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# The Grinch

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# Christmas

Even the Grinch couldn't disrupt the 38th annual Toys for Kids Motorcycle Parade Nov. 18 that facilitates toys to children in need over the holidays. The procession gathered at the Mesilla Valley Mall and headed south on Don Roser Drive.

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## 2020 CENSUS: COUNT ME IN!

# County seeks census prep participation

Noting that the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners passed a Nov. 13 resolution creating a Complete Count Committee in advance of the 2020 U.S. Census, County Manager Fernando R. Macias is seeking participation from a variety of community leaders in Las Cruces, Sunland Park, Anthony Hatch and Mesilla to join the county's committee.

"While many of the municipalities will form their own committees, we feel it's important that the county committee be inclusive and transparent, with wide participation from all of our partners who represent Doña Ana County residents in their respective jurisdictions," Macias said.

The county is accepting application packets from people with expertise and involvement in several com-

munity sectors, to include government, education, businesses, faith-based entities, the media, youth coalitions and community and non-profit organizations.

Once the committee is formed, training sessions will be offered on committee basics, timelines, work planning, resource needs, work plans and step-by-step planning. A meeting schedule also will be finalized.

Noting that the county's population is about evenly split between residents of incorporated and unincorporated areas, Macias said wide participation is essential to assure an accurate count.

"The importance of the Census to all Doña Ana



County residents is enormous, and residents most in need of federal assistance programs live in both unincorporated and urban areas. An accurate population county for all of Doña Ana County lifts up everyone," he said.

Application packets should include a letter of interest and a current resume.

Completed packets must be submitted to the Doña Ana County Special Projects Office in person during business hours, by mail to 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M., 88007, by email to [input@donaanacounty.org](mailto:input@donaanacounty.org) or by fax to (575) 525-5948.

The deadline to submit a packet is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 2018.

### *Holiday blood drive set for Dec. 7*

United Blood Services and Doña Ana County are coming together for a blood drive on Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, in the main rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces.

Each holiday season, United Blood Services sees its blood reserves fall to critical levels. Doña Ana County invites the residents of Doña Ana County to join in giving the gift of life. The blood drive will be in effect from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with appointment slots available every 20 minutes.

To make an appointment for a screening and donation, call Janine Divyak at the Doña Ana County Planning Department at (575) 525-6130. Each donor will receive a snack and some juice.

Giving blood normally takes less than an hour, and the results save lives throughout our region. The staff at United Blood Services screens each applicant and then allows qualified donors to take a seat in one of the comfortable recliners where the donations are processed.

All materials used in the donation process are sterile and disposable.

## Weir to lead statewide HR affiliate

Doña Ana County Human Resources Director Deb Weir has been elected by her peers to lead the New Mexico Association of Counties Human Resources Affiliate for the next year.

As chair of the affiliate, Weir will plan, prepare and conduct meetings at each conference and any workshops, training sessions or other affiliate program.

She also will serve on the NMAC Advisory Council, present resolutions and legislative proposals adopted by the affiliate to the NMAC Board of Directors, maintain financial records, attendance records and minutes for the NMAC archives, appoint committees as appropriate and perform other duties as assigned by the NMAC Board of Directors.

Weir has been Doña Ana County's HR director since January of 2010. She worked previously as an HR professional for both New Mexico

State University, Franklin College, in Franklin, Indiana, Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., and as the HR director of the Manchester Child and Family Services.

Weir holds her master's degree in personnel administration from Kent State University and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Michigan State University. She is a member in good standing of multiple professional organizations devoted to best practices in the human resources field.

"Deb has the skill set and breadth of experience to greatly assist other HR professionals around the state in this important role for NMAC," said Doña Ana County Manager Fernando R. Macias. "She has the full support of the management team in this endeavor that showcases her considerable skills and expertise, from which Doña Ana County has benefitted greatly for nearly a decade."

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# City recognized for fiscal achievements

## BULLETIN REPORT

The City of Las Cruces Office of Management & Budget has received the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration's Local Government Division Director's Award, and Budget Analyst Veronica MacGregor was presented with the Leadership Award.

The awards were presented to the City and MacGregor during the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration's annual budget conference, Nov. 15-16 in Albuquerque.

