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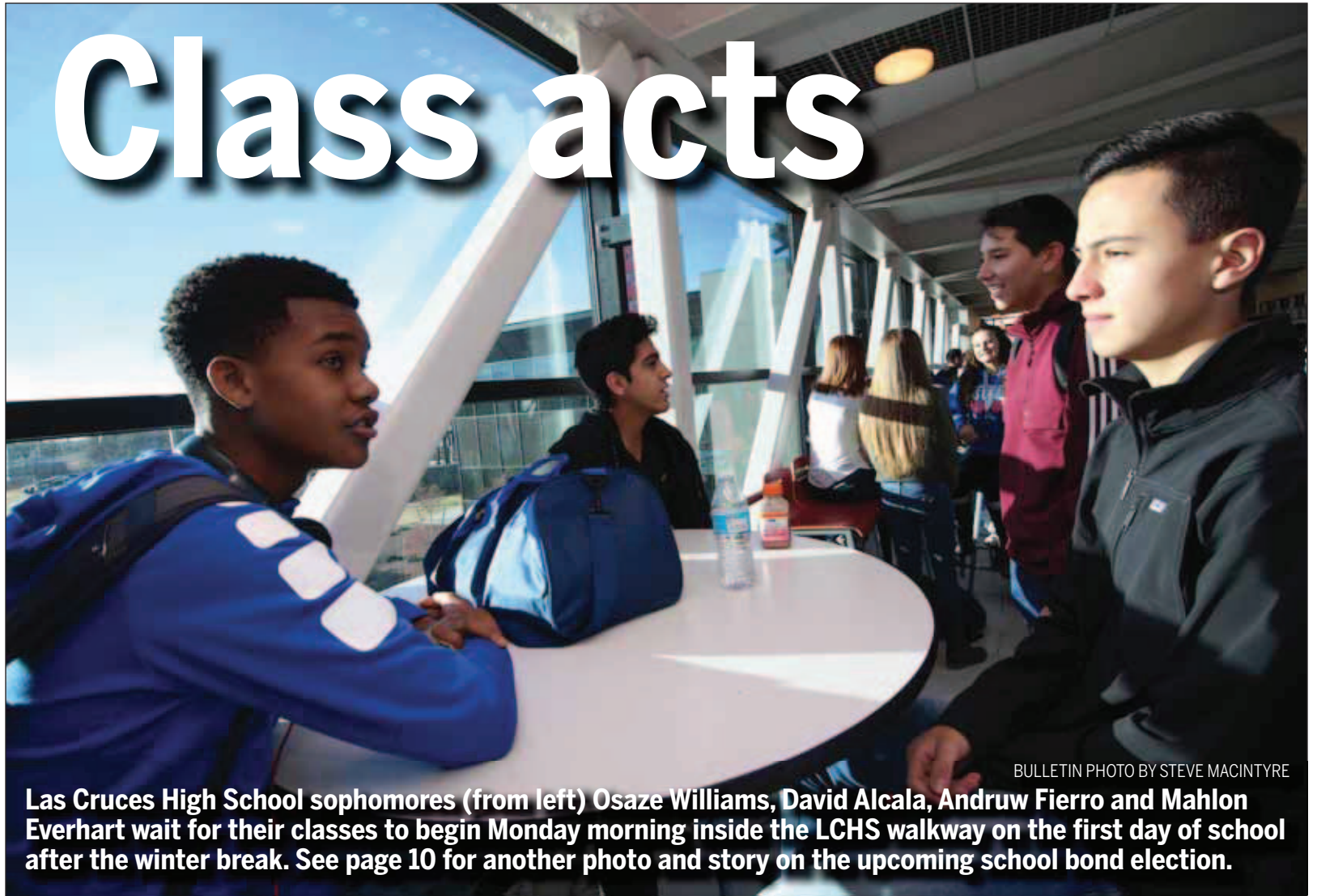
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Class acts



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Las Cruces High School sophomores (from left) Osaze Williams, David Alcala, Andruw Fierro and Mahlon Everhart wait for their classes to begin Monday morning inside the LCHS walkway on the first day of school after the winter break. See page 10 for another photo and story on the upcoming school bond election.

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State awards roll in for audits, safety

The New Mexico Association of Counties has informed Doña Ana County that it has been selected to receive the FY 2016 Audit Accountability Award for large counties.

Each year NMAC and the state auditor select counties that prove their dedication to ethical financial practices that safeguard their public assets.

The winners of the FY 2016 Audit Accountability Awards will be recognized at the NMAC Legislative Conference Closing Luncheon at noon Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center.

According to NMAC representative Aelysea Webb, the award criteria include outstanding work on audits, submitting audits in a timely manner and having sustained excellence with the highest audit opinions for the past three years.

"Congratulations! This is well deserved!" NMAC Finance Director Santiago Chavez wrote to Doña Ana County in conjunction with the award notification.

In February of 2016, Doña Ana County's annual independent audit came back with zero findings of deficiencies in processes and protocols. It was the sixth consecutive year of clean audits for Doña Ana County,

which is believed to be a state record for counties of any size.

"It's unusual for a governmental entity of this size to get two consecutive clean audits," said Doña Ana County Assistant Manager for Administration Vince Pokluda. "To receive six consecutive clean audits may well be unprecedented, and it's a sparkling tribute to the county's Finance Department for managing the strong financial protocols that have been put in place to safeguard the integrity of taxpayer funds."

He noted that, in 2011, the New Mexico State Auditor's Office bestowed its very first Accountability Award for Large County Audit Achievement to Doña Ana County. The award was co-sponsored by the New Mexico Association of Counties.

"Occasionally, department heads and elected officials complain about the budgeting and procurement processes that we have in place," Pokluda said. "The processes may be cumbersome at times, but they're in place for good reasons, and this string of clean audits demonstrates that they're working as they should."

The county's external audits from 2011 through 2015 were conducted by Hinkle and Landers, PC, of

Albuquerque. The 2016 audit was conducted by REDW, LLC, of Albuquerque.

To view the audit in its entirety, visit the Doña Ana County website's Financial Services Department page.

In addition to the audit-accountability award, NMAC Loss Prevention Chief James Chavez has notified Doña Ana County that it has won the 2017 NMAC Workers' Compensation Award for large counties, which also will be awarded Jan. 18 at the NMAC Legislative Conference in Santa Fe.

Doña Ana County Safety Officer Ron Burick said Doña Ana County's claims related to workers' compensation claims went down by 29 percent, while multi-line claims posted a 36 percent decrease, auto claims decreased by 6 percent and law-enforcement liability claims dropped by 26 percent.

"This has been our fifth consecutive year in reducing the frequency and severity of workplace injuries," Burick said. "Specifically, for this past calendar year, we experienced a 41 percent decrease in injuries and a 60 percent decrease in employees being restricted in their work activities or missing work attributed to injuries in the workplace."

Constituent services clinic set for Garfield

The Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services (CCS) Office has scheduled a Mobile Constituent Services Hour Clinic in Garfield to help residents who need assistance from local, state and federal government agencies.

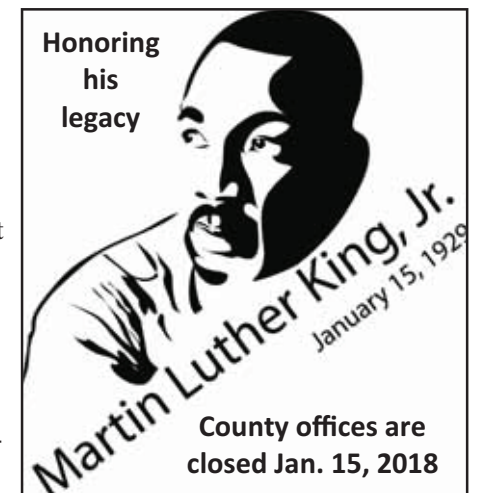
The Garfield Mobile Constituent Services Outreach Clinic will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Garfield Fire Station, 8920 Highway 187.

District 5 Doña Ana County Commissioner John Vasquez and staff from U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich's Las Cruces District Office have been invited to attend.



"The purpose of the Mobile Constituent Services Hour is to make the county more accessible to constituents, especially those who reside in rural areas," CCS Manager Liz Reed said. "We realize that in most cases, we won't be able to solve a problem on the spot, but staff will be able to point constituents toward the right offices and entities who can offer the quickest and most reliable response to whatever issue arises."

For more information about the Mobile Constituent Services Outreach Clinics, contact the Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services Office at (575) 525-5959.



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New shelter director sees lengthy list of needs

BY MICHAEL SCANLON

For the Bulletin

With just a few weeks on the job, the new boss at the Las Cruces animal shelter already was making some highly visible changes – and had a long to-do list ahead of him.

“There’s a lot of things we need to do,” said Clint Thacker, hired in early November as director of Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley. “Our top priority right now is to get fully staffed.”

Thacker, who officially started his new job Nov. 27, said the shelter has 13 open positions. Most of those job descriptions will be submitted to the City of Las Cruces Human Resources Department to be posted on the city website. Two of the part-time positions will not be filled.

At full staffing, the shelter will have 49 employees.

Thacker previously was director of animal care and control in a community north of Salt Lake City, Utah.

In the meantime, Thacker said, the shelter staff and volunteers have been working on a project he called “welcoming cleanliness.”

“It’s how the shelter feels when a person first walks in,” he said, adding that both lobbies got a fresh coat of paint. “And the floors got their first coat of wax and polish in years.”

The shelter has been without a director since its former chief, Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, a veterinarian, left Aug. 10 to take a

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Clint Thacker

Director of Animal Services
Center of the Mesilla Valley

job in St. Louis.

Perhaps the most challenging task ahead is Thacker’s assignment to bring the shelter to “Zero in Seven” status by 2019. That means no healthy and adoptable animals taken into the shelter will be euthanized.

“I think we’re going to do our best to make it,” Thacker said. “There is no magic bullet. There has to be a lot of magic bullets. Right now, we’re over population.”

On that recent day, the shelter held an estimated 770 dogs and 300 cats. A week earlier, local rescue groups had removed 142 animals from the shelter.

One thing that might help would be a change in the shelter’s policy of holding animals to make sure they’re healthy.

“Currently, animals are held for 30 days before they’re put up for adoption,” Thacker said. “We’re reviewing that policy. Once we get fully staffed, and things get cleaned up, we can start to focus on those policy changes.”

The “Zero in Seven” initiative was devised by

around 2009, said Jess Williams, chairman of the shelter’s board of directors. It differs from “no kill” policies described by some shelters and animal advocates across the county.

“It’s a very important distinction,” Williams said. “When you say ‘no kill’ you’re setting yourself up for failure.”

Because the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is an open-entry shelter, it sometimes receives animals that have been hit by cars or are otherwise badly injured or sick. For those animals, it might be in the community’s best interest – and more humane – to euthanize the animal.

And progress is being made, Williams said, noting that the live-release rate at the shelter in 2008 was around 20 percent. Last year, it was 67 percent. And the number of animals coming into the shelter has declined from 15,474 in 2009 to 9,893 last year.

Williams noted several operational policy changes the board looks forward to discussing with Thacker.

Thacker also agreed with one of his predecessor’s parting observations, that the shelter, and city and county animal control departments all would be more efficient if consolidated under the shelter’s management.

“I think bringing them all together would improve communication and collaborative teamwork,” he said.

To improve communication and teamwork in-



Clint Thacker, the new director at Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, holds one of the shelter’s adoptable dogs. Thacker assumed the helm on Nov. 27 following the departure last fall of former director Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock.

BULLETIN PHOTO
BY MIKE SCANLON

side the shelter, Thacker has implemented weekly managers’ meetings and monthly staff meetings.

In early 2018, construction crews will begin a complete remodeling project on the front of the shelter, building an addition to add more space.

Thacker and his wife, Laura, have five children of their own and two foster children, whom they hope to adopt. The family remains in Utah and will move to Las Cruces in June, after school is out.

The family’s pet is Tiki, a Chihuahua-terrier mixed-breed former shelter dog.

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County delegation prepares for legislative session

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As of Jan. 3, 128 bills had been pre-filed for introduction into the 2018 session of the New Mexico Legislature, including many sponsored by members of the Doña Ana County legislative delegation.

Legislators have until Jan. 12 to pre-file bills and memorials.

The 54th Legislature will convene on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at the state capi-

tal in Santa Fe for a 30-day, or "short" session. According to state law, a short session is limited to budget bills, the governor's call and bills vetoed by the governor in the last session.

There are 26 Democrats and 16 Republicans in the state Senate.

Those senators whose districts are entirely or partly in Doña Ana County are Democrats Mary Kay Papen, Bill Soules, Joseph Cervantes and Jeff Stein-

born of Las Cruces; John Arthur Smith of Deming; and Republican Ron Griggs of Alamogordo. Papen is the president pro-tem of the state Senate, chair of the Senate Committee on Committees and co-chair of the Legislative Council.

Soules is chair of the Senate Education Committee and vice chair of the interim Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force.

Smith is Senate

Budget chair and vice chair of the Legislative Finance Committee and the Senate interim Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee.

Cervantes is chair of the Senate Conversation Committee and the interim Water and Natural Resources Committee. Steinborn is chair of the Senate interim Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee and vice chair of the interim Rules Committee.

There are 38 Democrats and 32 Republicans in the New Mexico House of Representatives. Representatives whose districts are entirely or partly in Doña Ana County include Democrats Doreen Gallegos, Bill Gomez, Bill McCamley, Angelica Rubio, Joanne Ferrary and Nathan Small of Las Cruces; and Rudy Martinez of Bayard; and Republican Rick Little of Chaparral. Gallegos is the House majority whip.

Ferrary is vice chair of the House interim Disabilities Concerns Committee. Gomez is chair of the House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee and vice chair of the interim Water and Natural Resources Committee. Martinez is vice chair of the House State Government, Indian and Veterans Affairs Committee and co-chair of the interim Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

McCamley is chair of the House Labor and Economic Development

Committee and the interim New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee. Rubio is chair of the House Enrolling and Engrossing Committee. Small is vice chair of the House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

All members of the House are up for re-election in 2018, as they serve two-year terms. McCamley will not seek re-election to the House, as he is running for state auditor.

No members of the Senate, who serve four-year terms, face re-election this year. Cervantes is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Wednesday, Jan. 31 will be the last day for legislators to introduce bills during the session.

The session will end at noon Thursday, Feb. 15.

Legislation passed during the session that has not been acted upon by Gov. Susana Martinez is pocket vetoed on Wednesday, March 7; Wednesday, May 16, is the effective date of legislation passed during the session that is not a general appropriation bill or a bill carrying an emergency clause or other specified date.

The session will be the last one for Martinez, who is completing her second four-year term as governor and cannot run for a third term. It will also be the last session during which Lt. Gov. John Sanchez will preside over the state Senate.

As of Jan. 3, 128 bills

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had already been pre-filed in advance of the session, including many by Doña Ana County legislators.

Bills and memorials introduced by local legislators deal with abortion, school testing, animal shelter care standards, distribution of the state motor vehicle excise tax, limiting school assessment times, an interagency pharmaceuticals council, a plan to provide new mental health services, renewable energy for state facilities, DWI testing requirements, local option liquor licenses for New Mexico products, public school funding sufficiency, veterans suicide prevention and a nominating process for boards of regents in the state, among others.

To see pre-filed bills and memorials, visit https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation_List.

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New police chief assumes command

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Patrick G. Gallagher will become chief of police for the City of Las Cruces on Monday, Jan. 15.

Gallagher succeeds Jaime Montoya, who retired Dec. 23 after four years as chief and 26 years with the Las Cruces Police Department.

“Following a thorough recruitment process that involved community groups, representatives of the local police union, and senior level associates, I am pleased to report that we have selected an outstanding candidate to be our next police chief,” City Manager Stuart Ed said in a news release.

Gallagher has more than 30 years’ law enforcement experience in New York City and New Mexico.

He served as deputy inspector, captain/internal affairs bureau division commander and World Trade Center zone commander for the New York City Police Department. His duties included directing and assessing recovery and physical operation at Ground Zero following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. He also was executive officer for NYPD’s 60th Precinct.

In 2009, Gallagher became chief of the Truth or Consequences Police Department. He joined the Santa Fe Po-



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Patrick G. Gallagher will become Las Cruces police chief on Jan. 15.

lice Department in 2012, became interim chief of police there in July 2012 and permanent chief in January 2016. His last day with SFPD was Dec. 15, 2017.

Gallagher has a bachelor’s of arts degree in economics from Fordham University in the Bronx, New York, and

a masters of public administration from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Gallagher is married to Lynn Gallagher, secretary of the New Mexico Department of Health.

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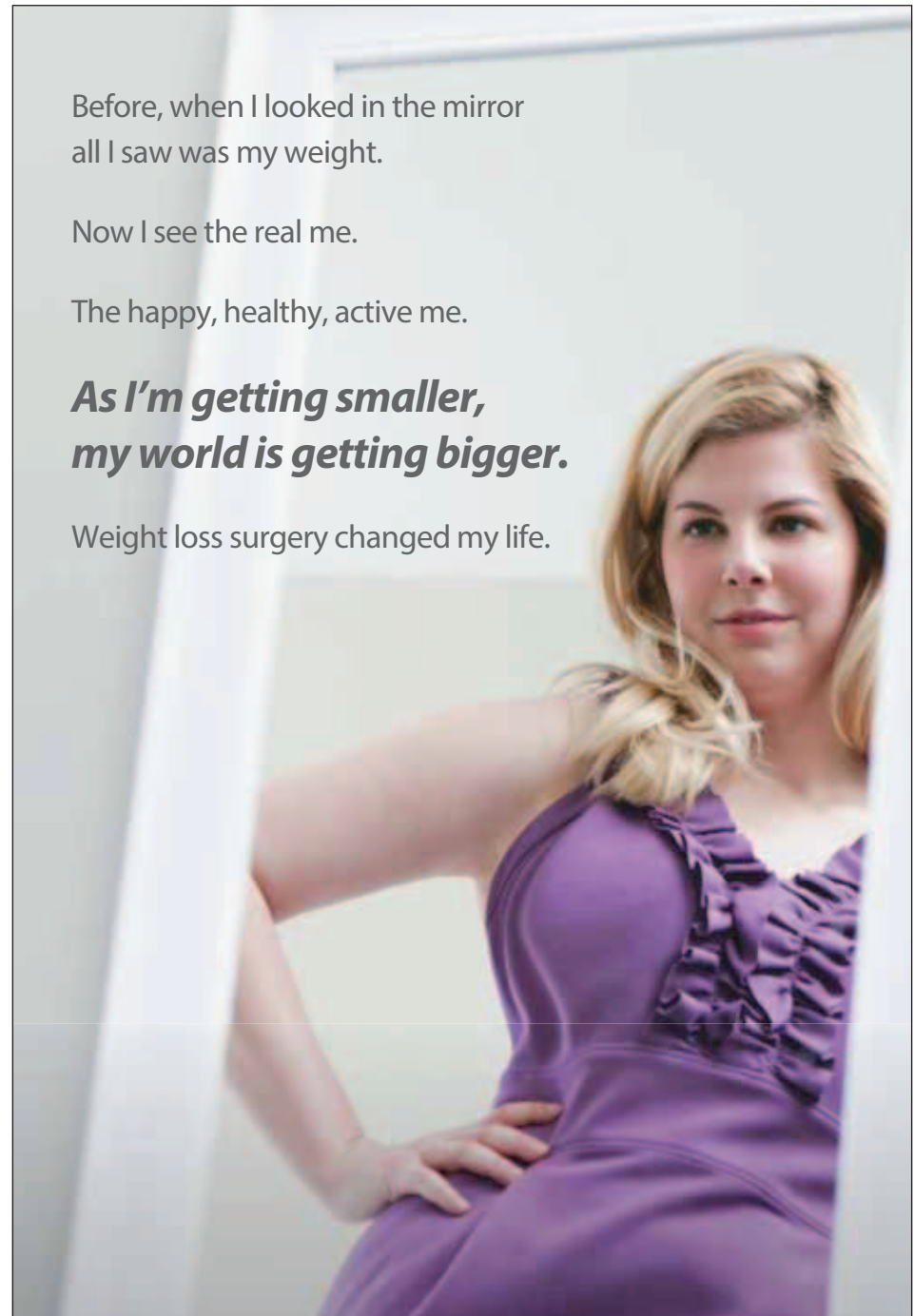
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New Mexico's unsung economic hero

Never forget the importance of agriculture

The other day, an intriguing piece of mail crossed my desk.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

Intriguing first of all because it was actual postal service mail, in a classic manila envelope with some heft to it. Newspapers don't receive that type of mail in the volume we used to. It morphed briefly into faxes, before becoming the electronic onslaught we all now know as email.

The second intriguing thing about the package was the addressee: Marvin Tessneer.

Many longtime Las Cruces newspaper readers may recognize Marvin's name.

Marvin passed away in March 2016 at 89. He was writing agriculture news for the Bulletin, nearly right to the end. Before his tenure with the Bulletin, he wrote for an even longer time with the Las Cruces Sun-News.

During the six years I knew Marvin, he was continually reminding us the water situa-

tion in New Mexico was "not good." That observation made covering agriculture ultimately depressing for Marvin. Still, he knew the critical importance of agriculture and took great pride in reporting on the subject.

Appropriately enough, when I finally opened the intriguing package it contained the 2016 New Mexico Agricultural Statistics report.

We New Mexicans revel in our homegrown pecans, pistachios and, of course, the green chile. For those reasons, we here in Doña Ana County are more in tune with agriculture than the average American. Many of us drive through or past farmland every day. Still, when most of our food comes from the grocery store or, worse, through a fast-food drive-through window, we easily grow detached from the food's source.

Thumbing through the report, some figures stand out.

- New Mexico agriculture production in 2016 was nearly \$3 billion.

- New Mexico is among the top 10 states in the United States in the following categories: farmland, average farm size, milk production, cheese production, goats, cotton,

sorghum grain production, sorghum silage production, pecan production, onion production and, yes, chile.

- The number of farms in New Mexico increased from more than 15,000 to nearly 21,000 between 2002 and 2007. Between 2007 and 2012, the number of farms grew from nearly 21,000 to 24,721, where it has held more or less steady the past four years. That bucks the trend of the rest of the U.S., which has seen the number of farms drop every year since 2007, at a rate of about 20,00 farms per year.

- New Mexico has 43 bison farms; 798 mule, burro and donkey farms; and 7,635 horse farms.

- I'm very familiar with the pistachio farms in Alamogordo, and the apple farms near High Rolls and Mountain Park, but I wouldn't have guessed New Mexico has only 76 pistachio farms, compared to 1,153 apple farms.

- Though Georgia has nearly three times the number of acres bearing pecans as New Mexico, we nearly match them for production. New Mexico in 2016 was the second-best pecan-producing state, with more than 72 billion pounds of pecans. Along with California

and Arizona, New Mexico has the highest yield of pounds of pecans per acre, about 1,800. That's twice as productive as Georgia, which has the highest production due to its 120,000 acres, compared to New Mexico's 40,000.

- With 65 percent of the nation's total, California produced nearly three times as much chile as New Mexico. And what I would say to that is: "Quality my friends, not quantity, is what truly matters."

- Almost 90 percent of the water used in New Mexico goes to agriculture.

Next time you walk through the grocery produce or meat sections, the next time you prepare a meal in your kitchen, the next time you sit down to dinner, remember this: You owe it to farmers and ranchers.

