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A New Beginning for Doña Ana County

Doña Ana County begins 2019 with six newly elected officials who were sworn in during a Dec. 28 ceremony in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center. From left to right, they are: District 1 Commissioner Lynn Ellins, Sheriff Kim Stewart, District 5 Commissioner Karen Trujillo, Assessor Leticia Duarte Benavidez, Probate Judge Diana Bustamante and District 3 Commissioner Shannon Reynolds.

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Community foundation creates new avenue for funding

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) has created the “Give Where You Live” fund to help not-for-profit programs and agencies in its service area with capacity building and problem solving, said CFSNM Executive Director Terra Winter.

Because CFSNM was created in 1989 as the Memorial Medical Center Foundation, much of its initial funding it received was for health-care programs, Winter said.

It has evolved into a foundation entirely independent of the hospital, but much of the funding invested



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From left are Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico board members Richard Williams, Sabrina Martin, Kelly Jameson, Melissa Diaz, Craig Buchanan, Ken Binkley, Rod Reyes and Abel Covarrubias.

29 years ago is still earmarked for specific health-related programs, per donors’ intent.

“Creating the Give Where You Live fund gives us a little bit more flexibility,” Winter said.

“We wanted to create a fund that would allow

donors to provide direct support to people and programs in the communities where they were born and raised, to give where you live.”

CFSNM is currently compiling a list of programs throughout its seven-county service area – Doña Ana, Hi-

dalgo, Otero, Sierra, Grant, Lincoln and Luna – that might ben-

efit from the fund.

Winter cites a situation that CFSNM Development Director April Anaya encountered while working at a Las Cruces nonprofit a few years ago. At one point, a utility bill went unpaid and the nonprofit had no electricity. Restoring power didn’t cost a lot of money, Anaya said, but it was vital to the program and its clients.

Creating the “Give Where Your Live” fund is also a way for CFSNM to remind people about the foundation and its

impact on community projects.

CFSNM welcomes donations of any size to the new fund. They can be made on the foundation’s website, www.communityfoundation-of-southernnewmexico.com.

For more information, call 575-521-4794 or email terra@cfsnm.org or april@cfsnm.org. Visit their office at 2600 El Paseo Road.

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Ag secretary anticipates industry growth, opportunities

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

“We grow the plate.” That’s how New Mexico Sec. of Agriculture Jeff Witte (whit-E) described the state’s ag industry in a recent interview.

“We grow everything on the plate,” Witte said, from cattle raising in Roosevelt, Curry and Chavez counties and tomatoes in Bernalillo, Rio Arriba and Santa Fe counties to apples in Lincoln and Otero counties and pecans and chile in Doña Ana County.

Witte, who lives in Las Cruces and has been agriculture secretary since April 2011, also anticipates the 2019 legislature will have a full plate as it incorporates “a lot of new faces and new ideas and revisits old legislation” during what promises to be a session of “tremendous excitement” as the new governor and legislators “look at policies to move the state in a forward direction.”

Agriculture produces 15-17 percent of the state’s gross domestic product, Witte said, and, along with oil and gas and tourism, is one of the top three industries in New Mexico.

Ag contributes not only to food production and economic development, he said, it’s also a vital part of “maintaining an atmosphere of open space.”

“Every county has got a component of agriculture,” Witte said. For many, it’s their primary economic driver, and it is “vitaly important in rural New Mexico.”

Doña Ana County, for

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE JEFF WITTE



YEARS IN OFFICE:
Eight

AGE: 55

BIRTHPLACE:
Santa Fe,

(grew up on a ranch near Stanley, New Mexico)

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example, is the leading pecan-producing county in the world, Witte said. That benefits farmers, equipment dealers, cold-storage facilities and processors.

Chile production in the county also boosts New Mexico’s image and attraction to visitors, he said, because the state is known throughout the world for its chile and chile products.

Doña Ana County also produces a huge crop of summer onions, as well



The office of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture at 3190 Espina St. on the New Mexico State University main campus in Las Cruces

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as cabbage and lettuce, alfalfa and dairy cows, he said.

Among the bills he will follow during the 2019 legislative session, Witte said, is the pub bill that state Sen. Bill Soules, D-Doña Ana, plans to reintroduce. It would allow restaurants with beer and wine licenses to also sell New Mexico-distilled spirits in designated areas if locally approved.

That could help the state’s wine and micro-brew industries “continue to grow and expand,” Witte said, and increase sales of barley, hops and wine grapes.

“It creates an economy and a social atmosphere,” he said and contributes to “entertainment tourism.”

After “years of fiscal constraints,” Witte said 2019 will be an opportunity for the ag industry to continue building in the state, re-engage with the business community, expand international trade and enhance the its

“worldwide footprint.”

Witte said he also is hopeful the 2019 legislature will invest more in infrastructure statewide, especially broadband connectivity, which he said is vital to an increasingly technology-based ag industry.

“Some days, you can’t drive a tractor” without the internet, Witte said.

The legislature also needs to address liability laws to enhance agri-tourism, he said. Owners of pumpkin patches and other so-called u-pick farms face potential tort claims and unlimited liability that they should be protected from, he said.

Lawmakers also need to “go back and fix” certain planning and zoning issues that adversely affect agriculture, Witte said.

Helping small farmers is also critical, he said. About 98 percent of farms in Doña Ana County are medium to small in size, Witte said, and present “a challenge for people to re-

ally make it.”

The state secretary of agriculture is a member of the governor’s cabinet and answers to the New Mexico State University board of regents, he said, and is “very close to NMSU.”

More than 100 years ago, he said, the drafters of the New Mexico Constitution saw conflicts in other states, so they tied this state’s ag department to its land-grant university.

“It’s worked out pretty darned well over the years,” he said.

The state Department of Agriculture has remained small because “just down the street” NMSU provides ag experts, resources and staff, Witte said.

Ag in the Classroom is one of the department’s most important programs. It helps students “appreciate and understand the world of agriculture,” Witte said, including “where food comes from and the culture and his-

tory surrounding the food supply and agriculture in general.”

“When kids get their hands dirty,” he said, “they start to understand much more than agriculture.”

“Agriculture is going through a technology boom that is unprecedented,” Witte said. Its leaders need to focus on forward-looking research, the partnership opportunities that exist along the U.S.-Mexican border and educating the next generation about growing and processing possibilities that exist to “make America that agriculture giant we continue to want to be.”

Last September, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture elected a new slate of officers for the coming year. Witte was chosen as NASDA’s 2018-19 president and will host the 2019 NASDA annual meeting in Albuquerque in September.



Albert and Sally Rel and many of their family members and Albert's caregivers.

Hospice providers celebrate veteran's Army, Navy service

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces native Albert Rel was expecting to attend a meeting of local veterans Saturday afternoon, Dec. 29, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Instead, the classroom erupted in cheers and the waving of small American flags as he entered. His family, friends and caregivers had gathered for a special surprise celebration of Rel's service in two branches of the United States Military.

The Dec. 29 party was sponsored by Ambercare, which provides in-home hospice care to Rel. Ambercare's We Honor Veterans partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs recognizes the military service of its clients. Rel and several other veterans who attended the celebration received Ambercare pins



Albert Rel, who turned 94 in November, served in both the U.S. Navy and Army.

in recognition of their service and Rel also received a celebratory cake and a plaque.

Ambercare Chaplin Patrick Crocker said the celebration for Rel was the largest recognition Ambercare has hosted for a veteran in Las Cruces.

Rel, 94, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1941, serving aboard the USS Typhoon, a patrol ship, from which Rel helped rescue downed pilots. He was honorably discharged from the Navy 1946 and moved from his home in Las Cruces to



The cake celebrating Albert Rel's U.S. military service.

California.

Rel enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1951, during the Korean Conflict, and saw duty at both Fort Leonard Wood and Fort Walters, serving as a heavy equipment instructor. He was honorably discharged from the Army as a sergeant first class in 1952 and returned to Las Cruces.

Rel worked at White Sands Missile Range as

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a missile inspector for 30 years before his retirement. He and his wife, Sally, were married in June 1956 and have five children.

Rel built the house that he and Sally still live in on Madero Avenue, and also built the house next door.

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A family photo of Albert Rel during his World War II service in the U.S. Navy.



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Opportunity at the border

New Mexico is regularly near the bottom of the “good” lists when states are ranked in various categories, and just as frequently near the top of the “bad” lists.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

However, there are a number of things New Mexico does well.

One of them is public-private partnerships.

You see that less formally in the way our regional communities, led by their chambers of commerce, support our three major military installations.

In Las Cruces, we have two recent, more formalized, cases I consider shining examples.

One is the Arrowhead Park Early College High School.

The idea for the school emerged from a committee in the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, involved Las Cruces Public Schools and evolved into the Bridge, an organization that continues to “bridge” private business workforce needs to resources in our public schools and higher education institutions.

The school was built on land at New Mexico State University, and its students have seen a nearly perfect graduation rate since it was established in 2010, and it has become a role model statewide, as other school districts have worked to copy its success.

A second great example is the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine. It is a private school, but it could not have been possible – at least not possible here in Las Cruces – without a deep commitment from NMSU. Again, the school is built on NMSU land, and there are great synergies growing between the two schools.

The result of both of these programs is a huge impact on Las Cruces, the state and our region, an impact economic,

intellectual and social. These impacts, I believe, slide a bit under the radar for most Las Cruceans, but they continue to grow.

I’ve read and watched about the Christmas influx of migrants in El Paso, as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released hundreds of detained migrants into the streets. Many of those migrants have been served here in Las Cruces. It seems there is a great opportunity for a regional and national public-private partnership to deal with these border issues in New Mexico’s backyard.

One of the tenets of the great leadership book “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People,” by Stephen Covey, is to be proactive. It’s the very first habit discussed in the book.

We’ve been hearing for months about the “migrant caravans” heading our way from the southern end of Mexico, primarily refugees from Guatemala and Honduras.

But as much talk as we heard, and how it was termed a “ticking time bomb,” we heard nothing about anyone either in Mexico or the United States doing anything about it. No one was proactive.

Soldiers were sent to the border, but with no definitive mission.

And then, on the days surrounding Christmas, when another large group of migrants was delivered to El Paso, local charity groups and government entities sprung into action, trying to help feed, clothe, house and service these migrants and their families.

The response, which included many Las Cruceans, was remarkable, and once again a testament to the relentless generosity and caring the people of our region demonstrate time after time, for cause after cause.

How might it have been different, though, had those efforts been proactive?

What if we had begun trying to deal with this four months ago?

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The emperor’s new clothes, California style

The television paralyzed watchers as the horrendous flames burned California to ashes. The governor in command puffed and pounded, claiming that he and his ENVIRO-DENIERS took NO BLAME, NO BLAME, NO BLAME!

Hans Christian Anderson couldn’t say it better. I was watching “The Emperor with No Clothes.”

That was last fall. But decades before, the first kindling was being stirred in Washington, (sorry George), D.C. The invasion of the Endangered Species Act and the poisoning of the relationship with the ranchers, timber industry and miners... was blown into flames.

I remember standing in the door of a ranch house in Eagleville, California. I was workin’ cows and just happened to be there. A young woman knocked on the door. She introduced herself and adjusted her clipboard ... she was the new BLM agent assigned to make sure the rancher was obeying the new range regulations.

I asked her background; University of Wisconsin, majoring in environmental studies.

“Ever been here?” I asked, “Run cows? Dug a water tank? Run pipelines? Done any fence work or controlled burn-



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ing? Fought any fires...?”

She just looked at me blankly.

I could see the future and it all came true.

Decades went by, BLM animal units continued

to be slashed, water access was deleted. The timber business was so savaged that roads, entire mills, tons of trucking, lumber, jobs, communities and lives were starved out.

Without clear cutting and access, cattle grazing was decreased. With no grazing, the forest floor filled with detritus trash, continually accumulating mountain ranges of incendiary scenery. River water, essential for farming and ranching, was zilched to “protect” endangered species like the spotted owl and the short-nosed sucker.

Countless able, experienced rangers left the service in frustration. But it was too late; the politico-enviros took over. They thundered out of Washington, D.C., and took over the West! The Forest Service, the BLM, the Department of Interior and Enviro-deniers led us directly into the state of devastation in which our county now burns.

Have we learned anything about management of our range and forest

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for dance is gratifying

To the editor:

For its 35th anniversary, the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet's "Nutcracker" was once again blessed with sold-out audiences, proving local support for dance is alive and well.

I would like to personally thank everyone for making the "Nutcracker" and Michele's [Dance Academy] "Holiday Spectacular" such an exciting and fulfilling experience for hundreds of young dancers, many of whom would never have had the opportunity to show off their special talents on such an elaborate platform.

Special thanks go to the NMSU Music Recital Hall crew along with our volunteer production team headed by Ric Hernandez who managed to transform the hall into a fully functioning professional theater.

A most sincere personal thank you goes to our stage manager, Jennifer Rogers, who tirelessly brought the entire production together while maintaining a full schedule as "super" music

teacher for Las Cruces High School.

Each year comes with different ages and talent levels of dancers, and each year everyone helps bring this magical gift to so many.

*Kevin Self
Artistic director
Las Cruces Chamber
Ballet*

Council shouldn't tackle moral issues

To the editor:

On this season of the birth of Jesus, the city council of Las Cruces chooses to dive into the depths of controversy, needlessly so.

The End of Life Options Act [Bulletin, Dec. 28] is nothing but a suicide-by-doctor option, regardless of the trite slogan that is sold to the people of Las Cruces. It is an additional insult to all sensibilities by the Las Cruces Bulletin to run such a large article on this reprehensible subject.

"Death with dignity" is another repugnant slogan meant to distract from the truth of this morally depraved law. The people of Las Cruces for the most part do not want their city council involved in these moral controver-

sies, but [rather] running the city well and safe. But the fact is, the council has become the platform for radical leftist causes. We do not need to be told about Counselor Yvonne Flores' philosophy on death, thank you very much.

This bill goes against 2,000 years of Western morality concerning doctors' ethics. Respect for human life from conception to natural death is the basis of Western culture, but we have abandoned this to the moral relativism of our age.

Very few citizens attend city council meetings; if they did, they would see that the people who represent them have a much larger agenda, one that is morally abhorrent to people of good conscience and decency.

*Paul J. Jaramillo
Las Cruces*

Flowers article stirs fond memories

To the editor:

I read with interest in the Dec. 28 Bulletin about Tuskegee Airman J. Clayton Flowers, who celebrated his 103rd birthday. As a former city

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in 50 years? Most of our increasing urban population continues to relate our beautiful West to their Sierra Club calendar. That includes those in office. Where does the blame fall? For over 50 years we have used World Wide Famine, Global Cooling, Greenhouse gasses, Global Warming and Climate Change as the Evil Dragon.

But they dwarf our comprehension. Civilization can alter many natural conditions; smog, changing rivers, building roads, forest management ... a current example is the millions of acres of rangeland being ravaged by feral horses because the spineless politicians won't let the BLM do their job.

But watching the GOV of California deny blame for years of our forest mismanagement influenced by

airheads instead of common sense, is just blowin' smoke.

Unfortunately, I doubt he will ever admit fault, but will continue to wear his Emperor's robe, and none of his eunuchs will tell him his fly is down.

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- Elsa Rodriguez
Ranchway Restaurant

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councilor, I had the privilege of interviewing him and Dr. James B. Williams, then 93 and a Tuskegee Airman, in December 2012, to be recognized at the Las Cruces Council.

Mr. Flowers at that time was 97. His wife Evelyn died in 2008. Glad to hear he is still with us.

Dr. James B. Williams was the son of Clara Belle Williams, the first African-American to graduate from New Mexico State University, and because of segregation she was not allowed to sit in the classrooms, so the doors to the classrooms were left open so she could hear the lectures from the hallway.

Mrs. Williams and her husband, Jasper, had three sons, James, Jasper and Charles, and all three and their four grandsons graduated with medical degrees. One founded the Williams Clinic in Chicago.

Mr. Flowers and Dr. Williams did not know each other; they met here in Las Cruces. My notes from the interview read that Flowers enlisted in the military in 1941. He wanted to be a Flying Cadet, but he said he was “washed out as a flying cadet,” and was

appointed to the Officers Cadet School. He also told me that he “came into this world crying in protest because he did not want to be born on Christmas Day.”

Dr. Williams shared with me a very interesting story: Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was very interested in the work at the Tuskegee Institute, especially in the aeronautical school. She deserved credit for convincing her husband to authorize military flight training at Tuskegee. In 1941, she was visiting the Tuskegee Army Air Field and insisted, against the wishes of the Secret Service, to ride as a passenger. The Secret Service were so concerned they called the President in Washington to let him know what his wife wanted to do. His response was, “If that’s what she wants to do, let her.”

“No pressure whatsoever on the pilot Charles A. Anderson,” said Dr. Williams with a smile.

The name Clara Belle Williams keeps coming up. I was privileged as a member of the City Council to witness the renaming of the NMSU English Building as Clara Belle Williams Hall. Williams Street at NMSU was also named

after her, and in 1980 she received an Honorary Doctorate of Law from NMSU.

Recently when Las Esperanzas recognized 13 recipients from the Mesquite Historic District, with a certificate and a historic plaque, Alice Chavez-Villa called us that she wanted to nominate her mother’s house at 722 N. Mesquite St. Her parents bought the house from Clara Belle Williams for \$9,500!

*Dolores Archuleta
Las Cruces*

‘Factory’ education sets off alarms

To the editor:

I realize climate [change] is all the rave but public education and the ability to prosper from it overwhelms that drama. Your paper is the perfect platform to get the citizenry engaged in the real crisis our children and their children will face: They can adapt to climatic changes but not if they are educationally ill prepared.

By all metrics every student that graduates out of our K-12 public education system today is unprepared to meet the changing demands of employment and reeducation necessary to survive without assistance well into the remainder of this century. In our state legislature

there is all this scramble about early childhood education – when those children will not even be entering the work force until 2034 for a high school graduate and 2038-2040 for a college graduate.

What about all the kids coming out of public education between now and then? That is another entire generation lost to an industrial-era mindset of education that serves educator jobs but not the children they are entrusted with. Policymakers cannot even make the needed change to school start times to meet the natural biometric rhythms that are proven to positively affect high school students’ ability to learn. It is all about the 8-5 job mentality of factory work.

The powers that mandate our public education model are so engorged on themselves and their bureaucracy that they are unable to make any necessary change that is student-centered with respect to their ability to [eventually] create decent standards of living for their families.

In 2007 Clayton Christensen wrote “Disrupting Class,” a much-needed whack on the side of the head regarding the fact that the times have changed and will continue to change at an ac-

celerating rate.

*Rob Wood
Las Cruces*

The Middle East: Is there any way out?

To the editor:

After the attack on 9/11 our country had no choice but to respond. The invasion of Afghanistan was correct; after all, that is where those responsible were believed to be. Unfortunately – and I’ll never understand why – Usama Bin Laden was allowed to escape at Tora Bora, after which our mission became an international manhunt and nation building. The quagmire that has ensued the past 17 years is the result of not finishing the job in the first place.

When we invaded Iraq, we were told we would be welcomed as liberators while we searched out and rid the world of stockpiles of WMD’s. Up until that point I had supported President Bush, but as it became obvious that most of the people viewed us as invaders and occupiers, with no WMD’s being found, a huge mistake had been made. At this point we should have pulled out, but instead hubris on steroids took over the White House. It took years of chaos before a surge was finally sent in and things finally settled somewhat.

In 2011, despite the fact there was still no real peace, President Obama ended the Iraq nation-building adventure and pulled out. Fighting immediately escalated and ISIS was born. After this, with encouragement from the Obama administration, the entire region went up in flames as the Arab Spring got underway with governments overturned, and the start of civil war in Syria which continues to this day.

Donald Trump promised to defeat ISIS and bring our troops out of Syria. At this time ISIS has been downgraded significantly but not defeated, and make no mistake, will likely rise like a Phoenix when we leave. Many in Washington believe pulling out now a big mistake and has led to a couple of high-end resignations. On the other hand, we can’t stay forever. Trying to make peace in the Middle East is like trying to herd cats. I personally have no good answer; we can stay as long as we want, but the problem will persist. Or we can leave, and the slaughter will continue – a true Catch 22.

With trillions squandered, thousands dead and wounded, what have we to show for it?

*Dennis Stone
Las Cruces*

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There are dozens, if not hundreds, of humanitarian organizations along the southern U.S. border willing and able to intercede and help these migrants.

What if the U.S. and Mexico worked together on

a solution? With some U.S. funding – probably less than it would have cost to militarize the border – several of these humanitarian organizations could have been sent to strategic cities and locations in Mexico, coordinating with similar Mexican organizations, as well as customs officials from both nations.

Temporary stations could have been set up to help migrants from a physical health standpoint. Other stations could help pre-process these people and determine whether they could stay in Mexico, move on to the U.S. to seek asylum, or be sent back to their home countries.

Obviously, that’s a huge

task.

But it’s a huge task we’re having to deal with anyway, with no notice and no preparation.

If these early stations could be set up, fewer migrants would wind up at the U.S. border, easing the strain of the process.

America has a history of going abroad to defuse hu-

manitarian crises. We have long been leaders, proactive leaders. It makes the world safer and, in turn, makes America safer.