Staff members of the City's Budget Office, MacGregor, and members of the City's Grants and Contracts Adminis-



COURTESY PHOTO

**Veronica MacGregor, seated left, and staffers from the City of Las Cruces Office of Management & Budget were feted in Albuquerque Nov. 15-16 by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration.**

tration section were publicly recognized for their

achievements by the Las Cruces City Council at

its Nov. 19 meeting.

The Local Government Division Director's Award was presented to the Office of Management and Budget for excelling in eight categories, including sound governance; timeliness of reporting to the state agency; the high quality of reporting to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA); audit status and quality; communication with DFA; strong fiscal planning; the professional integrity of the City's Budget Office staff; and the ability of the Budget Office to develop and execute a long-term plan for meeting community needs. In the categories of strong fiscal planning

and the long-term plan for meeting community needs, DFA officials cited the City's PEAK Performance plan as an important factor in its award to the city.

PEAK Performance is a five-year strategic plan that has been implemented by the City. PEAK is an acronym which means: Perform mission-focused municipal services to residents, businesses, and guests so they can experience a "quality of place" to live, work and play; Evaluation measures; Assess outcomes; and Keep climbing.

According to a press release, the intent of PEAK Performance is for city council members to

work with the community in exploring, discovering, and determining key areas, such as housing, economic development, education, health, utilities, public safety, transportation, capital improvements, communication, and quality-of-life programs for the City of Las Cruces. The City will be managing progress results of the five-year strategic plan by performance measures and will make necessary adjustments.

MacGregor's award is for providing budget management and fiscal integrity to benefit the citizens of Las Cruces. MacGregor has been an associate with the City of Las Cruces for 22 years.

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# It takes a village



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Vicki Coburn has 59 craft pieces she created and arranged as part of her Christmas Village in her home on Bataan Memorial East. Coburn has been working on the village for 35 years. Those interested in seeing the village can contact Coburn at 575-644-8662 to make arrangements.



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# Scholarship honoring J.R. Stewart endowed during NMSU's Giving Tuesday

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

It's about giving and remembering.

On New Mexico State University's Giving Tuesday, Nov. 27 – the one-year anniversary of the day retired Las Cruces Police Department officer J.R. Stewart was killed in a traffic accident – the foundation that bears his name endowed a scholarship to benefit the children and grandchildren of law enforcement officers.

The foundation presented the NMSU Foundation with a check for \$13,125, which will be doubled by NMSU because of Giving Tuesday, thereby fully endowing the J.R. Stewart Scholarship to benefit the sons and daughters of law enforcement officers in Doña



**Left to right, back row, are Shelton Dodson, NMSU President Dr. John Floros, Paul Allen, Ernesto Di Matteo and Rudy Treviño; front row, Rosie Stewart, Felicia Frieze-Rodriguez and Victoria Hernandez.**

Ana County and the children and grandchildren of fallen law enforcement officers throughout New

Mexico, said J.R. Stewart 141 Foundation member Shelton Dodson. Stewart, a 35-year LCPD

veteran, “had a big impact on a lot of people’s lives and changed them for the good,” said J.R. Stewart

141 Foundation President Paul Allen. The foundation, he said, “wanted to do something good to continue his work.”

The foundation title includes 141 for Stewart’s badge number. His widow, Rosie, also noted at the check presentation that was the amount of time remaining on one of the parking meters in the Corbett Center parking lot when foundation members arrived for the event.

Without the support of Armaduras Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club of Las Cruces, “This day doesn’t happen,” Dodson said. Stewart was a member of the club, which Dodson said led fundraising efforts for the scholarship fund and for other fundraising benefiting local fallen law enforce-

ment officers.

“Our Aggie alumni and friends never let us down. When you can match a student’s need with a donor’s wishes, it’s a great day at NMSU,” said NMSU Vice President for Alumni Engagement, Participation and Stewardship Leslie Cervantes.

At 5 p.m. Tuesday, New Mexico State University leaders turned the numbers to reveal that more than \$2.08 million had been raised so far by hundreds of donors during its fourth-annual Giving Tuesday. The Bulletin will report final tallies in the next issue.

For more information, visit [thejrstewart141foundation.org](http://thejrstewart141foundation.org) and [nmsu.edu](http://nmsu.edu).

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# Ceremony fitting for important roles

**W**e are trained in our society to handle things in one-hour increments.



**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

So, if it's not a movie, or a football game, how do we stay focused for more than one hour?