New Mexico's agricultural heritage ranks among the best in the country. Its impact to our economy is phenomenal. Its impact on our lives is nearly immeasurable.

I, for one, cannot truly live without New Mexico green chile.

Editor's note: Industry moves to protect Doña Ana County's pecan crop: page 11.

We want your letters

The Las Cruces Bulletin invites readers to submit letters, preferably by email to editor@lascrucesbulletin.com. They can be sent in by fax at 575-526-4621. Letters also can be mailed or dropped off at 1740 A Calle de Mercado, Las Cruces, 88005. Letters should not exceed 200 words and must include the writer's name, address and telephone number for verification. Anonymous letters will not be published. Letters may be edited for length or content.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get Spaceport into private hands

To the editor:

Spaceport America – our spaceport – is a problem for us. It has cost over \$220 million and counting, but has returned virtually nothing on that investment.

I agree with Dan Hicks, the current Spaceport director, who says that Spaceport must become competitive with 10 currently licensed spaceports around the country, and many others around the world, if it is to have a future. He estimates the cost to reach that level of capability at about \$7billion.

Remember, so far we have built an airport – huge runway and hangar for Virgin Galactic's White Knight aircraft – with minimal ability to handle vertical launch vehicles, which is where the future lies, according to Mr. Hicks.

He looks past Virgin Galactic to the day when Spaceport America is the equivalent of Cape Canaveral, launching astronauts and satellites into space on a regular basis.

The vision is wonderful, the cost and the risk are staggering. The successful in this business will be private industry, and to those with the vision and the resources to carry it off. We can see Jeff Bezos of Amazon, building and flying Blue Origin rockets from his spaceport north of Van Horn, Texas; Elon Musk of SpaceX, launching his rockets regularly and building his own spaceport south of Brownsville, Texas. NASA has already privatized most of their rocket development and launching.

There are possibili-

ties for our spaceport to become successful, in the arena with many others and at the scale Mr. Hicks foresees, but I believe that can happen only if it is owned, operated and funded by private industry. The state lacks the required expertise, the funding, and the ability to react to changing developments in the future.

We are wasting time and money in attempts to be successful. A successful spaceport must be huge, expensive and agile to keep up with new technology. It cannot be funded and run by a bureaucracy; it just won't work. And if it fails to attract customers at any point, we can see our entire investment become just a lot of concrete in a remote desert area.

We need to sell our spaceport, to get our investment into the hands of those who know how to take it into the future, and can afford the trip. This is how we find out the value and potential of our investment. If the Spaceport is owned and run by a private company, we will still get the advantages we hope for – tourism, industrial development, jobs. But the taxpayers can stop paying to keep it afloat, and the huge bills in the future, and the potential for losses. I believe we could sell it for \$1, eat the investment to date, and our spaceport future would improve immediately.

If we can't decide what to do with the Spaceport America, let's ask the experts. Ask Jeff Bezos or Elon Musk or Paul Allen for advice. Can't hurt.

*Bob Hearn
Las Cruces*

Second notice needed

To the editor:

At our Jan. 2 city council meeting the question was brought up concerning the 15-day shutoff of utilities in arrears. I just opened my bill and found the new policy in red. I feel it is draconian of our utility department to not send out a second notice of a bill being in arrears as any other utility or billing department does.

The U.S. Postal Service has been rumored to have lost mail. I am very disappointed in the fact that we have two city councilors on the Utilities Board and they let this slip by with one making the comment in a recent Sun-News article that he thought it only applied to the water portion of the service. Shame on you. It appears that the Utilities Department is attempting to force people to use direct withdrawal for bill

payment. In a city fraught with poverty this is highly impractical for many and completely discriminatory.

*Rob Wood
Las Cruces*

Misinformed on weapons

To the editor:

In his letter (Las Cruces Bulletin, Jan. 5) William Grigaliunas says, "I understand guns." Well, maybe he understands guns, but he doesn't understand ammunition.

He says, "Bullets are also called rounds..." Wrong. A round consists of four things: a shell casing, a primer, gunpowder, and a bullet. A bullet is the projectile that leaves a gun's barrel when a round is fired.

Grigaliunas also proposes we institute a ban on assault weapons ("... make sure that [assault weapons] are not available in stores, you try to keep them out of our

country...") as a way of making us safer. Maybe he doesn't know it, but we already had such a ban for 10 years: the 1994 Federal Assault Weapons ban. It did nothing to reduce the gun-murder rate in our country. (www.nytimes.com/2014/09/14/sunday-review/the-assault-weapon-myth.html).

*Larry Ytuarte
Las Cruces*

Just weed and spend

To the editor:

Do you know what the Just Weed It program that took place in Las Cruces rights-of-way, by Chandler Tank and Ethel Pond, spent? It was used to incur over a \$750,000, and counting, cost to the taxpayer to clean up weeds in the two areas and city streets.

I made a public request for information only to find there was no resolution or documentation as

to why so much money would be spent that was not specific to the budget. It seems that "blanket" purchase orders used for ancillary services over the period of a year were bulked together to spend on Just Weed It! I am concerned how this came about and what approval process actually took place to spend so much.

I have the invoices that show over \$50,000 for chemicals, \$200,000 for overtime and another invoice for over \$315,000 for services. I question that protocol for doing this type of spending that does not meet the procurement process, and I understand there is still more to pay. So in August 2018, when the weeds are back, maybe the City will find some cash on the side of the road to pay for this.

*Dolores Connor
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LOOKING BACK

100 years ago

• New Year's revelry was abundant in the Las Cruces area, reported the Rio Grande Republic, which found that, "Dancing out the old and dancing in the new year was the special privilege of Las



MICHAEL SCANLON

Looking Back

Cruces in general on New Year's Eve. A number of dances were given in the halls and private homes of Las Cruces and a number of the younger set motored to Canutillo to attend the dance there."

• With an ad in the Republic, Fred S. Hess Realty Company offered "88 acres, 3 miles from

college on state highway, nice level land, excellent quality soil, no seepage or alkali, uncultivated, \$90 per acre, easy terms."

• Also newsworthy was that "A gentleman and his wife from Salt Lake City were in Las Cruces last Sunday to look over the town with a view of spending the winter here. Their plans were to spend a couple of months here, making frequent trips back and forth to El Paso. The condition of the roads in and around Las Cruces, and especially 20 miles out toward El Paso, caused them to make their headquarters in that city," the Republic reported.

75 years ago

• In a page 1 column, Las Cruces Citizen advertising manager Joe A. Lapoint wrote, "The

siren that blows each night, as we all know by now, is for the purpose of dispatching all kids (under 16 years of age) home. In other words, any time after 9 p.m. any youngster unaccompanied by parents or grownups has no business on the streets. This ordinance that was passed, however, has not been enforced to the satisfaction of many." As a solution, Lapoint suggested, "Either enforce this curfew regulation or forget about it."

• "The year of 1942 broke all records in the issuance of marriage licenses in Doña Ana County, according to County Clerk Manuel Chavez," the Citizen reported. "During 1942, 1,566 marriage licenses were issued as compared with 1,296 in 1941

and 1,101 during 1940. However, a 44 percent decrease was noted in the number of licenses issued during December, believed due to gasoline rationing."

50 years ago

• "While post offices around the country are putting pressure on Washington for more stamps, Las Cruces Postmaster Solomon G. Alvarez says the booster supply received here Friday, \$12,000 worth, should last at least through Tuesday," the Las Cruces Sun-News reported, adding that the post office receives wholesale quantities for distribution to the Fairacres, University Park and Mesilla branches and to the Friendly Pharmacy, Day's Pharmacy and Dunlap's contract

stations.

• "State Rep. Bobby M. Mayfield, D-Doña Ana, said he would pay off the contract obligation if the Associated Students at the University of New Mexico would ask Stokely Carmichael not to appear at the university. The announced appearance of the black power advocate on Feb. 21 has stirred statewide controversy," the Sun-News reported. Mayfield conceded that the students had a right to invite Carmichael to campus, "but in my estimation, all of these people have rights and responsibilities mixed up."

25 years ago

• Las Cruces Mayor Ruben Smith had electricity on his list of most important issues for 1993, according to the Las Cru-

ces Bulletin. "Topping that list is resolving the question of whether the city will continue to get electricity from El Paso Electric, form its own municipal utility or find another electric company to serve the city. City leaders have been looking for a way to reduce the rates that Las Cruces pay for electricity."

• New Mexico Attorney General Tom Udall brought his campaign for tougher drunken-driving laws to Las Cruces, the Bulletin reported. "And Udall also unveiled a new way for people to combat drunk driving themselves – a toll-free number they can call if they see what they think is a drunk driver."

Information gathered at New Mexico State University Library.

FROM THE NMSU ARCHIVES



Daisy Café on West Picacho Avenue in 1954. In an image from Las Cruces bygone days, Della Slater, owner of the Daisy Café, stands with one of her waitresses, outside the business in 1954. The Daisy Café, located at 1007 West Picacho Ave., was opened in 1946 by William Greer, but ownership changed hands several times before it closed for good in 1959. In the early years, the café was open 24 hours a day "due to demand of our customers." A 1946 newspaper ad claimed "Our service offers you the best in steaks, chops, southern fried chicken, sandwiches, plate lunches and Daisy homemade pie." Behind the café, the owners rented rooms and trailers. In 1951, thieves broke into the café and stole four cartons of cigarettes. Many of the motels, trailer courts, cafes, and other buildings from West Picacho's heyday, when it served as the main highway into Las Cruces from the west, still stand today. Photograph from the NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections, Jim Flanagan photographs, image 02594387.

NMSU professor is candidate for Pearce's seat

BULLETIN REPORT

Dr. Gavin Clarkson, a former Trump administration official and New Mexico State University business professor, announced his candidacy Jan. 8 for the Republican nomination for New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District seat being vacated by Rep. Steve Pearce.

Clarkson, an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation, resigned his post as deputy assistant secretary for Policy and Economic Development – Indian Affairs on Dec. 29. In that position, he managed the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (OIEED) and the Office of Self-Governance (OSG).



DR. GAVIN CLARKSON

“Although I’ve fought against federal government overreach for more than a decade on behalf of rural America and Indian tribes, I’ve never run for public office until now. But after seeing how destructive D.C. can be, both as a target

on the outside and as a reformer on the inside,” Clarkson said in a press release. “I’m convinced that the best way to help President Trump stop the swamp and protect New Mexico is to run for the Republican nomination to make sure we retain this Congressional seat in November.”

According to the release, Clarkson earned a doctorate from the Harvard Business School and an MBA from Rice University. He is also a cum laude graduate of the Harvard Law School where he was president of the Native American Law Students Association. Named the nation’s “leading scholar in tribal finance” by The Financial Times, Clarkson has

been cited by Bloomberg, the Wall Street Journal, and USA Today on matters of tribal finance and federal Indian law, subjects he has taught at the University of Michigan, the University of Houston, and New Mexico State University.

After exposing what he calls “Lois Lerner’s racist practice of conducting IRS audits of tax-exempt bonds 32 times more often against tribes than state and local governments,” Clarkson convinced the IRS to change its policy, according to his press release.

Then according to Clarkson, “Lois Lerner retaliated by pulling the rug out from under my initiative to leverage

capital gains tax treatment to attract outside capital investment into tribal economies. She changed the rules in the middle of the game, ignoring the plain reading of a statute, just like far too many activist judges do.”

That fight dating back to 2003 would follow Clarkson to Washington in 2017. “Even though I totally recused myself from anything involving loan guarantees I had obtained under that program for my tribal clients while in private business,” Clarkson said. “Jeff Bezos’ fake news falsely reported that I was somehow involved with them at Interior.” The reports blamed Clarkson for what he

contends were “prior mistakes made by the Obama administration” even though much of his effort was “directed at fixing those same mistakes.”

Described by colleagues at Interior as “the energizer bunny,” Clarkson says he relishes the prospect of “helping President Trump cement his 22-to-1 gains against the bureaucracy that’s hamstrung New Mexico for too long.”

“The swamp is deep, the alligators bite, and the taxpayers are getting ripped off every day. That’s why I’m going to win,” Clarkson said in the press release.

New Mexico’s Republican primary election is June 5.



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Voting begins on school bond election

BULLETIN REPORT

Editor's note: The following is a release prepared for the Bulletin by Las Cruces Public Schools concerning the upcoming bond election. It is meant to be primer for voters.

Every four years Las Cruces Public Schools gives the voters of Las Cruces an opportunity to approve funding for the construction and maintenance of school facilities throughout the school district. On Feb. 6, voters will vote on a \$50 million school bond election that, if approved, would not increase the school tax rate, district officials said.

If passed, the election would allow LCPS to sell up to \$50 million in bonds during the next five years to fund the construction of new classrooms and multipurpose rooms, safety and security upgrades, major school renovations such as new roofs and heating and cooling systems, new furniture, playground equipment, districtwide technology support, and phase I of major upgrades to physical plant facilities.

What projects could the

proceeds of the bonds pay for?

- Americans With Disabilities Act Compliance (Districtwide) – \$200,000
- Athletics (Picacho MS Girls Lockers, Oñate HS Bleachers, Camino Real MS Basketball, Field of Dreams) – \$555,000
- Classrooms, Multipurpose Rooms & Remodels (Fairacres ES, Hillrise ES, Desert Hills ES) – \$15,000,000
- Contingency/Land Acquisition (future schools) – \$4,988,000
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning System (Lynn MS) and Intercom System (Oñate HS) – \$2,185,000
- LCPS Technology/Energy Efficiency (Includes solar project) – \$3,585,000;
- Playground Equipment or Shade Structures (10 elementary schools) – \$911,000
- Physical Plant Complex Phase I (new facilities and major renovations) – \$11,000,000
- Roofs (Valley View ES) – \$1,300,000
- Safety and Security (12 schools: entrances, fences, gates, parking lot lighting) – \$3,326,000
- School Furniture (Mayfield HS throughout



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Las Cruces High School students headed to class again after winter break Monday morning, Jan. 8.

& Sierra MS library) – \$2,950,000

- Renovations & Repairs (Columbia ES) – \$4,000,000.

How will the bond approval affect my taxes?

Voter approval of the bond would not increase the current school tax rate, which is currently \$9.92 per \$1,000 of assessed value of a person's property. Taxable value is one-third of the assessed value of a person's property. Therefore, a Las Cruces homeowner with a home valued at \$150,000 pays approximately \$496 per year, or \$41.34 per month in school taxes, officials

said.

If the bond issue does not pass, the district would have to fund the most critical projects, on an as-needed basis, using a limited pool of operational dollars which must also be used for classroom expenses, district programs and employee salaries.

"We simply can't afford to use day-to-day funds used to operate the school district for major construction projects," said district spokeswoman Jo Galvan. "That's why the state allows districts to hold elections for critical brick and mortar needs and building maintenance."

Where and when do I vote?

Early and absentee voting will be held from Friday, Jan. 12, to Friday, Feb. 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 Motel Blvd. On voting day, Tuesday, Feb. 6, registered voters can vote at any of 13 voting convenience centers from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The voting convenience centers are:

- Desert Hills Elementary School, 280 N. Roadrunner Pkwy.;
- Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 Motel Blvd.;
- East Picacho Elementary School, 4450 N. Valley Dr.;
- Fairacres Elementary School, 4501 W. Picacho Ave.;
- Hillrise Elementary School, 1400 S. Curnutt St.;
- Jornada Elementary School, 3400 Elks Dr.;
- Las Alturas Fire Station, 4145 Cholla Rd.;
- Las Cruces High School, 1750 El Paseo Rd.;
- Mayfield High School, 1955 N. Valley Dr.;
- Sonoma Elementary School, 4201 Northrise Dr.;
- Sunrise Elementary School, 5300 Holman Rd.;
- Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.;
- Tombaugh Elementary School, 226 Carver Rd.

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Arnold Brothers employee Rudy Castillo harvests pecans Jan. 6 at an orchard on Calle del Norte in Mesilla.

Industry vigilant in protecting county's pecan crop

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

Doña Ana County is the largest pecan-producing county in the nation, expecting to harvest about 100 million pounds this year on some 30,000 acres.

Thus, said Doña Ana County horticulture extension specialist Jeff Anderson, "A lot of effort is made ... through the university to protect the pecans."

Keeping the potentially devastating pecan weevil out of the area is a primary concern of the Western Pecan Growers Association (WPGA). The Department of Agriculture has placed a quarantine on pecans coming from eastern New Mexico counties Chaves, Curry, Eddy and Lea, where the WPGA

has money set aside to fight the weevil. It takes three years minimum once the pest has been discovered to be declared free of it.

The pecan weevil is also native to the eastern United States from Texas to Georgia.

Pecans from non-quarantined parts of New Mexico and the West are welcome in Las Cruces for processing.

Pecan weevils are not good fliers, so if they appear, Anderson says, it's because people have brought pecans from elsewhere. If they are not worth eating, people might throw them in the backyard.

"People might think, 'Oh, these have bugs I'll put them out to the birds to eat,'" Anderson said. "Then the little larvae, as soon as they pop out,



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Extension Agent Jeff Anderson holds up genetically different pecans. The left one is from East Texas, harvested for pecan flour. The larger one is a healthy, average-sized, Doña Ana County pecan.

they hit the ground, burrowing down, and they can be down in the ground for two or three years before they come up. That's the big problem."

Anderson asks homeowners to bring pecans to the extension office for inspection if they suspect a worm or other pest is inside. Residents should put samples of the pest and the pecans in a baggie and freeze it before bringing them in.

"You have to be vigilant," Anderson said. "My job is to inspect

these and then take them to the entomologist if I don't know what it is."

Doña Ana County pecans are extremely healthy and nutritious, Anderson notes.

"We produce a very fine pecan. We have a great reputation for bug-free, great pecans. But we are encouraging the public: Don't bring pecans here. Enjoy our pecans, keep our industry safe."

The Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service is located at 1170 N. Solano Drive, Ste. M.

It's open 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. weekdays. For information call 575-525-6649.

The New Mexico Division of Agriculture can also be contacted about

pecan weevil concerns at 575-646-3007 or blewis@nmda.nmsu.edu.

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School district launches stress-reduction program

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces Public Schools, working in partnership with the New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority (NMP-SIA), recently kicked off a districtwide, mindfulness-based stress reduction program to address the issue for district staff.

“Even though it has a major impact on our entire lives, most people don’t dedicate much time to caring for the state of their mind,” Michelle DuVal, co-founder of the Mindful Center in Albuquerque, said in an LCPS press release. “Mindfulness teaches lifelong training that helps people be more present in their daily lives and activities.”

DuVal addressed LCPS employees Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Oñate High School Performing Arts Center to help launch the

program, which will be continued online.

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, mindfulness is defined as the practice of maintaining a nonjudgmental state of heightened or complete awareness of one’s thoughts, emotions, or experiences on a moment-to-moment basis. In practice, mindfulness-based stress reduction features evidence-based practices such as meditation and breathing techniques, which have been shown to decrease stress levels in a variety of clinical studies, according to a 2012 study by the American Psychological Association.

The eight-week online program, led by DuVal, is being provided by NMP-SIA free of charge to all LCPS employees.

NMP-SIA said that LCPS was a candidate for the program based on an



PHOTO COURTESY LCPS

Michelle DuVal, co-founder of the Mindful Center in Albuquerque, leads a kick-off session for the eight-week stress reduction program offered to all LCPS employees.

identified need within the district.

“More than two years ago we conducted a staff wellness survey. In that survey, nearly 80 percent

of the 994 employees surveyed showed interest in strategies for coping with stress,” said LCPS Health and Nutrition Specialist Barbara Berger in the

release.

Through her work at The Mindful Center, DuVal has implemented similar programs at Albuquerque Public

Schools, Presbyterian Hospitals, the University of New Mexico, Sandia National Laboratories, and the New Mexico Heart Institute.

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Billing changes eliminate need for SS number

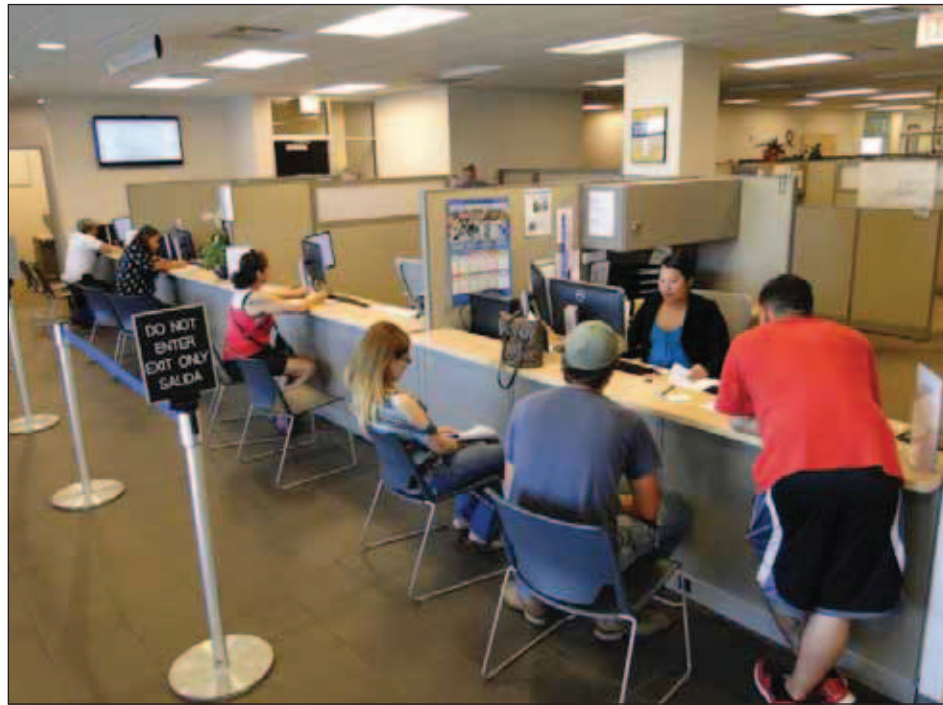
By SUZANNE MICHAELS
For the Bulletin

Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) sends out more than 40,000 bills every month to cover the costs of providing four utilities – gas, water, wastewater, and solid waste – to more than 100,000 area residents and businesses.

LCU has always required new customers to provide their Social Security Number (SSN) when signing up for service, because if the bill is not paid, that debt will end up going to a Collection Agency. The Collection Agency must have the SSN to be sure they are contacting and dealing with the right “Bob Smith.” There are hundreds of thousands of people with the same name. But only one Bob Smith with that unique SSN.

“Every week about 125 accounts are not paid by the due date,” said Jose Provencio, business services administrator at LCU

During the past couple of years, and with growing worries about identify theft, customers have voiced concerns to LCU Customer Service about requiring SSNs to open an account. Some have attended LCU Board of Commissioners meetings (monthly public meetings held at 3 p.m. the second Thursday of every month) to urge the LCU Board to rethink requiring SSN’s from customers.



COURTESY PHOTO

Every month unpaid utility bills result in almost 500 disconnects in Las Cruces. Disconnects could be eliminated if customers facing financial difficulties call 575-541-2111.

The Board heard the request and has now acted. Effective Jan. 31, 2018, LCU will no longer require your SSN when you apply for utility services.

However, the new policy comes with an issue; it makes collecting past due and unpaid bills from LCU customers more difficult. LCU is a city department that is not supported by tax dollars; it operates by billing for utility services that are provided to customers and collecting the amounts that are due.