Many would call this plan unworkable, or unfavorable for one reason or another, but at least it would be doing something.

Right now, we have no plan at all, and having to

deal with the same issues, but in an environment of near total chaos.

Seems some proactivity is worth a try.

To paraphrase an old television commercial, you can pay now, or pay a whole lot later.

Right now, we’re paying later, and the price is extreme.



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JANUARY 2-AUGUST 25

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JANUARY 3

Aggie Women's Basketball vs. California Baptist

New Mexico State University Pan American Ctr.
6pm. \$8-31. nmstatesports.com

JANUARY 4

Downtown Art Ramble

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NMSU Women's Swimming & Diving Team vs. Idaho

NMSU Natatorium Aquatic Ctr. 2pm. Free. nmstatesports.com

JANUARY 9

Get Artrageous Class

DAAC & Cultural Center, 5:30-7:30pm. \$30. daarts.org

JANUARY 10

Throwback Thursdays: Pretty Women

Rio Grande Theatre, 7pm. \$5. riograndetheatre.org

Culture Series: Peter Hurd's New Mexico

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 6:30pm. Free. frhm.org

Aggie Men's Basketball vs. Grand Canyon

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Bird Walk

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JANUARY 19

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NMSU extension helps county commissioners get started

By JANE MOORMAN

For the Bulletin

When the campaigning is over and the votes have been cast, many candidates find themselves in a new role as an elected official.

That's where NM EDGE comes in.

NM EDGE, which stands for Education Designed to Generate Excellence in the Public

Sector, is an umbrella organization operated by New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service. It provides continuing education certification programs for elected officials and employees of counties, municipal entities and state agencies.

Susan Flores, Otero County commissioner, remembers that first county commission meet-

ing when she realized she didn't have a clue what the position entailed.

"Two weeks later I went to the Better Informed Public Officials conference for newly elected officials where I took my first New Mexico EDGE class and realized there is a whole lot more to being a commissioner than I had thought,"

Flores said of the conference she attended eight years ago. "You are never a private citizen once you take the oath of office. You have to be sure you are always acting as an elected official."

The Better Informed Public Officials conference is hosted by the New Mexico Counties, formally known as New Mexico Association of Counties, every even year after the general election.

At the recent conference 180 newly elected and re-elected public officials were informed of the New Mexico laws that govern county government. NM EDGE provided training to commissioners, assessors and probate judges.

Rebecca Long, Lea County commissioner for four years, finds it interesting to watch newly elected officials



PHOTO COURTESY JANE MOORMAN/NMSU

Newly elected county commissioners attend a New Mexico EDGE class on the roles and responsibilities of a commissioner at the New Mexico Counties' Better Informed Public Officials conference in Albuquerque.

while they go through the BIPO class on roles and responsibilities of a commissioner.

"Their eyes get wide as they hear what is expected of them," Long said. "Being an elected official comes with a great responsibility that you must take seriously." The BIPO class also opens the elected official's eyes to see other courses NM EDGE provides that help the county run professionally.

"Through the initial classes I learned that there are more classes offered on subjects such as

ethics and professionalism – these are huge subjects to take, because you have to be professional in everything you do," Flores said.

Since that first BIPO conference, Flores has earned NM EDGE designations of certified county commissioner and certified public official and has taken certified advocate for public ethics classes.

Flores is among 17 Otero County elected officials and employees who have earned either single or multiple certifications of public official, public supervisor, treasury official, assessment officer, purchasing professional and professional risk manager.

Lea County has 21 elected officials and employees who have earned the first tier of the nationally accredited certified public manager program with certified public official designation. One has earned the second tier – certified

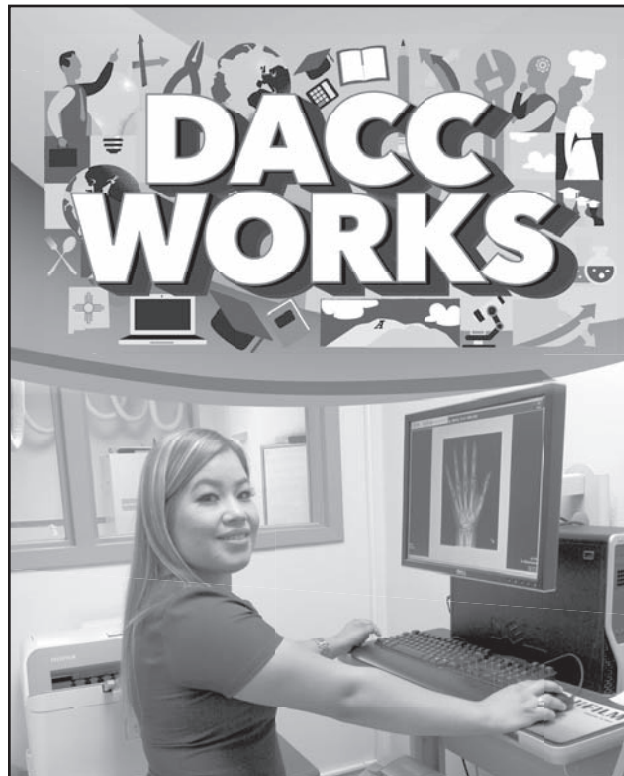
public supervisor. One has completed the final tier – certified public manager.

Public officials from every New Mexico county have participated in, and graduated from, the NM EDGE program. Santa Fe County has the largest number of graduates with 52 receiving one or more designations.

"Having our elected officials and employees take these classes has had a big impact on the county government," Flores said. "It has helped us to have a professionally run county because we understand the laws and rules."

"When the county officials are knowledgeable about the laws, they can answer the constituents' questions immediately," Long said. "This gives our constituents confidence in their county government."

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Waiting to take their oaths of office are, left to right, County Commissioners Lynn Ellins, Shannon Reynolds and Karen Trujillo; County Assessor Leticia Duarte-Benavidez; Probate Judge Diana Bustamante; Sheriff Kim Stewart; State Reps. Mikaela Lara Cadena, Rodolpho "Rudy" Martinez, Nathan Small, Joanne Ferrary and Angelica Rubio.



State Rep. Nathan Small takes the oath of office from District Judge James T. Martin to begin his second term in the New Mexico House of Representatives, representing District 36. At his side is his wife, U.S. Rep. Xochitl Torres Small.

Elected officials sworn in

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

"It's such a wonderful day in our democracy," Chief Third Judicial District Judge James T. Martin of Las Cruces said before swearing in nearly two dozen Doña Ana County officials and state representatives Dec. 28 at the Doña Ana County Government Building.

The officials began their terms Jan. 1.

Those being sworn in "are making a promise to all the citizens of the state of New Mexico," Martin said, to uphold the United States and New Mexico constitutions and to discharge their duties to the best of their abilities. "We should expect them to honor that oath," he said.

District Judge Marcy Byer administered the oath to several, including Sheriff Kim Stewart and County Commissioner Karen Trujillo.

Diana Bustamante took the oath in Spanish as she begins her second term as county probate judge.

Before swearing in fellow District Judge Con-

rad Perea, Martin noted that Perea had appeared before his father, District Court Judge James Martin, as a police officer and was also sworn in by him as a magistrate judge. "I am very honored to administer this oath, Martin said, noting that Perea also holds his father's District 3 position on the bench.

Others attending the ceremony included County Commissioners Isabella Solis and Ramon S. Gonzalez; outgoing County Commissioner Billy Garrett; County Manager Fernando Macias; state Senate President Pro-Tem Mary Kay Papan; Las Cruces City Councilor Greg Smith;



With his wife, Maggie, holding the Bible, new Doña Ana County Commissioner Shannon Reynolds takes the oath from District Judge James T. Martin.

former state Rep. and Democratic National Committeewoman Joni Gutierrez; New Mexico Public Education Commission member Patricia Gipson of Las Cruces; and Doña Ana County

Democratic Party Chair Christopher Schaljo.

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Doña Ana County Sheriff Kim Stewart displays her badge.



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Holiday frosting



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The sun sets on the snow-capped Organ Mountains Friday, Dec. 28, as Doña Ana County residents drive down Union Avenue on their way home or to holiday parties. More snow on Saturday followed by freezing temperatures added and preserved another layer of white to the iconic range. The weather event was an annual reminder to Mesilla Valley residents, who normally view their beloved eastern horizon as a desert landmark and the gatekeeper of a national monument, that it rises to nearly 9,000 feet elevation, at the Organ Needle. Over the same time frame, the Sacramento Mountains 80 miles to the northeast received up to several feet of snow, auguring for an active ski season in Ruidoso and Cloudcroft.

New Mexico Gas Co. benefits Arrowhead programs

By **LAUREN GOLDSTEIN**
For the Bulletin

New Mexico Gas Company, an Emera Company, recently awarded Arrowhead Center at New Mexico State University \$100,000 to promote economic development in New Mexico.

The gift was announced at NMSU's Giving Tuesday event, a global day of giving, led by the NMSU Foundation. With the most recent funding, Arrowhead Center at NMSU was provided the opportunity to continue the startup accelerator programs created through a previous NMGC award.

Arrowhead built a family of programs called Sprints, which are cohort-based business startup accelerators. The Sprints were developed with forward-looking vision and specific attention to New Mexico's growing economic sectors – to support emerging innovation and workforce development in the nexus of water, energy, agriculture, and IT, as well as healthcare.

Businesses such as a mobile vegan food service and a one-of-a-kind jewelry company have also participated, as representatives of the state's rich creative economy. Each cohort spends between five weeks and five months receiving entrepreneurial education and training – along with mentorship from business experts – as they start or expand their small businesses.

"I really appreciated the quality mentorship provided," said Zhennovate founder Di Yi. "In mentor-



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New Mexico State University President John Floros speaks during the presentation of a \$100,000 check from New Mexico Gas Company to NMSU during the Giving Tuesday event in November.

ship meetings, I got to experience firsthand in this process what leadership as an entrepreneur really means. I got to learn that it is very important to make decisions without fear." Zhennovate, headquartered in Los Alamos, provides training and resources to tackle stress management.

Two of the programs focus on specific sectors – agricultural and healthcare technologies – while the third focuses on export-based ventures. The programs

work to bridge university and community development by connecting innovators with university resources. Between AgSprint, HealthSprint and BizSprint, Arrowhead Center has run seven NMGC-supported accelerators in which 54 New Mexico-based ventures have participated.

Prior to the latest gift, NMGC had awarded the organization \$350,000, one-third of which has been dedicated directly to the startup businesses participating in the pro-

gram. Further, ventures supported by the program have raised more

than \$600,000 in follow-on funding from sources such as grants and venture capital investment.

"The HealthSprint Accelerator program was an incredible experience," said Ed Kline, founder of Radphysics, a company that provides software to oncologists that reduces medical errors. "I'm surprised at the level of detail in the organization in exposing the participants to venture capitalists, to guidance from experts in the field about how to grow your company."

Over the life of the program, Sprint ventures have represented one-third of New Mexico's 33 counties. The program has also demonstrated great success in engaging with populations traditionally overlooked in

business startups: 74 percent of ventures to date have been led by women, armed services veterans and minority founders.

"When you consider that the national average for non-traditional startup founders is just 25 percent of businesses, it becomes clear how important the inroads the Sprints are making into diverse entrepreneurship and business ownership are," said Zetdi Sloan, director of Arrowhead's business incubation programs and lead on the Sprints initiative.


To learn more about Arrowhead's Sprint accelerators, contact Sloan at zrunyan@nmsu.edu.

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National Institutes of Health renews NMSU program

By MINERVA BAUMANN

For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University's RISE to the Post-doctorate program has generated nearly two decades of success in supporting underrepresented minority students to earn advanced degrees in biomedical fields. Building on that success, the National Institutes of Health has renewed NMSU's grant for five more years with \$3.6 million to expand the program in innovative ways by engaging NMSU students in integrated biology and engineering research.

"As the world becomes more and more interdisciplinary, we are interested in teaching our students not what they will need today, but what they will need in 10 or 15 years," said Igor Sevostianov, mechanical engineering professor and one of the principal investigators for the program. "Talking about Ph.D. students, we're going to prepare them in such a manner that, at least, they will be able to get post-doctoral positions in top national universities."

Sevostianov and Michele Nishiguchi, Regents professor, Academic Department head of Biology and a principal investigator for



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Igor Sevostianov, NMSU mechanical engineering professor and one of the principal investigators for the RISE 5 program.

the grant, will be working together developing new interdisciplinary courses drawing between engineering and biology disciplines.

Both will teach an interdisciplinary course in biological materials, as well as organizing and developing workshops and courses offered by other faculty from various colleges across the university that emphasize biomedical, biobehavioral, and bioengineering disciplines.

"Engineering is now becoming a more intricate part of biomedicine and biobehavioral work," said Nishiguchi. "That's the new direction for RISE 5: We're still encompassing

biomedical, biobehavioral aspects that include biology and biochemistry and traditional biological sciences, but now we're including the engineering college in training our next generation of STEM scientists."

Lakshmi Reddi, dean of the College of Engineering, is also one of the principal investigators on the program. He explained the integrated nature of the program opens a new dimension of opportunity for students and faculty.

"We are really proud of this partnership. The RISE 5 program will set NMSU apart from other universities," Reddi said "In the end it's all about solving the problems and making our lives a little better, and that includes interdisciplinary teaching because no problem is presented by nature as a cookie cutter kind of problem. It requires multiple dimensions of thinking to solve."

NMSU's RISE 5 program targets underrepresented minorities with a fellowship that covers their salary, paid health



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NMSU College of Engineering Dean Lakshmi N. Reddi is a principal investigator for the RISE 5 program.

insurance, travel funds to attend national meetings to present their research, as well as funds to participate in summer programs at top national universities. NMSU's RISE 5 has agreements with Harvard, California Institute of Technology, Washington University at St. Louis, and other top bioengineering schools where NMSU students can spend one summer and be on the radar for those programs hiring post doctorate scholars to continue their research. One innovative part of the program focuses on team research initiated by RISE students. RISE scholars will write small grant proposals to conduct interdisciplinary research with other graduate students from different disciplines.

"If you look across the board at the Ph.D. level scientists in STEM disciplines, minorities are not well represented, nor are first-generation college students," said Nishiguchi. "So this program is really trying to generate a lot of students who are coming from those underrepresented groups into doctoral

programs to be able to go on and become the next generation of leaders in STEM fields."

Reddi also pointed to the program's emphasis on cohorts where peer-to-peer learning outside the classroom can be as important as what students gain from their work inside the classroom.

"The research in engineering shows that minorities, particularly women, look for a sense of community, of social relevance, of belonging, and that's very important for us to consider when we design interdisciplinary programs," Reddi said. "And one way that sense of community can only be obtained is through a cohort. So, RISE encourages them to work together, bridging different disciplines and students from various backgrounds."

"This is an important issue," said Nishiguchi.

"So, building a cohort, which is part of RISE 5, will allow them to feel more comfortable around each other, to work with other people from other departments, and to have

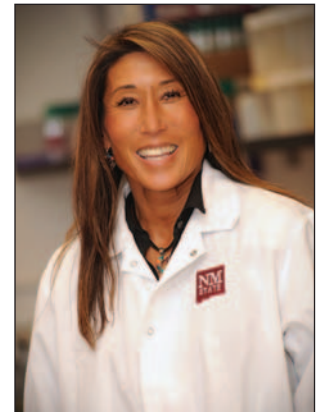


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Michele Nishiguchi, Regents professor, Academic Department head of Biology and a principal investigator for the RISE 5 program.

two mentors from different disciplines who possibly have different training backgrounds. It opens a lot of avenues for them to explore, but it also helps them feel that they belong. We want them to be competitive outside once they get jobs and say, 'I'm just as competitive as a grad student from Harvard.'"

Sevostianov explained the importance of two advisors for interdisciplinary research - one from life-science and one from engineering. It will help the RISE 5 students to create their own research programs.

"Of course, it's impossible to cover everything, but at least our students will be able to enter a new area of knowledge without too much discomfort," said Sevostianov. "That means they will learn how to learn and that's probably, the most important ability for a career in a research area that does not even exist yet."

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GREEN CONNECTIONS

2018: Flying high straight through the turbulence

By CASSIE MCCLURE
and SUZANNE MICHAELS

For the Bulletin

2018 was a year of turbulence for recycling in the United States. China first squeezed the recycling market and then closed it, leaving communities on our side of the pond scrambling to find recycling processors that could manage their materials. The South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) took the challenge as an opportunity to improve, by steadfastly continuing the recycling mission in Las Cruces and making it more efficient, clear, and safe.

“The SCSWA Board of Directors has been instrumental in supporting the recycling program during this difficult year,” notes Patrick Peck, SCSWA director. “I’m thankful for the trust that the Board had in allowing us to find measured solutions to keep our recycling program in Las Cruces sustainable and viable. The Board supported us in researching the best way forward and in growing, even in a downturn for the industry.”

Despite the 2018 turbulence, the SCSWA is flying into the new year with new awards recognizing the leadership and commitment to excellence demonstrated by the agency during the past year, as well as a renewed vigor in making sure that Las Cruces continues to Recycle Right.

During the 2018 New Mexico Recycling and Solid Waste Awards, the SCSWA walked away with five awards! SCSWA’s Education and Outreach Coordi-



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The SCSWA Board of Directors: Las Cruces Utilities Director Dr. Jorge Garcia, P.E., SCSWA Director Patrick Peck, Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima, Chairwoman and County Commissioner Isabella Solis, County Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez, City Councilor Kasandra Gandara, former County Commissioner Benjamin Rawson, SCSWA Deputy Director Rafael Leos and Chuck McMahon, Doña Ana County Assistant County Manager for Operations. (Not pictured: County Manager Fernando Macias and City Councilor Gabriel Vasquez.)

nator Tarkeysha Burton was named both the Recycling Facility Employee of the Year and the Solid Waste Employee of the Year (Non-Management) during the ceremony hosted by the New Mexico Recycling Coalition (NMRC) and the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA).

Also, the SCSWA won SWANA’s “Biggest Safety Improvement – Collection and Transfer” award, the SCSWA Chaparral Collection Center was named “Solid Waste Facility of the Year,” and Miguel Silva (posthumously) was awarded the E. Gifford Stack Lifetime Achievement Award and Terry Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award.

“The Tug, Twist, Tag and Turn 2018 program was very successful,” Burton said. “What we observed during the initial campaign was many residents were

recycling appropriately.”

Burton, who tirelessly promotes recycling programming to residents, schools and businesses throughout the area, added: “The presence of plastic bags in the recycling also decreased as a result of the campaign.”

“Looking toward 2019, we want to help our residents ‘Know the No,’” said Burton, hinting at the next campaign to help educate

residents about common items, like Styrofoam, that should not be placed into recycling containers.

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The annual Las Cruces Festival of Trees brightened up the holidays for the public-at-large and local nonprofits at Centennial High School.

Centennial High School plays host to Festival of Trees

BULLETIN REPORT

The third annual Las Cruces Festival of Trees, hosted at the Centennial High School Performing Arts Lab, was an occasion for families to stroll through a dazzling display of decorated Christmas trees. More than 50 trees were decorated by local businesses, clubs and nonprofit organizations in the community

for all to enjoy.

Guests of the Festival of Trees purchased raffle tickets for their favorite trees, voted in the decorating contest and participated in other festive activities, including a gingerbread exhibit, pictures with Santa, live holiday entertainment by local artists, a holiday wares fair and children's crafts.

The event benefitted participating local non-

profits.

The Las Cruces Festival of Trees was founded in 2016 as a fundraiser for Centennial High School STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs. Melody Hagaman, Centennial's Science Olympiad coach, got the idea from a similar festival that was held in her hometown of Silver City.

"I think this year is

our biggest and best year yet," Hagaman said. "It's been amazing to see what the clubs and classes at Centennial and the community members have come up with, and it's great that it's our third year. We have some decorators who have returned since the first year, and every year they kind of out-do themselves. So, it's really spectacular. We have amazing gingerbread structures and I'm just really impressed with how everyone has come together to consistently up the quality."

During the event, community members toured through decorated aisles of twinkling lights and icicles that hung from the ceiling as classical Christmas music filled the room. Attendees purchased raffle tickets for a chance to win their favorite, uniquely-decorated tree.

"The Festival of Trees is a great way to raise money while bringing

people together for the holidays," said Greg Ewing, Superintendent of Las Cruces Public Schools. "I don't think I could ever pick a favorite tree; each of them was decorated beautifully. It's clear that all the participants put a lot of thought into these trees. This event not only benefits the student programs at Centennial, but so many other worthy organizations throughout our city."

Each tree was designed in a unique way to reflect a certain theme. Members of the theater club, for instance, decorated their tree to represent critically-acclaimed Broadway musicals and performances. Diego Gomez, a senior at Centennial High School, used his 3D-printer at home to design each ornament that hung on their tree. To design the ornaments, the temperature for his 3D printer had to reach 200 degrees Celsius, he said, and most of the or-

naments took more than 20 hours to create. The ornaments included a dagger to represent "Romeo and Juliet," a lamp from "Aladdin," the iconic lips from the "Rocky Horror Picture Show," a lion to represent "The Lion King," and the masks of comedy and tragedy.

"Every class, every group, has their own theme – and that's really what sets everyone's apart from each other," Gomez said. "You can see there's different trees, and they all represent what makes us unique."