Depending on the situation, one answer is: Sit back and soak it all in.

"Soak it all in."

That's what Dan

Arvizu's friend told him to do at the New Mexico State University Inauguration Nov. 15, which saw Arvizu ceremonially installed as chancellor, and his right-hand-man, John Floros, as the Las Cruces campus president.

I had never been to an NMSU inauguration and, I'm guessing, neither had many of the attendees. We did not know what to expect. When it became clear the event would not be over in an hour, you could feel some panic in the audience.

In today's world, we don't have many occasions where, for two hours, we have the opportunity to "soak it all in." Even when we do, we can't sit still. We have to check our phones. We need to talk with someone. We just have more important things we need to be doing!

Or at least we think we do.

Sometimes, though, if you sit back and "soak it all in," you realize there is more to be learned in life than what's in the next email, or the wisdom of the latest Facebook meme. Such was the case this day.

The ceremony began with music from the NMSU Wind Symphony, and was hosted by NMSU alum Hillary Floren of KVIA-TV in El Paso.

The NMSU Chamber Singers delivered the National Anthem. You can see the Aggie trend.

Then came a blessing from members of the Tortugas Pueblo, NMSU's neighbor and, as Patrick Narvaez of the pueblo pointed out, a group that has been here longer than NMSU, a relative latecomer in 1888.

There were greetings from Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima, himself an NMSU alum, from members of NMSU student, faculty and staff organizations, and other groups from NMSU.

A few speakers later, after we'd already heard three different languages, seen Flamenco dancers, and the wind symphony played "Irish Tune," Gov. Susana Martinez hammered home the diversity of NMSU and our entire state.

It's the people of New Mexico who make our state great, Martinez said, adding, "We are the only minority-majority state in America."

She then officially installed Arvizu as chancellor, placing a medalion around his neck.

President Floros reminded us the minority is even more of a majority on campus.

"We have nearly two-thirds minority students," Floros said. "Many of them first-generation."

Floros also talked about the "welcoming spirit" he felt at NMSU, from the very first day he set foot on campus as a candidate for his current job.

I've felt that welcoming spirit not just at NMSU, but also everywhere in Las Cruces and, for that matter, everywhere in New Mexico.

By the time Arvizu spoke, the more fidgety of us in the audience

# Goat Day

Twenty years ago, when we still lived in Brighton, Colorado, I had invited several friends to have Thanksgiving at my house. (A tradition my insurance agent



**BAXTER BLACK**  
On the Edge  
of Common Sense

later said I could no longer afford). Each of my guests was gracious and had asked if they could bring anything. When Mac asked what he might contribute I suggested he bring the goats.

"Goats?" he asked. I explained that Friday was Goat Day. We always built a big fire outside and spent the afternoon basting Spanish goat in sop made from Shriner's beer. And, since the best Spanish goat came from West Texas, I figured he could bring it.

"But I'll be flyin' my own plane," he sputtered.

"Perfect," I said, "They'll only be in transit a short time."

Although he did his best to talk me out of it, I remained firm.

So that fateful Tuesday morning he was out on the San Angelo airport tarmac takin' the back seat out of his twin engine Bonanza. The ever-vigilant Drug Enforcement Agency noted his suspicious behavior and took him in for questioning. His truthful explanation

was so preposterous that they called me in Colorado to check his story!

Upon his release he flew to Junction, Texas, and picked up four Spanish goats.

He hogtied each one and put it in a gunny sack which he taped around their neck. Sort of a goat head bota bag. He spread newspaper and scattered straw just in case.

Four hours later Mac was swingin' wide around the busy metropolitan Denver air space in touch with the Stapleton International tower. The goats were in full chorus and bleating each time he keyed the microphone.

"This is twin Bonanza..baa...baa...four zero..blat...blat...seven three...bleat... Whiskey...braaaack...."

We were waiting at the Tri County Airport when Mac dipped his wing and skidded down the runway. He crawled out on the wing. I noticed his hair was standing on end. He looked like he'd been castrating pigs in a metal building. You could almost hear his ears ringing. His eyes were glassy, his voice hoarse and he was vibrating.

I opened the pas-

# Garrey Carruthers: NMSU gentleman and giant

I join many others in offering best wishes to Chancellor Dan Arvizu and President John Floros as the new leaders of New Mexico State University. I've had the privilege of meeting and talking to both of them, and I like them very much. Their credentials are world-class, and the university, Las Cruces and the state seem poised to move forward with their vision for NMSU.