“Previous to the Board decision to no longer require SSNs, LCU surveyed surrounding municipal utilities – City of Alamogordo,

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, El Paso Water Utility, City of Santa Fe-Sangre De Cristo, City of Rio Rancho, and City of Tucson –to better understand how other municipal utilities were now handling the SSN issue ... and how they managed billing if they were not requiring SSNs,” Provencio said.

“For those that did not require a SSN, we learned that 15 days is the standard time after the due date to shut off services when the bill is not paid.”

Previously, LCU extended services for 38 days past the due date on a bill before disconnecting services.

LCU bills have always

been due 22 days after they are sent out. Under the new policy, add another 15 days beyond the due date before utilities are shut off for non-payment. That allows 37 days after the bill is sent to pay the bill.

Additional changes with the new policy: When bills are not paid,



ISTOCK PHOTO

Starting January 31, 2018, a new LCU policy goes into effect: LCU will no longer require a new customer to provide their SSN when signing up for utility services.

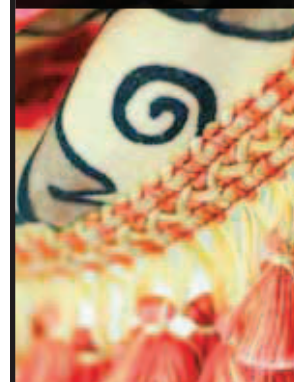
and LCU must shut off utilities, the previous \$15 shut off notification fee is no longer charged. If utilities are disconnected, once the bill is paid in full, utilities will be reconnected the same day at no charge. (Previously, the fee was \$52 for same day reconnects.)

If customers find themselves in trouble and cannot pay their bill, they are urged – before shutoff – to come in and

talk to collections staff to set up a payment plan to get the bill paid. LCU is willing to work with customers who need assistance. The phone number is 575-541-2111.

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IN THE NEWS



Mural ribbon cutting

Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil "Color Me Cruces" at the site of a newly created mural on the north-facing wall of Insta-copy at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13.

The ribbon cutting is partnered with local artists Anahy Nuñez and Aaron Valenzuela, co-owners of Atom Bomb Studio; Christina Ballew, local artist and co-owner of NMCO media; Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP); and Insta-copy owner Diana Lyon.

The painting "Color Me Cruces" is a postcard-themed mural measuring 16x20 feet featuring the words, "Greetings from Downtown Las Cruces." It was made possible by a grant from New Mexico Resiliency Alliance.

"What a fun, distinctive, and interactive point of interest for us in the Downtown district," said Jennifer Garcia Ko-

zowski, DLCP Executive Director. "Projects like this are what will help grow our downtown. It has truly been a community endeavor."

Aggies victory rally

A community celebration for the Arizona Bowl-winning NMSU Aggies will be from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Plaza de Las Cruces. The football team, coaches, marching band and others will participate.

County Facebook page

Doña Ana County's social media presence marked a milestone the first week in January when its Facebook page surpassed 3,000 followers.

Doña Ana County launched its social media initiative on July 1, 2014. As of Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, the Facebook account stood at 3,008 total page likes, while the county's Twitter followers numbered 1,040.

The county's LinkedIn account has 577 followers, and its Instagram account has 602 followers. Sixty-two people subscribe to the county's YouTube site, where

the Kitty Condo Project video alone has been viewed 42,669 times.

The social media initiative aims to provide Doña Ana County residents with convenient tools to better communicate with county and elected officials, and to receive information on mobile devices without having to visit the county website.

"Having a social media presence opens a lot of doors for interacting with the public," said Doña Ana County Commission Chairwoman Isabella Solis. "A very large part of our population uses these platforms multiple times throughout the day, so having these added channels to engage our residents keeps them better connected to topics and issues that affect them and their families."

MLK breakfast

The Doña Ana County NAACP's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 15, at Hotel Encanto, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Tickets are \$30.

The keynote speaker will be Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Gregory Ewing on the topic "Diversity in the School System."

The banquet will include contest winners from this year's Martin Luther King Essay or Poetry Contest for high school students, who will read their winning essays or poems. This year's topic is "Why Civil Rights Should Be

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MLK closures

Most Dona Ana County offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 15, to allow employees to observe the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday. Emergency services and law enforcement in the field will not be affected, but the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed.



Sobriety checkpoints planned

Las Cruces police have scheduled four sobriety checkpoints and five saturation patrol within city limits during January.

Officers will be on the lookout for intoxicated drivers and other traffic safety violations such as drivers using cell phones and those who fail to properly use seatbelts or child safety seats.

Parking lot resurfacing

Patrons of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., are advised that preparation and initial



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Parking lot improvements will continue at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library through Jan. 26.

work are underway for the paving, and striping of the parking lot. The work has been divided into three areas to help maintain access to the library and minimize inconvenience to patrons. The project is expected to continue through Jan. 26.

The library will remain open during construction. Additional parking is available at City Hall, 700 N. Main St. near the lions, on the east side, both upper and lower parking decks, and on the west side. The associated work will not affect RoadRUNNER Transit and access to the bus stop. For information, call 575-541-2060 or 575-541-2686.

Christmas tree recycling

Las Cruces residents can recycle their real Christmas trees for free at the City's Old Foothills Landfill, 555 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. The trees will be chipped and composted for future use as landscape material that is also free to residents.

The landfill is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. After regular business hours, an open-top container is available outside the gate for easy access to dispose of Christmas trees. Residents may

also utilize the Green Grapppler service for Christmas tree disposal, which picks up yard waste for residential homes only and is offered on normal trash day. Please remove all ornaments and tinsel.

New City App

It is now easier and faster for the public to communicate with the City of Las Cruces through a new app called Ask Las Cruces. The app has four categories: City Services; Utility Services; Report Issues and Feedback.

The free app is available for download on the home page of the city website at las-cruces.org, the Apple App Store for Apple iOS devices and Google Play for Android devices.

Freshman of the Month

At the behest of Doña Ana County Commission Chairwoman Isabella Solis, Doña Ana County launched its Freshman of the Month program in August 2017. For the first time since the program launched, the county has received no new nominations.

Three students from the Gadsden Independent School District were honored in October, November and December 2017: Janet Mendoza of Alta Vista Early College High

School, Nathan Speelman of Santa Teresa High School and Stephanie Cano of Gadsden High School.

To launch the program, Solis sent letters to Las Cruces, Gadsden and Hatch school superintendents inviting each to identify an outstanding ninth grader each month for public recognition at one of the regular meetings of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners.

“We’re hopeful the nominations will resume shortly, and that all three school districts will continue to recognize the value of this kind of program and will participate each month,” Solis said.

Teachers or administrators wishing to obtain nomination forms can do so by sending an email request to input@donaanacounty.org.

Former county manager hired in Sunland Park

BULLETIN REPORT

Former Doña Ana County Manager Julia Brown has been named city manager of Sunland Park.

Sunland Park City Council unanimously approved the appointment during a special council meeting held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 9, where Brown received a standing ovation by community leaders, city staff and active residents.


“We are all very pleased to announce the hire of Julia Brown. With her impressive background and tremendous experience in public administration, we are confident the City will continue to move in a positive direction,” said



Julia Brown

Sunland Park Mayor Javier Perea.


Brown was terminated as Doña Ana county manager in April 2017. Some county commissioners have attributed the termination to a dispute between Brown and Doña Ana County Sheriff Enrique Vigil.



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City won't take grants for granted

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

City government will be more aggressive in its efforts to bring grant funds to Las Cruces.

"I'm glad we're getting ahead of the curve," City Councilor Jack Eakman told city Economic Development Department Deputy Sec. Dr. Griselda Martinez during her overview of city grants at the council's Jan. 8 work session.

Joining Martinez for the presentation was Rosalinda Natividad of Incite Consultancy, hired by the city to help devise a grants development plan.

The tax cut approved



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Rosalinda Natividad, foreground, and City of Las Cruces Economic Development Department Deputy Director Dr. Griselda Martinez address the Las Cruces City Council at its Jan. 8 work session about the city's grants acceptance process.

by Congress and signed by President Trump at the end of last year was actually a "\$1.5 trillion transfer of funds out of federal coffers," Eakman said.

"Swift, comprehensive,

aggressive action on grants" will be necessary to compete for remaining federal funding, he said.

Natividad said Incite Consultancy is helping the city conduct a "more

aggressive search" of national programs to find more potential grant sources.

"We're anticipating going after more grants," Assistant City Manager David Dollahon told the council. "Most of these grants are highly competitive."

After a comprehensive review of the city's current grants acceptance process, "the grants team is proposing changes ... intended to improve the ability of departments to implement and spend grant awards in a more timely manner," according to city documents.

Dollahon said city staff will present the council

with an ordinance or resolution to streamline its grants process, including increasing the city manager's authority to apply for or accept grants without council approval.

Councilors Gabe Vasquez and Greg Smith expressed reservations about staff's request to give the city manager authority to apply for, accept or sign for grants with city matches of up to \$500,000.

"Five-hundred thousand seems a little high," Vasquez said, especially since the average match is about \$150,000.

"I'm a little concerned about it being that high," Smith said.

Dollahon said city staff

are "open to a more reasonable number," noting that some local matches are in-kind rather than "hard cash."

Natividad said about one-third of the grants the city is applying for in 2018 require a city match. Martinez said the city has applied for almost \$13 million in grants in 2018.

Dollahon said city staff will present council members with a monthly resolution outlining all new grant awards to the city, as well as amendments and other changes to grants.

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Culture series: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Dalene Hodnett, Director of Communications for New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau, is the speaker for this Culture Series presentation. She has been with the agriculturally oriented membership organization since 2002, working for farmers and ranchers of New Mexico, telling the story of how food gets from the gate to plate. Cost: Free.

Federal employees: 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Esperanza Room of the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser Drive. National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association meeting. Doña

Ana County Clerk Scott Krahling will discuss his vision to create a voting culture where everyone votes in every election. Also speaking will be NM NARFE Federation President Lorna Howerton. Cash-only breakfast buffet begins at 8:45 a.m. and requires reservations by Saturday, Jan. 9. Info: Carol Main at 575-382-7686, or Carol Smith at 575-522-3033.

Railroad Museum programs: Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. The museum presents a variety of family programs in January. Info: 575-647-4480 or museums.las-cruces.org.

• 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 13, Family Game Day. Dominoes, practice hand-eye coordination with Cup

and Ball Toss, or play a variety of other games that have entertained families for centuries.

• 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, Rail Readers Book Club. Discussion of Agatha Christie's classic "Murder on the Orient Express."

• 10 a.m.-noon Friday, Jan. 26. Coloring and socializing for adults. Participants can bring their own supplies or use the museum's coloring pages and colored pencils.

RV club meets: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Trails West Mobile Home Park, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla. Good Sam RV travel club meets. Info: 979-302-8449.

Republican women: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Hacienda de Mesilla, 1891 Avenida de Mesilla. Monthly meeting Republican Women of Mesilla Valley. Guest speaker will be Hobbs businessman Monty Newman who officially announced his candidacy for the District 2 Congressional seat currently held by Steve Pearce. Guests Welcome. Info: Linda Dowless, president, 575-526-1992, email

finest@aol.com.

Model railroad meeting: 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. National Model Railroad Association-Roadrunner Division, monthly meeting is open to anyone interested in model railroading. Cost: Free. Info: Jean Melvin 575 526-6238.

Houseplant appreciation: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 13, Las Cruces Museums courtyard, 411-501 North Main St. Learn about houseplant care and different ways to keep indoor plants thriving. Starter plants and unique upcycled planters will be provided for attendees to take home. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

AAUW-LC meeting: 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan 13, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine. A general meeting of the Las Cruces branch of the American Association of University Women includes a tour of the medical college by Jeff Harris, assistant vice president for administration and CIO. AAUW is a

national advocacy organization working to empower women since 1881. Info: lascruces-nm.aauw.net or aauw.org.

Candidate town hall: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 13, Tresco Inc. main building, 1800 Copper Loop. Jeff Apodaca, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of New Mexico, will be the first in a series of town hall meetings for candidates for governor to answer questions about issues affecting New Mexicans with disabilities.

Living with Wildlife: 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Education Center, 2001 E. Lohman, Suite 130. Presentation on attracting wildlife to a yard. Different types of urban wildlife that can be common visitors to yards, their biology, and what people can and can't do to limit unwanted species. Presented public information specialist Jeremy Lane New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. He holds a master's degree in wildlife biology, specializing in herpetol-

ogy (reptiles and amphibians), and is an avid birdwatcher. Cost: Free.

Photography subjects: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Discussion of how and why photographers choose their subjects. Analyze the difference between artistic and documentary photography and highlight specific photographs in the exhibition Art in the Detail: 20th Century Masters of Photography from Syracuse University Art Galleries. Info: museums.las-cruces.org.

Progressive priorities: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Branigan Library, Roadrunner room. Southern New Mexico New Progressives invite the public to learn what items to expect from the 30-day 2018 New Mexico Legislature. State Sens. Bill Soules and Jeff Steinborn, and state Reps. Angelica Rubio, and Nathan Small will speak and answer questions. Info: www.snmnp.org/events or www.facebook.com/events/1965297517056952/?ti=cl.

Stars-N-Parks: Southwestern New Mexico residents and visitors will have two opportunities in January to learn about the night sky at New Mexico state parks. Attendees should arrive at the park at sunset so they can become familiar with their surroundings before nightfall. A formal presentation on the night sky begins approximately an hour after sunset, followed by telescope observations. Cost: \$5 park

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day-use fee. Suggested donation for the program, \$5 per couple, or \$3 per individual. Info: www.Astro-NPO.org.

• Saturday, Jan. 13, Rockhound State Park
Sunset: 5:23 p.m. Program Start: 6:30-8 p.m.

Moon 26.7 days old. Sirius is rising in the east. Orion is well up. Andromeda Galaxy is past the meridian. Presenter: Mike Nuss

• Saturday, Jan. 20, City of Rocks State Park

Sunset: 5:30 p.m., Program: 6:40-8:10 p.m.

Moon is 3.5 days old. Orion is high in the east and Andromeda is high in the west. Presenter: Bill Nigg

NMSU/Entrepreneur Encounter: 4-6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, Bank of the West reception room. Guest speaker, Sarah Boisvert, has extensive experience with 3D printing technology. She will share about the technology and her experience starting and selling her 3D printing business.

Driver safety: AARP Smart Driver. Cost: \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Arrive 15 minutes early to register. Bring exact change or check made out to AARP.
• 12:45-4:45 p.m. Jan. 15, Feb. 12 and March 5. Senior Circle, behind Walgreens on East Lohman. Info and reservations: 575-522-0502.

• 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 26, Feb. 24, March 22 and April 7. Good Samaritan. Info and reservations: 575-642-2582.

Apples to apples: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, New

Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Practice observation and measurement skills. Learn why we don't grow most apples from seed. Explore the botany of apples. This program was developed with home-school students in mind, but is open to all children. Recommended for ages 5 to 10, and parents/chaperones are required to attend. Cost: \$3 per child/parent. Info and reservations: LuAnn Kilday at 575-522-4100.

AARP general meeting: 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, Peace Lutheran Church, Bethlehem Room, corner of Locust and Missouri. The presentation will be on cholesterol by Jamie Bronner from Memorial Medical Center. All are welcome. Bring a dry food good for those less fortunate.

Dance Las Cruces: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, Alma d' Artes School, 410 Court St. Dance to ballroom, Latino, swing, country and salsa music on CDs. Free dance lesson beginning at 6:45 p.m. Beginners, singles and couples welcome. Dance partner not necessary. Cost: \$8 and \$5 for students. Info: 575-496-2761.

Coalition Against Bullying: 4-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. Doña Ana County Coalition Against Bullying annual meeting will include Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Greg Ewing, who will speak briefly about bullying prevention efforts in the school district. Parents, coalition partners, members, and interested public are invited. A short business

meeting will be held to elect officers and approve bylaws. Participants will be asked to sign a commitment in support. Cost: \$10 suggested donation. Info: <http://www.upstander575.org>.

Jazzercise for kids: 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. Hollywood-themed Kids Night Out Event for boys and girls ages 4-12. Parents enjoy a night out while kids enjoy dance parties, relay and fitness games, arts and crafts, a light snack, and perform an end of evening performance for families at pick up. Cost: \$15 per child if registered by Jan. 12, \$20 after that. Siblings are half price. Info: Amy Richards, 941-705-0800, email lascrucjesjunior-jazzercise@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Junior Jazzercise Las Cruces.

Contra Dance: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Southern New Mexico Music and Dance sponsors a contra dance featuring The Muletones, a West Texas band, with Lonnie Ludeman calling. No partner is needed. Beginners and newcomers are welcome. Basic instruction begins at 7:30 pm. Cost \$6, youth \$4. Info: 575-522-1691 or www.snmmds.org.

Science history: 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science. Witness the history of scientific discovery at the museum's "STEAM-punk" program, focusing on the accomplishments of 19th-century astronomer Benjamin Banneker, who wrote almanacs based on the lunar calendar. Info: 575-522-3120 or

museums.las-cruces.org.

GFWC Progress Club: All cards invited to an annual lunch and party on Jan. 20 at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., in the fellowship hall. Club members will serve a lunch. Raffles and door prizes offered. Bring other games if you'd like, but cards are furnished. The event helps fund three scholarships, an endowed scholarship and a nursing scholarship at NMSU and a state

scholarship provided by the state federation. For reservations and information, call Inge Peter at 575-522-5474.

Living with Wildlife: Free presentation about urban wildlife, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Education Center, 2001 E. Lohman, #130. Adding attractants such as food and water to your yard is a great way to observe more wildlife, but

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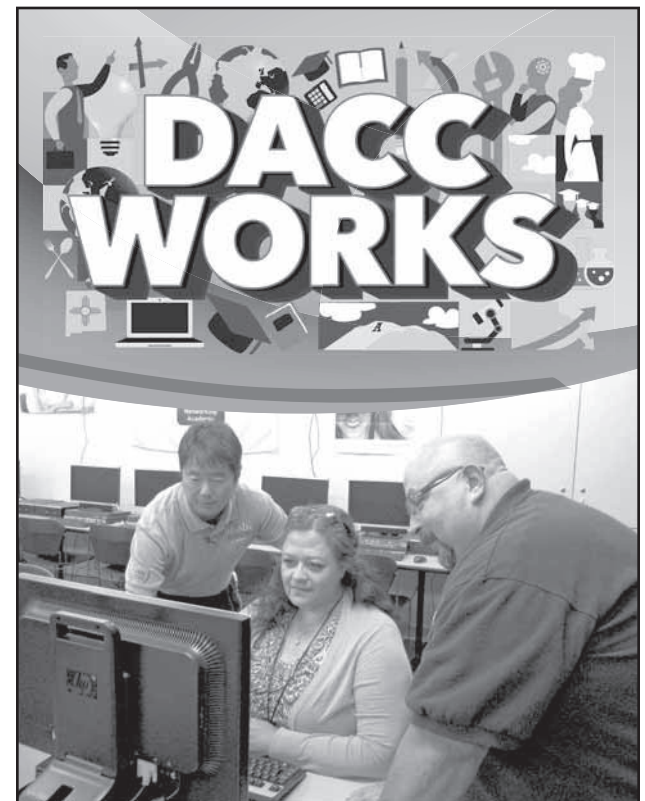
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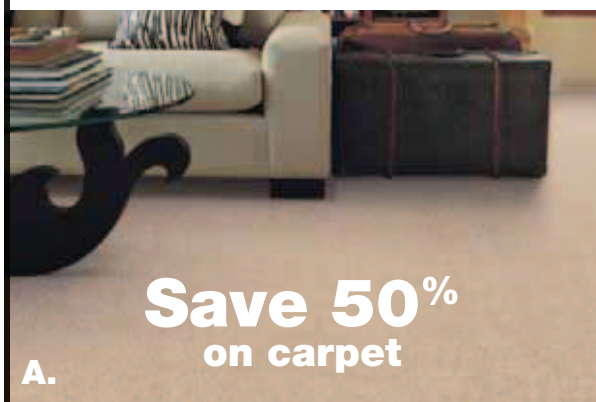
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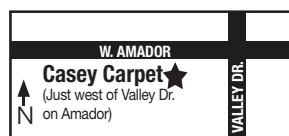
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limiting the guest list can be difficult. Jeremy Lane, NM Department of Game and Fish, tells what you can do to limit unwanted species.

Library Friends: 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Good Samaritan auditorium, 3100 Buena Vida Circle. Friends of the Branigan Library will hold its annual meeting and election of officers, annual reports, refreshments and entertainment by Las Perlitas del Pueblo Ballet Folklorico. The public is invited. Officer nominees are Dennis Cherry, president; Marge Herberger, vice president; Sue Fletcher, secretary; and John Jaffee, treasurer. Info: Jo Banks at or email josiebanks@aol.com. To take an active part in events sponsored by the Friends, contact Dennis Cherry at 575-312 2873 or email cherrydennis49@gmail.com. The organization currently needs a volunteer webmaster to maintain the Library Friends website.

Pet blessing: 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, parking lot of St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, 518 N. Alameda. The annual blessing of pets. Fr Gabriel will provide take-away writings on the spiritual quality of pets. Gift bags courtesy of Better Life Pet Foods.

HSR lecture: 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Social Center Auditorium at the University Terrace Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Human Systems Research continues its 45th Anniversary Lecture Series with Dr. Carla Van West talking

about climate change. Her presentation, "Droughts, Floods, Freezes: The Role of Climate in the Human History of the American Southwest," examines the role of climate in the abandonment of the Mesa Verde region by Ancestral Pueblo groups in the 13th century, the displacement of Hohokam and Sinagua populations in the 14th century, and the hardships suffered by the historic Rio Grande pueblo communities of the 16th and 17th centuries.

Antique treasures: 12-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Visitors to the museum on this afternoon are encouraged to bring their antiques and heirlooms to learn more about them and how to preserve them. Independent appraisers will be on hand, as well as antique vendors. The public is invited to play "Stump the Curator" with unusual objects they bring with them, and the event also includes the fun, new exhibit called "Form & Function: Objects with Flair." Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, and \$3 for children 4 to 17.

Native Plant Society: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, Social Center Conference Room, Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Native Plant Society Las Cruces Chapter meeting will feature Chloe Battista and Trystan Harpold, student assistants at the NMSU Herbarium, who will present different perspectives on the importance and impact of the herbarium for conserving our native plants. Info: 575-523-8413 or NPSNM.org.

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Elizabeth Ayres Pollard Endowment is named for an NMSU alumna who graduated with a degree in theatre arts and worked in universities and artist-in-residence settings across the country. The endowment provides emergency financial assistance to undergraduate students to enable them to pursue their higher education goals and a way to continue the generosity with which Elizabeth showered her students every day.



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Gabby Lopez, sophomore NMSU criminal justice major, and Robert Dale, junior computer science major, are among the first recipients to receive financial assistance from the College of Arts and Sciences Sustaining Academic Progress program to help students continue their education.

Family's scholarship program gives hope to students

By MINERVA BAUMANN
For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University alumna Elizabeth Ayres Pollard had a passion for theatre arts and heart full of compassion for students facing challenges.

"She was a rescuer and she liked to help people," said her father Warren Pollard. "I can't remember how many kids she took into her house at times when she was in Birmingham. Some would stay for months, students having family or other problems."

Elizabeth Pollard

graduated from NMSU with a degree in theatre arts and from Arizona State University with a master's degree in dramaturgy. She worked at universities including Vanderbilt, Texas Tech and University of Alabama-Birmingham as well as Artist-in-Residence settings across the country. She passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 5.