The Las Cruces Festival of Trees also hosted several special promotions, including a discount day for senior citizens and one for LCPS students and staff. The Teddy Bear Tea is a growing tradition, which takes place on Saturday morning before the festival opens, and features a tea party, story time, activities, and Santa time for young children and their families.

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From left, Samantha Gomez, director of women's services at MountainView Regional Medical Center, RGPI students Desanae Gonzalez, Ammerce Michel, Milagro Ortega, Julio Garcia, Vanessa Esparza, teacher Francis Melendrez, and students Briana Mirabal and Ashley Zuniga-Arzabal.

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RGPI students deliver quilts to hospitalized children

BULLETIN REPORT

Over the course of the fall semester, students from Rio Grande Preparatory Institute spent several hours learning how to quilt in their Executive Internship class. On Nov. 29, they delivered hand-made quilts to children in the Pediatric Care Unit at MountainView Regional Medical Center.

Teacher April McNiece said her students put in more than 20 hours learning how to follow quilt patterns. By using precise measurements, students cut fabric to size and,

piece-by-piece, sewed their labor-intensive quilts together to give to hospitalized children before the Christmas holiday.

Students were guided on this project with the support of RGPI teachers Francis Melendrez and McNiece. Students successfully completed their service project, which resulted in seven hand-stitched quilts.

"During the holidays, we often hear that it's better to give than to receive," said Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Greg Ewing. "In

this case, I believe these students not only made the season brighter for those children, but they also received the gift of witnessing their quilts making a difference in a child's life."

After the Thanksgiving break, students visited the hospital to deliver their quilts to patients who were admitted in the Pediatric Care Unit. With permission from patients and their families, the students were able to meet the recipients of the quilts, connecting with them and learning more about their experiences

in the hospital.

Upon leaving the hospital, McNiece noted that her students were visibly emotional and seemed to be touched to be part of the project and service to their community. Students repeatedly stated how grateful they were to have been a part of this project, she said.

"I am so proud of my students," McNiece said. "It made me so happy to see how much this meant to the families and to my students. The kids worked so hard, and I just feel like my cup is overflowing."

Cleaning supplies

Members of VFW Auxiliary Post 6917 of Las Cruces donated cleaning supplies, kitchenware, two beds and bedding to the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH) to benefit the Oak Street veterans housing program. Left to right are MVCH Executive Director Nicole Martinez, VFW Commander Mike Cano, VFW auxiliary members Beth Miller and Cheryl Rodriguez and MVCH veterans housing program manager Chris Sautter.



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From left, U.S. Army Capt. Don Williams (retired) of the Sons of the American Revolution Gadsden Chapter, Las Cruces State Police Officer Miguel Ramirez, Andrew Lyngar of SAR Gadsden Chapter and the SAR Rocky Mountain District.

SAR chapter honors local first responders

BULLETIN REPORT

The Gadsden Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) presented national SAR community service awards to local first responders during a Dec. 15 ceremony in Las Cruces.

The annual awards were presented to Las Cruces Police officer Paul Lujan, Las Cruces Fire Department Battalion Chief Cody Haver, New Mexico State Police officers Miguel Ramirez of Las Cruces and Julian Torrez of Roswell and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Michael Coker, said SAR Gadsden Chapter President David Curtiss of Las Cruces.

In addition to the award, each honoree was given a presentation box and an SAR Gadsden Chapter Challenge Coin in honor of his service to the community, Curtiss said.

SAR was chartered by an act of Congress in 1906 "to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services and sacrifices during the Ameri-



From left, Las Cruces Fire Department Battalion Chief Cody Haver, Las Cruces Police officer Paul Lujan and Ruidoso EMS Michael Coker.

can Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people" and "to foster true patriotism," according to www.sar.org. SAR is the largest male lineage organization in the United States, with 50 societies that contain more than 500 local chapters, several international societies and more than 37,000 members across the country and around the world.

For more information, contact Curtiss at 575-522-4809 and dcurt20044@zianet.com. Find SAR Gadsden Chapter on Facebook.

Community college names two academic executives

BULLETIN REPORT

Doña Ana Community College Interim-President Mónica Torres has announced that Dr. Norman Fox will serve as the new Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (AVPAA) and Dr. Martin Wortman as the new Dean of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Division.

“We had great candidates for both positions,” said Torres. “I welcome Dr. Fox and Dr. Wortman to the DACC family and know they will accomplish great things for our students and the entire New Mexico State University system.”

Dr. Norman (Rusty) Fox

As AVPAA, Fox will be charged with developing and implementing an enrollment management plan for the community college. He will also serve as a liaison for initiatives focused on increasing enrollment, retention and completion, including the Aggie Pathway from DACC to NMSU; the Apple Initiative, which incorporates technology into the classroom; DACC Online that allows students to finish part or all of their degree requirements online; and dual credit, which offers college credit to high school students at Doña Ana County high schools.

Fox has more than 20 years in higher education including community college experience in program design, supervision and teaching.

He comes to DACC from a position as the Dean of Student Success at Moun-



Dr. Martin Wortman



Norman (Rusty) Fox

tain View College in Dallas, where he supervised academic advising, career development/job readiness, disability support services, health services, freshman year experience, a program to assist students on probation, orientation, success center, transfer center and student discipline.

He previously served as the vice president for Student Development and Educational Services at the Tarrant County College Southeast Campus in Arlington, Texas.

He also has served in executive positions at Oklahoma City Community College and Brookhaven College of Farmers Branch, Texas.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communications from Texas A&M in College Station, a Master of Science degree in Counseling from Texas A&M in Commerce and a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dr. Martin J. Wortman

As Dean of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Division, Wortman will oversee the departments of Arts, Education, English, Humanities and Social Sciences.

He will provide academic and administrative leadership in planning and development of academic programs: assessment of student learning; and evaluation and improvement of instructional areas within the division. He will also assist in establishing individual, department and division goals and provide recommendations for faculty promotion and tenure.

Wortman joins DACC after serving as the Interim-Assistant Dean and Campus Director at Springfield College in Wilmington, Delaware, where he was in charge of all campus operations and academic activity. While there he finalized and updated articulation agreements with community colleges and also created an agreement for a masters-to-doctorate program.

He previously served as the Associate Dean for the School of Liberal Arts at Excelsior College in Albany, New York, where he was charged with serving more than 7,000 students with onne programs.

He also held executive positions at the State University of New York's Empire State College, the program for Experienced Learners at Eckerd College in Palm Harbor, Florida, and the University of Florida, Plant City Center.

Wortman received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from Creighton University and earned his Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of South Florida.

“Pre-hab” Rehabilitation Before Surgery

Las Cruces (NM)- Most individuals are familiar with the thought of rehabilitation after surgery, but a trend that is becoming popular is the idea of pre-surgical rehabilitation. Often, there is a period of waiting involved prior to any surgery. This time can be utilized to prepare the body prior to surgery and facilitate a better outcome after the surgery. When muscles, bones and joints are in optimum condition before a surgery, the impact of the inevitable muscle loss and joint stiffness after surgery is minimized. Essentially, the stronger a person is going into surgery, the better the chances of an easier and faster recovery after the surgery.

Individuals who participate in a pre-surgical rehabilitation program tend to regain full function and return to their daily lives faster than individuals who do not participate in pre-surgical rehabilitation. Traditionally, a physical therapist helps with post-surgical rehabilitation, but you may be surprised to learn that the therapist can also be your biggest ally during the ‘pre-hab’ process.

It is common for the region that is about to be operated on to be inflamed and weak. With a carefully planned exercise routine, a physical therapist can help reduce inflammation and improve blood circulation in the affected area. This improves mobility and helps with pain relief. This also helps to promote correct movement patterns and minimize compensatory movements like leaning and uneven weight bearing. Improving health and fitness, and being in optimal physical health can go a long way towards the facilitation of post-operative recovery.



These are some simple guidelines to follow with a pre-surgical rehabilitation program:

- Start the program at least six weeks before the surgery date to gain the most benefit
- Start slowly. This is not the time to irritate an existing issue or create a new one.
- If you are already physically fit, consider increasing your intensity, frequency, or duration as long as it doesn't interfere with your current injury.
- Practice breathing and relaxation techniques. These are particularly useful in helping manage post-surgical pain.

Patients who are prepared physically for surgery can leave the hospital sooner and are likely to suffer fewer complications.

By working with a physical therapist prior to surgery and creating a pre-surgery rehabilitation plan, you will create a strong foundation for rapid recovery. Similar to post-surgical collaboration, you can expect your physical therapist to work closely with your doctors to get you on the road to recovery even before you have surgery. This will reduce the stress and apprehension associated with discharge and can facilitate independence. As your physical therapists, we are committed to keeping you as healthy as possible. If you or someone you know is considering surgery, schedule a consultation with us. ‘Pre-hab’ is a great way to speed up rehab.



*Dennis Prickett
Physical Therapist
and co-owner of
Atrium Physical
Therapy.*

NMSU, NM Hay Association to host Ruidoso conference

By JANE MOORMAN

For the Bulletin

Irrigation efficiencies and pest management will highlight the 2019 Southwest Hay & Forage Conference Thursday and Friday, Jan. 24-25, at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

“It is important for producers to stay up-to-date on the latest advances in the hay industry,” said Mark Marsalis, New Mexico State University Extension forage specialist. “This conference will address some of the more common issues that growers face on a daily basis, management of water and controlling pests.”

The conference, sponsored by the New Mexico Hay Association and



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Irrigation efficiencies and pest management will highlight the 2019 Southwest Hay & Forage Conference Thursday and Friday, Jan. 24-25, at the Ruidoso Convention Center in Ruidoso.

NMSU’s College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences,

is targeted toward Southwestern hay, silage and pasture producers, with information specific to the unique growing conditions and water issues in the region.

“We’ve assembled a broad range of forage knowledge and expertise from universities, crop consultants and industry interests across the United States,” Marsalis said. “The conference provides a great opportunity for producers to bring their questions directly to consultants, industry representatives, researchers and specialists, all in one place.”

Among the speakers will be specialists from across the western U.S. with experience of producing forages in challenging environmental and economic conditions.

Irrigation-related presentations will include:

- John Gibson and

Chris Pope, Crop Quest in Kansas, will speak on the advances in irrigation technologies, including variable rate irrigation, and remote sensing options and implementation that are available to producers.

- Chuck DuMars, Law & Resource Planning Associates in Albuquerque, will provide information on the latest water supply issues facing New Mexico agricultural producers.

- Jourdan Bell, Extension Agronomist with Texas AgriLife Extension in Amarillo, Texas, will speak on proper irrigation management and quality considerations for corn silage.

“Each year, various pests in the form of insects, weeds and vertebrate pests cost New Mexico hay growers millions of dollars. It is important that growers understand the pests that they are dealing

with and the management options that are available to them,” said Marsalis. “This year’s program will have several presenters to address this.”

Pest-related presentations will include:

- Leslie Beck, NMSU Extension Weed Specialist, will provide an overview of the latest weed control tactics in forages, as well as an update on ongoing research investigating chemical options for hard-to-control perennial weeds in alfalfa.

- Ayman Mostafa, University of Arizona Extension Specialist, will provide the latest in integrated pest management strategies for alfalfa weevil and aphids

- Elson Shields, Cornell University, and Leonard Lauriault, NMSU forage agronomist, will speak about the potential for a new biocontrol mechanism for root-feeding insects in alfalfa.

- Greg Alpers, Dow AgroSciences, will provide an update on the latest happenings in the chemical industry and potential impacts due to recent policy and restrictions changes.

- Steve Baca, NMDA, will give a pesticides and regulations update.

- John Grant, USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services, will address rodent and other wildlife control measures and programs.

Other presentations include:

- Dairy perspectives of hay feeding and new hay traits by Jay Thurman, Nutritionist, Dairy Nutrition Management

Consulting, LLC.

- Proper soil testing and a tool for soil test interpretation by Robert Flynn, NMSU Extension Agronomist at Artesia.

- A legislative update by Matthew Gonzales of New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau will provide information on the latest bills and issues facing agricultural interests in the upcoming legislative session.

Participants will have opportunities to hear from ag-industry representatives on the latest chemical, seed, equipment and other products available during two industry update sessions.

Following a social hour and dinner Thursday evening, family-friendly and inspiring comedian David Ferrell will provide the after-dinner entertainment.

Back by popular demand, this year’s program will include a special spouses’ interest session, “Painting with Peggy Krantz.” Krantz is a local New Mexico artist who hosts “paint parties” for those who wish to learn how to paint and hone their skills in a fun and relaxing environment. An afternoon session will be available on Thursday, Jan. 24, for just \$30 per person.

The two-day conference will host a machinery trade show, featuring the latest in farm equipment, as well as booths with various seed, chemical, irrigation and fertilizer products and natural resource planning related information.

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Southwest Beef Symposium attendees will tour New Mexico State University's Agricultural Science Center at Tucumcari to see the Tucumcari Bull Test Station feeder system that measures the amount of feed a bull eats to the ounce when the animal's head enters the head gate.

NMSU to host beef symposium in Tucumcari

By JANE MOORMAN

For the Bulletin

Using the latest research-based information for best practices helps ranchers in the Southwest produce more beef with less impact on natural resources.

To help livestock producers stay up with the latest information the Southwest Beef Symposium will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 16-17, at the Tucumcari Convention Center, 1500 E. Route 66 Blvd.

The symposium is an educational event tailored to beef producers in the Southwest, jointly hosted by New Mexico State Uni-

versity's Cooperative Extension Service and Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service.

It typically includes a market outlook report, business planning, health concerns in cattle, live cattle demonstrations and more.

This year's program begins Wednesday at 1 p.m. with a presentation on the benefits of technology in the beef industry by Gary Sides, veterinarian with Zoetis Animal Health.

Wednesday's program includes presentations on consumer-driven Beef Quality Assurance in the beef industry by Ben Weinheimer, Texas Cattle

Feeders Association; emerging health concerns in feeder cattle by Greta Krasfur, Colorado State University veterinary college; and an update on vaccines.

The day concludes with a dinner at 6 p.m.

Thursday's New Technologies in the Beef Industry program begins at 8 a.m. Presentations will include water management at the ranch by Marcy Ward, NMSU Extension livestock specialist, and a panel of New Mexico ranchers; antimicrobial use in the industry by Elaine Blythe, West Texas A&M University; animal health company panel on

vaccine technology; and a wrap up talk by Craig Gifford, NMSU Extension beef specialist.

Following lunch there will be breakout sessions including BQA training and certification for New Mexico and Texas; a cow model demonstration; and a tour of the Tucumcari Bull Test Station at NMSU's Agricultural Science Center at Tucumcari.

Onsite registration is \$95. Register online at www.swbs2019attendee.ezregister.com, or by phone at 575-644-3379.

Jane Moorman may be reached at 505-249-0527, jmoorman@nmsu.edu.

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Association board of directors meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the MCM Elegante Lodge & Resort, formerly the Lodge of Sierra Blanca, and again immediately following the conference.

Four New Mexico pesticide applicator continuing education units have been approved for this meeting. CEUs for Texas and Arizona have been requested.

Attendees can register at the door for \$120. Annual membership dues to the association are \$45.

Register online at: www.nmhay.com/2019-conference.html. Registration includes the two-day conference, two meals, snacks, door prizes, educational materials and entertainment.

Onsite registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Convention Center. The conference adjourns at

noon Friday.

Lodging is available, at a discount, adjacent to the Ruidoso Convention Center at the MCM Elegante Lodge & Resort, formerly the Lodge at Sierra Blanca. A number of rooms are reserved at the special rate. To obtain a reservation, online at: www.mcmeganteruidoso.com, or call 866-211-7727

For more information on the conference, including a full agenda, visit www.nmhay.com or contact Cassie Sterrett by phone at 575-626-1688 or by e-mail at nmhay@yahoo.com. Registration forms are available online at www.nmhay.com or forages.nmsu.edu.

Marsalis can be contacted at 505-865-7340 or marsalis@nmsu.edu. Contact Sterrett for a copy of the registration forms and exhibitor/sponsor information. Booth space is still available.

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IN THE NEWS

Wastewater rates

The City of Las Cruces is studying three options to increase wastewater rates to cover a \$4.2 million annual shortfall.

The average monthly wastewater bill is \$16.15, Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) said in a notice included in December city utility bills. “The rate review “will likely result in approximately a \$5.51 monthly increase in wastewater bills (to \$21.66 a month) for the average residential wastewater customers.”

LCU is a city department but is not funded by tax dollars. It must pay all its operational expenses, including cost increases, from the money it collects from approximately 100,000 residential and commercial customers in Las Cruces.

The city’s volunteer Utility Customer Advisory Group (UCAG) held open houses in September and October to provide wastewater rate review information to customers and is continuing to seek public input on three options for increasing wastewater rates: a full implementation of the proposed increase in one year, a phased-in cost increase over two years and a phased-in increase over three years.

UCAG meets at 3 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the LCU building, 680 N. Motel Blvd. Email UCAG at ucag@las-cruces.org.

The last increase in wastewater rates was nine years ago, according to the LCU.

Monthly wastewater

bills are “based on 90 percent of the average amount of water used during a three-month period – December, January and February,” UAG said in the notice it mailed out. “During those months, residents are generally not watering their yards or running evaporative coolers, so most of the water used is going down the drain as ‘wastewater’ and utilizes the city sewer system and wastewater treatment facilities and disinfecting.”

LCU’s Wastewater Section “maintains approximately 533 miles of sewer lines and 17 lift stations,” according to <http://www.las-cruces.org/en/departments/utilities/wastewater>. “The Jacob A. Hands Wastewater Treatment Facility treats approximately 3.3 billion gallons of sewage per year. After successful separation of solids, the treated and disinfected wastewater (effluent) is safely discharged into the Rio Grande.

“In 2010,” the website continues, “the new one-million-gallon-per-day East Mesa Reclamation Plant became operational. Through advanced treatment processes, the plant cleans and purifies wastewater to meet or exceed water quality standards for ‘purple pipe’ irrigation of nearby parks, a golf course and a local high school.

“Utility wastewater facilities have implemented a very successful composting process converting sewage sludge to high-quality beneficial

Class ‘A’ compost, available free to the public and area farmers. Call 575-528-3597 for more information.”

For more information, visit www.las-cruces.org and search for UCAG.

Parks survey

The City of Las Cruces is asking citizens to complete an online survey about the city Parks and Recreation Department.

Survey results will be included in the city’s update of the Parks and Rec master plan.

To take the survey, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/LasCrucesParks.

The survey results will factor into the city’s update of the department’s master plan, which will “provide guidance for the growth and development of the city’s parks and recreation system,” according to the city.

“As the population of Las Cruces grows and interests change, it is important that we continuously re-evaluate the services that the Parks and Recreation Department provides to the community,” Parks and Rec Department Director Sonya Delgado said. “This is an opportunity for the community to let us know what types of services and facilities they would like to see in Las Cruces. The master plan is an invaluable tool that assists the department with the future planning of our programs and facilities. As the city and the department continue to move toward PEAK (P: Perform Mission, E: Evaluate

tion measures, A: Assess outcomes, K: Keep climbing) Performance (the city’s program to improve effectiveness and efficiency), and managing for results, we want to hear from our residents. The focus is on providing the best services possible. We encourage everyone in the community to take a few minutes out of their day to take the survey and give us their feedback.”

The survey continues until Friday, Feb. 1, 2019.

For more information, visit las-crucespark-splan.half.com.

Tribal blessing

New Mexico State Rep. Angelica Rubio, D-Doña Ana, plans to cycle to Santa Fe for the 2019 legislative session and will arrive ahead of schedule. Rubio’s theme for the trip is “Rubio’s Ride: Lend Me Your Gears” and is combining her love of cycling and connecting her southern New Mexico and rural communities to legislators and the legislative process.

Rubio, an NMSU Aggie and native of Lake Arthur, N.M., represents House District 35. Her bicycle itinerary starts on Saturday, Jan. 5 at Klein Park in the Mesquite Historic District, which is in her House district.

Before her departure from Klein Park at 8 a.m., Las Esperanzas, Inc., a grassroots nonprofit, has arranged a tribal blessing for Rubio at 7:45 a.m. by the Piro Manso-Tiwa Indian Tribe del Pueblo de San Juan de Guadalupe.

When contacted by Las Esperanzas President Dolores Archuleta regarding the blessing, Rubio said she was “honored to receive their tribal blessing.”

The ancestors of the Piro Manso-Tiwa Indian Tribe were already living on land that was later named Las Cruces when it was established in 1849. The tribe’s cacique (leader) and lieutenant governor, Ed Roybal and Freda Firefly Flores, respectively, are also members of Las Esperanzas. The tribal blessing is open to the public.

Rubio’s planned cycling route to “meet-and-greet” includes Hatch, Truth or Consequences, San Antonio, Belen and Albuquerque. She will be met by state representatives representing these areas throughout her trip and will arrive at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe Jan. 12, in time for the legislative session that starts Jan. 15.

Indivisible board

Greg White has been elected 2019 board chair of Indivisible Las Cruces, a progressive political action group. He has served on numerous boards including those of neighborhood associations and local, state and regional governments. This experience is especially valuable as Indivisible advances organizationally.

White, a native of Las Cruces whose family dates back four generations, graduated from New Mexico State University. His professional career includes more than 20 years in land

use, water and transportation planning.

