,000
155 Ridge Road (SB)	\$1,650,000
Lot 37, La Tierra (B)	\$395,000
526 Calle Corvo (S)	\$455,000
1549 Wilderness Gate Road (S)	\$579,000
1040 Bishop's Lodge Road Tract B (B	\$320,000
939 Acequia Madre (B)	\$990,000
516 Camino Rancheros (B)	\$1,995,000
1401-1407 Upper Canyon Road (S)	\$1,800,000
61 Paseo del Antilope (S)	\$899,000
36 La Ventana Drive (B)	\$1,395,000
538 Garcia Street (S)	\$1,200,000
24 Star Dancer (S)	\$899,500
811 W Manhattan #D (S)	\$330,000

UNDER CONTRACT

1057 Sierra del Norte (B)	\$1,165,000
1521 Wilderness Gate, Lot 16 (S)	\$249,000

Prices shown are listing prices at time of sale.
S = Seller, B = Buyer

January 1, 2011

I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season. I personally have come to enjoy the holidays now more than at any other time in the past. There is much to be grateful for, not the least of which is the fact that I get to have both our children at home which now is a pretty rare occurrence. I also appreciate the expectation (our clients and mine) that there gets to be some "down time" for us all, which certainly isn't the norm for me. And, to be totally candid, I was also looking forward to the holidays because I was very curious to see how this past year would end up business-wise, after experiencing another very challenging year in Santa Fe real estate.

So how did it go? In a nutshell, 2010 was a "three fer year". That's my way of saying we got the equivalent of 3 very different years in one. Let me explain: The first 5 months of 2010 had things shaping up to be a very strong year. Then came the next 4 months: a tumultuous time due to a wild and scary ride in the stock market that slowed activity down to a crawl. Finally, in the last three months we experienced a pretty decent recovery which now positions us for a very strong start for the New Year.

The Neil Lyon Group had the pleasure of having Evelyn Spiker join us last year. Evelyn has brought a great deal of strength, experience and professionalism for the benefit of our clients and our team. Vanessa Rios y Valles also started her 7th year as a key member of my Group. Her wide range of skills, her intelligence and intuition, and her unwavering commitment benefits our clients every day, as it does the rest of my Group.

As I noted above in my description of the "three fer year", the environment for completing transactions got very difficult in the late spring and I couldn't be prouder of my team and what we accomplished. At that time we began seeing buyers delaying their decisions on the expectation that prices would decrease further and we also began dealing with lending issues unlike any I have seen in over 30 years in business. Between very stringent and unpredictable underwriting guidelines, the mechanics of a very challenging and inefficient short sale process and the ever-changing appraisal process, getting each of our transactions closed seemed like a minor miracle.

Due to these adverse conditions, 2010 was not my Group's most productive year, but it definitely ranks towards the top and I am extremely proud of and grateful for Vanessa and Evelyn, our clients, the many co-brokers with whom we worked, the lenders, appraisers, title professionals, surveyors, general inspectors, septic and well experts and others who collaborated to make things happen when a less tenacious approach would have ended in far fewer successful transactions.

As we jump into 2011, the Neil Lyon Group has many listed properties yet to sell, we have many buyers with whom we will complete transactions and we'll represent many new clients in the months ahead. We are excited and grateful to have gotten through the very challenging past 2 1/4 years; achieving many successes under trying circumstances. With what looks like the worst behind us, we move forward with optimism and confidence.