In her memory, Warren and his wife Heather have created the Elizabeth Ayres Pollard Endowment. Their endowment supports the Sustaining Academic Progress program in the

College of Arts and Sciences.

Heather Pollard is the chair of the Dean's Council for the college while Warren Pollard taught in the department of electrical engineering for 14 years. When he retired, he had enjoyed his years teaching at NMSU and wanted to give back in a way he felt would best meet students' needs and has already established a scholarship endowment in his own name for the College of Engineering. Elizabeth's scholarship is a way to honor her willingness to always help others.

"We had been looking at fundraising for the new arts facility and the Dean's Fund for Excellence," said Heather Pollard. "One of the things Dean (Enrico) Pontelli and the associate deans spoke to us about just before Elizabeth died was that they were very concerned there were so many students who had good grades but were just lacking two or three hundred dollars to stay enrolled."

The Sustaining Academic Progress program addresses that need, providing financial aid designed to help arts and

sciences college majors who have demonstrated sustained or improved academic performance in meeting their degree requirements, but who have an outstanding balance with the University that prevents them from registering for classes.

"The fund helps these students pay down their outstanding balance, allowing them to enroll and to progress towards their degree in the next academic semester," said Enrico Pontelli, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "The program is open to any student who has a declared

major in the College of Arts and Sciences, is in good standing with an overall GPA of 2.5 or above and has completed at least two semesters at the NMSU Las Cruces campus."

Gabby Lopez, a 20-year-old NMSU sophomore studying criminal justice, and Robert Dale, 26, a computer science major, are among the first group of students to benefit from the fund.

Lopez was dis-enrolled at the beginning of the fall 2017 semester because of a problem with

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her financial aid the previous semester. Her parents are unable to help her financially.

"I wasn't aware of my debt because I was enrolled the first few days," Lopez said. "I must have not qualified for financial aid due to the issues from the previous semester. I was worried about it because the only reason I was in school was due to financial aid and my academic scholarship. If I wasn't going to be able to pay tuition, I would have to get a job and come back when I had enough money saved."

Lopez plans to become a parole officer. She has family and friends who have been in the criminal justice system who struggle with recidivism and wants to create relationships with parolees based on mutual respect.

Dale had a similar experience in struggling to pay his tuition. This is

his third attempt to graduate from college. The first time, he dropped out after a year because he couldn't decide on a major. He started college a second time and financial difficulties forced him to drop out again while he worked for a while to save money. Dale is now two semesters away from graduation but was dis-enrolled because of an outstanding summer school tuition bill that he hadn't completely paid off.

"I think this scholarship program is important," Dale said. "I've asked other students their stories and a lot of them are like mine. Even though NMSU has some of the lowest tuition in the country, for a lot of kids in this area, it can be difficult to pay for school. At some point, work becomes more important than school because bills have to be paid."

Dale is eager to pursue a career as a software designer.

"I've been doing this

so long and I can see the light at the end of the tunnel," Dale said. "I would have tried anything to continue because I'm at the point where I'm almost done."

The Elizabeth Ayres Pollard Endowment is what her parents believe Elizabeth would have wanted to do. "She was a mentor and a teacher," said Heather Pollard.

"We think it would honor her memory because her true passion was to help people," said Warren Pollard. "We think this is very appropriate for her memory."

Learn more about the Sustaining Academic Progress program and how to give online at nmsu.life/25.

Checks may be mailed to the NMSU Foundation, P.O. Box 3590, Las Cruces, NM, 88003-3590 noting "Elizabeth Ayres Pollard Endowment."

Minerva Baumann may be reached at 575-646-7566 or mbaum46@nmsu.edu.

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Republican women: 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive. Doña Ana County Federated Republican Women will meet. Deadline for reservations is Monday, Jan. 22. Cost: \$15 for lunch. Info and reservations: Patricia Rothengass, 575-650-5057 or email artpjr1940@yahoo.com.

Bridal, event planning: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E University Ave. Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events

Showcase features a variety of local businesses and service providers will be onsite to present options and ideas for event planning. Wedding photographers, caterers, venue representatives, limousine companies, travel professionals, rental companies, DJ services, dressmakers, tuxedo rentals and others will participate. Cost: \$5 in advance at Renee's Bridal, Enchanted Occasions, or at www.LasCrucesBridalShowcase.com. Admission will be \$7 at the door on the day of the event.

Desert Owls: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, New

Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. This program will focus on owls: what they eat, how they fly, and the different kinds we have here in the Chihuahuan Desert. Children will be dissecting owl pellets and hopefully viewing the museum's owls with a spotting scope for a closer look. This program was developed with home-school students in mind, but is open to all children. Recommended for children ages 8 to 12 and parents/chaperones are required to attend. The fee is \$3 per child/parent. Info and reservations: LuAnn Kilday at 575-522-4100.



CLYDE LEE BARLOW

Born 4/27/28 in Ponca City OK to Cecil and Verdi Barlow.

Clyde graduated from Hobbs High School as an all-state football player and played basketball for Coach Ralph Tasker on a Championship Team.

His accomplishments earned him a Scholarship to Oklahoma State University.

While completing high school, Clyde began working in the oilfields as a teen and started dating Dorothy Hardyman Barlow. Their graduating year, Clyde and Dorothy were the King and Queen of the Senior Prom and were married December 24th, 1946. Clyde was preceded in death by Dorothy after 68 years of marriage.

Clyde spent a short while at Oklahoma State but was drafted into the army during WWII and qualified for the 82nd Airborne. He left military service at the end of the war as a Sergeant and pursued a college education at Eastern New Mexico University on the

GI bill.

Clyde began working in sales and service for Dresser Industries, Security Tool Division and was elevated to District Manager for the western United States followed by sales and service in the Far East. He and Dorothy lived out of the country while he continued to work in several capacities focusing primarily on Europe, Africa and the Middle East until his retirement in 1991.

In 1998 Clyde and Dorothy relocated to Las Cruces NM to be near family.

Surviving family consists of son Edward Barlow and wife Tanya of Ruidoso; daughter Nikki MacDonald of Las Cruces; 3 grandchildren - Douglas MacDonald and wife Claudine; Alexandra Boroski and husband Glen. Renee Barlow Driggers and husband Jared; and six great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs, Las Cruces on Saturday, January 13th at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers donation to St. Paul's United Methodist Church for the benefit of "Local Missions" would be appreciated.

GENOVEVA "VEVA" DOMINGUEZ JUAREZ

Genoveva "Veva" Dominguez Juarez, age 93, lifelong resident of San Miguel passed away quietly on Friday, December 29, 2017 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Veva is survived by two sons, Joe and Sam Juarez; three daughters, Mary Helen Rice, Eva Winans and Arabella Kohlmeyer; two sisters, Carmen Cardel and Jeannie Alvarado. Other survivors include eight grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and twelve great-great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Memoria Mass were held at San Miguel Catholic Church. Inurnment of Cremains followed at the San Miguel Cemetery.

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GLADIOLA "GLADYS" GUMABON PEREGRINA

Gladiola "Gladys" Gumabon Peregrina, age 30, of Las Cruces entered eternal life Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at La Posada Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by her loving family.

Survivors include her husband, Jose Luis Peregrina; two sons, Qaleb and Levi Peregrina; a step-daughter, Tiara Peregrina; two sisters, Jerry Ann Gumabon and Madelyn Prescott.

At her request cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service was

held on January 6, 2018 at Sierra Vista Community Church.

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JOSEPHINE "FITA" ALVAREZ LOPEZ

Josephine "Fita" Alvarez Lopez, age 99, lifelong resident of Las Cruces passed away Thursday, December 21, 2017 at Casa Del Sol Senior Care Center surrounded by her loving family.

Survivors include her daughter, Irene Banegas; four sisters, Enriqueta Brown, Elisa Ramirez, Vestina Vargas and Sara Mastellos; three grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

Cremation has taken place and Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Memorial Mass were held Monday, January 8, 2018 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Inurnment of cremains followed at Immaculate Heart of Mary Columbarium.

Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222. Your

exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care". For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruc.com



L. ALLEN TORELL, PH.D.

L. Allen Torell, Ph.D., 65, of Las Cruces, passed away Saturday, December 30, 2017 at home. Allen was born September 15, 1952 in Moscow, Idaho to Pearl and Clark Torell.

He served his country honorably in the United States Navy on the USS Sperry for four years. He later graduated with a master's degree from the University of Nevada Reno and a PhD from Utah State University, both in agricultural economics. Allen was employed as a professor of agricultural economics at New Mexico State University, where he worked for 33 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of forty-five years, Nancy Torell; two sons, Matthew and Gregory; two grandchildren, Anthony and Esme; five siblings, Robert, David, Rodney, Timothy, and Carol.

A Memorial Service was held Friday January 5, 2018 at Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road. Military Honors were accorded by the United States Navy Honor Guard and the Marines Corps League El-Perro Diablo Detachment.

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ELIAS TAPIA MERAZ

Elias Tapia Meraz, age 87, of Las Cruces passed away Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at La Posada Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

RUBEN C. AUDETAT

Ruben C. Audetat, age 100, of Las Cruces passed away Thursday, January 4, 2018 at his home. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222.

VIRIGINA RIVAS MONTOYA

Virigina Rivas Montoya, age 85, of Las Cruces passed away Sunday, January 7, 2018. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222.

LUCIA DIAZ SOLTERO

Lucia Diaz Soltero, age 90, of Las Cruces passed away Thursday, January 4, 2018. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222.

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**Jamie Stull Storage Units 2
960 South Triviz Dr.
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Las Cruces, NM 88011**

Notice is hereby given that
all the contents of your
storage unit(s) 25 at Stull
Storage Units #2, will be
SOLD AT AUCTION
to satisfy our lien in the
amount of **\$310.00**, which
includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit
consist of:
Tent, Clothes, Fishing Poles
& Nets, Tubs

Date of Auction: January 23,
2018 at 10 am
Place: Stull Storage Units,
960 S. Triviz Dr., Las
Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2-Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

Dates: 01/05, 01/12, 2018

**Jamie Stull Storage Units 2
960 South Triviz Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

**Karl Ludwig
1941 Santa Inez
Las Cruces, NM 88011**

Notice is hereby given that
all the contents of your
storage unit(s) 708 at Stull
Storage Units #2, will be
SOLD AT AUCTION
to satisfy our lien in the
amount of **\$480.00**, which
includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit
consist of:
Chairs, Ladder, Tires, Misc.

Date of Auction: January 23,
2018 at 10 am
Place: Stull Storage Units,
960 S. Triviz Dr., Las
Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2-Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

Dates: 01/05, 01/12, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given
that on December 7, 2017,
Lia Shay and Clever Michael
Hooper, 725 North
Fairacres Road, Las Cruces,
NM 88005 filed application
numbered
LRG-15687-POD2, OSE
File No. LRG-15687-1, with
the State Engineer for Permit
to Change an Existing Water
Right within the Lower Rio
Grande Underground Water
Basin in Doña Ana County
by discontinuing the use of
well LRG-15687-POD1 located
at X=1,456,531
Y=473,163 ft. NMSP, Central
Zone, NAD83, on land
owned by Lia Shay and
Clever Micheal Hooper and
drilling replacement well
LRG-15687-POD2 to a
depth of 250 feet with 8-inch
casing to be located at
approximately
X=1,456,501.9 Y=473,191.5
on land owned by the
applicants for the continued
diversion of an amount of
water determined by the
May 24, 1999 Order of the
Third Judicial District Court,
Doña Ana County, State of
NM, combined with surface
water from the EBID for
irrigation of 2.8 acres of land
owned by the applicant
located within Pt. NW¹/₄ and
NE¹/₄ of projected Sec 21,
T23S, R01E, NMPM, as
described by Subfile No.:
LRN-28-012-0007 (A) of
the Lower Rio Grande
Hydrographic Survey. Proposed
replacement well LRG-15687-
POD2 will be located west of
Las Cruces at the physical
address of 725 Fairacres Road.

Dates: 01/05, 01/12, 01/19,
2018

NOTICE is hereby given
that on June 17, 2015, Alma
T. Lerma and Jeff Griffith,
895 Three Hawks Road, Las
Cruces, NM 88007, filed
application numbered
LRG-14947 POD1, OSE
File No. LRG-16772-1, with
the State Engineer for Permit
to Change Point of Diversion
within the Lower Rio Grande
Underground Water Basin in
Doña Ana County by
discontinuing the use of well
LRG-12337, also known as
LRSO4-0090, located within
the NW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄ of
projected Section 25,
Township 24 South,
Range 2 East, NMPM, and
more specifically described
where Latitude and Longitude
intersect at 32° 11' 41.01"N,
106° 41' 43.64"W (WGS84),
on land owned by Pritchett
Revocable Trust, and instead
using existing domestic well
LRG-14947 POD1, previously
drilled to a depth of 120 feet
for 4-inch casing, located
within the SE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ SE¹/₄
of projected Section 26,
Township 24 South, Range 2
East, NMPM, and more
specifically described where
Latitude and Longitude
intersect at 32° 11' 45.81"N,
106° 42' 4.18"W (WGS84), on
land owned by the applicants,
for the continued diversion of
an amount of water reserved
for future determination by
the May 24, 1999 Order of
the Third Judicial District
Court, Doña Ana County,
State of New Mexico,
combined with surface water
from the Elephant Butte
Irrigation District, for the
irrigation of 3.73 acres of
land, owned by the applicants,
located within the NW¹/₄
of projected Section 25,
Township 24 South, Range 2
East, NMPM, and within the
NE¹/₄ of projected Section 26,
Township 24 South, Range 2
East, NMPM, as described
by Subfile No.: LRS-28-004-
0181 of the Lower Rio Grande
Hydrographic Survey. The
replacement well LRG-14947

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 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: 01/05, 01/12, 01/19,
2018

NOTICE is hereby given
that on November 27, 2017,
Salopek 6U Farms, 5090
Snow Road, Las Cruces,
NM 88005 has filed application
numbered
LRG-16279-POD3 with the
State Engineer for Permit to
Change an Existing Water
Right within the Lower Rio
Grande Underground Water
Basin in Doña Ana County
by discontinuing the use of
well LRG-16279-POD2 located
at X= 1,490,696 Y= 440,124ft.
NMSP, Central Zone,
NAD83, on land owned by
the applicant, and drilling
replacement well LRG-16279-
POD3 to a depth of 300 feet
with 6-inch casing to be
located at approximately
X= 1,490,741

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POD1 is located north of
Mesquite, NM and may be
found at the physical address
of 895 Three Hawks Road,
Las Cruces, NM 88007.
Discontinued well
LRG-12337 (LRSO4-0090)
will be retained for other
rights.

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or other entity having
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LEGAL NOTICES

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Y= 440,167, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic purposes as described by the Lower Rio Grande Adjudication Subfile Order No. : LRS-28-004-1008. Proposed replacement well LRG-16279-POD3 is located south of Las Cruces, NM at the physical address of 672 Richardson Road. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

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 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: 01/12, 01/19, 01/26, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of in satisfaction of lien in accordance with the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act.

To be held at:
DISCOUNT SELF STOR-

AGE

**2499 EL CAMINO REAL
LAS CRUCES, NM 88007
575 382-0000**

**ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th, 2018 BEGINNING AT 10:00 am
SIGN IN AT 9:30 am**

THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS:

041, 054, 057, 262, 311, 318, 385, 418, 447, 494, 522, 580, 648, 680, 713, 728, 755, 791, 800, 814, 808
Tenant addresses are "last known."

Unit 41
CYNTHIA ZARAGOZA
1326 Bon Burt Lane
Las Cruces NM 88005
Unit items consist of: LARGE AIR COMPRESSOR, HAND TOOLS, SCAFFOLDING, TABLE SAW, 3 WHEEL BARROWS.

Unit 54
SHARLOTTE TELLEZ
414 Monterey Drive
Las Cruces NM 88005
Unit items consist of: OLD FASHION WASHER, TOOLS, LIVING ROOM SET, AIR TANKS, MISC. ITEMS

Unit 57
EDUARDO AGUILAR
1480 Casa Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88007
Unit items consist of: 2 SOFAS, 2 DRESSERS, KIDS TOYS, FLAT SCREEN TV, MISC.

Unit 262
JAVIER CHAVEZ
200 Cervantes Village, Apt #B9
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit items consist of: FLAT SCREEN TV, 2 BICYCLES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

Unit 311
SANDRA HERNANDEZ
908 Myrtle Street
Truth or Consequences, NM 87901
Unit items consist of: JEWELRY DISPLAY, UNIQUE TRUNKS, MISC.

Unit 318
MICHAEL OTERO
615 Dyne Avenue
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Unit items consist of: CASES OF WATER, SODA, COMMERCIAL FAN, HOT WHEELS CARS, WOODEN TRAIN WHISTLES.

Unit 385
ERIKA RODRIGUEZ
P.O. Box 593

Las Cruces, NM 88004
Unit items consist of: HEADBOARD, KIDS & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, MISC.

Unit 418
Cyndi Davis
P.O. Box 15058
Las Cruces, NM 88004
Unit items consist of: WOOD FURNITURE, WASHER, KIDS ITEMS, MISC.

Unit 447
JOSE NEVAREZ
920 Poplar Avenue
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit items consist of: WOOD FURNITURE, HEAD BOARD & FOOT BOARD, CRIB.

Unit 494
ANGELA ZAMORA
1560 Dodgen Court #A
Las Cruces, NM 88007
Unit items consist of: GUITAR CASES, VINTAGE BIKES, REPTILE TANK, MISC.

Unit 522
Roseann Ortega
P.O. Box 2905
Big Spring, TX 79721
Unit items consist of: TOOL CHEST, MISC. ELECTRONICS, FURNITURE, KIDS ITEMS, MISC HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

Unit 580
HOPE GARCIA
P.O. 1101
Dona Ana, NM 88032
Unit items consist of: PING PONG TABLE, CAR AMP AND BASS SPEAKER, TV, CLOTHING, MISC. ITEMS.

Unit 648
ROCHEL WALL
533 Adobe Lane
Las Cruces, NM 88007
Unit items consist of: COUCH, TABLE & CHAIRS, END TABLES.

Unit 680
ASHLEY THURMAN
1955 Colorado, Apt #38
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit items consist of: KIDS TOYS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

Unit 713
DESIREE JUAREZ
4093 Mojave Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Unit items consist of: CHILDREN'S FURNITURE, MISC.

Unit 728
CONSTANCE YOUNG
5475 Porter Avenue #81
Las Cruces, NM 88012
Unit items consist of: RE-

FRIGERATOR, REAR SUSPENSION, GLASS TOP TABLE, LEATHER-COVERED DOG HOUSE, MISC.

Unit 755
JULIE MAGEE
10 Young Court
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Unit items consist of: SLICKS AND RIMS, CHILDREN'S TOYS, BOOM BOX, MICRO-WAVE, MISC.

Unit 791
ROSALINDA MONTEPEQUE
1500 E Madrid Avenue
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit items consist of: FLAT SCREEN TV, DRESSER, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, CLOTHING.

Unit 800
LIZA MEZA
1445 Sacramento Street
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit items consist of: CAR SEAT, STROLLER, AIR MATTRESS.

Unit 814
YOLANDA HORTON
4308 Gleneagle Drive #B
Midland, TX 79707
Unit items consist of: SAM-SUNG WASHER-DRYER, DINING & KITCHEN FURNITURE, LEATHER CHAIRS, MISC.

Unit 808 combined from multiple abandon units and Previously occupied Unit 703
ANGELICA MONTOYA
2100 Desert Drive #21
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit items consist of: BOXES, CHEST OF DRAWERS, PURSES.

Dates: 01/05, 01/12, 2018

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-144
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIAN E. COLLINS and ROBERT F. COLLINS, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Marian E. Collins, de-

ceased, and Robert F. Collins, deceased, and all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned at: Janice C. Sherman, P.O. Box 1389, Las Cruces, NM 88004 or filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

/s/ Janice C. Sherman
Janice C. Sherman
P.O. Box 1389
Las Cruces, NM 88004

Dates: 12/29,2017, 01/05, 01/12, 2018

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

No. D-307-PB-2014-143
Judge: Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALEX AREVALO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PEGGY J. MOORE 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 with 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.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.
/s/ Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
NM State Bar No. 7629
200 W. Las Cruces Ave., Ste. A
Las Cruces, NM 88005
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-01239

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

RUDY E. ESPINOSA; and LENAE ESPINOSA aka Lenae Martinez, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **February 7, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las

Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3362 Highridge St., Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 10, Block J, SUNSET HILLS SUBDIVISION PLAT NO. 5, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on February 25, 1988, in Book 15 Page(s) 157-158 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE

will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 28, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$132,478.60 and the same bears interest at 4.2500% per annum from November 22, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements con-

cerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Electronically filed /s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela Carmody, Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
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INGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE FOR STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JARED W. O'REAR, aka J A R E D W A Y N E O'REAR; KAYLA Y. O'REAR, aka KAYLA YVETTE O'REAR; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **February 7, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4254 Independence Loop, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 28 IN BLOCK 1 OF INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE, LOCATED IN LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1995 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 18 AT PAGES 330-331, PLAT RECORDS, and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2005 Cavalier SS06E5234T Double Wide, VIN TC05TX0108427AB.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 5, 2018, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$117,626.45 and the same bears interest at 4.875% per

annum from August 8, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela Carmody, Special Master
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02567

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

BENJAMIN MADRID; JACOB KURIAN, 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 9486 Dragonfly Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED B OF HONDO TRACTS NO. 8, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID HONDO TRACTS NO. 8, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON APRIL 8, 1988 IN PLAT BOOK 15, FOLIO 187.

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 15, 2018**, 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 Stipulated & Default Judgment in Rem granted on December 8, 2017 in the total amount of \$48,988.09 with interest at the rate of 4.500% per annum from October 20, 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. Wells Fargo Financial New Mexico, Inc., 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-2016-02627

U.S. BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 2000-3, Plaintiff,

vs.

LISA J. CAMPBELL; CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP., 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 4240 Charles, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 39, BLOCK 1, INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA

ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1995 AS PLAT NO. 2712, IN BOOK 18 PAGES 330 THROUGH 331 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 **10:45 am on February 15, 2018**, 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 Default Judgment in Rem granted on December 7, 2017 in the total amount of \$63,160.23 with interest at the rate of 12.5% per annum from October 23, 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 2000-3, 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-2017-00288

MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

ISABEL MENDEZ, JULIA Q. MENDEZ; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE 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 902 Hess Terrace, Las Cruces, NM 880052175, and more particularly described as follows:

LOTS NUMBERED 30, 31, 32 AND 33 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 3 OF AMENDED PLAT OF HESS TERRACE IN PETERSON PLACE, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID AMENDED PLAT OF HESS TERRACE IN PETERSON PLACE, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY

CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 28, 1941 IN PLAT BOOK 3, FOLIO 68.

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 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona 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 May 22, 2017 in the total amount of \$131,921.59 with interest at the rate of 4.00% per annum from March 28, 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. Midfirst Bank, 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-2017-00869

DOVENMUEHLE MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT B. BROWN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **January 23, 2018 at 11:45 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 & Pond C, Block C, Corazon Del Valle Subdivision, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4363 on 05/02/2006 in Book 21 Page(s) 601-05 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1672 Neleigh Loop, 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 29, 2017 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to

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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 \$152,041.65 plus interest from July 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.75% 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 pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. 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
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**STATE OF
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COUNTY OF
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SECOND JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-01406

**NATIONSTAR MORT-
GAGE LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LENSI R. URIOSTE AKA
LENSI SHAKRA; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
LENSI R. URIOSTE AKA
LENSI SHAKRA, Defend-
ants.**

**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 3805 Jade Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 8A, BLOCK 3, LAS COLINAS SUBDIVISION, PHASE ONE, REPLAT NUMBER 3, 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 MAY 25, 1989, IN BOOK 16 PAGE 84 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 **10:45 am on February 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona 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 17, 2017 in the total amount of \$145,214.66 with interest at the rate of 4.0% per annum from September 13, 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. Nationstar Mortgage 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.