Past chair Linda Harris serves in 2019 by providing background research on issues relating to the organization’s goals.

Joining the board are new members Deb Sigman, who heads the communications team, and John Jaffe who is treasurer. Sigman recently retired to Las Cruces after a career in banking. Her team includes veteran member Debbie Hands as photographer and graphic designer.

Jaffe comes to Indivisible from Virginia where he was Director of Integrated Information Systems/CIO at Sweet Briar College. He takes on the task of creating the group’s formal treasury. Laura Hebenstreit, as secretary, is also a contributor to the Twitter team as well as a regular participant in events.

Patricia Warner, Indivisible’s co-founder and last year’s Program chair, heads the Membership team, which includes Mary Jane Stofik, Michele Rasch, and Dolores Marques. The position of program chair is open.

Indivisible’s first meeting of 2019 is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. Members are encouraged to attend to help set the group’s 2019 goals. Past and present board members will facilitate the meeting.

For more information contact Deb Sigman at ILCNM.2020@gmail.com.

COMING UP

Stars-N-Parks: Residents and visitors to Grant, Luna and Sierra counties will have opportunities to learn about the spring night sky at Stars-N-Parks astronomy programs to be held at area state parks this spring. Suggested donations for the program are \$5 per couple, or \$3 per individual. Info: www.nmparks.com.

- Jan. 5, Rockhound State Park
- Jan. 26, City of Rocks State Park
- Feb. 2, Rockhead State Park
- March 2, Rockhound State Park
- March 2, City of Rocks State Park
- March 9, Caballo Lake State Park
- March 30, City of Rocks State Park
- April 6, Rockhound State Park
- April 27, City of Rocks State Park
- May 4, Rockhound State Park
- May 25, City of Rocks State Park
- June 1, Rockhound State Park
- Jun. 22, City of Rocks State Park

Food drive fundraiser: Sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 431 in Las Cruces, 7-11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6., Walmart, 3331 Rinconada Blvd. Benefits Casa de Peregrinos. Info: 575-222-5416.

GriefShare Support Group: Hosted by Morning Star United Methodist Church, 2941 Morning Star Dr., beginning Tuesday, Jan. 8, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The program is designed to help you rebuild your life after los-

ing a loved one through death, led by those who have been there. This is a 13-week program and a workbook and videos will be used to guide discussion in the journey from mourning to joy. Cost is \$25. Info and registration: Jackie Maxon, 915-525-2575.

'Divine Remedies: Health and Healing': Interfaith discussion sponsored by the Baha'is' of Las Cruces, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, 3220 Jupiter Road. Learn what the world's religious traditions have in common. Guests are invited to share. Entertainment provided by singer-songwriter Darrell Elmer Rodgers. Info: 575-556-9650, yieldnot9@gmail.com, or visit www.bahai.org. A special request: Guests are asked to refrain from wearing fragrance.

Cruces Apple User Group (CAUG): Meets 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 12, at the NMSU Barnes & Noble Bookstore Living Room (2nd Floor) on E. University and Jordan Road. This month's agenda: "What's New with Apple." Tech support available. Info: Louise Foster, louisefoster@mac.com.

Contra Dance: Sponsored by the Southern New Mexico Music and Dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Music by the Mulettones, a West Texas band. Lonnie Ludeman will be calling. No partner needed. Beginners and Newcomers are welcome and should come for basic instruction at 7:30 pm. Cost \$6, youth \$4. Info: www.snmmds.org or 575-522-1691

Spring Cheer: The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department announces its 2019 Spring Youth Cheer Program for pre-K through 4th grade, beginning April 1. Onsite registration is 2:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28-Thursday, Jan. 31 at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Online registration also available. For details, call 575-541-2563 or email athletics@las-cruces.org.

ONGOING

Big Daddy's Flea Market: 7 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 5580 Bataan Memorial East, Hwy. 70 East. Info: 575-382-9404.

Blankets needed: The Gospel Rescue Mission has a critical need for blankets. They may be donated at either the Gospel Rescue Mission Clothing Room, 1416 S. Solano Ave., or at the mission, 1050 W. Amador Ave. Hours are 9-11 a.m. Monday and Friday and 9-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. Wednesday. Info: 575-642-9619.

Bridge games and lessons: 12:30-3:45 p.m. Monday-Friday, Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid Ave. Open to all players for

\$6. If you need a partner, call Dave Allen, 635-6486, Monday and Thursday; Linda Spengler, 621-0997, Tuesday and Friday; and Barbara Houseknecht, 523-5757, Wednesday. Free bridge education, 10 a.m. Tuesday. Games for those with fewer than 199 master points, 12:15 p.m. Tuesday and 10 a.m. Saturday. Info: 575-524-3031.

Canasta games and lessons: 11:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Wednesdays, Munson Center, 975 S Mesquite. Free.

DAR: Daughters of the American Revolution meet 11 a.m. third Thursday. Info: Linda 575-521-3166.

Debtors Anonymous: 1:30-2:30 p.m. every Sunday, First Christian Church Parlor, 1809 El Paseo Road. Solutions for financial issues. Free, supported by voluntary contributions. Info: 575-647-5684 or www.debtorsanonymous.org.

Farmers & Crafts Market: Regional produce, crafts and street musicians, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays, Plaza de Las Cruces.

Las Cruces Civitan Club: Meets noon the second Tuesday and 6 p.m. fourth

Tuesday, Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Info: 575-649-0165.

Las Cruces Shriners: Meet the second Monday, 1150 W. Brown. Info: 575-526-8396.

Minnesota Club: Monthly luncheon the third Wednesday for people with ties to Minnesota. Meetings are held at various restaurants. Info: Kris 575-323-3624.

Model railroad club: Southern New Mexico N Scalers Model Railroad Club has their monthly meeting and model railroad running day, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., third Saturday at the Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds; enter west gate. Info: Mike Fifer, 575-526-8834.

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Eva Diaz dances with Steve Lithgow and Carla Cashman at Picacho Peak Brewery Monday night during New Year's Eve festivities.

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School board election shifted to November

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you were looking forward to Las Cruces Public Schools board of education elections in 2019, you'll have to wait about nine months.

Because the City of Las Cruces chose to participate in the New Mexico Local Election Act (LEA), elections held in odd-numbered years for school board, city council, soil and water conservation districts, among other offices, are consolidated into a single election to be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of those years.

That means the election for two seats on the LCPS board that would have been on the ballot in February will be moved to Tuesday, Nov. 5, and will be part of the nonpartisan election that includes the mayor and three seats on the Las Cruces City Council as well as three seats on the Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District board of supervisors whose election will be moved from May to November under the consolidation.

The two LCPS board seats up in 2019 are cur-



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rently held by Board President Ed Frank (District 5) and Board Secretary Maury Castro (District 4). Both were first elected to the board in February 2015.

Whoever is elected to those two board seats – Frank and Castro are both eligible to seek re-election – will serve four-year terms that begin Jan. 1, 2020. Frank's and Castro's current terms will end Dec. 31, 2019.

The other three seats on the five-member LCPS board will be held in November 2021.

House Bill 98, which made the changes to the election code to consolidate local elections, became effective July 1, 2018.

For more information, visit www.lcps.net/board-of-education.

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NMSU, Costa Rican institute explore academic collaboration

By JANE MOORMAN

For the Bulletin

Hugo Navarro Serrano knows the impact of studying abroad in the development of a person's career. The Costa Rica native earned his master's degree in civil engineering at New Mexico State University in 1993.

Now as the director of the Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica, he is working with NMSU's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to create opportunities for both universities' Extension education students.

The quest for a partnership began when College of ACES Dean Rolando A. Flores and members of the college leadership team visited Costa Rica in February after an invitation of the Costa Rican Minister of Education, Sonia M. Mora.

"We made an exploratory trip to a number of different universities," said Jon Boren, assistant dean and director of NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service. "We visited with Extension colleagues about both of our Extension programs."

Two goals arose from the trip – a reciprocal visit by an Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica leadership team to New Mexico and an interest in exploring possibilities of a student exchange program focusing on Extension education with hopes of a future dual degree program.

"Our visit created a great opportunity for them to bring some of



PHOTOS COURTESY JANE MOORMAN/NMSU

Faculty and students from the Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica visited New Mexico State University College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences county Extension offices to learn about programs being offered to the citizens of Bernalillo, Santa Fe and Valencia counties.



New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences was host to a leadership team from the Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica. The two institutions of higher learning are collaborating in a graduate student dual enrollment program for master's degrees in Extension education.

their professors and students in Extension programs to New Mexico to see how we develop,

deliver and evaluate Extension programs," Boren said.

The first week of De-

cember, Serrano and a group of directors, faculty and students visited NMSU in Las Cruces and

colleges discussed the possibility of developing a dual master's degree program in Extension education.

"Most of our Extension people are engineers, who are working in their discipline, but they don't have a formal education in Extension," said Carmen Madriz, director of graduate studies at the Institute of Technical Education.

After reviewing NMSU's Extension education program, Madriz said her colleagues saw an opportunity to work with NMSU to have a dual degree.

The first step to that goal is an exchange program where Costa Rican students will attend NMSU's Extension 101 class and NMSU students will participate in internships.

"From this visit we have signed an agreement that we are going to start with Extension 101 as the first official activity," Serrano said.

"Our Cooperative Extension Service programs are well known in New Mexico and in other states in the country," said Dean Rolando A. Flores. "This year we have made great strides in sharing our successes with colleagues in Costa Rica, Colombia, Mexico and India. International collaboration is a two-way street; they learn, and we learn too. We are very hopeful of the opportunities that can result from collaborating with them."

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traveled north along the Rio Grande corridor to learn about New Mexico's Cooperative Extension Service.

Diego Camacho, general coordinator of Extension at the Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica, has been working to make changes in the Costa Rican Extension program.

"Many things that we have been thinking about are things that NMSU already has done here for years," Camacho said. "When we see NMSU's programs, we know it is important to make changes to include these things."

During the visit, the leadership teams for both



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Annual pet blessing

BULLETIN REPORT

The 11th annual blessing of pets in honor of three saints. St. Seraphim of Sarov, St Melangell

of Wales and St. Anthony of the Desert – will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, 518 N. Alameda (at Hadley).

Pictured is a scene from the blessing of 2018.

“We of St. Anthony of the Desert host this event for the whole community, and we extend a

special welcome to friends both canine and human of Las Cruces Dog Park,” said Fr Gabriel Rochelle, who will provide take-away writings on the spiritual

qualities of our pets.

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Resolution No. 2018-12-1 OMA
Abridged version for publication

The Doña Ana SWCD board of supervisors met in regular session on December 13, 2018, at 9:00 AM and resolved that:

Regular meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at USDA Service Center conference room, 760 Stern Drive, in Las Cruces, NM at 9:00 AM. Notice of the date, time, place, and agenda availability shall be posted at the USDA NRCS office and the DASWCD website. Notice of other regular meetings will be given ten (10) days in advance of the meeting and shall indicate how a copy of the agenda may be obtained. Copies of the written notice shall also be mailed to those broadcast stations and newspapers that have made a written request for notice of public meetings and sent by electronic mail to individuals who have requested such notice. The agenda will be available at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting from the district office located at the USDA NRCS office, 760 Stern Drive, Suite 118, Las Cruces, NM, and DASWCD website. Special meetings may be called upon 3 days'

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notice. Emergency meetings may be called upon 24 hours' notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage requires less notice. Notices and agendas of meetings shall also be posted on the DASWCD website, at www.daswcd.org.

Meetings of the Doña Ana SWCD are open to the public except as permitted by the Open Meetings Act.

Passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Doña Ana SWCD board of supervisors.

To obtain a copy of the full text of this resolution, visit www.daswcd.org or call 575-386-7884.

/s/ Jerry Schickedanz, Chairman

Date: 01/04, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 18, 2018, Marshall Clayshulte on behalf of Rancho Barro, LLC, PO Box 773, Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application numbered LRG-7859 POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill an Additional Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling well LRG-7859 POD4 to a depth of 460 feet for 16-inch casing to be located within the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Section 36, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 16' 7.87", 106° 48' 7.10"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-7859 POD2 located within the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 16' 13.63", 106° 48' 11.46"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 58.93 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM

and within the NW1A of projected Section 36, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, as described by Subfile Nos. LRN-28-012-0209 Right C and LRN-28-012-0329 Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for supplemental well LRG-7859 POD4 is located west of Mesilla, NM and may be found approximately 0.2 mile northwest of the intersection of Calle del Oeste and Calle del Sur. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. 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 hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/04, 01/11, 01/18, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 14, 2018, Peanuts Farm, LLC, 908 Cherry Hill Ln. El Paso, TX 79912, filed application numbered LRG-12496, OSE File No. LRG-16818-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Use Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio

Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by utilizing existing well LRG-12496, located within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 21, Township 27S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 57' 7.54" N, 106° 38' 14.8" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-16818-POD2, located within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 21, Township 27S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 57' 4.926" N, 106° 38' 21.98" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 9.11 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 21, Township 27S, Range 3E (NMPM), as described by Subfile No. of the LRS-28-018-0002-C, Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

Well LRG-12496 is located east of La Union, NM and is approximately 1,908 feet east of the intersection of Maldonado Road and Highway 28.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The

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Dates: 01/04, 01/11, 01/18, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 15, 2018, Giliberto and Patricia Garcia, P.O. Box 27 San Miguel, NM 88058, filed application numbered LRG-17521-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill and Use Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-17521-POD1 to a depth of 300 ft., located within the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 7' 16.45" N, 106° 42' 9.47" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-00030-S-3, located within the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 7' 35.05" N, 106° 42' 21.26" W (WGS84), on land owned by David and Marion Salopek, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte.

Irrigation District for the irrigation of 12.38 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM), as

described by Subfile No. LRS-28-009-0083-A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

The site of proposed well LRG-17521-POD1 is located in La Mesa, NM and is approximately 115 feet north of the intersection of San Jose Rd. and E. Chope's St.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB 2018-129 Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS D. CRUISE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KATHALEEN M. SATTERLEE has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within four (4) 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 counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dates: 12/21, 12/28, 2018, 01/04, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-2018-2732 JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF KENNETH JAMES WHITFIELD

FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KENNETH JAMES PRICE a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Kenneth James Whitfield, to Kenneth James Price, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 23rd day of January 2019 at the hour of 3:30 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Kenneth J. Price
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-2018-2723

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PHILIPPE MEDINA RODRIGUEZ

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME ADULT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Philippe Medina Rodriguez, Resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name as follows:

Current Name: Philippe Medina Rodriguez, Proposed Name: Felipe Rodriguez

This Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge on the 23rd day of January, 2019, at the hour of 3:30 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, NM

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Philippe Medina Rodriguez
Philippe Medina Rodriguez
3306 Ridgeline Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-640-4751

Dates: 12/28, 2018, 01/04, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2018-00120 Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA A. HERRERA, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed the Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four 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., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Date: December 3, 2018

/s/ Martin Martinez
Martin Martinez, Personal Representative of the Estate of Maria A. Herrera, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
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holmespa@zianet.com
/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 01/04, 01/11, 01/18, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-00786

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OF LEGATEES OF ERNESTO J. CABRAL, DECEASED, NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY AND SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with

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the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4077 Monte Sombra Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 3, BLOCK A, MONTE SOMBRA, 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 18, 2007, IN BOOK 22 PAGE(S) 191-193 OF PLAT RECORDS, If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 2:00 P.M. on January 24, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on November 13, 2018 in the total amount of \$131,614.19 with interest at the rate of 4.875% per annum from August 31, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. U.S. Bank National Association, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at

such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-02272

U.S. BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 1999-2, Plaintiff,

vs.

GREGG MARTINEZ; WHITE SANDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; CHAMBERINO MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS & SEWER ASSOCIATION; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 165 Tequila Land, Chamberino, NM 88027, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE SOUTH OF CHAMBERINO, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTION 19, T 26S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING PART OF U.S.R.S.

TRACT 24-80 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET THE WEST LINE OF AN EXISTING ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, WHENCE THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 19, T 26S., R 3E., BEARS THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES AND DISTANCES N 21°46'58"W., 240.03 FEET, THEN CE N.20°01'25"W., 1009.16 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID EXISTING ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT, S 21°46'58"E, 249.56 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET ON THE SOUTH LINE OF A 25 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID 25 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT, N.17°48'54"W., 252.16 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N 61°41'51"W., 179.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, including the manufactured home, described as a 1997 manufactured home, Vehicle Identification Number PH172138, If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on February 7, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on November 27, 2018 in the total amount of \$67,209.82 with interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum from October 12, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this

Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. U.S. Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1999-2, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D-307-CV-2018-00246

IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
v.

SOCORRO E. MORALES AKA EDDY MORALES AND THE UNKNOWN

SPOUSE OF SOCORRO E. MORALES AKA EDDY MORALES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 29, 2019 at 11:00 am, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 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 17, AVALON PARK SUBDIVISION-CORRECTED PLAT, 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 28, 2006, IN BOOK 22 PAGES 62-64 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 909 Gilmer Way, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on October 10, 2018 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 \$134,574.83 plus interest from July 1, 2018 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.87500% 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 payoff, 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. 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 rights of redemption.

Margaret Lake
Special Master
Pro Legal Services, LLC
201 Eubank Blvd. NE, Suite A1
Albuquerque, NM 87123
(505)715-3711

Dates: 01/04, 01/11, 01/18, 01/25, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-00723

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

TERESA TOLONEN; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4431 Kingston Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 26 IN BLOCK NUMBERED A OF SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 4, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 4, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JUNE 20, 2005 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 237-238.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 2:00 pm on January 24, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on November 14, 2018 in the total amount of \$181,349.53 with interest

at the rate of 4.3750% per annum from July 2, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. BOKF, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2017-03950

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

VICTOR LARA AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VICTOR LARA,

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Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned Special Master will on January 15, 2019 at 11:00 am, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 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 9, BLOCK F, VISTA DE LA MONTANA, PHASE V, 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 27, 2005, IN BOOK 21, PAGES 472-473 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 5927 Norte Vista Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on October 2, 2018 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 \$130,005.48 plus interest from June 1, 2018 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.25000% 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 payoff, 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. 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 rights of redemption.

Margaret Lake
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Dates: 12/14, 12/21, 12/28,
2018, 01/04, 2019

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-00881

**LSF9 MASTER PARTICI-
PATION TRUST,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**EVA MARTINEZ; MI-
CHELLE SIDIQI;
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-
CO** to Defendants, Michella Sidiqui:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff LSF9 Master Participation Trust has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 1320 Church St, Anthony, NM 88021. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 1, BLOCK 22, STATELINE ADDITION NO. 3, 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 ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1967, RECORDED IN BOOK 10, AT PAGE 16, OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS,
LLP

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 12/21, 12/28, 2018,
01/04, 2019

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-03893

**DITECH FINANCIAL
LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ERIC S. ROSALES; De-
fendants.**

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4350 Kachina Canyon Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 6, BLOCK B, OF SEDONA HILLS SUBDIVISION 3 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON AUGUST 20, 2004 IN PLAT BOOK 20, AT PAGES 764 AND 765 AS PLAT NO. 4008, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY.

The real property is also described as follows: LOT 6 IN BLOCK B OF SEDONA HILLS SUBDIVISION 3 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, 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 AUGUST 20, 2004 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 20 AT PAGES 764-765, PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 2:00 pm on January 24, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las

Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on November 13, 2018 in the total amount of \$247,620.00 with interest at the rate of 4.000% per annum from May 2, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Ditech Financial LLC, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

CASE NO.
D-307-DM-2018-699
JUDGE:
LISA C. SCHULTZ

**SARA PUCKETT TOM-
LINSON, Petitioner**

vs.

**MATTHEW WAYNE FU-
GATE, Respondent.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

**TO MATTHEW WAYNE
FUGATE, RESPOND-
ENT:**

Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.

The subject of this lawsuit is: Petition for Dissolution of Marriage

If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publication of this Notice, the Court may enter a default judgement against you.

Petitioner's
Sara Puckett Tomlinson
10270 Tuscany Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88007
719-213-4006

WITNESS the Honorable Lisa C. Schultz, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana county, this 18th day of December 2018.

(seal)

David S. Borunda
CLERK OF THE DIS-
TRICT COURT
/s/ E. Balizan
Deputy
E. Balizan

Dates: 12/28, 2018, 01/04,

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

NO. D-307-CV-2017-03297

**IDAHO HOUSING AND
FINANCE ASSOCIA-
TION,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**JUSTIN W. MARTINEZ,
MARGARITO MARTI-
NEZ, KATHALEEN E.
MARTINEZ, NEW MEX-
ICO MORTGAGE FI-
NANCE AUTHORITY,
AND THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF JUSTIN W.
MARTINEZ,
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on January 29, 2019 at 11:00 am, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 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 track of land being a portion of Lot 12, Block 23, Elephant Butte Land and Trust Co., Subdivision "A", Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point being the southwest corner of this tract, whence the southwest corner of Lot 12, Block 23 of the aforementioned subdivision bears S31deg43'E, 208.06 feet; thence N31deg43'W, 169.27 feet to a point being the northwest corner of this tract;

Thence N80deg18'E, 201.43 feet to a point on the west R/W of a 60 foot wide county road, said point being the northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S39deg42'E, 60.34 feet along the west R/W of the aforementioned county road, to the southeast corner of this tract;

Thence S48deg24'W, 198.06 feet to the point and place of beginning containing 0.500 acres of land more or less.