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**STATE OF
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Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-00833

**FEDERAL NATIONAL
MORTGAGE ASSOCIA-**

**TION ("FANNIE MAE"),
A CORPORATION OR-
GANIZED AND EXIST-
ING UNDER THE LAWS
OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SANDRA LEE; SISBAR-
RO BUICK GMC, INC.;
STATE OF NEW MEXI-
CO TAXATION AND
REVENUE DEPART-
MENT; DEPARTMENT
OF THE TREASURY IN-
TERNAL REVENUE
SERVICE; AND OCCU-
PANTS OF THE PROP-
ERTY, 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 4156 Las Piedras Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

A 2.500 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATE SOUTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS PART OF LOT 12, BLOCK 7 OF THE ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST COMPANY SUBDIVISION B. PLAT FILED JUNE 2, 1911 IN PLAT RECORD 4, PAGE 24, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD, WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 12, BLOCK 7, OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SUBDIVISION BEARS S 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 00 SECONDS W, 330.00 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING S 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 49 SECONDS W, 329.85 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 43 SECONDS W, 329.73 FEET TO AN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN

DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 27 SECONDS E, 329.82 FEET TO AN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E, 330.05 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF A FORTY FOOT ROAD EASEMENT TO THE TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.500 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUCH AS MAY EXIST ON THE GROUND. Including a 1983 CAVCO Manufactured Home, VIN: UNKNOWN.

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 15, 2018**, 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 in Rem granted on November 7, 2017 in the total amount of \$78,855.14 with interest at the rate of 9.625% per annum from June 5, 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. Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America, 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, deactiva-

tion 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.

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**STATE OF
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DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-03059

**MIDFIRST BANK, Plain-
tiff,**

vs.

**ELIZABETH ARMEN-
DARIZ, NEW MEXICO
TAXATION AND REVE-
NUE DEPARTMENT, 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 5231 Creek Trl., Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 35C IN BLOCK NUMBERED 11 OF ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK

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ELEVEN, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JUNE 6, 1966 IN PLAT BOOK 9, FOLIO 97 and also known as:

LOT 35C OF ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, LOCATED IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JUNE 6, 1966 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 9 AT PAGE 97, 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 **10:45 am on March 1, 2018**, 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 December 21, 2017 in the total amount of \$132,010.88 with interest at the rate of 3.875% per annum from December 29, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-03274

DENKEN INVESTMENTS, Inc., Plaintiff,

Vs.

JOSE F. RAMIREZ, Deceased, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOSE F. RAMIREZ, JOSEPHINE H. RAMIREZ, Deceased, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOSEPHINE H. RAMIREZ, EV A CORDOVA, DELFINO CORDOVA, STATE NATIONAL BANK, MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION & REVENUE DEPARTMENT, And PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Unknown heirs of Jose F. Ramirez, Deceased
Unknown heirs of Josephine H. Ramirez, Deceased
State National Bank

GREETINGS: You are

hereby notified that a civil action is now pending in the Third Judicial District court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico wherein Denken Investments, Inc. is the Plaintiff, and you are among the Defendants.

The general object of said action is to obtain a judgement of mortgage foreclosure and decree of Quiet Title to that certain real property as described in the complaint.

Unless you file a responsive pleading in this action within thirty (30) days of this publication, judgement granting the relief prayed for will be granted.

The Attorney for the Plaintiff is Ben A. Longwill, 741 N. Alameda Blvd. #4, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County on this 20th day of December, 2017.

(seal)

DAVID S. BORUNDA
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Denika Sherman
12/20/2017
Judicial Specialist II

Prepared and Submitted by:
/s/ Ben A. Longwill
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741 N. Alameda Blvd. Ste. 4
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-524-4141

Dates: 12/29/2017, 01/05,
01/12, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2017-03145
Judge: Marci Beyer

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL PAUL BANE GAS, OLIVIA ANN WOOD, JOSIE G. BANE GAS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL PAUL BANE GAS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF OLIVIA ANN WOOD, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSIE G. BANE GAS, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Michael Paul Banegas, Olivia Ann Wood, Josie G. Banegas, the Unknown Spouse of Michael Paul Banegas, the Unknown Spouse of Olivia Ann Wood, and the Unknown Spouse of Josie G. Banegas,

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 215 Squirrel Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

A tract of land situate West of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of Lot 4, of Section 21, T.23S., R.1E, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the shiner found on a wood fence post for the Southeast corner of the tract herein described, whence the closing corner of the South line of Section 21, T.23S., R.1E, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys and the Mesilla Civil Colony Grant Line bears DUE EAST 350.00 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning, DUE WEST, 171.45 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N.00°02'30"W., 254.65 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence S.89°59'30"E., 171.30 feet to an iron pipe found on the West line of Squirrel Road (a.k.a. County Road C45) for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the West line of Squirrel Road (a.k.a. County Road C45), S.00°05'00"E., 254.65 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.000 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Warranty Deed

filed July 8, 1999, in Clerks Book 186, Pages 45-46, Doña Ana County records. Field notes by MOY SURVEYING INC., License #5939.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.
By: /s/ Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
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Dates: 12/29/2017, 01/05,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-01740

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF EPI M. GALLEGOS, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF EPI M. GALLEGOS, Deceased, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EPI M. GALLEGOS (true name unknown); WALTER GALLEGOS, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF WALTER GALLEGOS, Deceased; GLENN GALLEGOS; TOM GALLEGOS; WALTER GALLEGOS, JR.; MICHELLE PADILLA; TERESA MARTIN; MARIA PACHECO; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF WALTER GALLEGOS, DECEASED, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) The Estate of Epi M. Gallegos, Deceased

and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Epi M. Gallegos, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1997 Sedona Hills Parkway, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 41 in Block numbered V of Sonora Springs, Phase 4 at Sonoma Ranch South, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Sonora Springs, Phase 4 at Sonoma Ranch South, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 6, 2002 in Plat Book 20, Folio 176-177.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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December 18, 2017

By Electronically signed
/s/ Rachel M. Chiado
Karen H. Bradley
Deborah A. Nesbitt
Rachel M. Chiado
Marisol C. Garcia
Attorney for Plaintiff

(seal)

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, 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 19th day of December, 2017.

DAVID S. BORUNDA
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Elizabeth
Deputy Elizabeth Balizan

Dates: 12/29/2017, 01/05,
01/12, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-0276

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLORIA ANDRADE GOMEZ, a/k/a GLORIA ANDRADE, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that GLORIA GUADALUPE HERNANDEZ has been appointed 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 personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: November 7, 2017.

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'Five Course Love'

Sweet, raunchy and ridiculous

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Producer/director/singer Megan McQueen is presenting the musical "Five Course Love," featuring two different casts, for nine performances beginning Saturday, Jan. 13, in El Paso. It will also have performances in Las Cruces and Socorro.

"Three versatile actors play 15 wacky characters – wearing 15 very stylized costumes – searching for love during five mini-musical adventures," said McQueen, who is an assistant professor of theatre at New Mexico State University, and founder of Scaffolding Theatre Company.

"A BBQ joint, Italian mob hangout, German brewhouse, Mexican cantina and '50s diner set the scene for ridiculous antics," McQueen said. "Working on a ridiculous, hilarious set of five love stories has been absolute escapist fun."

"It's kind of like five musicals for the price of one, because each has such a different, spot-on musical style. It's sure to get the toes tapping and heart singing."



According to Broadway.com, "It's a cute, diverting, fast-paced little show ... alternately silly and sweet, raunchy and romantic...sweetly sincere..."

The principle cast includes McQueen, Brandon Brown and Algernon D'Ammassa.

"Algernon and Brown have well-earned glowing reputations on area stages," McQueen said. "They crack me up in new ways at every rehearsal."

A student cast is comprised of Xodia Choate, Juan Apodaca and Calvin Chervinko.

Guenevere MacMahon is the show's costumer, Karlos Saucedo is choreographer and McQueen is artistic director.

The production's three-piece band, comprised of Mark Klett on keyboard, James Gier on bass and Derrick Lee on percussion, "gets to vary from spitfire country to oper-

atic ballads to '50s doo wop," McQueen said.

Performances of "Five Course Love" are

- 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13 and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14 at the Philanthropy Theatre, 125 Pioneer Plaza in El Paso. Tickets are \$16. Visit <http://elpasolive.com/calendar/1504-jewel-box-series-five-course-love?date=2018-01-13> and <http://elpasolive.com/calendar/1505-jewel-box-series-five-course-love>.

- The student cast will perform the show at NMSU Reader's Theatre on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 27 and 28. Times and ticket information are TBA.

- 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9 at the Macy Center at New Mexico Tech in Socorro. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and \$8 for children. Visit <https://nmtpas.org/current-season/subscription-season1/five-course-love>.

- Wednesday, Feb. 14, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 16-18 at Alma d'Arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court St. in Las Cruces. The Feb. 14, 16 and 17 performances will be dinner shows. Dinner will not be served at the Feb. 18



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MEGAN MCQUEEN

From the two casts of Scaffolding Theatre Company of Las Cruces' upcoming production of "Five Course Love" are, left to right, Algernon D'Ammassa, Megan McQueen, Brandon Brown, Xodia Choate and Calvin Chervinko. Each is costumed from one of the five restaurants in the five stories told in the musical: Ernesto's Cantina (D'Ammassa), Trattoria Pericolo (McQueen), Dean's Old Fashioned All-American Home Town Bar-B-Que Texas Eats (Brown), The Star-Lite Dinner (Choate) and Der Schlupwinkel Spiseplätzchen (Chervinko).

show. Times and ticket prices are TBA.

"Five Course Love," with book, lyrics and music by Gregg Coffin, opened on Broadway in 2005. Its musical numbers include "Dean's Old-Fashioned All-American Down Home Bar-B-Que Texas Eats," "I Loved

You When I Thought Your Name Was Ken," "If Nicky Knew," "Nicky Knows," "Der Bumsen-Kratzentanz," "The Blue Flame" and "Love Looking Back at Me."

Scaffolding Theatre Company, founded by McQueen and Justin Lucero of El Paso in 2014,

has previously produced "Nine," "Chicago," "Passion" and "Beauty and the Beast."

For information, contact McQueen at 575-646-5952.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Four California poets journey the southern border

Finding their voices



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Las Pelegrinos poets – Yaccaira Salvatierra, Vanessa Angélica Villarreal, Xochitl-Julisa Bermejo and Marisol Baca – share their experiences and poems at the Mesilla Community Center on Jan. 3.

By ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH
Las Cruces Bulletin

Four California poets visited Las Cruces Jan. 3 along a journey of the southern border with messages about family, community and danger on the borderlands.

“Peregrinas: California Women Poets in the Southwest,” – Xochitl-Julisa Bermejo, Yaccaira Salvatierra, Vanessa Angélica Villarreal and Marisol Baca – brought their words to the Mesilla Community Center, and later signed books.

After a brief introduction by Denise Chávez, local author and book store proprietor, Bermejo was first up. A Tucson-based organization, No More Deaths, inspired her to write about the experience of those who travel the desert, hoping to survive. She also said her poems are about Los Angeles and her parents’ own immigration stories.

“When I first started writing poetry, I was writing about my mom making chorizos and banging all the pots and pans and that was her way of waking us up,” Bermejo said. “Then I went to grad school and I had to be smarter and cooler and better than that. And then it just came right back to my family.”

Bermejo’s book is

A No More Deaths Volunteer Guide

Excerpts from a poem by Xochitl-Julisa Bermejo

Did you know?

A baby rattlesnake’s venom is more lethal because it knows no control.
Woolly, mammoth tarantulas inch across the road at dusk – not down it.
Why did the tarantula cross the road?
To eat the chicken.

Did you know?

When you don’t have a mirror, you
Can’t care what you look like. When you
can’t remember what a shower feels
like, dirt and sweat cake your clothes,
and you want to forget everything
sticking to your soul, you can go ahead
And skinny dip.

“Posada,” a metaphor for people crossing and looking for a safe place.

“I learned we are all the same and want a place to call home and want a safe place,” she said.

Baca said she was happy to be reading her poem about New Mexico in New Mexico for the first time. The poem is included in a book coming out in about three weeks. She also ties immigration with pilgrimage and family.

Salvatierra once dreamed of being an immigration lawyer, but after getting married out of high school and raising children, she became an elementary school teacher.

“I got married and had two children and dedicated my time to those two spirits,” she said. Her children are

now 17 and 18.

Villarreal said the Peregrinas journey for her is the beginning of one cycle and the end of another.

“What came before this book was a lot of family trauma, personal trauma and a lot of self-silencing,” she said. “I have been writing since I was three. I was a liar first and then I became a writer.”

The week Villarreal’s book came out, her husband asked for a divorce, she said.

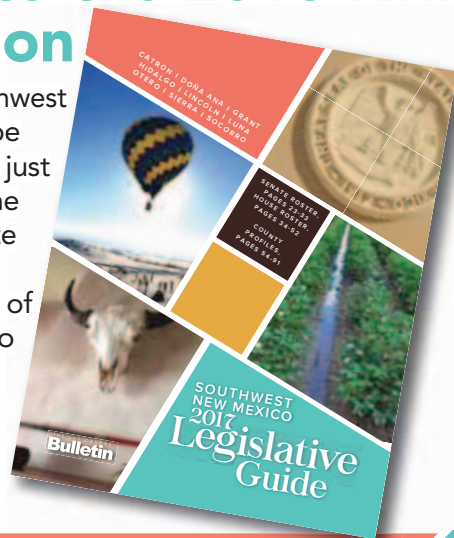
“This road trip and this journey is one of finding my voice and sharing it with these beautiful poets.”

For information about these poets and their work contact Chávez at Casa Camino Real Bookstore, 314 S. Tornillo Street; 575-523-3988, comazon09@comcast.net.

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'Wonder Wheel': Woody Allen finally gets heavy

By **JEFF BERG**
For the Bulletin

Often feeling like a stage play, Woody Allen's newest is a rather heavy drama, kind of a switch for him, which takes place on Coney Island in New York around 1950.

Allen's movies often add some humor or just complete comedies; however "Wonder Wheel," named after a huge Ferris wheel that is very apparent in some scenes, is just the opposite.

Kate Winslet gives a great and intense performance as Ginny, the wife of Humpty, played by Jim Belushi, who I've not seen in a first-run movie in years.

They work on Coney Island – she a waitress in a clam restaurant while he runs a merry-go-round – where money is hard to come by. Winslet also has a stepson, a young pyromaniac in the making, who is from her previous marriage, one which she readily admits she messed up by having an affair.

She's about to do the same with this marriage, although Humpty, who is on the wagon and not the sharpest tool in the box, is a caring if boisterous partner who does seem to really love his wife.

Into their lives enters Humpty's daughter, Carolina, from his previous marriage, played by Juno Temple. Humpty disowned her when she married a small-time gangster, who may have also been a murderer.

She is on the run and convinces Humpty and Ginny that their noise-

GRADE: B+

Wonder Wheel opens at the only adobe theatre in the area, the Fountain, on Jan. 12 for a week's run. Coming in February to the Fountain is 'Ladybird,' my favorite film of 2017.

riddled apartment would be the last place the mob would look for her, knowing that she was renounced at her marriage.

It is also now that Ginny meets Mickey (Justin Timberlake), a rather buff and very astute beach lifeguard, some years her junior. He knows that she is vulnerable and soon they are having a passion-



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Kate Winslet plays a philandering wife in "The Wonder Wheel."

ate affair, often meeting under a pier or at his quaint apartment, which puts Ginny's to shame in many ways.

Humpty takes Carolina back into his life and tries to help her in any way he can. He thinks she is much too smart to work at the clam house

where she ends up with her stepmom, trying to wait tables, while trying to appease the often angry and stressed out Ginny, who can barely handle her own life and that of her pyro son, while carrying on the affair with Mickey.

The performances by all are very well carried and the tension increases in the film, albeit briefly, when the mob does come looking for Carolina. Humpty can shield her, but one senses that things are heading south quickly and with certainty.

Allen hasn't lost much in his craft as a writer and director. I think many of the mediocre or bad reviews that this film received are due in part to his personal life and the current rash of sexual abuse scandals that have/are taking place. He no longer curries favor among the critical world, it seems, and among theatre operators, since "Wonder Wheel" played only at a small struggling theater here in Santa Fe,

where they were required to book it for three weeks from Amazon Studios. There were eight people in the theatre the evening I saw the picture.

Nonetheless, if you can overlook Allen's reputation, I feel that "Wonder Wheel" is one of his more interesting works of recent years. It has a very different feel, offering heavy drama and good performances. But it does use the same old type font for the credits, and the musical soundtrack is far too repetitive, again!

Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at nedludd76@hotmail.com.

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Gourdy Girls manipulate natural shapes into art



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

The “Masks, Maidens & More” exhibit at the Las Cruces Tombaugh Gallery features gourds worked into masks, crosses, vessels, figures and mandalas.

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

From twisted wire to pine needles, beads and clay, the “Gourdy Girls” have remade gourds into pieces of intriguing art at the Tombaugh Gallery.

Kathe Stark, Karen Phillips, Sylvia Hendrickson and Joanna Bradley manipulate color and substance to form pieces of artwork capable of wresting curiosity, emotion and dimensional textures out of the humble, earthy gourd.

With “Blue Rain,” Bradley backs a gourd mask with a piece of expanded sheet metal, worked into brilliant colors, to create an eerie feel, drawing the viewer into empty mask eyes. This, in

contrast to Hendrickson’s “Red Maiden #882” mask, warm and strange, with a body wrapped with cotton and woven material.

Beads and macramé cording become adornments in the lovely “Mandala” by Stark, who also applies her circular pyrography, beading and leather to “Circle of Life,” a “War Lord” mask and to a vessel with a mouth of pine needle weaving and decorated with 7,016 dots of dimensional paint, titled “7016.”

Working with the natural shapes, the artists follow the gourds’ leads into figurines such as “Elder Speaking” and “Mud-head” by Phillips, both enhanced with clay, paint, feathers and horsehair; “Pot Keeper” by Stark with miniature gourds as pots and embedded with real turquoise; and “Collaboration with Cathouse Glass (Greta Burger) #2” by Bradley, a complex figure using fused glass, copper and driftwood to support a gourd headed figure.

Hendrickson’s mastery of color blends and contrasts is evidenced in “Quail,” where a family of gourd quail climb a



“Secrets of the Garden” by Joanna Bradley

twisted tree trunk that never grew because the roots were bound. “Quail #1017,” a gourd vessel, also highlights Hendrickson’s color creativity as does “Red and Black Vase #106,” created with black paint over filigree done with a Dremel and a drill.

This is an exhibit of professionalism, detail

and care that no one will regret taking the time to visit.

“Masks, Maidens & More” continues through Friday, Jan. 26, at Tombaugh in the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The gallery is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Call 575-522-7281.



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“Quail” by Sylvia Hendrickson



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Theatre companies bringing new shows

Las Cruces Community Theatre, Black Box and Scaffolding Theatre Company all have shows opening in January, and others aren't far behind: The



MIKE COOK
Theatre 101

Theatre Arts Department at New Mexico State University opens "The Odyssey" on Feb. 15, and

a Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley (ACT) presents "The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza" in March.

All you really need to know about LCCT's "Lend Me a Tenor" is that Mike Wise is the director. He's the production stage manager for NMSU Theatre Arts, and if there is a better director around, I don't know who it is.

I was in "Holy Ghosts" and "The Homecoming" that Wise directed and I've also acted with him (we both wore wigs and dresses in "The Golden Guys" a few years ago), and we share a love of the San Francisco Giants.

"Lend Me a Tenor"

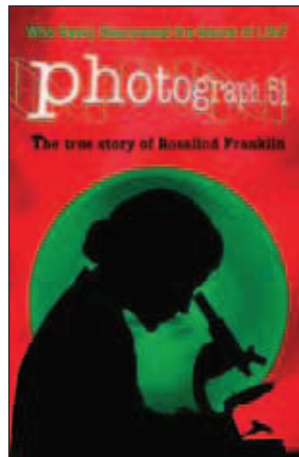
Wise has assembled a fantastic cast for his latest show. I've had the privilege of acting with Gail and Alex Wheeler, Darin Cabot and McKenzie Karnes Cabot, Isaac Lucero, Matt Esqueda and Jeff Peckham, and I've seen their work in other shows. This show also stars Jade Diaz. I can't wait to see what they produce as an ensemble.

"Lend Me a Tenor" opens Friday, Jan. 19, and



PHOTO BY MIKE WISE

"Lend Me a Tenor," which opens Jan. 19, at Las Cruces Community Theatre, stars Alex Wheeler and Isaac Lucero.



"Photograph 51" opens Jan. 26 at Black Box Theatre.

continues for nine performances through Sunday, Feb. 4 at LCCT, 313 N. Main St. Do not miss this one. Visit www.lcctnm.org for dates, ticket prices and reservations. I will be there opening night!

"Photograph 51"

Just down the street at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St., No Strings Theatre Company opens "Photograph 51" on Friday, Jan. 26. It continues through

Sunday, Feb. 11.

The play is about the discovery of the structure DNA. Characters include the real-life James Watson, Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins, who won a 1962 Nobel Prize in for their double-helix DNA model.

Another character is Rosalind Franklin, a British scientist who obtained DNA images using X-Ray crystallography. Franklin died of ovarian cancer in 1958 at age 37. Watson, 88, was the only American among the four and the only one still living.

Nora Thomas stars as Franklin, a role for which Nicole Kidman won three awards after the play premiered in London in 2015.

Black Box owner and Artistic Director Ceil Herman directs; others in the cast – all playing real people – include Scott Brocato, Joseluis Solorzano, David Arias, Joshua Taulbee and Matthew Frieze.

Performances run through Sunday, Feb. 11. Visit no-strings.org for

dates, times, ticket prices and reservations.

"Five Course Love"

I also can't wait to see "Five Course Love," the latest offering from Megan McQueen and Scaffolding Theatre Company. Its previous productions are "Nine," "Chicago," "Passion" and "Beauty and the Beast." (I was in "Passion" – in a non-singing role, of course.)

I can't imagine how Megan will top those productions, but I do know "Five Course Love" will be amazing. Megan stars, along with Brandon Brown and Algernon D'Ammassa. That, my friends, is an all-star cast. And, they will trade off with a student cast comprised of Calvin Chervinko, Xodia Chocate and Juan Apodaca for some of the performances.

The show opens in El Paso on Saturday, Jan. 13. See story this section for Las Cruces dates and details.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Rio Grande Theatre will be closed for Repairs thru January 17th.

FRI JANUARY 12 • 10:30 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY

Rhythm Roundup (Music and Motion for ages 2-5)

FRI JANUARY 12 • 10:30 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY

Library Lab (Crafts/Stories for ages 6-10)

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Library Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

TUE JANUARY 16 • 10:30 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY

Read to Me: Story Time for Ages 3 and up

TUE+THU JANUARY 16+18 • 4:00 P.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY

Teen Game Night

TUE JANUARY 16 • 6:30 P.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY

Branigan Book Club: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance; *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Eagan

WED+THU JANUARY 17+18 • 10:00 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY

Toddler Time: Story Time for ages 1-3

WED JANUARY 17 • 11:00 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY

Mother Goose Time: Activities for Infants

WED JANUARY 18 • 7:30 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE

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PUZZLES

FRATERNITY CHARACTERS

ACROSS

- 1 Tuna salad ingredient
- 5 Remove by vaporizing, as impurities
- 12 Tough guy's display
- 20 Holiday preludes
- 21 One heralding a new era, say
- 22 Refusing to face reality
- 23 Game with sticks and wheeled skates [#17]
- 25 Differs in opinion
- 26 Choke up
- 27 Settled up
- 28 Suffix with minimal
- 29 Flatten
- 30 See 16-Down
- 31 Public sale of seized property, maybe [#19]
- 37 Bother
- 38 Le dernier --
- 39 Rock music genre
- 40 Communist Mao -- -tung
- 41 Keyword that helps people find an online video [#2]
- 46 Economic divides [#24]
- 52 Bar, legally
- 53 Parcels
- 55 Foe of Frodo
- 56 Tahiti, e.g.
- 57 Free TV ad, for short
- 59 Bills or Jets
- 62 Started the poker pot
- 63 Largest city in Yemen
- 66 La -- Jackson
- 68 What G-rated films are suitable for
- 71 Old cloth
- 72 What awards may be laid out on [#6]
- 75 Last stage [#1]
- 77 Despite this
- 78 Sommeliers' bottles
- 80 Partakes of
- 81 Ogles
- 82 Self-help book
- 84 Shrewish
- 86 Pitcher's stat
- 88 Potpourri
- 89 Old flier over the Atl.
- 91 K.P. veggie
- 93 Efface
- 97 Antiterrorism legislation of 2001 [#9]
- 101 Combat vehicles in a hobby shop [#4]
- 103 Felony hated by MADD
- 104 Road service gp.
- 106 Neither here -- there
- 107 In-favor vote
- 108 Bell Labs, for one [#22]
- 116 Gen. Pershing's conflict
- 117 Trebek of TV
- 118 Wahl of TV
- 119 Fuentes of baseball
- 120 Arthur of tennis
- 122 Atomic group
- 125 Things hidden in nine answers in this puzzle
- 129 Did surgery
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- 132 Cuddled-up couples
- 133 Flourish
- 134 Couples up

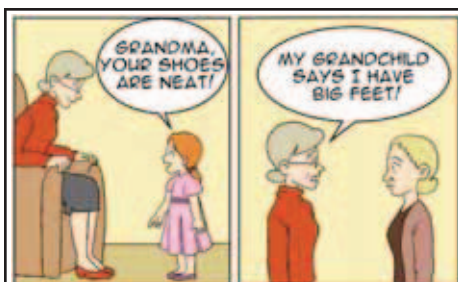
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- 2 Fatty fruits
- 3 Shouts

- 4 Nobel city
- 5 Rough husk
- 6 --Kosh B'Gosh
- 7 "God willing!"
- 8 Old Renault
- 9 Terminix rival
- 10 "I need grub!"
- 11 Cook in fat
- 12 Center
- 13 Cartoonist
- 14 PC inserts
- 15 "-- So Fine"
- 16 With 30-Across, neon or xenon
- 17 Exodus peak
- 18 Seder staple
- 19 NFL Hall of Famer Merlin
- 24 Holders used during breakfast
- 28 Privy to
- 30 Soul's Marvin
- 32 Bard's eye
- 33 Jostled (for)
- 34 British music co.
- 35 Pyle's org.
- 36 So-so grade
- 42 November gem
- 43 "Taxi" cabbie played by Danza
- 44 Forage crop
- 45 Styling goop
- 47 Oversaw jointly
- 48 Gimlet liquor
- 49 Errant
- 50 Make glad
- 51 Fen plants
- 54 RR stop
- 58 "-- boy!"
- 60 Goblin, e.g.
- 61 Unknown by
- 62 Nile reptile
- 63 Whale's half-rise out of the water

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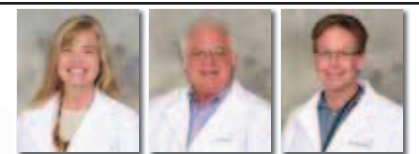
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- 65 Bonehead
- 67 Sculling item
- 69 Gang gun
- 70 Different
- 73 Lead-in to friendly
- 74 Brain test, for short
- 76 "... -- pin drop"
- 79 NCO in the 35-Down
- 83 Rocky top
- 85 "-- so sorry"
- 87 Sanctuary
- 89 Acerbic
- 90 Unyieldingly insistent type
- 92 Big name in lens care
- 94 In whatever location
- 95 Like kebabs
- 96 Morales in movies
- 98 Ore --
- 99 Son of Adam
- 100 Ecru or fawn
- 102 Slew
- 105 Stellar
- 108 Novarro of "Ben-Hur"
- 109 Split to hitch
- 110 Monica of tennis
- 111 Apply
- 112 Listens to
- 113 Link up with
- 114 Agenda bits
- 115 Puffs
- 121 Tuck away
- 123 Ripken of baseball
- 124 Pickup's kin
- 125 Soft lump
- 126 Northern Thai
- 127 Stately tree
- 128 Distress call



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ANSWER: "Cheap!"

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KID SCOOP MONEY MATTERS SERIES: VALUE

Is cheaper always better?

Ethan got a gift card for his birthday. Which of these T-shirts should he buy? Spending money isn't always as simple as it seems.

QUALITY
Does it seem sturdy and designed to last?



PRICE
Does the price seem fair or is it too high?

COMPARE
Is there something similar or is it unique?



STYLE
Are logos, characters and other extras important to you?

Let's Talk!
Ask a parent to tell you about the way they make decisions while shopping. On your next trip to the store, compare and discuss the value of several products.

value:
• worth of something compared to the price paid for it
• importance of something
• usefulness of something



Which shirt would YOU choose, and why? Write your reasons here to help me decide:

Decisions, Decisions

Circle the most important thing you'd consider when buying each of these items.

BIKE	CLOTHES	FOOD	MUSIC	TOYS	MOVIES
COLOR	COLOR	NUTRITION	POPULARITY	POPULARITY	POPULARITY
PRICE	PRICE	PRICE	STYLE	PRICE	STORYLINE
QUALITY	QUALITY	FLAVOR	LYRICS	QUALITY	CAST
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Replace the missing words using Woodward's word list.

No one likes to _____ more money than is necessary. So, when you go _____, there are a lot of things to consider.

First, are you spending more than you can _____? Setting a budget before you get to the store – and sticking to it – can keep you from _____.

Next, look at the quality of the item you're buying. Is the more expensive item better made than a _____ version? If so, it might last longer and is a better _____. Or is the more expensive item pricier only because it is cool and trendy?

Thinking about what's most important to you is how you decide the best value when making a _____. It's the smart way to spend!

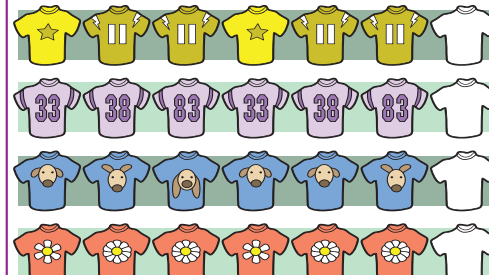
Extra! Extra! Ad Values

Find three advertisements in the newspaper. Read each one and decide what value they are selling. Are they selling something because it is the best price? Or, because it is cool? Or something else?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw the t-shirt that continues the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Kid Scoop Word Search

- EXPENSIVE
- QUALITY
- DECIDE
- BUDGET
- MONEY
- PRICE
- VALUE
- COOL
- PAID
- ITEM
- BRAND
- GIFT
- FAIR
- SHOPPING
- TOYS

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

T F I G P J E F E G
Q E V W F A I R V N
B U D G E T I M I I
R L A P X C E D S P
A A X L V T I H N P
N V O D I W X R E O
D O S Y O T J K P H
C G M O N E Y R X S
N E P X E D I C E D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Advertisement Funnies

Select an advertisement in today's newspaper that has five or more adjectives. Replace each adjective with an adjective that means the opposite to create a very silly advertisement.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

A penny saved is ...

How would you finish this sentence?

Kid Scoop Together:

Alphabet Math

Working with a family member, give each letter of the alphabet these money values:

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| A = 1¢ | N = 14¢ |
| B = 2¢ | O = 15¢ |
| C = 3¢ | P = 16¢ |
| D = 4¢ | Q = 17¢ |
| E = 5¢ | R = 18¢ |
| F = 6¢ | S = 19¢ |
| G = 7¢ | T = 20¢ |
| H = 8¢ | U = 21¢ |
| I = 9¢ | V = 22¢ |
| J = 10¢ | W = 23¢ |
| K = 11¢ | X = 24¢ |
| L = 12¢ | Y = 25¢ |
| M = 13¢ | Z = 26¢ |

Using these letter values, add up the "value" of each word in the headlines on the front page of the newspaper. For example:

SCOOP
19¢ + 3¢ + 15¢ + 15¢ + 16¢
"SCOOP" = 68¢

Which word is the most expensive? Cut it out and paste it here:

WORD VALUE: \$ _____

Which is the least expensive? Cut it out and paste it here:

WORD VALUE: \$ _____

BONUS MATH CHALLENGES

- Find a word in a news article with five letters or less that is worth at least 50¢.
- Find a word that is worth exactly \$1.00.
- Which word on this Kid Scoop page is worth the most?
- What is the value of all the letters in your teacher's last name?

Standards Link: Math / Number Sense.

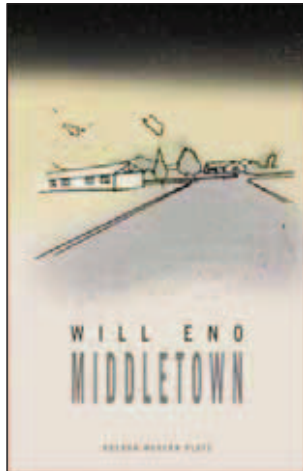
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use strategies of the reading process to follow written directions.

Black Box Theatre holds auditions for 'Middletown'

BULLETIN REPORT

Black Box Theatre of Las Cruces will hold auditions for its upcoming production of "Middletown" at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, and at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at the theatre, 430 N. Main St. downtown.

Needed for the production are six women: three in the 20s to 30s, one in her 40s to 50s, one in her 50s to 60s and one girl age 12 to 18; and six men: two in their 20s to 30s, two in their 30s to 40s, one in his 30s to 50s and one in his 40s to 60s.



Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. A perusal script is available at the Ask Here

Desk at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Call the library for hours at 575-528-4000.

"Middletown," written by Will Eno, will be directed for Black Box Theatre's No Strings Theatre Company by Autumn Gieb.

The play won the Horton Foote Award for most promising play of 2010.

"Middletown is a deeply moving and funny new play exploring the universe of a small American town," said Samuel French publishing company. "As a friendship

develops between long-time resident John Dodge and new arrival Mary Swanson, the lives of the inhabitants of Middletown intersect in strange and poignant ways in a journey that takes them from the local library to

outer space and points between."

The New York Times called the play "delicate, moving, piercing, tart, funny, gorgeous. Mr. Eno's gift may be unmatched among writers of his generation.

Glimmers from start to finish."

The production will run Friday, March 2-Sunday, March 18 at Black Box.

For information, email Gieb at autumngieb@gmail.com.

CALL TO ARTISTS

All media show: The Las Cruces Museum of Art, in collaboration with the University Art Gallery, NMSU, seeks submissions for Here and Now, a regional exhibition to feature art in all media.

The exhibition will be presented by the Museum of Art and the University Art Gallery May 11 through July 21, 2018. Online submissions will be accepted Jan. 15-March 30. Info: uag.

nmsu.edu/hereandnow.

Second Saturdays: Artists and artisans who want to open their studios to the public once a month and join a new informal group, Second Saturday Open Studios. The idea is to increase public awareness of Las Cruces-area artists. There's no fee, and studios don't have to participate every month. Info: Kathleen at 828-467-

9060 or kdarts2u@gmail.com.

Winter festival: Beverly Hills Hall & Cantina is looking for art vendors, body-painting artists, antique vendors, tattoo artists, auto mural artists and food vendors for its first Winter Wine and Beer Festival to be held Feb. 24. Cost: \$50 or \$25 and a silent auction item. Info: Victor Perez at 575-621-9164.

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Art in the Detail: 20th Century Masters of Photography

A photography exhibit, features works by noted photographers Aaron Siskind, Barbara Morgan, Imogen Cunningham, Wynn Bullock and others. A Syracuse University Art Galleries Traveling Exhibition, it continues through Jan. 20 at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. The museum is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 575-541-2137.



Fine Arts Gallery

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre, features local artists Nanci Bissell and Weeden "Rockwell" Nichols for the month of January. Bissell has been an educator, teacher, principal and assistant principal in the elementary schools, retiring after a 26-year career. Nichols has been a photographer for 48 years, mastering technology of cameras and darkrooms. He enjoys simple compositions of shape

and color, landscapes and seascapes. The gallery's newest member, Alan Small, has a diverse background including landscape design, woodturning, pen, ink and watercolor. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Sunday. Info: 575-522-2933 or www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

Form & Function: Objects with Flair

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum opens a new exhibit featuring more than 40 objects from its collections that combine usefulness and beauty. Some objects are utilitarian with no real aesthetic appeal. Some are art with no functional

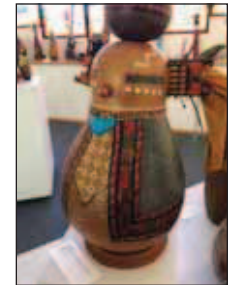
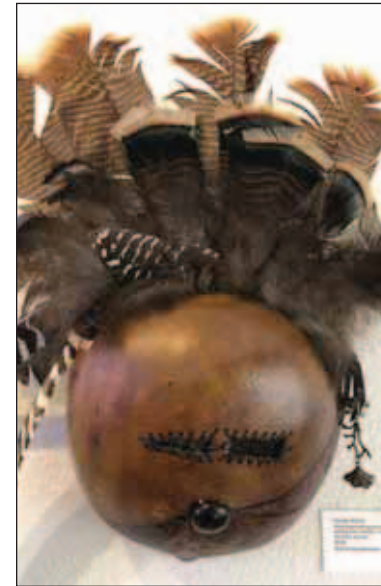
purpose other than to be appreciated for their beauty, or the message the artist wishes to convey. Some are in-between. The exhibit includes things from Navajo rugs to Apache and Pima baskets, to vases, pots and bowls, as well as saddles, guns, and furniture. The exhibit will be in the Museum's Legacy Gallery through July 8.

Gourd show

"Masks, Maidens and More," a show and sale featuring the work of gourd artists Joanna Bradley, Sylvia Henderson, Karen Phillips, and Kathe Stark will continue 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Jan. 26 at Tombaugh Gallery inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The exhibit features functional, spiritual and whimsical objects. Info: Lurene John, 503-490-4908.

Las Cruces interactive

An interactive community engagement exhibit, "What's Your Las Cruces?" will give visitors the opportunity to share Las Cruces photos, stories and more through ques-



tions posed at different stations. Selected images and stories will be shared and posted in the exhibit and on the museum's social media sites for public viewing and comment. The exhibit opens Friday, Jan. 19, at Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., and continues through Saturday, March 17. The museum is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Free. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Lifetime of Art

An exhibit featuring the works of Las Cruces artist Connie Garcia (1950-2017) will continue through April 1 at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road in Las Cruces. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Garcia began creating her artwork in the 1970s, starting with batik art, which she sold at art shows throughout the U.S. She expressed

her creativity through tile, foil, drawing, contemporary painting, cards, and more. Info: 575-522-4100, www.nmfarmdranchmuseum.org.

Makeshift art

"MakeShift," an exhibition put together by partner and artist duo Ramon and Christian Cardenas, who together form the artist collaborative Lxs Dos, continues at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. through March 10. The exhibit comes from the artists' need to create and express themselves using materials and resource available to them. The work is ethnographic in nature, describing the socio-cultural relations of the United States/Mexico border region and its people. Branigan Cultural Center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 575-541-2154, museums.las-cruces.org.



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<p style="text-align: center;">January 12-18 Wonder Wheel</p> <p>On Coney Island in the 1950s, a lifeguard tells the story of a middle-aged carousel operator and his beleaguered wife. Starring Kate Winslet, Jim Belushi & Justin Timberlake</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">January 19-25 Viceroy's House</p> <p>Steven (Colin Farrell) is forced to make an unthinkable sacrifice after his life starts to fall apart. Also starring Nicole Kidman</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">**Thursday, Jan. 25 1:30 matinee; no evening show</p>
<p>Sunday, January 28 No Evening Screening</p> <p>Nightly 7:30 Saturday matinee 1:30 Sunday matinee 2:30 No one will be admitted after the film has begun. LC1-LV45867</p>	



GALLERIES

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100 Years Strong

Exhibit on display through Sept. 16, at the NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The Farm & Livestock Bureau has been the voice of agriculture in New Mexico. The group has worked with elected and appointed officials to coordinate beneficial outcomes for New Mexico's food producers. Soil conservation, better irrigation methods, and improved crop production were issues on the minds of the 300 farmers and ranchers in the Mesilla Valley who first gathered in 1917.

Opposites attract

Rokoko Art Gallery presents the opening of a mixed media exhibit titled "Opposites Attract." An opening reception for participat-

ing artists will be 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at the gallery, 1785 Calle de Mercado in Mesilla. Snacks and refreshments will be served. The exhibit closes Saturday, March 17. Info: 575-522-5553.

Orchard art

Las Cruces artist Frank Peacock's "Selections from the Orchard Series" paintings and drawings inspired by the pecan orchards of the Mesilla Valley, will be on exhibit through Jan. 25 at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. downtown.

Student art

More than 100 pieces of original student artwork from the Las Cruces and Gadsden Public Schools have been installed in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd. in Las

Cruces. It will continue through mid-March. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, photographs and drawings. The artists range in age from elementary students to high-schoolers.

Watercolor reception

5-7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado, Suite D. Opening reception for local watercolor artist Laurel Weathersbee, summa cum laude graduate with a BA in art from Park College in Missouri who has taken numerous workshops and seminars in art from regionally, nationally, and internationally-recognized instructors in the intervening years. The show will continue through Jan. 30. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Info: 575-523-6403, e-mail admin@daarts.org or www.daarts.org.



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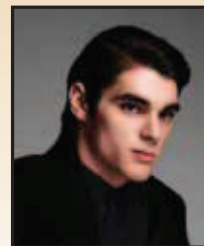
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A&E EVENTS

Art appreciation: 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science atrium, 491 North Main St. The Las Cruces Museum of Art's "Artrageous" series highlights abstract artists in January.

- Jan. 13; Vassily Kandinsky
- Jan. 20; Mark Rothko
- Jan. 27; Jeff Koons

Native voices: The traveling exhibit Native Voices: Native Peoples' concept of Health and Illness runs through Jan. 13, at the Branigan Cultural Center. Native Voices examines how wellness and illness interconnect with cultural life. The U.S. National Library of Medicine developed and produced Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness. The American Library Association Public Programs Office, in partnership with NLM, tours the exhibition to U.S. libraries. The cultural center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Cost: Free. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.lascruces.org.

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music of the rock band Chicago. Info: www.lascrucessymphony.com.

Piano concert: 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 18, Rio Grande Theater. The Neave Trio, hailed by critics for their "heart-on-sleeve performances," will present timeless classics written for piano, violin and cellos. Tickets available at the door and online at www.lascrucesca.org. Children up to age 17 are admitted free with a ticketed adult. Students with a valid ID will be admitted for \$5 at the door. Info: 575-405-7429.

Lend me a Tenor: Friday, Jan. 19, LCCT, 313 N. Main St. Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) production opens at and continues through

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Sunday, Feb. 4. "Lend Me a Tenor" was written by Ken Ludwig and is being directed by Michael Wise. Info: 575-646-5418 or mwise@nmsu.edu.

Art classes: Sign up 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday before Jan. 20. Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Register for Spring 2018 Studio Art Classes, which give children and adults an opportunity to learn new skills or enhance existing knowledge in beginning and intermediate/advanced ceramics, oil and watercolor painting, printmaking and more while guided by local, experienced and qualified professional artists. The first session will run from Wednesday, Jan. 24 through Saturday, March 8. Info: 575-541-2137 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Winter concert: 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, Singing Out Las Cruces, a LGBTQ and Allies community chorus presents its winter concert "Let There Be Peace in the World," at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. \$10. Children 12 and under are free. Treats will be served, and a silent auction fundraiser will be held at intermission. Info: singingoutlasruces.org.

Jazz & Blues series: 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road, across from Las Cruces High School. Bassanova will perform for the Mesilla Valley Jazz &



The Neave Trio performs at the Rio Grande Theatre Jan. 18.

Blues Society monthly concert series. Bassanova, consists of four borderland musicians: Daniel Rivera, tenor and alto sax, guitar: Fernie Lechuga, keyboard; Manny Flores, bass, melodica, percussion, and Byron Mutnick, drums. Their sound is a fusion of Latin Jazz from Cuba, Mexico and Brazil. There also will be a dance presentation for a few pieces by Om Shanti.

Jewish life in Spain: 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. Robyn Helzner will present "A Key to the Casa: Celebrating Jewish Life in Sephardic Spain." Through Ladino songs, stories and images, Helzner transports audiences to the heart of Jewish Spain. Her presentation brings to life the once-flourishing Jewish communities of Toledo, Cordoba and Seville. Info: 575-524-3380.

Promoting art: Noon, Friday, Jan. 26, DAAC Arts & Cultural Center,

1740 Avenida de Mercado, Suite D, in the Bulletin Plaza in Mesilla. Glenn Cutter, New Mexico Arts Commissioner and co-owner with his wife, Sally, of Cutter Gallery, monthly Promoting Art Speaker Series. Cutter's topics will be New Mexico Arts, the New Mexico Arts Commission, and the Art in Public Places program, which, since its inception nearly 25 years ago has placed more than 2,500 works of art in New Mexico's 33 counties. The talk is open to all. Brown bag lunches are welcome. Cost: Free. Info: 575-523-6403 or email, admin@daarts.org or www.

daarts.org.

Life Changes: Tickets are on sale for Thomas Rhett's Life Changes Tour performance on Saturday, April 7 at the Pan American Center. The performance will feature special guests Brett Young and Jillian Jacqueline. Tickets: Pan American Center, www.Ticketmaster.com or 800-745-3000. Info: www.LiveNation.com

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



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Photography Boot Camp

BULLETIN REPORT

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Cost is \$5 per course, and registration is required. Visit the DAPC website to register and learn more about each course: [http://daphoto-](http://daphoto-club.org/boot-camp.html)

club.org/boot-camp.html.

The Boot Camp will be held at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St., from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring your camera.

- Class 1 Learning your camera, Saturday, Jan. 13
- Class 2 Getting camera off auto mode/how ISO, aperture, shutter speed work, Saturday, Feb. 10
- Class 3 How to take better photos/Composition, Saturday, March 10
- Class 4 Editing, Saturday, April 14

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A Key to the Casa: Celebrating Jewish Life in Sephardic Spain: Hosted by singer/performer Robyn Helzner, 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Blvd. Through entrancing Ladino songs, stories and images, Helzner transports audiences to the heart of Jewish Spain. Her captivating presentation brings to

life the once-flourishing Jewish communities of Toledo, Córdoba and Seville. In exploring the resurgence of a modern Jewish presence in Spain, "A Key to the Casa" celebrates the remarkable resilience of the Jewish people. Lyrics to the songs are projected so everyone can join in the singing.