The address of the real property is 4715 Elks Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street

address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 21, 2018 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 \$139,028.50 plus interest from August 1, 2018 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.25000% 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 payoff, 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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Dates: 01/04, 01/11, 01/18, 01/25, 2019

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2018-00172

**WILMINGTON TRUST,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL
CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE
FOR MFRA 2014-2,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVICES OR LEGATEES OF
CHARLES W. JOHNSON, DECEASED;
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
CHARLES W. JOHNSON,
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on January 15, 2019 at 11:00 am, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 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:

UNIT NUMBER 1421 B ALAMO STREET AND A 3.967 PERCENT UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON AREAS AND FACILITIES OF THE ALAMO MISSION CONDOMINIUM OF LOTS 1 THROUGH 19, BLOCK 21 OF COLLEGE SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF THE LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT DATED APRIL 1910 FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY IN BOOK 4 AT PAGE 6 OF THE PLAT BOOK RECORDS A BUILDING SUBJECT TO THE BUILDINGS BUT OWNERSHIP ACT AND DECLARATION FILED ON APRIL 12, 1976 IN BOOK 114 AT PAGE 353-383 OF THE MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AND BEING SUBJECT TO THE USE RESTRICTION SET FORTH IN THE AFOREMENTIONED DECLARATION AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS.

The address of the real property is 1421 Alamo St B, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 18, 2018 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 \$31,897.35 plus interest from August 1, 2018 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.75% 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 payoff, 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 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.

**KEITHLY & ENGLISH,
LLC
/s/ Shane A. English**

SHANE A. ENGLISH
Attorney for Albert Marshall Ilges,
Personal Representative
N.M. State Bar No. 4854
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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.

Margaret Lake
Special Master
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Dates: 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 2018 01/04, 2019

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LUNA
PROBATE COURT**

No. 5504

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE
ESTATE OF:
ROBERT MASON TRAN-
BERG
(a/k/a Robert M. Tran-
berg),
DECEASED.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ALBERT MARSHALL ILGES has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after 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 personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Luna County, located at 700 S. Silver Ave., Deming, New Mexico 88030. DATED this 21st day of December, 2018.

**KEITHLY & ENGLISH,
LLC
/s/ Shane A. English**

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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE
COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

NO. 18-0337

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
MARY KATHRYN EN-
GEBOS AKA MARY K.
ENGBOS, 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 four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after 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 undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd, 1-201, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: 12 Dec, 2018

/s/ Kathryn A. Engbos
Kathryn A. Engbos
1964 Windsor Place
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 642-8367

Dates: 12/21, 12/28, 2018 01/04, 2019

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE
COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

NO. 18-323

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
VIRGINIA LEE STANS-
BURY, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:

1. This notice is being set to the heirs and devisees of the decedent.

2. On Dec, 13, William Stansbury (personal representative's name) was appointed the personal representative of the estate of the decedent in an informal proceeding under the Uniform Probate Code.

3. No bond has been filed

4. All documents relating to the estate are on file with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County. They are Available for your inspection.

5. The estate is being administered by the personal representative according to the terms of the Uniform Probate Code without supervision from the court. You are entitled to information regarding the administration of the estate from the personal representative. You may also petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Dated: 13 Dec 2018

627 Tumbleweed dr.
Chaparral, NM 88081
575-824-7165

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01/04, 2019

/s/ William A Stansbury
William A Stansbury

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MARY K. MORELAND

Mary K. Moreland, age 77, of Deming died Saturday, December 22, 2018 at Memorial Medical Center. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

EUGENE COUTEE

Eugene Coutee, age 67, died Thursday, December 20, 2018 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

REGINA NANEZ

Regina Nanez, age 54,

of Las Cruces died Sunday, December 23, 2018 at Good Samaritan. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

PATRICIA CHRONIC

Patricia Chronic, age 92, of Las Cruces died Tuesday, December 18, 2018 in Las Cruces. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

WALTER EDWARD JOHNSON

Walter Edward Johnson, age 94, of Las Cruces died Wednesday,

December 19, 2018 in Las Cruces. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

DEWITT LITTELL

Dewitt Littell, age 89, of Las Cruces died Thursday, December 27, 2018 in Las Cruces. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

MARY HELENE BREEN

Mary Helene Breen, age 74, of Las Cruces died Thursday, December 27, 2018 in Las Cruces. Services are

pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

GUADALUPE ABEYTA

Guadalupe Abeyta, age 84, of Las Cruces died Thursday, December 27, 2018 in Las Cruces. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

TEOFILO ENCINAS LUCERO

TEOFILO ENCINAS LUCERO, age 83, lifelong resident of Hatch passed away Monday, December 24, 2018 at his home

surrounded by his loved ones.

"Wero", as he was fondly known to family and friends was a farmer; enjoyed hunting, fishing, swimming, family gatherings and going to the mountains.

Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife of fifty-nine years, Nellie Trujillo Lucero; two sons, Rudy Ernesto and Johnny Genaro Lucero; three daughters, Angie Lucero Villalobos, Stella Lucero Wisner and Nancy Lucero; a sister, Jenny Leyva. Other

survivors include twelve grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; granddaughter-in-law, Phyllis Lucero.

The Funeral Service was held Friday, December 28, 2018 at Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road with Pastor Jay Wisner officiating. Cremation will follow and Inurnment of remains will take place at a later date.

The Lucero Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz, 527-2222.

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Arts Council warms up for the new year

BULLETIN REPORT

Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) schedule for January “is brimming with possibilities,” DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers says.

“Art education, the promotion of local artists and art as an economic driver are at the core of DAAC’s mission,” Albers said, and will be the focus of classes, seminars, exhibits, workshops and art-promotion presentations.

“Working artists are signing up for the Get ArtRageous! classes to experiment with different mediums or techniques like alcohol ink, jewelry making and various painting styles,” Albers said. “But there is also a demand for longer, more in-depth workshops. We hope this will give more work to highly-accomplished local artists as teachers and give aspiring artists a chance to learn from experts.”

All events are at the Arts Council’s Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado in Mesilla.

Workshops

Multi-day intensive workshops will be taught by local and regional artists, Albers said. The first is a two-day workshop titled “Fracturing Technique in Oil or Acrylic” with



Nancy Begin

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Julie Ford Oliver

renowned Las Cruces artist Julie Ford Oliver, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 11-12.

The cost is \$160 for DAAC members and \$200 for non-members. The class has space for



Sonya Fe

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Sally Quillin

10 students and registration can be completed online at www.daarts.org or by calling the

DAAC office at 575-523-6403.

“Passionate about painting, I love to teach

painters who wish to loosen up their style,” Oliver said. “I developed a technique which provided me with a method of combining tight and painterly work in both color and form. It’s fun and easy! Come prepared to have plenty of demos and individual attention.”

The class will be offered again Feb. 1-2.

Other workshops scheduled for the first half of 2019 include:

- Feb. 5-7: Krystyna Robbins, “Paint with Depth and Texture in Oil”

- Feb. 12-14: Andy Mullen, “Puppy Love (or Kitty Love) Canvas Pet Portraits” (additional class with Mullen in late April)

- March 22-23: Carolyn Bunch, “Portraits in Pastels or Charcoal”

- March or April: Nancy Begin and Susan Hansen, TBD

- April or May: Jody O’Meara, “Watercolor on Yupo Paper”

‘Get ArtRageous!’

DAAC continues its popular make-and-take art classes, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (afternoon sessions may be added), focusing each week with instruction by a local artist. The fee of \$30 includes all materials and light refreshments. Dress appropriately for working with art supplies, some of which can

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be messy.

• Jan. 9: Barbara Armstrong, Pour Painting. Create a unique painting with this technique using acrylic paints and a “pouring medium” that binds and separates different colors.

• Jan. 16: Linda Gendall, Gold Metal Leaf. Learn how to use metal leaf, available in many colors, in special places in your home, and learn how to apply metal leaf on different surfaces, about undercoating and how to glaze over and protect the leaf.

• Jan. 23: Jeri Desrochers, Painting with Oils. Learn the basic techniques of painting with a palette knife in oil. Different kinds of knives and mediums for use with impasto paint will be discussed and available to try.

• Jan. 30: Sally Quillin, Cork and Paint. An imagination is a plus in this class as fun foam and paint are used to create interesting images or designs on cork.

• Feb. 13: Linda Gendall, After Color Images. Learn to see color in a new way and how it can enhance your artwork.

• Feb. 20: Judy Licht, Painting on Silk.

• Feb. 27: Sally Quillin, After De Grazia, in the style of the famous painter.

• March 6: Gail Lieurance, Modern Brush Calligraphy.

‘Feed Your Mind’

Art historian and UTEP art history instructor Kathleen Key will teach a six-week course titled “Impressionism Beyond France,”

5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays beginning Jan. 28. Key will focus on artists from various continents who embraced the Impressionist style.

Key will also offer a six-week seminar, 1:30-3 p.m. Thursdays, titled “The History of Women in Art,” starting Jan. 31. “Women have made art since prehistoric times, even though they have not been represented in historical accounts,” Key said. “We will look at women artists from earliest times to present day.”

Classes are \$20 each or \$60 for the six-week course. Light refreshments are served before each seminar.

‘Promoting Arts in the Mesilla Valley’

The monthly presentation begins the new year from noon-1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25. Rebecca Courtney, chair of the City Art Board, will present information about the process for drafting a new public art plan. These monthly programs are free and open to the public.

‘Second Saturday 10-10 Arts Hop’

DAAC will exhibit the work of Las Cruces artist Sonya Fe in January. Fe is a California-based

artist whose work has been shown internationally. Her works range “from the inequities of gender and racial bias to the renaissance of human thought and global community,” DAAC said, quoting her website.

Her art goes on exhibit the first week of January and will be featured at the monthly Second Saturday 10-10 Arts Hop on Jan. 12, which offers a 12-hour window to explore art from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. at six local galleries, including DAAC.

The Arts Hop schedule:

• Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• University Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with a children’s art activity at 1:30 p.m.


• Rokoko Gallery, 1785 Calle de Mercado, 4-7 p.m.

• Doña Ana Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado, 4-7 p.m.

• Four Points Perspective Art Gallery, 3405 NM Highway 28, 7-10 p.m.

• Art Obscura Gallery, 3206 Harrelson St., 7-10 p.m.

For more information, call 575-523-6403 and visit www.daarts.org.



Fountain Theatre
2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla
575.524.8287 www.mesillavalleyfilm.org

January 4-10
The Second Time Around
Two seniors meet and discover that it's never too late to fall in love again. Starring **Linda Thorson and Stuart Margolin**

January 11-17
Beautiful Boy
Steve Carell and Timothée Chalamet star in this story of survival, relapse, and recovery in a family coping with addiction over many years.

Nightly 7:30, Saturday matinée 1:30, Sunday matinée 2:30.
No one will be admitted after the film has begun.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



THURSDAY, JANUARY 10
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 19
MINIONS
DOORS at 11am MOVIE at noon
TICKETS \$1 (cash only at door)



SATURDAY, JANUARY 19
THE GODFATHER PART II
DOORS at 6pm MOVIE at 7pm
TICKETS \$8



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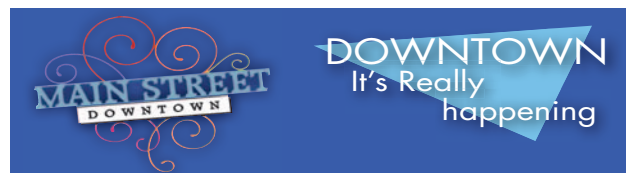


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UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI JANUARY 4 • 10:30 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Rhythm Roundup - Music and Motion for ages 2-5 with caregivers

FRI JANUARY 4 • 10:30 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Library Lab - Activities and Stories for 6-10 caregivers welcome

FRI JANUARY 4 • 5:00-8:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
First Friday - Artists of Picacho Hills - RGT Art Gallery

TUE JANUARY 8 • 10:30 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Read to Me - Story time for ages 3 and up with caregivers

TUE+THU JANUARY 8+10 • 4:00 P.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Teen Game Night

WED+THU JANUARY 9+10 • 10:00 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Toddler Time - Stories and Activities for ages 1-3 with caregivers

WED JANUARY 9 • 11:00 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Mother Goose Time - Activities for Infants

WED JANUARY 9 • 2:00 P.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Doña Ana County Genealogical Society

THU JANUARY 10 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Pretty Woman - \$5

SAT JANUARY 19 • NOON **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Minions - \$1

SAT JANUARY 19 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Godfather II - \$8

ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Art RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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A&E EVENTS

NM Vintage Wines: Live music, 2461 Calle de Principal, Mesilla; 575- 523-9463, nmvintagewines.com.

- Jan. 4: Daniel "Danyo" Sanchez, pop/rock
- Jan. 5: Catfish Fry, country/bluegrass
- Jan. 6: C.L. Smith, folk/country/rock
- Jan. 7-15: closed
- Jan. 18: Little Table Contraband, rock/folk
- Jan. 19: Alister M., indie/rock/folk
- Jan. 20: Alison Reynolds, folk/pop
- Jan. 25: Chris Baker, country
- Jan. 26: Ricky & Emily, blues
- Jan. 27: Skivi Meredith, old school

Rio Grande Theatre: January events, 211 N. Main St. Tickets available at the box office 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, online at riograndetheatre.org, or at the door. Info: 575- 523-6403.

January Storytellers at COAS bookstores

Downtown, 317 N. Main St.

- Jan. 5 - Sarah Addison & Sharlene Wittern
- Jan. 12 - Mary Ellen Floyd
- Jan. 19 - Gloria Hacker
- Jan. 26 - Sarah Addison & Sharlene Wittern

Solano, 1101 S. Solano Drive

- Jan. 5 - Nancy Banks
- Jan. 12 - Judith Ames
- Jan. 19 - Jean Gilbert
- Jan. 26 - Sonya Weiner

any events, 211 N. Main St. Tickets available at the box office 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, online at riograndetheatre.org, or at the door. Info: 575- 523-6403.

- Jan. 4: First Friday Art Ramble.
- Jan. 10: Throwback

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

World War I exhibit

Through Jan. 5
Featuring World War I memorabilia collection thematically organized by participatory countries. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154, museums.las-cruces.org.

'Birds in Art'

Through Jan. 12

Traveling exhibit from the Lee Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, Wisconsin, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Info: las-cruces.org/museums, 575-541-2137.

'Four Generations, Four Languages'

Thursdays - Pretty Woman

- Jan. 19: Children's Matinee: Minions

• Jan. 19: Classic Film: "The Godfather: Part II"

• Jan. 23: The Gaze of the Explorer: Humboldt in Mexico

• Jan. 26: Best of The Second City

• Jan. 29: The Black Market Trust

USA Dance Las Cruces: 2 and 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid, Members \$5, non-members \$10. Info: Jerry 575-639-3993 or email geraldcarolcarson@gmail.com

Brown Bag Lecture: Noon Tuesday, Jan. 8, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Andy Hume will present Las Cruces International Airport: Local

Through Jan. 19

Exhibit by four artists in Mexico whose works highlight generational influences seen in art-making approaches. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

'Passing Through'

Through Feb. 2

Artist Jimin Lee transforms photo-based images of industrial landscapes, miniature sets and other loci otherwise ignored into central subjects through a series of techniques that incorporate technology and craft. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

'Lightning Field'

Through Feb. 16

Computer-generated imagery featuring artist Ken Morgan is an inter-

Aviation's Past, Present, and Future. Info: <http://las-cruces.org/museums> or 575-528-3444.

The Lesters: In concert, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St., Info: (575) 524-3691, fbclas-cruces.com.

Discussion with Carol

Potenza: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, Sage Branch of the Branigan Library, 6121 Reynolds Dr. Potenza is the Hillerman-award-winning author of "Hearts of the Missing." Info: 575-528-3154 or sagelibrary@las-cruces.org.

Please send your art event announcements to editor@las-crucesbulletin.com by Thursday at least one week prior to the desired publication date.

play of light and dark that brings the digital age to the forefront. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

'Dressed for the Occasion'

Through March 3

Women's everyday and dress clothing from the pioneer days of the 1870s to the Depression era of the 1930s. NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Legacy Gallery, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Info: 575-522-4100.

'Drawn to the Land: Peter Hurd's New Mexico'

Through Sept. 13, 2019

Renowned 20th-century artist Peter Hurd (1904-1984) is the subject in an exhibit at the NM Farm & Ranch Museum's Traditions Gallery, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Info: 575-522-4100.

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A kiss in the dark near the fountain of youth

By **JEFF BERG**
For the Bulletin

“The Second Time Around” is a tidy, rather unoriginal little movie that comes to us via Canada. It is still another made for the sort of up-and-coming genre of Movies Made for Older Adults, most of which revolve around some sort of disability and rekindled love.

It often feels like a made-for-television picture, but it does have a sweet story, if one that is too often told nowadays.

Katherine is put into a retirement center, after an injury. Within, of course, are the usual suspects, almost all of whom, it seems to me, would be doing just fine in their own homes.

She is a lover of opera and it is not long before she meets the somewhat curmudgeon-like Isaac, who is a Holocaust survivor, a tailor, likes cigars, dresses well (I never saw anyone in a tie in the wonderful facility that I had to put my mom into a few years ago) and has no knowledge of opera.

Katherine had always wanted to sing in opera, and she definitely feels a downgrade in her life when wheeled into the retirement center with a broken hip. But both she and Isaac are still quite alive and healthy in many ways.

Katherine is played by Linda Thorson, a Canadian actress, who replaced Diana Rigg in the old “Avengers” television series. Most of her



Isaac (Stuart Margolin) and Katherine (Linda Thorson) have little in common, at least in such large matters as opera and cigars, but love is still blind the second time around.



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Plays for a week from the Mesilla Valley Film Society at the Fountain Theatre. It opens tonight, January 4.

work has been for television; hence, that could account for why the film feels like a strong made-for-TV production.

Stuart Margolin, whose most noted work is probably the old “Rockford Files” television series, plays Isaac and does so very well.

And though the chemistry between these two very different personalities is very good, their life differences briefly interfere with what could be a true second chance for both.

At one point, Isaac, the more cautious of the two, notes: “We’re too old to be careful.”

But the opera becomes a hook, as Katherine

is devoted, and Isaac slowly but surely becomes a fan, one might say.

The film travels slowly but steadily as Katherine and Isaac learn more about themselves and each other. There is a touching scene when they share a kiss in the dark, while another scene brings some smiles with it, as the two prepare for a dance, with some other residents of the center.

Isaac, going from grump to lover, also helps Katherine cope with a haughty daughter and annoying granddaughter.

It is a small-budget film, made for about a million bucks and shot in only two weeks.

In an interview Thorsen, who once dated Frank Sinatra, noted: “I did this movie for love but basically for no money. I brought in all my clothes – because

there was no wardrobe budget. I did my own hair and makeup. And I wasn’t the only one.”

A small release with a

big heart, “Second Time Around” offers a lot, but not too much.

Jeff Berg has been re-

viewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at ned-ludd76@hotmail.com.

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Scenes from a previous Las Cruces International Film Festival at Cineport 10 in Mesilla Valley Mall.

Putting the 'International' in Las Cruces film festival

By **ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In their fourth year of running the Las Cruces International Film Festival, Executive Director Ross Marks and Executive Producer Marsha San Filippo call them-

selves the “executive lunatics.” But a growing event keeps their mission refreshed.

“This year the theme is international,” Marks said. “We have 40 international films. The theme is ‘The world through international imagination.’”

The international side makes a big difference, and the quality of the films is the highest it’s ever been.”

The festival is growing in popularity and exposure. Ninety films were chosen to be screened out of 500 submissions received this year, he said. Last year they received 300 submissions.

Marks notes that film is a collaborative medium from the production side but once it’s finished and in circulation there is not a lot of interaction for filmmakers. But with a film festival the interaction is front and center.

“I love movies obviously,” he said. “I teach it (filmmaking), I make it my life outside of my family. But it’s a very solitary experience. You sit in the dark, you are by yourself, you watch the movie, you go home and maybe you have a conversation with who you went to the film with.

“But with a film festival, you actually get to hear from the filmmakers and they talk about their film. You ask them questions, they answer.

You work on the film with them, you go to workshops, parties, interact with the filmmakers. It makes film a very interactive.”

San Filippo said she is excited about the 2019 festival with international films screening from India, Canada, France, Australia, Iran, United Kingdom, Germany, Mexico, Colombia, the Netherlands, Spain, Denmark, Israel, Hong Kong, Poland, the United Arab Emirates, Luxembourg, Benin, New Zealand and the Ukraine.

And this year, there is a space category.

“We are working with Virgin Galactic too,” she said. “We are actually doing a workshop with a script that was kind of inspired through Virgin.”

Screenwriter Bill True’s script will receive a table reading by actors while workshop participants experience the process and provide feedback. The idea for his script was inspired during the film festival two years ago when he did the Spaceport America tour.

“If all goes well, it may

hit the TV screens maybe a year from now or so,” Marks said.

One space-themed animated short, “One Small Step,” has been nominated for an Oscar, San Filippo said.

Students have always been an important part of LCIFF, Marks said. New Mexico State University is one of the sponsors of the festival and there is even a Film Festival Production Class.

“A big part of the class credit is working on the film festival, soliciting, programming, cataloging,” San Filippo said. “There are adults in the room, but the students are given a lot of responsibility. They do the marketing and the social media.”

She said one of their assignments was to distribute film festival posters. They each had to take 10 posters, place them and take a picture of where they are placed.

“When you get to be Robert Redford at Sundance you do have other people to do it for you,” she said. “But in our case, it’s the same thing that

If you go

WHAT: The Las Cruces International Film Festival

WHEN: Feb. 19-24

WHERE: Allen Theatres Cineport 10, the Rio Grande Theatre and other locations.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Edward James Olmos will receive the “Mark Medoff Humanitarian Award” on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Rio Grande Theatre following a screening of his film, “The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez” at 7 p.m.

- George Lopez will receive the “Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment Award” at a VIP reception on Thursday, Feb. 21. The festival will screen his film “The Chicano” at Allen Theatres Cineport 10 at 7 p.m.

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Ross (Marks) and I do all the time.”

There were more submissions this year than ever in the student film

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DART hits bullseye at Rio Grande Theatre

Doña Ana Repertory Theatre (DART) of Las Cruces capped a great year of plays and musicals in Las Cruces with its production of "The Game's Afoot, or Holmes for the Holidays" at Rio Grande Theatre in December.

The play averaged about 200 for each of its three performances, and RGT Venue Manager Chris Faivre said he was very pleased with the turnout.

"I am hoping this opens the doors to other groups looking at the RGT for their productions," he said.

Faivre said RGT is now working with the Doña Ana Historical Society on the Pat Garrett Western Heritage Festival in February and A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley on its March production of "The Hobbit."

I know great things are also coming up at Las Cruces Community Theatre and Black Box Theatre, both just north of RGT on Main Street.

LCCT will open 2019 with "The Crucible," which director Norman Lewis told me has an outstanding cast.

The play is about the Salem witch trials which took place at the end of the 17th century in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The Arthur Miller play won the 1953 Tony for best play.

The LCCT season also includes "Young Frankenstein," directed by Susie Ouder Kirk, the annual One-Act Play Festival and "Glorious,



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the True Story of Florence Foster Jenkins, the Worst Singer in the World," directed by Vanessa Dabovich.

The one acts are always great fun – they are written, directed and performed by local writers, directors and actors. I am writing a play that I plan to submit for consideration.

At Black Box Theatre, co-owner Ceil Herman will direct "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," which has won the Tony, Olivier and Drama Desk awards for best play. It's based on Mark Haddon's best-selling novel about "a boy with autism (played by Las Cruces actor Joseluis Solorzano in the BBT production) who sets out to solve the murder of a neighbor's dog and discovers unexpected truths about himself and the world," according to amazon.com.

Karen Caroe will direct BBT's "Alice in Wonderland," based on the Manhattan Project's version of the Lewis Carroll classic, in March and April. The season will continue with "Fallout," directed by Ceil Herman in May, and "Emilie: La Marquise Du Chatelet Defends Her Life Tonight," directed by Nikka Ziemer in May and June.

Theatre Professor Claudia Billings will direct "Silent Sky," about a New England astronomer, at NMSU in February and March, and the musical "My Fair Lady," directed by Larissa Lury, will close out the university season with perfor-



PHOTO COURTESY BLACK BOX THEATRE

Peter and Ceil Herman are completing their 19th season at Black Box Theatre.

mances in April and May.

I am also very much looking forward to Scaffolding Theatre Company founder Megan McQueen's four-part presentation "Contemporary Musicals with Impactful Messages" for NMSU's Learning in Retirement in January. Her topics will include multi-cultural casting, antibullying and suicide prevention, dispelling xenophobia and LGBTQ issues. I know there will be great local singers performing songs to go with each of her programs.

I've just gotten an important clarification from NMSU CMI Professor Ross Marks that answers a movie question that has been troubling me much of the year. It turns out that "With" is capitalized in "Walking With Herb," the major independent film shot mostly in Las Cruces, which Ross directed. With is, of course, a preposition, and grammarcheck.net says "never

capitalize prepositions and conjunctions of four or fewer letters." But the people at grammarcheck.net have never had the chance to "cominar con el Herb," so they don't know that making the second "W" in this particular title upper case is a capital idea!

Speaking of movies, I got to go to the screening of "The Mule" for local cast and crew (thank you, Jeff Steinborn) on Dec. 18. Seeing the Organ Mountains and White Sands in a major Hollywood production starring the iconic Clint Eastwood (he will always be Rowdy Yates to me) was so cool! I loved everything about the movie. Eastwood, 88, filmed part of "Hang 'Em High" in Las Cruces in 1967. Hopefully, he won't wait another 51 years to make another movie here.

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First show



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The first show of 2019 at Boba Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St., will include a cast of Asiah Thomas-Mandlman, Brianna Chavez Chacon and Tawanda Suessbrich-Joaquim (shown) along with Abby Nayra and Mark Klett, illustrating "the excitement of love, the difficulties of cultivating wholesome relationships and the ups and downs along the way. The show runs Friday-Saturday, Jan. 11-12 and 18-19, with a dinner show each night at 6 for \$27.50 and a cocktail show each night at 8:30 for \$12.50. For tickets and reservations, call 575-647-5900.



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Musical theater

Diane Thomas' professional expectations followed her to Las Cruces

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces musical theatre performer Diane Thomas got some great advice many years ago backstage at a Broadway show from Emmy-winning and Tony-nominated actor Imogene Coca (1908-2001).

When Thomas told Coca that she too wanted to star on Broadway, Coca said, "That's great. Work hard."

"She encouraged me that theatre could always be a part of my life," Thomas remembers.

But Coca also told her, "You can do good theatre anywhere. It doesn't have to be here."

It's advice that Thomas took to heart, much to the benefit of Las Cruces audiences who have seen her work in more than a half-dozen musicals at Black Box (BBT) and Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) since Thomas moved here nearly five years ago.

"It didn't matter where I performed," Thomas said Coca told her. "I could have a standard and a professional expectation of myself; I've tried to do that."

Thomas spent two years waiting tables in the Big Apple trying to make it on Broadway. "I went to New York City and I took my shot," she said. "I've always been grateful that I did." But, at age 20, she met a woman in her 30s who had been doing Broadway auditions



Diane Thomas as Jack's mother with much of the cast in Black Box Theatre's 2014 production of "Into the Woods."

for more than a decade. Thomas asked herself if she wanted to be subtletting a small apartment with three other people in 10 years, with no family of her own, no health insurance or retirement and "hoofing it to these auditions." The answer was "no," she said.

So, Thomas started a new career as a performing arts teacher and continued singing and acting at weddings and dinner theatres on weekends. She also married her husband, Jack, and had two children.

"Teaching was its own adventure," said Thomas, who had attended eight schools in 12 years (including two in Tokyo) as a child because of her father's U.S. Air Force career. Teaching "afforded me the opportunity to do what I'm passionate about every day all day," she said. It was also a great "mom job," she said, allowing her to take time off to raise her children, and letting them "grow up and run around backstage" at the shows she was helping

her students create.

A 30-year teaching career started out in New York State and then took Thomas and her family to Tucson, where she had a K-12 musical theatre training studio and produced a musical every summer.

Thomas also started the Voyager Light Opera Company that continues to sell out performances at the 55-Plus RV Resort in Tucson. More than 100 actors and crew members, all retirees, have worked onstage and backstage at her productions at the RV park, including "The Pirates of Penzance" and "Guys and Dolls."

Thomas continues to work with Voyager and will serve as musical director and choreographer for "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," featuring an 84-year-old actor as Lucy Van Pelt, this year.

Thomas' daughter, Las Cruces actor-director Nora Thomas-Medina, shares her mother's love of theatre. She signed on to direct "Into the Woods" at BBT in 2014 and offered

her mother the role of Jack's mother in the production.

Next, Thomas-Medina directed "Sweeney Todd," casting her mom in the dream role of Mrs. Lovett.

"I worked my fanny off on that show," Diane said.

She was musical director and played keyboards for BBT's 2016 production of "The Marvelous Wonderettes," and then moved across the street to LCCT to serve as musical director for "Pippin," where she also stepped out of the orchestra pit to sing and act as Berthe.

"That was such a kick for me," Thomas said.

She returned to BBT to star in 2018's "The World Goes 'Round" last October, also directed by Thomas-Medina.

"We've done everything we can to give you the best possible show," Thomas said of her collaboration with her daughter.

"Musical theatre is my thing," Thomas said, and that's something she's known since performing in "Cyrano de Bergerac" when she was a senior at a Virginia high school and continuing through more than 200 other productions during the next 40-plus years across the country.

"I am a live theatre performer," Thomas said. "I want to do good theatre."

Somewhere, Imogene Coca is smiling and nodding her head.

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Toby (Philip Alvarez) and Mrs. Lovett (Diane Thomas) in Black Box Theatre's 2015 production of "Sweeney Todd."



PHOTOS BY PETER HERMAN/BLACK BOX THEATRE
Diane Thomas, left, with Juli Stephenson during Black Box Theatre's October 2018 production of "The World Goes 'Round.'"

You can go home again

NMSU film graduate returns to a growing industry in southern NM

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Like a lot of graduates of New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute (CMI), Las Cruces native Keagan Karnes had to move to Albuquerque to pursue a career as a filmmaker.

But Karnes, 28, is excited about the growth of film and television production in southern New Mexico and hopes he can return to Las Cruces to pursue his dream of being a feature filmmaker.

"I'm a huge advocate of film down there," said Karnes, who graduated from CMI in 2013 with a degree in digital filmmaking and moved to Albuquerque, where he currently lives.

Today, Karnes has his own production company, Hardline Films, which he said "really took off a couple of years ago when we did a national ad campaign for eharmony dating website."

Karnes spent time in Las Cruces in 2017-18 working as line producer for the major independent film "Walking With Herb" (WWH), which is based on a book by Las Cruces banker Joe Bullcock that was adapted into a screenplay by Tony winner Mark Medoff.

The film is the biggest project Karnes has worked on to date, he said, and was "a large step toward my dream."



Keagan Karnes

Being a line producer is "a big-picture position," Karnes said. "It really taught me. I had to put crews together, put shoots together." He also worked with unions, made sure the film got the maximum tax credit available from the state, kept the production on schedule, hired and managed the crew, tracked WWH's large budget and even spoke to the Las Cruces City Council in October in a successful effort to increase city funding for the movie.

WWH "will deliver on the promise to really drive film in Las Cruces," Karnes said, as it gives the city exposure in movie theatres and on streaming services and DVD.

"I'm on the edge of my seat with what's going on in Las Cruces," he said. "It seems like it's on the precipice."

Karnes is currently developing a feature film called "Little Brother," which he said is "a character piece about timely



PHOTOS COURTESY KEAGAN KARNES

Filmmaker and Las Cruces native Keagan Karnes, left, with actor Edric Ray during the shooting of a commercial Karnes' film production company made for Las Palmas Del Sol healthcare.

issues that I feel audiences will respond to." The film is about a road trip between Albuquerque (where some of the movie was filmed) and Seattle, Karnes said. He and production partner Sheridan O'Donnell, the film's writer/director, plan to take full advantage of the tax rebate offered by the state to filmmakers who work in New Mexico.

"It's the number one reason films come here,"

Karnes said. "You don't really see many films shooting in non-incentivized states. It's a big part of the way independent and studio films are financed."

Karnes said his love of filmmaking began about 15 years ago in the media magnet at Sierra Middle School in Las Cruces.

"Since day one in that class, I knew I wanted to be a filmmaker," Karnes said.

One of his classmates at Sierra and later in the

broadcast program at Las Cruces High School and at CMI was best friend Jon Foley, who is now the City of Las Cruces' film liaison.

Karnes has also had opportunities to talk about filmmaking to students, returning to classrooms at both Sierra and NMSU.

"Go for it," is his advice to young filmmakers. "There is literally no other way to learn this than to just shoot films

and edit them. Learn every process. You're probably not going to make money at it at first – you have to do it because you love it."

"It's kind of a pirate's life," Karnes said about filmmaking. "I just think it's fascinating. I see the people that it attracts, they get addicted to it and they never let go."

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category, Marks said.

“Student involvement is really rewarding. This inspires and excites them and leads them into a career in the industry.”

The class is valuable also because it gives students experience for their resumes, including business experience. The Border Studies department at NMSU is also a sponsor.

Marks said he views the film festival as a massive open house in which to showcase the community.

“We are bringing 60 or 70 filmmakers into Las Cruces and showing them that this is a viable place for filmmaking or television projects,” he said.

Imagine for the first-time filmmaker coming in and seeing their film on a full-sized screen in a real movie theatre with an audience,” San Filippo said. “It’s a thrilling experience for them too. Sometimes just watching the filmmaker watching their film is inspiring. It really enriches our community



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Las Cruces International Film Festival Executive Director Ross Marks and Executive Producer Marsha San Filippo.

as much as the international film community.”

San Filippo also believes the celebrity component is important for a variety of reasons. It draws attention to the area and inspires students who are exposed to someone successful in the business.

This year, Edward James Olmos and George Lopez will be onsite receiving special awards at the festival as well as having some of their films screened. The opening night film will be “The River Runs Red,” starring Lopez. The director, producer and several of the film’s actors will be present for

the Feb. 20 event.

“There is there life south of I-40,” San Filippo said. “We are starting to make enough noise that the film professionals are beginning to realize that and be happy about it. We are growing. We are excited.”

LCIFF runs Feb. 19-24, with a poster release party to be held Jan. 25 at the Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science. For more information, watch the website, lascrucesfilm-festival.com.

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Community theatre seeks one-act play submissions

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) wants you!

LCCT is seeking submissions of short original plays to be produced as part of its 31st annual One-Act Play Festival.

Submissions should be original scripts, either complete one-act plays or cuttings from a full-length original play, 10-20 minutes in length with simple technical and design requirements and a cast of no more than six actors. Content should be suitable for a general audience.

Each playwright should have a director in mind for his or her play at the time of submission. If not, LCCT will assign a director.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, Feb. 8, to the email or street address listed in the application package, available at www.lcctnm.org/one-act.

Plays will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 15-16, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 17, at LCCT, 313 N. Main St.

Each audience member will be given a ballot and an opportunity to vote for his or her favorite play at each performance. The winner of the one-act play festival competition will be announced after the Sunday performance. Pre-casting of some or all roles is encouraged for the one acts. If auditions are needed, LCCT will



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

As director David Edwards looks on, actors Britney Stout and Mike Dick rehearse the original play “Crosstown” for Las Cruces Community Theatre’s 2018 One-Act Play Festival.



At the first reading of “Crosstown,” one of the original one-act plays performed during Las Cruces Community Theatre’s 2018 One-Act Play Festival are, left to right, director David Edwards and actors Britney Stout, Mike Dick and Lennie Brown.

hold an audition for all one acts, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at LCCT.

Directors should plan on eight hours of rehearsal for the typical 15-minute play, not including the week of dress/tech rehearsals before opening. One-act rehearsals will begin Monday, Feb. 18 at LCCT. LCCT’s one-act production supervisor will coordinate rehearsal schedules with each director.

“Every year, LCCT promotes our local writers by offering them an opportunity to present their work in front of live audiences,” LCCT said on its website. “The One-Act Play Festival celebrates new voices and new scripts.”

For more information, visit www.lcctnm.org/one-act.

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Leslie T, "Winds of Change"

'What's That I Hear?'

Tombaugh Gallery is hosting an invitational exhibit called "What's That I Hear?" based on a song by the late folk singer Phil Ochs. The opening reception is 5-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, featuring artwork in a variety of media and acoustic folk music by local musicians.

A second reception is planned for 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13.

The gallery invited artists to submit work inspired by the music of Phil Ochs, specifically his song "What's that I Hear?", a song of freedom and change. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be given during the opening reception. Visitors will be able to vote for Best of Show.

Ochs, born in El Paso, Texas, in 1940, was an American protest singer and songwriter who



Carol Corley, untitled

wrote, recorded and performed hundreds of songs at anti-war and civil rights

rallies in the '60s.

The Tombaugh Gallery is located at 2000 S. Solano

Ave. Normal hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.



Sylvia Hendrickson, "Thunder Drum"



Ron Landau, untitled

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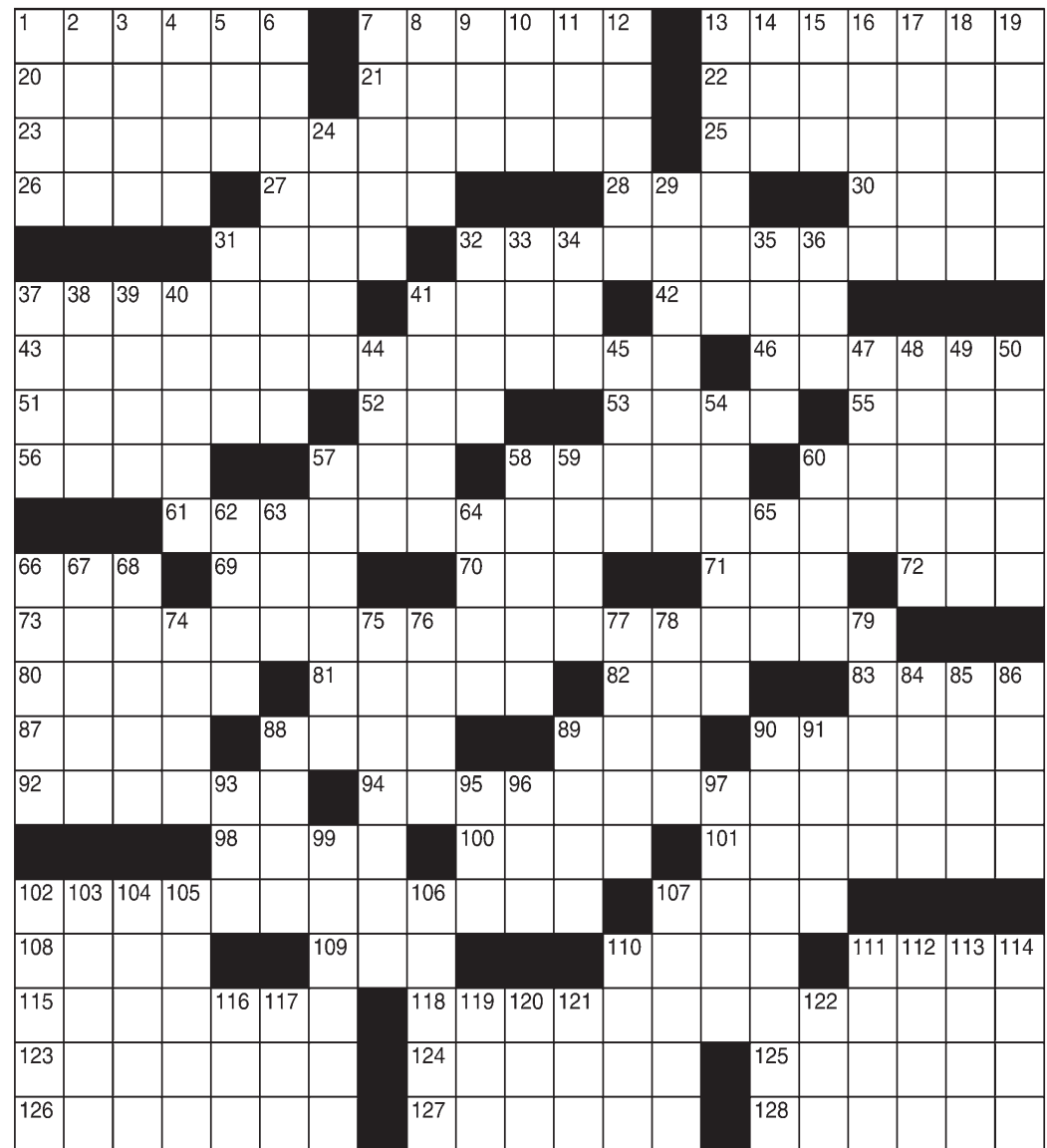
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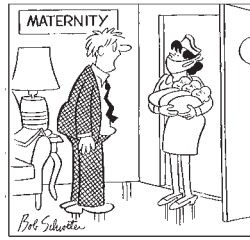
WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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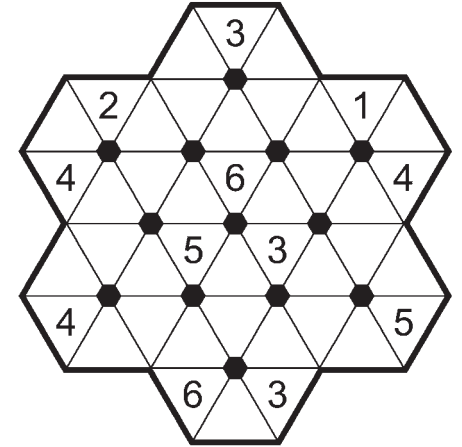
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SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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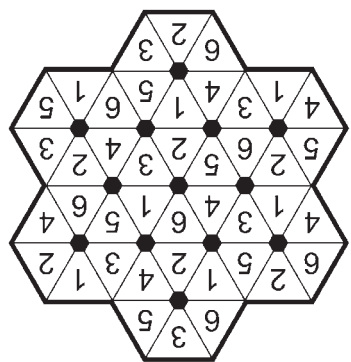
PUZZLE ANSWERS

Suppose a person is operating Greg Louganis' vehicle ... Could you say he's in the diver's seat?