ONGOING

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.
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- 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, spirit dance

- 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Single Parents Support Group

- 1:30-3 p.m. first Friday and 5-7 p.m. third Friday of the month, shamanic drumming and meditation

- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, A Course in Miracles discussion.

Codependents Anonymous: Meetings are 7-8 p.m. Mondays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., Room 107. CoDA is a 12-step program that focuses on learning to nurture ourselves. We let go of un-

healthy rescuing behavior and focus on spiritual and emotional health. Info: www.coda.org or Wayne at 575-647-5684.

Christian meditation: 5:30-6:20 p.m. Tuesdays at The Bridge, northeast corner of Chaparral Street and East Mesa Avenue; Wednesdays at Nopalito Gallery, 326 S. Mesquite St. "In stillness, silence, emptiness a journey to the inner self, where the Spirit of God abides." Info: Joe Murray 860.514.0548 or joe@haid-acher.cc.

Cowboys for Christ: Non-denominational outreach organization seeks volunteers to coordinate Christian fellowship to assist those in need. Info and re-

quests: benzo@live.com.

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.

Grandma's "Soular" Power: 2-4 p.m. the first and third Thursday, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Support group for interested grandparents serving as community advocates, mentors. Voice concerns and share words of wisdom without judgment. Info: Lola Lestrack, 575-382-5678 or Shirley Daniels 575-915-8284,

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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: Pastor Herb, 575-650-3915.

Pancakes breakfast: 8-11 a.m., second Saturday of each month beginning Jan. 13, Center for Spiritual Living at 575 N. Main. Pancakes, eggs,

and sausage. Cost: \$6.

Prayer groups: 9 a.m. Saturday, 20-30-minute centering prayer. 4-5 p.m. Saturday, women's 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.stjohnscatholic-churchofantioch.org.

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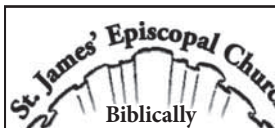
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Getting a jump on the competition

New trampoline park offers an exercise alternative

BY MICHAEL SCANLON

For the Bulletin

Business was booming, and customers were jumping at the Las Cruces indoor trampoline park on a recent weekday afternoon during area schools' holiday break.

"Business has been good. During the school breaks, it does pick up," said Raquel Garcia, manager at Rockin' Jump, which occupies most of the 800 block on the east side of South Solano Drive.

Most of the customers were grade-school and middle-school children, though the park is open to all ages.

"We still feel like we're really new, and the word hasn't gotten out for us yet," Garcia said. "So that's something we're going to be working on."

Even so, Rockin' Jump had a steady stream of parents, with children in tow, lining up to pay the jumping fees — \$14 for 60 minutes, \$17 for 90 minutes or \$20 for two hours — for standard open jump time. Pricing is different for Fridays and Saturdays. A range of birthday party and group packages also is available.

A special Rockin' Tots

Times is 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, when parents can jump with younger children. The cost is \$15 for one parent and one child plus \$4 for each additional child.

The place has several different attractions, including the Foam Pit Arena, a climbing wall and Slam Dunk Zone, which offers a chance to play basketball on a trampoline court.

There's also the Rockin' Café, offering food, snacks and a variety of drinks. A sign on the counter advertised a hot dog, bag of chips and a drink for \$5.

The place has a maximum capacity of 120 jumpers at a time.

First-time customers' first stop inside Rockin' Jump is at one of the lobby computers, where they fill out a waiver.

"It's a liability waiver. We've had a few accidents," Garcia said. "The rules that we enforce are to prevent accidents. So when we have accidents, it's because people haven't followed the rules."

Robin Flores, the Las Cruces franchise owner, was out of town and unavailable for comment.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE SCANLON

Rockin' Jump, a Las Cruces indoor trampoline park, offers food and drinks along with a variety of trampoline attractions. The place opened in July and has been doing a brisk and growing business.

Billed as "The Ultimate Indoor Trampoline Park," the business markets itself from different angles.

According to its website, lascruces.rockin-jump.com, "We're people like you who want to exercise, but also like to have fun. Lots of fun. So instead of stair-climbers and weight machines, we decided to create a place where you can soar in open jump arenas, play

trampoline dodgeball, do flips and somersaults. We also wanted a new alternative in Las Cruces for birthday parties and family gatherings, where quality food and private party rooms were guaranteed, and our kids could safely play while we socialized with other parents."

Evening hours attracted even bigger crowds of children, along with older jumpers.

Sanaluz Otero, 22, and her friend, Steven Triste, 21, were making their first trip to Rockin' Jump.

"I've been to one in Albuquerque," Otero said. "It's very fun and really good exercise."

It was Triste's first experience at a trampoline park.

"I've been wanting to come here for a while," he said.

Rockin' Jump opened in July, and, manager

Garcia said, it has a staff mostly of high school-aged employees.

"We just hired five more, so we're around 30 employees now — maybe more, maybe less. This is a really good first job because you have a lot of work responsibility," Garcia said.

Michael Scanlon is a freelance writer who may be reached at mscanlon999@gmail.com.

Here's a suggested New Year's resolution: Listen to each other

America is rife with bigotry and we need to stop being bigots. Intolerance of others' point of view characterizes current politics and it needs to end now.

A bigot, of course, is someone obstinately devoted to their own views, especially in regards to members of another group. Our country is rife with bigoted Democrats intolerant of Republicans and bigoted Republicans intolerant of Democrats. This is very sad as the differences between the parties are modest.

Take the recent tax bill. The top tax bracket was dropped by 2.6 percent to 37 percent. This is still 9 percent higher than the rate enacted in 1986 under Ronald Reagan. Why wasn't the rate dropped more? Because to do so was too radical to gain a consensus among Republicans.

I didn't support the tax cuts going to the rich, as I believe that people should pay for the resources they use and the rich benefit from government more than the poor.

But I respect the arguments on the other side. One of which is that producers should be able to retain the fruits of their labors. Another of which is that lower taxes will incentivize people to work harder and invest more, pro-



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moting growth, hence ultimately benefiting everyone. These two arguments are logically valid and deserving of respect.

But to listen to Democrats, you would think

that Republican tax bill is the harbinger of the coming Armageddon. It is not. The Republican tax plan is a modest change that will slightly stimulate the economy in the short run, and will increase deficits long run.

Similarly, repeal of the Obama Care individual mandate, also part of the Republican tax bill, still leaves us better off than we were as recently as 2012, especially as Medicaid expansion remains in place. Repeal was a bad idea, but the counter argument that the individual mandate is an unwarranted restriction on personal freedom is legitimate.

Of course, Republicans are just as bad. Their dehumanization of Obama, tinged as it is with racism, was very disruptive of civil discourse. Obama was a mainstream left-of-center president who sought to pace reasonable-to-the-left policies. The continuing disparaging of Hillary Clinton, who lost, after all, serves no purpose but to feed the biases of her detractors.

The bigotry is being encouraged by dema-

gogues across the political spectrum. Politicians are demonizing their opponents in the hopes of energizing their base because doing so generates donations; it motivates voters to contact their representatives; and gets voters to the polls.

These demagogues are aided and abetted by media personalities who seek ratings by pandering to their audiences. The demagogues are also aided and abetted by human nature. People like to have their biases confirmed. This causes people to favor those media outlets that espouse the view they already agree with. The media becomes an echo chamber. All this is made easier today with our balkanized media than it was a generation ago, when network news was dominant. Because networks wanted to appeal to a broad audience, they tended not take extreme views. Back then, the fear was homogenization and the inability of alternative views to gain access to an audience. Now we have moved to the opposite extreme.

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Small-business confidence surges

BULLETIN REPORT

The shortage of qualified workers reached a record high in December, and the number of small-business owners who made plans to raise compensation was the second highest in history, according to the monthly National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Jobs Report, released Jan. 4.

"We've been watching this problem build for the last 12 months, but it seems to have reached a critical point in December," said NFIB President and CEO Juanita Duggan. "Small-business owners are converting their optimism into action, and a majority cannot find enough workers to meet higher customer demand."

The number of job openings remained steady in December while plans to hire fell four points to 20 percent. That modest decline could indicate that small-business owners are becoming more frustrated by the shortage of qualified workers.

"Finding qualified

workers is now the second-biggest concern for small-business owners," said NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg. "Taxes occupied the top spot all of last year, but that may drop as the recently enacted tax reform law takes effect. The worker shortage could very well become the number-one problem for small businesses."

Fifty-four percent of small business owners last month reported finding few or no qualified workers. That's a 10-point jump from the previous month and an all-time record. The previous record (53 percent) was September 1999. Meanwhile, the number of firms planning to raise compensation jumped six points to 23 percent, the second highest reading in history. It's the highest reading since March 2000 (also 23 percent) and just shy of the record of 27 percent, set in December 1989.

"They have to raise compensation to attract and keep qualified employees," said Dunkelberg. "That means

their costs will increase. It remains to be seen whether that will lead to higher prices."

The labor shortage is a problem for small business owners, but it is also a strong signal that the economy is gaining momentum.

"Qualified workers are in strong demand. That's good for workers and good for families," said Duggan. "Finding qualified workers is a challenge that small-business owners will be working through over the next few months. The positive is that small-business owners are more confident in the economy, and workers will be the beneficiaries."

The National Federation of Independent Business annually surveys its members on state and federal issues vital to their survival as America's economic engine and biggest creator of jobs, according to the press release.

Contact NFIB at 1201 F Street, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20004; 202-554-9000.



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From the members and staff of the LCHBA: Pat, you will be greatly missed here in Las Cruces and at the LCHBA! We congratulate you on your new journey and wish you much happiness. You have blessed this association over the years and will forever be a part of us!
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By TOM HEILPERN
For the Bulletin

Embracing the help of a SCORE business mentor offers many advantages to potential entrepreneurs. The SCORE mentors have been in business and many of them have started their own businesses.

Whether you're in the early stages of exploring a business idea or already running an established business, a mentor can provide valuable guidance, serve as an objective sounding board for listening to and evaluating new ideas and motivate you to be more accountable. With a SCORE mentor, you benefit from expertise and experience that can help you launch and/or grow your business.

Before you begin working with a mentor, however, consider what you

can do to get the most fulfillment from your mentor/client relationship.

Don't be afraid to ask questions.

Come prepared with a list of questions and issues you are facing to every meeting with your SCORE mentor. Mentors are there to answer even what would seem to be the silliest questions. They don't judge you by what you know or don't know. They are there to develop your understanding and awareness. And if they personally don't know the answer to a particular question, they can tap into the expertise of other SCORE members.

Focus

When you talk with your mentor, be entirely present and ready to focus on your business issues. Put your digital devices away so they won't distract you from your conversation.

Have realistic expectations

Your mentor is there to advise you, not to do the work for you. You will gain insight from a mentor, but you will still have to work hard. Starting and running a small business requires a great deal of effort.

Follow through

Do your homework. You should walk away from every meeting with your mentor with an understanding of your next steps (aka action items). Make sure you tackle what you agree to do between meetings. If you don't take the initiative to complete the tasks necessary to move forward, you will not take advantage of your time together.

Keep an open mind

You and your mentor may not always see eye-to-eye on certain ideas or approaches. Rather than instantly discarding suggestions that don't align with your initial thoughts, consider your mentor's frame of reference and experience and his experience in working with other SCORE clients. The right answer may not always be what you want to hear, so it's

important to listen with an objective ear.

Keep the lines of communication open

When you first start your business, you may find that you need to meet with your mentor frequently. As time goes by, these meetings may become less frequent, but they may be dictated by the competition you are facing, industry changes, or opportunities you want to pursue. Even if you don't feel the need to meet with your mentor, keep your mentor up to date on what is happening via email or a phone call; that way, your mentor will be informed and better equipped to provide guidance when you do face a new challenge.

SCORE is a national organization with locations throughout the country. The purpose of the organization is to assist those wanting to start a business, or to add to, sell or turn around their business. In Las Cruces they are located at 505 S. Main St. For information about starting or operating a small business, call the Las Cruces chapter at 575-523-5627 or email them at score.397@scorelascruces.org



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NMSU/Entrepreneur Encounter, 4-6 p.m. at the Bank of the West reception room, 201 N. Church St. Guest speaker Sarah Boisvert has extensive experience with 3D printing technology. She will share stories about the technology and her experience starting and selling her 3D printing business. Come and connect with local entrepreneurs and new business owners.

LEADERSHIP NEW MEXICO

Leadership New Mexico class members, alumni, friends and guests gathered at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Thursday, Jan. 4, for a reception after the class's first day in Las Cruces. The group travels to different parts of New Mexico over the course of a year, learning what makes the Land of Enchantment tick.



2018 class member Rodney Rogers of Las Cruces and 2017 alumnus Kevin Donovan of Carlsbad



Attending the reception after a visit to White Sands Missile Range were 2018 class members Andrew Nwame of Carlsbad, Adán Astrada of Cimarron and Hawk Baker of Cannon Air Force Base.



Veronica Pound of Socorro, Paul Lorskalsint of Eunice and Brenda Mack of Belen



Leadership New Mexico 2018 class members include Jim Haynes of Albuquerque, Lisa O'Brien of Taos, Brenda Porter of Las Cruces, Mary Jacintha of Albuquerque and Will Gleason of Albuquerque.

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The battleship USS Arizona sinks after being hit by a Japanese air attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, December 7, 1941. Picture taken December 7, 1941.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

U.S. Naval Reserves (retired) Casey Stevens at his Las Cruces home in December 2017, just weeks before his death.

Las Cruces man was in the thick of Pearl Harbor attack

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: Casey Stevens died Dec. 30, 2017, in Las Cruces at age 98. Services were Jan. 6. He will be buried in Montana. Stevens would have turned 99 on Feb. 12. This story is based on two interviews conducted at his Las Cruces home in early- and mid-December.

Casimir F. "Casey" Stevens was a chief machinist aboard the USS Medusa, which sailed into Pearl Harbor early on Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941.

"We pulled in the day before the air raids

started," Stevens, 98, remembered from his Las Cruces home.

The attack on Pearl Harbor by the Empire of Japan began at 7:48 a.m. Hawaiian time and resulted in 19 American ships sunk or damaged, almost 250 aircraft damaged or destroyed, more than 2,400 soldiers, sailors and airmen killed and more than 1,100 wounded.

"When the attack started, I could see the planes coming in," said Stevens, who had been topside on the Medusa for a couple of hours before the attacks began. "There were planes all over the base like flies. They would drop bombs all over."

"Sometimes they were so close, I could see the pilots smiling," Stevens said. "I recall seeing one had a gold tooth."

The Medusa, a repair ship, was positioned between two other ships, the Curtiss and the Wasmuth, "for safety," Stevens said. Both those ships were sunk during the attack, along with the ship that took the spot where the Medusa had previously been anchored.

Stevens reported seeing four Japanese midget submarines in the harbor, but the Medusa's officer of the line refuted the sightings and told Stevens and other sailors to stop making the reports.

"Because of that, we lost a couple of ships," Stevens said. "We had a jerk for an officer."

Stevens saw one mini-sub get stuck in the harbor's weeds and grass and blow itself up, he said.

Stevens made his way to the Medusa's guns as he watched a squadron of Japanese planes approaching, including one plane spiraling down from about 14,000 feet.

"That sucker was right above us," Stevens said, telling other crew members, "I think he's going to come and hit us."

The plane disappeared along the right side of the ship, Stevens said, as he directed the ship's gun-

ners to fire at it.

"You better shoot, because that' guy's going to drop a bomb," Stevens told the gunners. "I said 'shoot' and they pulled the trigger."

Their artillery fire hit the plane, knocking off its tail and one wing, which struck the Medusa's side. Other than that, the Medusa survived the attack unscathed.

Nearby was the USS Arizona.

"That thing blew up in front of my face," Stevens remembered. "I nearly fell into the water from the blast."

Nearly half the deaths of U.S. armed forces in Pearl Harbor were caused

by the sinking of the Arizona.

Stevens watched other planes coming in and saw four cruisers sunk near the Medusa.

"It looked like hell," he said.

Parts of Japanese planes fell from the sky during the attack, Stevens said. He watched as one plane's engine hit a nearby runway, its propeller continuing to spin. "It was the damnedest thing you've ever seen."

Stevens saw a total of five squadrons of six to eight Japanese attack planes each that rainy, foggy day that President

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Braymer Bait

I started out in the cattle business south of the Little Ear Parallel. That line that runs approximately from Fresno to Atlanta. South of that imaginary boundary cattle with “a little ear” do real well.

They differ from the European breeds in several ways, particularly in their resistance to hot weather and bugs. But they differ in another important trait which affects the way you handle them. They are not afraid of human beings.

Oh, they'll give us a wide berth given a choice but they adjust very quickly to the company of men as long as you don't stir 'em up. Which explains why Zebu and not Charlois are worshipped in India. But start messin' with a Santa Gertrudis calf and you better be lookin' over your shoulder. Or pushin' a sick Braymer ... he's liable to charge your horse.

As a young stupid youth I worked in the feedlots of the Southwest. We fed lots of Braymers. They arrived right out of the swamp or piney woods, or off the desert and soon adjusted to life at the bunk. But they were not very good patients at the doctor shack. 'Specially after they got to weighin' six or seven hundred pounds.

In spite of my coun-



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seling, they got real testy about goin' through the squeeze chute for a little needle and bolus therapy. I can remember many occasions acting as Braymer bait. They'd get on the

fight and one of us would stand in the gate waving like a shipwrecked sailor, trying to entice them out of the pen. Even when sick, they were fast and I've had more than my share of snot on my shirt tail.

Rick said he was attempting to drive a Braymer cross cow to the corral. It was hot that spring in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. He'd pushed the ol' darlin' within half a mile of the pen when she sulled up and got on the fight. In a moment of brilliance – he roped her. She kept chargin' but he held his dally 'til they came to a standstill.

He managed to get Joe's attention. Joe

climbed out of the pickup near the corral where he's been waiting and walked to Rick. The ol' cow snorted and charged Joe!

Joe lit out for the pickup. “Run to the corral!” yelled Rick, spur-rin' up behind the cow, holdin' her like a Doberman on a leash.

“Toward the gate!” Joe slowed a couple of times and went down once but Rick managed to keep her from walkin' Joe like a footlog.

The cow was slobberin' in Joe's pocket when he raced through the gate. Rick undallied as soon as the cow shot in behind Joe. Joe cleared the five-foot fence from the inside and never hit the top rail!

Which just proves my point; you don't see many Herefords gathered that way, do ya?

Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. Learn more at www.baxterblack.com.

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Franklin D. Roosevelt said would “live in infamy.”

Stevens had enlisted in the Naval Reserves in 1938 and went active in 1940. He served on five different U.S. ships during his service in the Pacific at Guadalcanal, Leyte Philippines and New Guinea before being honorably discharged in October 1945.

Stevens worked for Los Alamos National Laboratory after the war, doing “a lot of things I talk about,” he said.

A tool and die maker, Stevens “did all kinds of other work” during his 15 years at LANL, he said, and worked closely with then-LANL Director Donald Kerr.

Stevens visited Pearl Harbor many times while working for LANL, flying over the spot where the Medusa had been during the attack.

That day more than 76 years ago still haunts his dreams and brings tears to his eyes as he remembers the death and destruction going on all around him.

Stevens and Virginia, his wife of 71 years, moved to Las Cruces four years ago to be near family

members.

Stevens was born on an Indian reservation in New York state in 1919. He and all five brothers served in different branches of the U.S. military during World War II.

Stevens joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in Rochester, New York, at age 13 – two years under the legal age requirement – because “I wanted to find out what was going on,” he said. “The farther west, the better I'd like it.”

Stevens wound up near Green River, Wyoming, and later near Salt Lake City.

“I thought it was the greatest thing,” he remembered. “It was fun for me.”

Stevens helped build roads for the CCC, and even drove dump trucks full of dynamite at age 14. He became a truck master, overseeing a fleet of vehi-

cles, and built a 500-gallon fire truck.

Stevens stayed with CCC for five years, sending \$25 a month “home to the folks.”

He joined the Naval Reserves at age 18.

At one point after the Pearl Harbor attack, Stevens was at a naval hospital in the Philippines and didn't have a specific military assignment. He was picked up by two American soldiers and held briefly as a suspected spy.

“I was as American as apple pie,” Stevens said.

After finally convincing the military police of his citizenship and loyalty to America, Stevens made his way aboard the USS Medusa and into the pages of history.

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The heart-healthy properties of the 'butter fruit'

Parts of India refer to avocados as butter fruit. Can you think of a better descriptive word for the rich, buttery flavor and texture of this delectable edible? I could easily incorporate into all my meals and snacks and desserts, and sometimes I do!

And there are healthful perks. Often referred to as a superfood, avocados are chock full of nutrients including potassium, fiber, antioxidants and monounsaturated fatty acids. Although considered one of the fattiest plant foods available, it's a heart-healthy, predominately good fat containing oleic acid. Waist watchers such as myself appreci-



SUNNY CONLEY

Chile Knights

ate its addictive fatty taste without the greasy, gruesome after effects. Whether you have a hankering for avocados at breakfast, lunch or dinner, I've got it covered with three enchanting "keeper" recipes.

Breakfast Honey-Yogurt Avocado Toast

(Serves 1)

1 slice hearty sandwich bread, such as peasant bread, sour-

dough, whole-wheat or multi-grain
2 tablespoons plain Greek yogurt
1 teaspoon green chile honey, plus more for drizzling
¼ teaspoon vanilla extract
½ medium avocado
Flaky salt, such as Maldon, for sprinkling

Toast the bread. While the bread is toasting, mix the yogurt, 1 teaspoon green chile honey, and vanilla together.

Spread the yogurt mixture on the bread. Cut the avocado into ¼-inch-thick slices and lay the slices, overlapping slightly, to completely cover the yogurt. Drizzle with more green chile honey and sprinkle with the salt. Serve with a hot mug of coffee or hot chocolate.

Roasted Corn and Radish Lunch Salad with Butter Fruit-Herb Dressing

(Yield: 4 servings)

½ ripe peeled avocado, sliced
1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
2 ears yellow corn with husks
2 heads Boston or Bibb lettuce
½ cup thinly sliced radishes
½ cup Avocado-Herb Dressing

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F.

Combine sliced avocado and juice in a small bowl; cover and refrigerate. Trim both ends of corn cobs, leaving husks from corn intact.

Place the corn on a baking sheet. Bake at 450 degrees F for 20 minutes or until tender. Cool. Remove husks from corn; scrub silks from corn. Cut kernels from ears of corn; discard cobs.

Reserve 4 whole lettuce leaves. Chop remaining lettuce to measure 4 cups. Combine chopped lettuce, avocado mixture, corn, and radishes. Spoon lettuce mixture into lettuce leaves. Serve with Avocado-Herb Dressing (see recipe below).