CRYPTOQUIP

Today's Word
 COMPACT
 1. Scope; 2. Deter; 3. Tackle; 4. Gloom

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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SUPER CROSSWORD

Home Sweet Home

Adobe homeowners in Mesquite Historic District receive certificates

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For the Bulletin

Las Esperanzas, Inc. recently presented historic certificates to homeowners of 13 adobes in the Mesquite Historic District.

They contain replicas of plaques those gracing lampposts throughout the district and provide a brief history of the property.

The certificates are in addition to 11 distributed in 2011 and 13 in 2015, for a total of 37.

The mission of Las Esperanzas, Inc., said organization President Dolores Archuleta, is to “promote the history, culture and pride” in the Mesquite Historic District where she was born and raised.

At the 2015 ceremony, history professor Dr. Jon Hunner stated that “All of those homes, those properties are a wonderful representation of how we have progressed during the past 150 years. These awards honor the spirit of the families who have lived there.”

Encouraged by the words, an LEI subcommittee of Paul Mach, Sandy Vice Murray and Freda Flores, under the leadership of then-President Abel Chavarria,

assisted residents of the 13 newly certified homes in their research of their adobes’ history.

According to Las Esperanzas, Inc., the Mesquite Historic District is one of the largest, if not the largest, concentrations of original adobe houses in the Southwest. In 1985, a section of the Las Cruces original townsite was added to the National Register of Historic Places and subsequently most of the rest was added by the state of New Mexico to its historic register.

In the 2018 presentation, residents shared such stories as finding a 1905 Indian Head penny encased in a chamber pot, four-foot-high doorways and a cellar to hide undocumented persons from La Migra (Spanish slang for federal immigration officials).

“Very puzzling,” said Maria and Fernando Montes, about their four-foot-high doorways built in the house they purchased in 1986 at 314 S. Almendra St. from prominent businessman Jesús Nevarez. They enlarged the doorways to enable an average-sized person to pass through and created cement barriers to prevent further deterioration of the house by rainwater.

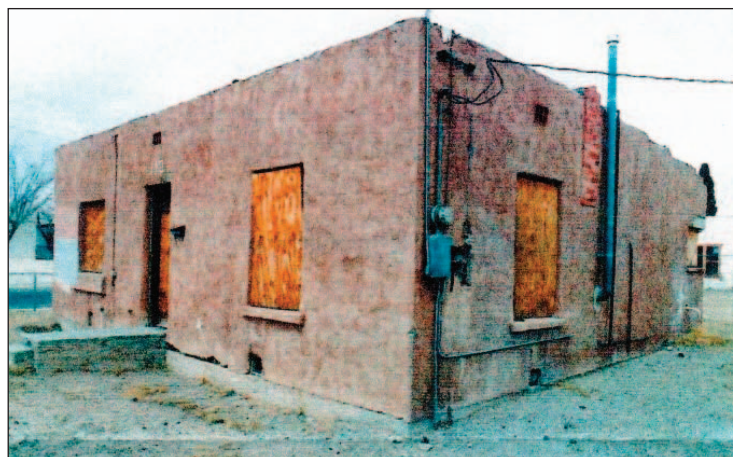
A search of warranty deeds at the Doña Ana Courthouse revealed that Samuel F. Bean, a relative of the (in)famous Texas Judge Roy Bean, sold his house at 190 N. Tornillo Ave. for \$85 in 1927. In the 1910 census, Bean (1865-1938) had been listed as a liquor dealer at the Majestic Saloon, which opened in 1906 and where he commissioned a 1910 Indian Head cent encased in a chamber pot as a token for customers engraved with: “Good for A Smile at Majestic Saloon/S.F. Bean Prop.”

On June 1, 1888, Federico C. Telles, Sr. (1863-1951), a lifelong native of Las Cruces, took possession of a section of undeveloped land within the northern bounty of the original townsite. Around 1893, Federico built a small Territorial-style adobe structure on the northwest corner of the land on San Pedro Street, which at that time was named St. Peter Street, the third public street of the original townsite. Federico and his wife Romana Preciado Telles (1882-1963) raised their four children in this house.

Ernest Lerma and his wife Consuelo Rios Lerma raised their two daugh-



190 N. Tornillo Ave., before and after reconstruction



738 N. San Pedro St., before and after reconstruction



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ters, Dolores and Olivia, in their adobe home built in 1949. Consuelo was a lifelong resident of the Mesquite Historic District and founder of Las Esperanzas, Inc. Their daughter, Olivia Lerma McDonald, designed the LEI logo and the medallions on the street signs throughout the historic district. Both feature her parents' home.

Another home recognized for its historic significance was the Benavidez House at 706 S. Mesquite St., circa 1926. The current owners, Faith Hutson and John Verploegh, found a root cellar to the south of the house that later became known as the best place to hide those without documentation when La Migra came looking. Deteriorated conditions forced them to fill in and seal off the cellar.

Another Bean Subdivision house was the home of Jose M. and Rafael L. Chavez at 629 E. Griggs Ave., circa 1870. Rosenda Pisana bought the house in 1928 and sold it to the Chavez's in 1941. The property was passed onto their son David Chavez.

The Hutson House, 742 E. Hadley, circa 1935: Bobbie and Wilma Hutson bought their 30 ft x 30 ft one-bedroom property from the Catherine McBride Harris Newell Estate. In 2008, concern for the environment inspired the Hutsons to install a 4.2kw solar electric system, which at that time was the largest privately owned photovoltaic system of its type in southern New Mexico – well before El Paso Electric began paying private in-



The "Indian Head" cent-piece, front and back, encased in a chamber pot at the Majestic Saloon.

dividuals for producing solar electricity.

Las Esperanzas President Archuleta concluded the certification ceremony with the recognition of community leaders and elected officials who left their footprints in the Mesquite Historic District: Jesús Nevarez, Carlos Sanchez, Sr. (owner of the Sun Shine Grocery) and WWII

Veteran Herculano Ferralez served a total of 36 years as city councilors between 1912 and 1959. Ferralez also served as mayor from 1987 to 1989.

Ruben Smith, who was born on the kitchen table at his home at 222 N. San Pedro St. because his mother couldn't get to the four-room hospital in time, severed as the "First Mayor-at-Large"



Those picking up historical certificates in 2018 included, from left, Josie Lannert, Elizabeth Lannert, Julie Leonard, Greg Polanco, Olivia Lerma McDonald, Karen Boyer, Bob Hutson, Wilma Hutson, Maria Gutierrez, Faith Hutson, David Chavez and John Verploegh.



The historical medallion designed by Olivia Lerma McDonald.

for 12 years, from 1991 to 2003. His mother, Josefina Gutierrez Smith, was the first Hispanic female elected to the Las Cruces School Board, serving from 1956 to 1962.

Jerry Apodaca, born and raised on Campo Street, served as governor of New Mexico from 1975 to 1978.

The Honorable Chief Justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court, Dan

Sosa, Jr., served 16 years on the court. He was born

in an adobe house that his grandfather built in the 1860s at 326 N. San Pedro St., where he died on Sept. 4, 2016

Sosa called the residence "Home Sweet Home."

For information about getting a plaque for a historic district home, visit www.las-esperanzas.com/memorial-plaques.html.

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Faith evolves over the course of our lives

Everyone traverses a unique faith journey throughout his or her life.

I once attended a workshop on how our faith develops throughout our lives. It was led by Kenneth

Stokes, author of *Faith is a Verb: Dynamics of Adult Faith Development*.

Stokes defined faith as “finding meaning and purpose in life” within our accumulated experiences. Through learning, joining, exploring, and developing/owning our own perspectives, our personal faith takes shape.

Finding our own sense of purpose can occur within the context of one or more religions or outside congregational life.



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Seeking Harmony

We may undergo changes in what we believe as we search for greater meaning through rituals, experimentation, and performing acts of kindness and service for others.

My own family's faith history is like that of many Jews who immigrated to the United States from Eastern Europe. My grandparents belonged to Orthodox congregations in Kansas City. Orthodox Judaism follows Jewish law and tradition as it has been passed down for generations, with some reinterpretation by rabbis that might modify specific practices at home and in the community. My grandparents kept Jewish dietary laws in their

homes (only kosher meat, separation of meat and dairy foods and utensils, no pork or shellfish). They likely did not work on the Sabbath (Saturday). Boys became Bar Mitzvah at age 13 and men held the main leadership roles in the community.

When my brother Steve and I were young, my parents were members of a Conservative congregation. The Conservative movement views Jewish law and tradition as an obligation for its members to follow. Conservative Judaism teaches the importance of Sabbath observance and keeping dietary laws. This movement has, at times, decided on major changes in practice, such as opening to women the possibility of becoming rabbis, can-

tors (singers) and leaders in all aspects of congregational life.

When I was four years old, my parents joined a new Reform Jewish congregation in Kansas City, and, several years later, they became members of a larger Reform Temple, where they were active for 40 years. Reform Judaism views Jewish law as a guideline that can direct personal practice and inspire creativity. Early on, Reform Jewish leaders emphasized moral laws and prophetic teachings over and above preserving traditional forms of ritual (such as the dietary laws). Women took on roles of leadership gradually, with the first woman rabbi being ordained in 1972. As early as the 1880s, Religious School gradua-

tion ceremonies (Confirmation) at age 15 were for both boys and girls, with Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations being added over the last 60 years. Worship featured choirs, musical accompaniment, and creative readings and translations of time-honored prayers (as distinguished from Orthodox practice).

Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan founded the Reconstructionist movement, which takes both a rational and a spiritual approach to Judaism, keeping many long-standing rituals while adding many innovations along the way. Rabbi Kaplan's daughter, Judith, was, in 1922, the first young woman to become Bat Mitzvah by leading part of a Sabbath service.

Over the years, I adopted traditional practices

such as wearing a kippah/yarmulke and tallit/prayer shawl during worship and observing the Jewish dietary laws. I made those decisions to further my own feeling of connection to my heritage and to God.

Each of us has the possibility of pursuing a quest for meaning and purpose in life. It is not only about what we believe, but about what we do to express those beliefs by ourselves or with a community. May we all find peace and hope along whatever road we choose.

Rabbi Larry Karol has served as spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El (www.tbclc.org) in Las Cruces since July 2011. His writings are available at rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

A Course in Miracles:

10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Tesoro Integrative Health Center, 1605 S. Main St. Complete self-study spiritual thought system with Edward Alvarez. \$5 suggested donation. Info: 575-541-5660.

Agape Christian:

4:30 p.m. Sunday, Bible school for all ages. 5:45 p.m., Secret Church and Children's Church, 1400 6th St. Communion served to all believers. Info: Herb Pinney, 575-650-3915.

Campus Mass:

12:10 p.m. Tuesday, Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive. Catholic students and St. Albert the Great weekly mass. Info: Mona Chip, mona@stalbertnewman-center.org.

Center for Spiritual Living:

575 N. Main St.

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday, meditation.

- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, celebration followed by a community meal.

- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Sacred Living Circle.

- 9-10 a.m., Monday-Thursday, yoga.

- 2-3 p.m., first and third Tuesday of each month, dance free.

- 4:30-5 p.m. Thursdays, peace meditation.

- 4-6 p.m. third Friday of each month, Shamanic drumming and meditation.

- 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturdays, A Course in Miracles

Christian meditation:

5:30-6:20 p.m. Tuesdays at The Bridge, northeast corner

of Chaparral Street and East Mesa Avenue. “In stillness, silence, emptiness a journey to the inner self, where the Spirit of God abides.” Info: Joe Murray 860.514.0548 or joe@haidacher.cc.

Cowboys for Christ: Non-denominational outreach organization seeks volunteers to coordinate Christian fellowship to assist those in need. Info and requests: benzo@live.com.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church:

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Fusion Youth Fellowship:

5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday at 2941 Morningstar Drive. Info: 575-521-3770.

Genesis Bible Study:

6:30 p.m. first three Thursdays of the month, Revival Fire Bookstore, 2645 Missouri Ave., Suite 5. Book of Genesis Bible study. Info: Bev, 575-642-1003.

Holy Family Mass:

Holy Family American National Catholic Church, an inclusive Vatican II Catholic church, 702 Parker Road, 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. Sundays. Fr. Jim Lehman and Fr. Louie Amezaga lead the services.

MMC Mass:

Noon Wednesday, Memorial Medical Center chapel, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Holy mass. Info: 575-636-3274.

Men's prayer breakfast:

7-9 a.m. Tuesday, 106 S. Miranda St., in the Fellowship Hall. Info: 575-524-3691.

Men's Fellowship:

Noon, Tuesday, IHOP, 2900 Del Rey Blvd. Christian Men's Fellowship. Open discussion. All men welcome. Info: 575-621-2350.

Men's prayer meeting:

7 a.m. Saturday, 1605 S. Valley Drive, led by Manny Howie. Info: 575-523-1113.

Non-denominational service:

5:45 p.m. Sunday, Dream Center, Sixth and Wilson Streets. New Agape Christian Church offers a scriptural, theological, historical and scientific look at the prophets. Children's church provided. Info: Pas-

tor Herb, 575-650-3915.

Prayer groups:

9 a.m. Saturday, 20-30-minute centering prayer, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave.

Science of Mind talk:

10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Join to discuss the articles of Science of Mind Magazine with like-minded people. Bring a lunch. Info: 575-523-4847.

Sunday Mass:

10:15 a.m. Sunday, Southeast corner of First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. St. John's Catholic Church of Antioch mass. Open to all. Info: 575-621-0255 or www.st-johnscatholicchurchofantioch.org.

Hemp, hemp hooray for New Mexico

On Dec. 12, 2018, the U.S. Congress legalized hemp nationwide.

Prior to that, New Mexico legalized hemp, and as of Jan. 1, 2019, farmers interested in growing hemp can apply.

Folks, it's happening. This is a big deal and could be an economic boon for the state.

Some of us have been working toward this for



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the past eight years.

Hemp has so many uses – rope, paper, fiber, building materials, oil, clothing, bricks, home insulation, biofuel for cars, medicines and

animal bedding.

The rest of the world has been prospering from hemp for years; now it's time for New Mexico. There are jobs to

be had.

So, people are asking, who can grow hemp? Applications are available on the New Mexico Department of Agriculture website. Check it out.

Is it easy to grow hemp? Yes and no. It is not a difficult plant to grow – with a bit of guidance and education. But there is not enough guidance yet, so not everyone can grow hemp.

Hemp is in the cannabis family, but can

you smoke hemp? Not exactly. It has little to no THC. You will not get high. Hemp with no THC may give you a good headache.

Having said that, if the hemp is hybridized with Indica or Sativa, it will contain more THC and it could be psychoactive. This will be strictly controlled by the New Mexico Department of Health as well as federally regulated as a Schedule 1 drug.

My personal and professional goal, as always, is to make high-quality hemp products available to all at a fair and reasonable price. Hemp should not be expensive. Many are concerned that Big Pharma will take over the industry and capitalize on hemp and price it out of reach for most consumers. That is a possibility. However, the more growers there are the cheaper the prices. Just remember,

you will need to acquire a license in New Mexico.

Let's make NM prosper in 2019!

Hilda Luz Chavez, ND, is a third-generation healer and curandera. Her work is all about educating and awakening the interest of the younger generations to herbal medicine and supporting the older generations with remedies they remember. She can be reached at chavezhl@aol.com.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Testing & using essential oils: 1-2:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, Senior Amigos, 3948 E. Lohman Ave. Info: Cheryl at oilsandlife@yahoo.com.

Alzheimer's group: 10-11 a.m., second Thursday of every month, 1155 S. Telshor Blvd., Suite 202. Early Stages Alzheimer's Support Group meets. Attend with a friend or family member.

Aquatic cardio: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. The total body workout fuses cardio, Pilates, isometric movements, plyometrics into a 45-minute series. Info: 575-541-2782.

Breast cancer support group: Meets 10-11:30 a.m. fourth Saturday, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., west side

annex building. Free, no pre-registration, open to all.

Breastfeeding support group: 10-11:30 a.m. every Friday, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room. Refreshments provided. Cost: free. Info: 575-521-5393.

Cancer support group: 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday, University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer Care is a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends). Info: Betty Harris, 575-524-3994 or the church office, 575-522-8220.

Dance fitness: Professional instructor. Class size limited. Cost: \$20-\$45 a month depending on hours attending. Free tryout classes. Info: Call or text, 575 405-4142.

• Dance Fit: 8:30-10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.
• Ballet: 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

Diabetes support group: 5-6:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each month, Mountainview Senior Circle Association, 3948 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 1. For children in elementary through high school. Parents or guardians must attend. Info 575-522-0289.

Diabetes support group: 10-11:15 a.m. third Thursday in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave. Open discussion and a question-and-answer period. Info: 575-522-0289.

Epilepsy support group: 1-2:30 p.m. first Saturday, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Support for anyone with epilepsy, those who have loved ones

with epilepsy, and caregivers of epileptics. Info: 505-243-9119 or EpilepsySupportNM.org.

Flu vaccines: Immunization Hotline, toll free 866-681-5872, or visit flushot.healthmap.org.

Hatha yoga classes: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays and 1-2 p.m. Fridays, Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Fee: \$2 per class, \$1 for seniors. Info: 575-541-2782

Hearing voices: 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Amador Health Center, 999 W. Amador Avenue (on the Community of Hope campus). A group for people who hear voices, have visions and unusual experiences to share with others. Family members, friends and interested people are also welcome. Info: Al Galves, 575-571-3105 or

agalves2003@comcast.net.

Immunization services: For children up to 18, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5006.

Jazzercise Lite: 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. Info: Dianne Sage, 575-650-9721; jazzercise.com.

MS support group: 4:30-6 p.m. first Thursday, Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Info/RSVP: Andres Selgado, 915-433-2588

Needle disposal/syringe exchange: 8:30 a.m.-4:40 p.m. weekdays, Las Cruces

Public Health office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5090.

Overeaters Anonymous: 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. and noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave. A fellowship of individuals recovering from a compulsive relationship with food. Info: www.oa.org; Barbara, 575-405-0128 or Wayne, 575-647-5684.

Reclaim Wellness: 6-9 p.m. third Thursday, 1355 California Ave. Card readers, artists and vendors of organic handmade products. Info: 575- 613-1664

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, First Christian Church, 1802 El Paseo Road. 12-step fellowship. Info: www.sca-recovery.org.

Spirit lifters: Rx for down in the dumps

An obvious truth is that life has its ups and downs, its good times and bad. The older we get our list of adversities grows longer; but our wonderful times do, also.

I have been making a list of the things which enhance my enjoyment of life – those things over which I have some control. I do not have to stay in the pits feeling sorry for myself when things don't turn out right or for some unknown reason I am depressed. There is a great deal that I cannot change or fix, but I can do some things which can help.

Top of the list for me is to count my blessings. That gets the focus off of the negative and emphasizes the positive. It turns my attention to the Giver of all good gifts and helps get the attention off myself. On the average day, we have far more



RUTH MOORER

Not for Sissies

good things that happen than bad things.

Look for the beautiful. Look for the good. Do you remember the character called Pollyanna? People talk about her as being

unrealistic and ignoring life's difficulties. Well, she had more joy in life than the doomsayers. I believe that optimists have more fun than pessimists. They bring hope and encouragement. They are more fun to be around.

Express appreciation for people around you and encourage them when they are down. It is sad that we take so much for granted in terms of what people do for us. It does not take very much to cheer others, to say thank you, to send a card of encouragement, a birthday greeting, or get-well cards. When we lift someone else's spirit, our own rises.

I find that spending time with children always lifts my spirit. We have at our church a daycare center for preschoolers. Whenever I am at the church and the children are being escorted somewhere walking in a line behind their teacher, I enjoy seeing those precious, happy children, and am reminded that Jesus spoke of the children as being part of the Kingdom of Heaven. He said that if we wanted to enter that kingdom, we must be like them! If you do not have a child in your home or are not with one frequently, there are ways to find them. Our public schools sometime have programs to tutor children in their reading. Some places need "grandparents" to read to them or to hold infants who need nurturing.

I must not forget the animals who are good companions helping us, loving us and accepting

us as we are. I believe that they can improve our dispositions.

Finally, I recommend that when feeling low, try singing. Now, you may insist that you cannot carry a tune, but I am guessing that you can if you try. If no one is around, you are safe from criticism unless your dog howls when you sing, then you could have a duet! For me, singing gives me encouragement and joy. I especially enjoy singing hymns which help me focus on the source of my hope and strength. Singing is a way to exercise my spirit. Try it. I guarantee that you will feel better. As the saying goes, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

Ruth Justice Moorer is a resident of Las Cruces having moved here in 1996 with her husband, Charles. She has been a public-school science teacher and a United Methodist pastor.

Well-deserved



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

"It's been wonderful," Clayton Flowers said Friday night, Dec. 21, as he celebrated his 103rd birthday. "I feel that I don't deserve all this." The party for the former Tuskegee Airman was held at the home of Sunland Park City Manager Julia Brown. Attendees included Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Doña Ana County Commissioner-elect Shannon Reynolds. Pictured with Flowers are his son, Wendell, and grandson, Lee.