Butter Fruit-Herb Dressing

(Yield: 1¼ cups)

½ cup light mayonnaise
¼ cup finely chopped green onions
¼ cup reduced-fat sour cream
1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
1 teaspoon chopped fresh tarragon
1 teaspoon anchovy paste
1/8 teaspoon salt
½ ripe peeled avocado
1 garlic clove, minced
2 tablespoons water
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
3 drops hot sauce

Combine first 10 ingredients in a food processor; process until smooth. With the processor running, pour water, vinegar, and hot sauce through food chute, pro-

cessing until blended. Store the dressing in an airtight container in refrigerator. (Adapted from Cooking Light magazine)

Chicken Poblano Dinner with Seared Avocado

(Serves 4)

1 tablespoon olive oil
4 (6-ounce) skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
½ teaspoon kosher salt, divided
½ teaspoon black pepper
½ teaspoon ground ancho chile powder
Cooking spray
2 small ripe avocados, peeled, halved and pitted
¼ teaspoon sugar
2 medium red onions, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch-thick rings
4 green onions, trimmed
1 poblano pepper, sliced
3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon lower-sodium soy sauce
1/3 cup reduced-fat sour cream
2 to 3 tablespoons water
8 cilantro sprigs
4 lime wedges
1 teaspoon coarse red pepper

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F.

Heat a large cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. Add oil to pan; swirl to coat. Sprinkle chicken with ¼ teaspoon salt, black pepper, and ancho chile powder. Add chicken to pan; cook 4 minutes. Turn chicken over; cook 1 minute. Remove chicken from pan

(chicken will not be fully cooked).

With a damp paper towel, wipe pan clean. Coat pan with cooking spray. Increase heat to high. Sprinkle avocados with sugar. Add avocados, cut side down, to pan; cook 2 minutes or until charred. Remove avocados from pan. Re-coat pan with cooking spray. Add red onions; cook 3 minutes or until charred. Turn red onions; add green onions and poblano. Cook 3 minutes. Separate red onions into rings; toss with green onions and poblano. Stir in lime juice and soy sauce. Nestle chicken and avocados into onion mixture. Place pan in oven; bake at 450 degrees F for 7 minutes or until chicken is done.

Remove pan from oven. Combine sour cream and water in a small bowl until thinned to a saucy consistency. Drizzle sour cream mixture over chicken and avocados. Garnish with cilantro and lime wedges. Sprinkle with remaining ¼ teaspoon salt and red pepper. (Adapted from myrecipes.com.)

Sunny Conley is an award-winning author and food columnist. "Life is better sprinkled and spiced with chile pepper!" Conley can be reached at chileknights575@gmail.com.



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Southwest inspires Cruces author's healthy recipes

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Kelley Coffeen has created more than 1,000 recipes in her Las Cruces kitchen. She has published five cookbooks that reflect her love for the southern border and Mexican culture.

"I love gifting others with the joy of food," Coffeen said.

Coffeen has teamed up with the American Diabetic Association (ADA) to release her sixth collection of recipes that feature Tex Mex, Mexican and Southwestern recipes that are low in fat, carbs and sugar, following the dietary guidelines of the ADA.

"Tex Mex Diabetes Cooking: More than 140 Authentic Southwestern Favorites" will be available in June and includes Coffeen's red chile enchiladas, nachos, queso, tacos and burritos.

As promotion for the upcoming release, Coffeen's red chile posole dish is featured on the cover of the November/December 2017 holiday issue of "Diabetes Fore-

cast" magazine, which has six million subscribers.

The magazine also includes nine of Coffeen's low-carb, diabetic-friendly recipes.

"This is good for the state of New Mexico," Coffeen said, because the new cookbook "features lots of New Mexico flavors and our homegrown chile."

Her cookbook provides recipes that are low in fat and sugar and smaller portioned, and are colorful, tasty and nutritious, she said. "The thing about having diabetes is, so many think they can't enjoy many of their Mexican favorites."

Each recipe includes a calorie count, total fat and carbs, "choices" such as starch, lean protein and fat; serving size, number of servings, preparation time and cooking time.

"I've created new recipes that I like," Coffeen said, including green chile rice (with chopped asparagus) that provides high fiber important to diabetics.

Other recipes include desserts such as tres

leches parfaits, appetizers like roasted green chile cheese crisp and favorite cocktails like margaritas and mimosas.

Coffeen moved to Las Cruces in 1991 and has lived along the border most of her life.

She was working on a master's degree 1994 at NMSU and signed up for a self-publishing class at Doña Ana Community College. "I had no idea you could self-publish anything," Coffeen said.

With a passion for cooking and a flair for writing, she created "Great College Cookbook of the Southwest." That cookbook landed Coffeen an appearance on "Good Morning America," and a weekly segment called Kelley's Kitchen on KTSM-TV in El Paso that ran from 1995 to 2006.

The TV spots featured the most popular recipes from Coffeen's cookbooks, which also include "Simply 7," a collection of "quick Southwest recipes" that require only seven ingredients, as well as "Fiesta Mexicali" (both



Kelley Coffeen's newest cookbook, "Tex-Mex Diabetes Cooking," includes her recipe for green chile rice.

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Kelley Coffeen has published five cookbooks in the past 23 years and will have a new one out in June.

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Play a role in teaching our children to read

Las Cruces are dedicating themselves to creating better educational outcomes for all of our children. In 2018 I look forward to sharing information about what local organizations are doing and suggesting ways that you can become involved. The Early Childhood Education Coalition is one component of the Success Partnership sponsored by Ngage NM coordinating support from cradle to career.

Ready for Kindergarten?

It is Hector's first day of kindergarten. He is uncertain about starting school and his day can go well or badly. He may eagerly join in activities without confusion or he might not be able to follow the teacher's directions.

When everyone is seated on the floor for story time, he may wander around the room or he could eagerly contribute to a conversation about the book. When his classmates are writing their names with crayons, he may join them or he could just eat his crayon.

We, all of us, can write Hector's story either way. With the support of our whole community and the leadership of the Success Partnership we are



RORIE MEASURE
Reading Solution

already creating supportive networks for Hector and all of our children. Hector can start school ready to enjoy playing games with numbers and singing the alphabet song, anxious

to explore all those new books. Will Hector feel like a failure on Day One or be energized to absorb the happy opportunities that await him at school?

The outcome of Hector's story hinges on the different experiences he has during his first five years of life. That means his parents need to know some fundamental facts.

Fact One: Education begins long before the first day of school. All of the brain's neural connections for an entire lifetime of learning are in place by the age of 5.

Fact Two: The foundation for all learning comes from experiences during the first five years of life. That is the secret for success at school.

Fact Three: Parents are their children's first and best teachers and make the biggest difference in their child's life by talking, playing and reading together from the time they are born.

All over the world, educational expectations have increased. In Doña Ana County teachers are working hard to help our children achieve the high standards set by New Mexico's Public Education Department. Our teachers and our parents need the support of the whole community.

Children's Reading Alliance is proud to be a key player in the Early Childhood Education Coalition and the Success Partnership. We created First Teacher/Primer Maestro classes for parents to learn how to make the most of their time with their little ones.

There are many ways to participate in improving educational outcomes for all of our children. Your skills are needed. Find out more at www.successdac.org, or contact Lynda Garcia by email, lynda.garcia@uwswnm.org, or phone, 575-521-1957.

I will never forget the gratitude of one participant. Lupe speaks Spanish only and never learned to read. She is raising her children and grandchildren. At her first Primer Maestro class her instructor taught her how to talk about the pictures and ask questions to engage her children in conversation about the story. Lupe's eyes filled with tears because she never realized that she was capable of doing something to help her children learn to read.

At each class parents practice new skills with each other before they

go home and then share their experiences the next week. Together they are learning to raise readers through talk, play and family reading time.

This is just one way the Early Childhood Education Coalition (earlychildhoodac.org) focuses on supporting mothers and children. The coalition is made up of a great variety of early childhood educators offering support services to families during the formative early years. Their work is part of a larger community-strong effort called The Success Partnership which is comprised of parents, education professionals, nonprofit organizations, businesses, regional partners and community leaders. More than 100 cross-sector organizations collaborate to achieve improved outcomes in education from prenatal to career readiness.

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Kelley Coffeen preparing a Southwestern dish in her Picacho Hills kitchen.

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Northland Publishing).

In recent years, she has written "300 Best Taco Recipes" and "200 Best Mexican Recipes" (Robert Rose Publishing).

Her books have sold thousands of copies worldwide and are all available on Amazon.com, where you can also pre-order "Tex-Mex Diabetes Cooking."

"It's fun," Coffeen said. "I love to please people with food," she said. "That's my thing."

Coffeen's recipes reflect her own version of Mexican flavors drawn regionally and internationally along the border from Texas to California.

As for the heart of her cooking, "it's really about New Mexico," Coffeen said, because she uses a lot of chile and

traditional techniques. "It's kind of a regional and cultural thing," she said. Having a winter stash of red chile in the freezer to cook with, Coffeen said, "happens in New Mexico and rarely anywhere else."

Coffeen earned a PhD. in educational leadership and administration with a focus on Latino studies and border issues from New Mexico State University in 2014. When she's not cooking, Coffeen serves as an adjunct professor and raises scholarship funds for NMSU as a director of development.

For more information, visit <http://www.diabetesforecast.org/> and click on "IN THIS ISSUE."

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Number of reported flu cases doubles

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) reports a spike in the number of flu cases across New Mexico in the last few weeks. Compared to the same time last year, influenza-like illness (ILI) activity is twice as great, with the current flu season not yet reaching its peak.

The number of flu related deaths has risen in New Mexico to six, and flu related hospitalizations, especially among residents age 65 and older have been steadily increasing since the beginning of the flu season in October. Since October, NMDOH has investigated 12 flu outbreaks in facilities around the state, seven of them in the last few weeks.

"We have not seen an increase in flu activity this early in the winter in the past five years," said Department of Health Secretary Lynn Gallagher. "No matter what, the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from flu is to get vaccinated. Everyone six months and older who have not yet gotten vaccinated should get their flu vaccine as soon as possible."

Flu vaccine is produced every year and is always made to address

the top flu strains of the previous season.

Flu shots remain highly recommended for the following high-risk groups:

- Pregnant women (any trimester) and up to two weeks post-partum
- Children younger than 5 but especially children younger than 2 years old

- People age 65 years and older

- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes, and lung or heart disease and those with immunosuppression from medication or disease

- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities

- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including healthcare personnel and caregivers of babies younger than 6 months

- American Indians and Alaskan Natives

- People who are morbidly obese

NMDOH recommends that you ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you need the pneumococcal vaccine which can be given at the same time as flu vaccine. Influenza frequently leads to pneumonia that can be prevented by the pneumococcal vaccine.



Kaptain KidSight, and Super Eyeris talk to students at Alameda Elementary School about the importance of getting regular eye examinations and wearing glasses, if needed.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Kidsight helps identify potential vision problems

BULLETIN REPORT

According to the American Optometric Association, children with uncorrected vision conditions face a variety of academic, social and athletic barriers.

Since 2011, the New Mexico Lions Club Operation KidSight Program has used a state-of-the-art screening tool to detect potential vision problems in thousands of children across New Mexico, ages 3-7.

"Early detection is key when dealing with vision conditions," said Sandy Peugh, director of Health Services for Las Cruces Public Schools. "While many of the most common vision problems can be easily treated early on in a child's life, if left unchecked, they can cause lifelong, irreversible vision problems as those children get older."

During the 2016-17 school year, the KidSight program screened 5,775 LCPS students and referred 920 for a comprehensive eye examination.

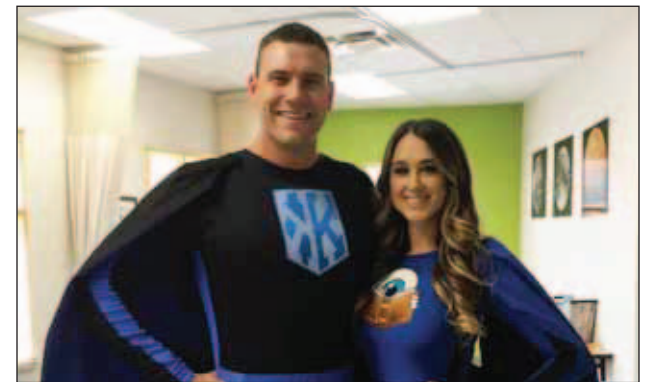
The screening, which

takes less than a minute, uses a special camera to check for signs of myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), astigmatism (two focus points), anisometropia (unequal refractive power), strabismus (crossed eyes), anisocoria (unequal pupil size), and amblyopia (lazy eye).

If the individual results fall outside of the normal range, the child is referred to an eye doctor for a complete, dilated vision exam.

Since many of the most common vision problems require children to wear corrective lenses, KidSight Program Manager Brenda Dunn recently started an initiative to help negate the "uncool" stigma often associated with wearing glasses by creating the fictional vision-themed superhero duo, Kaptain KidSight and Super Eyeris, as comic book characters. The idea was expanded to a real-life duo.

In school presentations Kyle Kozloski, a firefighter with the Las Cruces Fire Department,



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"The students love the superhero concept. It

helps get them excited about wearing glasses in a fun, engaging way," Peugh said.

For information, visit www.nmlionskidsight.com.

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Winter hours, location and contact information

ASCMV is open from noon to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Info: 575-382-0018.

Off-site adoption events

- Farmers & Crafts Market: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, downtown (dog adoptions: far north end of the market on the Downtown Mall; cat adoptions: Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.)
- PetCo: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

every Saturday, 3050 E. Lohman Ave., Bldg. D.

- Ashley's Home Furniture: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, 3299 Del Rey Blvd.
- Barkin' Brunch at Cracker Barrel: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, 1490 Hickory Drive

Additional services offered

- Microchip: \$20, available daily, no appointment necessary.
- Pet licenses: City and county licenses available daily (City and county: altered \$7; unaltered \$50).
- Low-cost spay/neuter pro-

gram: dogs are \$35, cats are \$25; by appointment only.

Donation requests

ASCMV needs human volunteers, along with dog crates, blankets (without filling, no sleeping bags), towels, collars and leashes. Donations can be dropped off during normal business hours or left at the door.

Volunteers

If you love animals and would like to make a difference, contact the volunteer coordinator or stop by to learn about volunteer opportunities.

Cats depend on ample moisture in their diet

By **THE CAT'S MEOW**

For the Bulletin

Good nutrition is the key to a long and healthy life for your cat. Cats by nature are carnivores. That means they should have a diet of meat. Dry cat foods that are high in grain, fillers and dyes can be disastrous for kittens, adults and seniors. The ingredients in these foods are good for the manufacturer's profit margin but not for your cat.

Dry food can eventually lead to diabetes, renal failure and other health issues. Dry Kibble does not have enough moisture, meat or nutrition for cats of all ages. Moist food is high in water content and is needed by felines

in addition to a bowl of fresh water to stay well-hydrated.

Pregnant and nursing mothers need more calories, protein and essential nutrients for kitten development. Canned kitten food is great for pregnant and nursing mothers. Continue to give mothers canned kitten food until the babies are weaned. Make canned kitten food available for pregnant and nursing moms at all times. This will also help kittens transition to solid food at the time of weaning.

Dry foods that are advertised for kittens should be avoided. Growing kittens will not get the moisture, proteins and nutrients that they need

from dry food. Adult kitties need fewer calories but they still need the moisture that comes in wet food to supplement their water intake. Adult cats will also need the protein and essential nutrition that comes in wet food. Provide your furry family member with age-appropriate wet food to help keep their weight at healthy levels.

As our cats become older there are many wet food formulas to meet their health needs, such as diabetes and renal formulas to support the senior's needs. Canned food is more expensive and less convenient but you will save money with fewer vet bills and your cat will stay healthier over the years.

THE CAT'S MEOW



My name is Goldie and I am the best lap kitty you'll ever find. I am nine years old, very affectionate and friendly. I have all of my shots and I am spayed. I am looking for a furever home. I live at The Cat's Meow Adoption Center at 2211 N. Mesquite, Las Cruces. Drop by and visit with me and my wonderful cat family. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Call 575-640-0011.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jemerrio Jones (No. 10) posted his 10th double-double of the season in New Mexico State's 97-60 beat down of Chicago State Jan. 6 in Chicago. For his recent efforts, Jones was named the Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week.

Aggie men's basketball flourishing on the road

By **MARTY RACINE**
Las Cruces Bulletin

By the time New Mexico State's men's basketball team returns home, it will have been 37 days since they last played a game at the Pan American Center.

No home cooking, no problem. The Aggies have feasted on the road. Since the last home game Dec. 12 (84-62 over Eastern New Mexico), Pistol Pete has gone 5-1, including road or neutral-court games against Illinois, Southern California and Miami (rated No. 6 nationally at the time). In their last eight away games, NMSU is 7-1.

The Aggies return to the friendly confines Thursday, Jan. 18, against

Seattle U – after two more road contests, Jan. 11 at Grand Canyon and Jan. 13 at CSU Bakersfield. Both are conference affairs.

If anything, this Aggie squad is improved from last year. Jemerrio Jones, a valuable sixth man in 2016-17, is not only starting but starring. A superior passer and rebounder – with a knack for being in the middle of plays – he's now scoring, dropping 18 against Chicago State (along with 16 boards).

Newcomer Zach Lofton has been a go-to scorer, redshirt hometown freshman Johnny McCants is beginning to mature and returners Eli Chuha, Sidy N'Dir (back from injury) and Johnathon Wilkins

are more experienced.

And Chris Jans? The new head coach is 13-3 and has assembled a tenacious team that works hard on the glass – always an NMSU trait – and is unselfish and disciplined in the half court. About halfway through the season and approaching the heat of conference play, the Aggies are poised for an entertaining 2018.

Meanwhile, the New Mexico State women, led by WAC Player of the Week Brooke Salas, are back in Cruces. The Aggies are 7-8 but take a two-game winning streak into games at the Pan Am 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, against Grand Canyon, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, vs. CSU Bakersfield.

Centennial footballer has breakout season

Jake Boykin enjoyed a breakout season for the Gustavus Adolphus College (Minn.) football team. The sophomore linebacker out of Centennial High School started all 10 games (5-5) after appearing in just one last year. He finished with 64 tackles, second on the team. Boykin had a season-high nine stops against Concordia-Moorhead.



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Keeping Up

Cruces High product also had a 7-yard sack and blocked an extra point attempt. He led the team with a season-high 10 tackles during a loss to Black Hills State.

Wide receiver Quevin Redding of Western New Mexico University finished with four receptions for 62 yards in nine games. The redshirt freshman, who played for Centennial, returned four kickoffs for 69 yards.

Oñate High graduate Forest McKee started five of the 12 games he played for University of Texas at El Paso.

The freshman fullback had two receptions for zero yards, two tackles and a kickoff return for minus-1 yard.

Baseball

Mayfield High graduate Will Haywood is a freshman outfielder for New Mexico Military College.

Also from the Trojans, Justin Lawrence is a freshman catcher and first baseman for New Mexico Military.

Out of Centennial, Cedric Reynaud is a freshman catcher for New Mexico Military.

Men's basketball

Oñate graduate Kevin

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Races to offer prize money

BULLETIN REPORT

Prize money will be awarded to the top finishers in the first Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) 5k state championship and the sixth annual Super Sunday Road Race (5 miles), both scheduled for Feb. 4 in Las Cruces.

Sponsored by Las Cruces Running Club (LCRC), the races will offer \$500 to the top finishers in the men's and women's divisions of each race, \$250 for second-place finishers

and \$100 for third place. The races take place on a closed course in the foothills of the Organ Mountains.

"We are excited about the race," said LCRC president Michael Lilley. "This is the first time we have held a championship race, and the first time we have offered prize money. We expect some elite runners, so it should be a great event for both runners and spectators."

Entry fees are \$20 each for groups of four or more, or \$25 individual.

Register at www.lascrucesrunningclub.com. Paid entrants will receive their choice of a T-shirt or a knit cap.

There also will be a one-mile fun run held before the competitive races, free to youths 12 and under. It starts at 8:45 a.m., with the 5k and five-miles at 9 a.m.

Domino's is sponsoring a free post-race pizza party, Jason's Deli is providing water and fruit, and Vescovo Toyota is giving drawstring backpacks to all runners.

Aggies historic bowl win offers lessons for golfers

A couple of weeks ago I was at the Arizona Bowl, along with 25,000 NMSU faithful, to see the NMSU Aggies beat Utah State. The game was so close and the victory so exciting that, once I mulled it over, I realized that there is much to learn for golfers from the gritty performance shown by our Aggies.

Early in the game the Aggies put together a good drive but had to settle for a field goal to lead 3-0. That lead was short lived as the "Utags" ran back the ensuing kickoff 97 yards to go up 7-3. Aggie players might well have dropped their heads after that, but there was no time to get discouraged or



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

pout. The Aggies immediately ran back the Utags' kickoff 100 yards to take a 10-7 lead. Wow! Two runbacks in 24 seconds. Do you get discouraged in your golf matches on the golf course? Do you allow negativity to spoil your game? Forget what the opponent does – just play your game and stay

positive.

The Aggies did not play a perfect game by any means. They had two intercepted passes, a critical fumble and a shanked punt that led to a score. Too many unforced errors can be devastating both on the ball field and on the golf course. To the Aggies' credit they were able to recover. They let the Utags make their own mistakes by missing four of six field goal attempts.

Under Coach Doug Martin they took advantage of the weeks they had to prepare, both physically and mentally, and thereby skip the late-game meltdowns of years past. As a golfer

do you prepare to be mentally tough?

Confidence breeds winning and winning increases confidence. Our Aggies had only five wins on the season before beating South Alabama in the final regular-season game. That made them bowl-eligible and additionally boosted their confidence. Following the bowl victory Coach Martin said, "It's just an example of what you can be if you have a group of people who believe in each other." The players trusted the coaches and the coaches believed in their players. That's a team.

For a golfer there is no substitute for confidence; just ask the tour

pros. There is also no substitute for your personal belief in your own ability to perform at your best.

The little things, seemingly minor details, make a not-so-little difference in sports and life. When Martin took the reins as head coach four years ago he started with the little things, like requiring players to run hard going on and coming off the field. A little thing – but it's a statement in attitude.

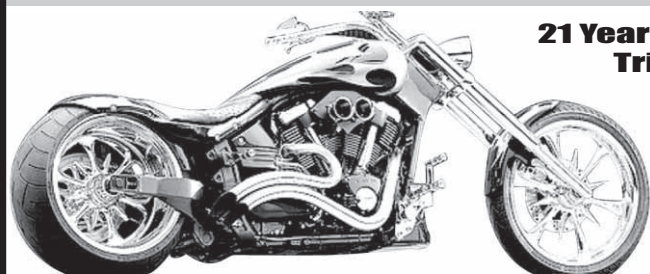
It is obvious from their final two games that the Aggies are coached to play hard without becoming nervous. And that's a lesson for golfers. In my view

the biggest play of the bowl game was late in the third quarter when the Utags had a first-and-goal at the 1-yard line. But a Utag pitchout was deflected and the Aggies recovered. One would have thought the late North Carolina State basketball coach Jimmy V. was in the stands shouting "never give up, never give up!"

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a Las Cruces licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. Contact Blanchard at docblanchard71@gmail.com.

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Moore averaged 5.9 points and 2.5 rebounds through 15 games for Northern New Mexico College. His 32 assists and 14 steals were second on the squad.

Northern New Mexico

freshman Elijah Neumann averaged 1.9 points and 1.3 rebounds in 12 games. He played for Las Cruces.

Softball

Previously at Mayfield, Alexandria Garibay is a freshman catcher for Scottsdale Community College.

Women's cross country

Former Bulldawg Irene Fernald is a freshman for Middlebury College (Vt.) but did not compete.

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