SENIOR CALENDAR

AARP driver safety courses: Save on your insurance. Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Courses are four hours and provide a three-year certificate.

- Senior Amigos: 12:30 p.m. Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4; call 575-522-0502 to register.

- Good Samaritans: 10 a.m. Jan. 19, Feb. 21; call Harold at 575-430-0932.

- 10 a.m. March 9; call Ernie at 575-642-2582.

- I-10 Hampton Inn & Suites: 12:30 p.m. Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11; call

Judy at 760-505-4757.

GriefShare Support Group: 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday beginning Jan. 8, Morning Star United Methodist Church, 2941 Morning Star Drive. The 13-week program is designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one through death. Cost is \$25. Info: Jackie Maxon, 915-525-2575.

'Skills for Dementia Care-giving': Free, six-session program for family and friends caring for a loved one with dementia,

1-3p.m. each Thursday from Jan. 24-Feb. 28. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association – NM Chapter, 1155 S. Telshor Blvd. To register or for information, 1-800-272-3900 or email Alexis Ramirez at alramirez@alz.org. For directions, call 575-647-3868.

Ambercare hospice volunteer program: Ambercare seeks volunteers to offer comfort and support to patients and their families. Hospice volunteers read, take walks, listen or provide companionship.

Training provided. Info: 575-556-8409, ext. 12418, or jlopez@ambercare.com.

Bone Boosters: 11:30 a.m. first Thursday. Sponsored by National Osteoporosis Foundation/New Mexico Affiliate. Info: 575-522-5106. RSVP: 575-522-0503.

Parkinson's support group: 10 a.m. third Tuesday at the Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Info: Sarah Stegall, 575-496-2550; Jon Roberts, 702-217-0450; pdsgsnm.org.

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New NMSU lecture series focuses on entrepreneurship

By **CARLOS ANDRES LOPEZ**

For the Bulletin

To become a driving force for an economy that extends beyond southern New Mexico, New Mexico State University must become more innovative and entrepreneurial as it prepares today's students to become tomorrow's business leaders, said NMSU professor Ebetuel "Beto" Pallares.

For his part, Pallares, a faculty member in NMSU's College of Business and investor-in-residence at Arrowhead Center, is leaning on his skills as a long-time venture capitalist in the Southwest and enlisting high-profile entrepreneurs to share their knowledge with NMSU students and faculty for a new lecture series focused on entrepreneurship.

The series kicked off this fall with a well-received lecture from Miriam Rivera, who visited NMSU for the first time in November. Rivera, the daughter of migrant farm workers and a first-generation college student, is a former vice president and deputy general counsel at Google who later co-founded the Silicon Valley-based venture fund Ulu Ventures.

"The idea is to bring in people who can inspire students and give them a sense of the people in the industry, but also to show that entrepreneurial talent can be found and nourished in our area," said Pallares, who serves as the Bill and Sharon Sheriff Endowed Chair in Entrepreneurship in the College of Business, where he teaches in the Finance Department.

During her visit to NMSU, Rivera met with students, faculty and area entrepreneurs to answer



Miriam Rivera, a former Google executive who co-founded the Silicon Valley-based Ulu Ventures, met with New Mexico State University Chancellor Dan Arvizu in November after speaking to NMSU students and faculty as part of a new lecture series by NMSU professor Ebetuel "Beto" Pallares.

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questions and offer advice. She also met NMSU Chancellor Dan Arvizu, who attended her lecture. Rivera praised NMSU for its entrepreneurial efforts.

"I was very impressed with how NMSU is thinking in a much more regional way about not only attracting students, but also enhancing entrepreneurship," Rivera said. "Reaching out across all borders to spark innovation and help entrepreneurs has the best interests of the region and its economic vitality at heart. Partnering with local businesses and non-profits also helps to advance the reach and impact of the university and create tighter bonds across communities."

Pallares said he plans to bring at least one guest speaker to visit NMSU per semester. Currently, he's in talks with Shomit Ghose, a partner at the Menlo Park, California-based ONSET Ventures, for a visit during the spring 2019 semester.

"Shomit has a wonderful story as well. He's a venture capitalist

and is originally from India," Pallares said. "He has a wonderful background in investment, and he's particularly interested in impacting people who are first-generation immigrants."

A date for Ghose's visit will be announced next semester.

As the Bill and Sharon Sheriff Endowed Chair in Entrepreneurship, Pallares is focused on helping students understand entrepreneurship as a career path. He started teaching at NMSU in August. One of his courses is called "Entrepreneurial Mindset," which is open to all students, not just business majors, and is designed to expose students to entrepreneurship.

"The reality is that none of us have a crystal ball to figure out who will be a great business person," he said. "But what we're trying to do is show that is a viable path."

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Energy Patch presents state with Christmas gift

New Mexico has received a large present from the oil patch. And when it was unwrapped, inside was a \$1.2 billion surplus.

But state budgeteers are playing the role of Grinch.

The widespread adoption of fracking in eastern New Mexico coupled with higher prices has resulted in a sharp increase in oil patch dollars, hence, tax revenue. But the Grinch/budgeteers warn that what the oil market giveth can be taken away, so they argue for caution in spending our newfound wealth.

Many, and by many, I mean me, think budget technocrats too pessimistic. Certainly, oil prices will fall in the future, just as certainly they will rise. Oil markets are volatile, and nothing has happened to change that. But – and this is a big but – there has been a fundamental shift upwards in the energy market. For any given price, New Mexico oil production will be more than in the past.

The amount of oil and gas in the Permian is essentially unlimited. A recently released assessment by the Geological Survey identified new reserves under Lea and



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State of the Economy

Eddy county sufficient to ensure that New Mexico has enough oil and gas to sustain production for decades to come. The Delaware Basin, part of the larger Permian Basin, is now es-

timated to contain an estimated 46 billion barrels of oil, 281 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 20 billion barrels of natural gas liquids.

Meanwhile, for the first time in decades, for the week ending Nov. 30, 2018, the United States became a net oil exporter, exporting 9 million barrels/day while importing only 8.8 million barrels/day. The U.S. is expected to become a permanent net exporter by 2020. This is in large part thanks to New Mexico production.

In the past, that the oil would one day run out had been the justification for the establishment of the Land Grant and Severance Tax Permanent funds. Legislators have been reluctant to tap these for current expenditures arguing the need to keep them safe for future generations. But now new technology and large reserves means that this year's state budget surplus will likely be more

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The path forward for our region lies in equipping our people, New Mexico's True Talent, with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in well-paying careers in key industries now and in the future.

In January, thanks to a partnership grant with public broadcaster KRWG, we will share the success stories of some of New Mexico's True Talent who took advantage of these opportunities and, with less than a four-year degree, were able to get great jobs. Some are doing things they never imagined getting to do. Others are using those jobs as stepping stones to further their aspirations – whether advancing their education and/or career potential.

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Thursdays in January: Jan. 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 7:30 p.m. The show also rebroadcasts Saturday, Jan. 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Thanks to Fred Martino and the talented KRWG staff, we will share four stories and four panels of experts talking about careers in key industries, and the education that gets you there.

- Jan. 3 – There's More to Healthcare Than Doctors and Nurses illustrates the breadth of meaningful and well-paying healthcare careers, which pay an average of \$64,000 annually. The piece highlights Molly McClure, DACC graduate who moved into a second career in health care. The show also includes a panel of local experts in the healthcare industry: Joanie Anderson, Healthcare Career Pathway teacher at Las Cruces

High school; Melanie Fateusi, recruitment specialist for Mountainview Regional Medical Center, and Sabrina Martin, CEO of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico.

- Jan. 10 – The Sky's the Limit in Aerospace highlights the unbelievable opportunities available right here in the aerospace industry through NASA, Spaceport America, and a host of civilian contractors. The story features Mayfield High School graduate Abbey Seward, who took a welding Career and Technical Education (CTE) course her senior year, then pursued a two-year welding degree at DACC. A panel following the story features Joe Bullington, commercialization manager for Jacobs Technology; Dan Hicks, CEO of Spaceport America; and Jason Lazich, director of infrastructure & ground services for Virgin Galactic discussing growing career opportunities here

in our backyard.

- Jan. 17 -- Career and Technical Education is the Path Forward shows why ALL high school students can benefit from CTE courses on their way to college and/or career. Evelyn Sandoval, Chaparral High School graduate and current NMSU student, is now a key leader on KRWG's student-run News 22, Aggie Vision, and Noticias 22 productions after building a strong foundation of skills in the Audio/Visual CTE pathway in high school. CTE programs build the bridge to college completion helping students achieve college credentials and two-year degrees earlier than their peers taking the traditional high school route. Dr. Monica Torres, interim president of Doña Ana Community College, and Travis Dempsey, superintendent of the Gadsden Independent School District, discuss the benefits of CTE and the importance of dual credit

courses in high school.

- Jan. 24 -- STEM Skills are Critical to National Defense showcases the importance of STEM skills in a number of well-paying careers at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). Growing up in Las Cruces, Henry Sedillo didn't know what went on at that military base on the other side of the Organ Mountains. Building on the foundation of an internship and a two-year degree from Doña Ana Community College, he grew in his education and career opportunities at WSMR and is now a leader of the range's testing efforts. Dr. Patricia Sullivan, NMSU College of Engineering Outreach Center; Brigadier General Greg Brady, commanding officer at WSMR; and Patti Lucero, Director of Operations & Compliance of TRAX, International will talk about the local connections between education and employment in the nation-defending mission of WSMR.

These stories illustrate just a few of the great opportunities here in our community. It's time we make sure our young people and families know of their existence and how to prepare for them.

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the norm than the exception going forward.

Given the new reality, the argument for not tapping the permanent funds to finance long-term projects that could contribute to the current needs of New Mexican citizens has lost a lot of its validity. The obvious unmet current need is to finance pre-K-12 education.

If oil prices fall, oil production will decline; if oil prices increase, production will increase.

But thanks to fracking coupled with increased servers, the highs will be higher and the lows will be less low. Oil revenue going forward will be just as volatile as before, but at a higher average level. Legislators will be well served to keep this in mind in deciding to spend or not spend this year's surplus.

The biggest risk facing New Mexico oil is not the fear of running out, but rather the end of the hydrocarbon economy. Climate change is now sufficiently obvious that countries will adopt poli-

cies to move away from carbon. At the same time, technology has improved so that wind and especially solar are becoming

viable alternatives. The global dependence on oil could well end before New Mexico runs out of crude.

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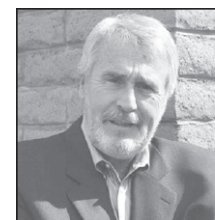


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Foundation backs salary of NMSU baseball coach

By ANGEL MENDEZ

For the Bulletin

A new pledge signed by four Aggie fans and donors on Wednesday will supplement the salary of New Mexico State University's head baseball coach Brian Green through the next four years.

The restricted gift of \$95,550 to support Green will be distributed in four parts starting in 2019. All four donors, including Scott Bannister; Paul Bauer, class of 1983; Kevin Horner, former Aggie baseball player; and Jerry Lujan, class of 1977 and former Aggie baseball player, all recognize the turnaround seasons led by Green in the past four years as well as the team's regular involvement in the community.

"The vision that he cast and the culture he said he was going to create, he's doing," Lujan said. "He's building a great program that's benefiting the university and the community. The kids are going to be great baseball players, but he's also building future leaders for all of us, which is more important to me. He's done everything he said he was going to do, so we needed to do everything we could to keep him here."

Last week, Green signed a four-year contract extension with NM State Athletics following a record-breaking 2018 season where the team earned its first WAC Tourna-



Chancellor Dan Arvizu (left), Jerry Lujan, Kevin Horner (second from right), Paul Bauer and NM State head baseball coach Brian Green (center) formally sign a pledge agreement with the NMSU Foundation that supplements Green's salary for the next four years.

ment title and recorded its second 40-win season in program history.

"It's humbling beyond belief. It's very emotional actually," Green said. "It reinforces that what we're doing, we're on the right track. When I got the job here, I believed that I could get into the community because I played here and graduated here. I knew that in my gut. If you get out and you do things right, people will notice, and Becki and I are honored. It gets me even more driven to build this program to even

greater heights."

While bringing wins to an excited fan base, the New Mexico State baseball program under Green's watch also continues to produce professional talent and attract national attention. Since 2016, 10 former baseball student-athletes now play professionally, including Kyle Bradish, selected in the fourth round by the Los Angeles Angels in June.

"When our athletic programs win, our university wins," said Tina Byford, interim president of the NMSU

Foundation. "Our student-athletes and our coaches train every day, and every win builds the NMSU brand that is exposed to more and more prospective students across New Mexico and the nation. We're grateful for these four loyal Aggie fans who see that connection and want to help Coach Green along the path of building outstanding future leaders and the NMSU brand for all of us."

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Batter up for city baseball registration

BULLETIN REPORT

The Parks & Recreation Department will offer individual and returning team registration for the 2019 Spring Youth Sportsmanship Basketball League. The league is offered to Pre-K through 8th grade levels of the current school year and play will begin on April 1.

Cost is \$35 for returning team individuals (no jersey) and \$45 for new players (includes a game jersey).

Returning team registration is Jan. 22-24. Coaches are responsible for submitting a returning team roster, but players are also required to register individually for their team. To be considered a returning team, the roster must have at least seven returning player names with jersey numbers submitted to athletics@las-cruces.org by Monday, Jan. 14.

Returning players must be individually registered by Jan. 25.

Players must obtain the new Parks & Recreation issued activity ID card by Jan. 19. A new photo will be taken, so bring your child and their current P & R ID card to Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday or 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

Returning players not interested in joining their returning team will be required to register individually online on Friday, Jan. 25 and Friday, Feb. 1. Onsite registration is 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 26, and Saturday, Feb. 2, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center.

For more information, call 575-541-2563 or email [Athletics@las-cruces.org](mailto:athletics@las-cruces.org).

Take a swing at a few golf resolutions in the new year

According to historians of the ancient world the Babylonians were the first to make New Year's resolutions, 4,000 years ago. However, their new year was celebrated in mid-March, when crops were planted. The Romans established Jan. 1 in 46 B.C. Resolutions, presumably solidifying our promises for a new start, are mostly a secular practice, although many religions have the tradition.

Since starting this column with The Bulletin in 2006 (some 650 articles ago), I have written several New Year's resolutions. I confess I have not gone back to keep score. According to research, about 45 percent of Americans make resolutions, but only 8 percent are successful. Among mine are, "I will not ... Give a shot-by-shot account of my rounds to co-workers ... Consider entering a U.S. Open qualifying after three straight rounds of 72 ... Accuse my opponent of cheating just because he wins ... Hurl my putter into the lake after a round with six 3-putts..."

One of my resolutions is to get in reasonably good walking shape. After walking 36 holes in 24 hours at Bandon Dunes in October, and limping home with a pulled muscle, I realized I must do better. Walking a few miles on local desert paths weekly and walking with a small Sunday bag with seven clubs occasionally should help a lot.

My next plan is to ex-



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

tend the range of courses that my usual group and I play to include Sierra Del Rio in Elephant Butte, Butterfield Trail in El Paso and Inn of the Mountain Gods near Ruidoso. Why? These are three fine, difficult golf courses, close by and fun to visit. And we like it when folks from elsewhere play our courses.

Within the month I will do a column on Susie Meyers' recent book "Golf from Point A." It needs to be in every serious golfer's library. Rules changes will take effect beginning Jan. 1, and while some pertain only to tournament golf, every golfer should be informed.

I'm also planning a story on the controversy surrounding the proposed golf ball "rollback," because some golf experts believe (with lots of data) that Tour driving distance has become insane, due to the ball, and it's obsoleting many precious golf courses. I'm also planning to explain the new put-

ting targeting rage called "AimPoint." You may have seen Justin Rose stick one or two fingers in front of his eyes toward the hole; he's aiming – and No. 1.

I resolve to increase my overall bodily flexibility this year. At the gym I have maintained my muscle strength with weights and machines, but it's not enough, since clubhead speed is much more than strength. I would like to hit my driver an average of 15 yards longer, but this is a sub-goal.

Another resolution is really a wish – to go to my first Masters' tournament in Augusta. It will take some luck. Later in the season I'm attending the U.S. Senior Open Championship at the Warren Course at the University of Notre Dame, my alma mater. My plan, which is well underway, is to be granted a media pass so that I can file a story or two here. Happy New Year.

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Chaeley Boykin is an 18-year-old senior at Centennial High School. She is on the Lady Hawks cheerleading team as base and the track team as a pole vaulter. Boykin was part of the state championship team her freshman year and has competed at the district level for track. She loves her sport and teammates. Boykin works hard at school, with an excellent GPA of 4.13 and enjoys activities at school and in her community. She is a member of student government, media, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, her church youth group and a national leader for the Methodist Youth Conference. Boykin would like to get a degree in medicine and become a trauma surgeon.



Alex Nelson is 17-year-old senior at Centennial High School. He plays shooting guard on the Hawks basketball team. Nelson scored 15 points in the game against Rio Grande. He always makes the effort in practice and is a tireless worker, getting extra shots on his own. Nelson has confidence and is determined to accomplish his goals. He is a dedicated student, with a 3.44 GPA. Outside of school and sports, Nelson enjoys baking and spending time with his family. He would like to play basketball at the college level, study criminal justice or attend the police academy.

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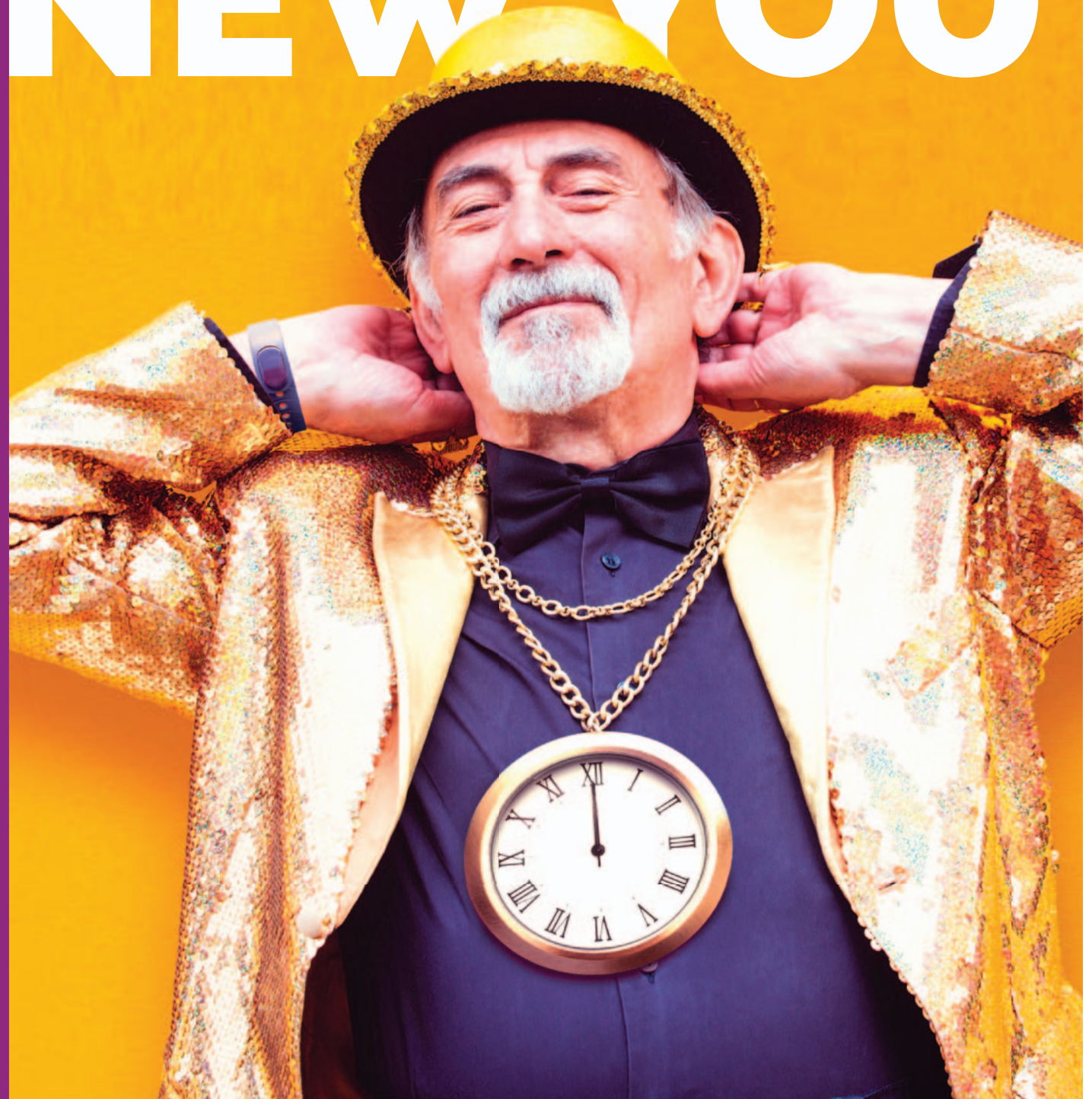


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