I think both men would acknowledge that one reason they can see pretty far in all directions is that they are standing on the should-



**MIKE COOK**  
Op-Ed

ders of giants. The tallest ones I know of personally are Gerald Thomas, James Halligan and, most especially Garrey Carruthers.

Garrey was born in a little town in Colorado, grew up in a little town in northwest New Mexico and was a student, professor, dean, president, and first-ever chancellor of NMSU; and, as they say, he bleeds Aggie crimson.

Like many NMSU graduates, I bled a little of that crimson when Garrey left the chancellor's office last June, and I couldn't help but think of him when I

attended Arvizu's and Floros' inauguration earlier this month. I'm just glad Garrey has moved to Domenici Hall as NMSU's first-ever chancellor emeritus instead of riding off into the sunset.

One of my claims to fame is that I was the first person to shake Garrey's hand after he was inaugurated as New Mexico's 27th governor a few minutes after midnight on Jan. 1, 1987. I remember that the lights went out for a bit before the oath was administered, and as we waited for the electricity to come back on, Garrey said something to the effect of, "That's okay. We've been in the dark for the last four years."



NMSU NEWS CENTER PHOTO  
**Former New Mexico governor and NMSU Chancellor Emeritus Garrey Carruthers.**

(He was the state's first Republican governor in 17 years, succeeding an unpopular Democrat.)

I spent the next 18 months first as Garrey's press secretary and then as his speechwriter. I still have one

of the speeches I wrote for him, which he returned to me with the note, "Congratulations, you have just written the world's longest sentence." (Note to self: Be thoughtful about ever again writing speeches for anyone who is both a college professor and an outstanding speaker.)

I also have the marked-up copy of the State of the State draft I wrote for Garrey. That was a Herculean task and one of my proudest accomplishments.

A speech I wrote for Garrey about the appeal New Mexico has to visitors was, I think, his favorite of all the writing I did for him. It was also the last speech I wrote for him. I'll never

forget it because Garrey delivered the speech in a tent next to an Albuquerque hotel with the spring wind blowing gale force outside, and a good many of my golden words floated away on the breeze, out of earshot. I think he gave the speech one or two other times in less windy places, so my ego was assuaged.

Before I left, he gave me a very cool stapler from the governor's desk. I still use it.

I've seen and talked to Garrey many times since his term as governor ended and he returned to Las Cruces and to NMSU. He remains what he has

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks, in a time of tragedy

To the editor:

One year ago, JR Stewart was taken from us for reasons we will never know or understand. On that day, my life and the lives of many were changed forever. The outpouring of love and support was overwhelming, and I couldn't thank everyone personally.

On the first anniversary of JR's passing, I wanted to reach out to all the people who were so wonderful to me last year when this tragedy occurred. It not only affected me, but as I have heard from so many how his passing impacted their lives, I know it was devastating for you as well. The amount of love and support that I was shown, and continue to

be shown, is a true testament to the kind and generous person my husband was. Through your actions and kind words, I can see just how much he touched all your lives.

There were so many people who came to my aid last year from family to close friends, and people I had never met. They traveled from near and far. They raised money to help defray unexpected costs. They baked, they cooked and donated their time and money to help us lay JR to rest and to celebrate his life. They surrounded me with love. For all of this, I am truly thankful and forever grateful. JR loved children and his fellow officers. In that spirit The JR Stewart 141 Foundation was established, and we hope to keep his memory

and legacy alive through its charitable works. As you read this, I will ask for one more thing from you. I ask that you go out of your way to be kind to one another, never taking anyone for granted or the time you have with them. Thank you to everyone again for all your support and love over the last year. I am so thankful to be part of such a wonderful community.

*Rosie Stewart  
Las Cruces*

*Editor's note: JR Stewart was a retired Las Cruces Police Department officer killed in a car-motorcycle crash Nov. 27, 2017, during a high-speed chase.*

### Thanks, from Columbia Elementary

To the editor:

On Sept. 6, students, teachers, faculty and staff at Columbia Elementary

School had to evacuate after a mold infestation was discovered at the school.

District officials with Las Cruces Public Schools deemed that the school should be shut down until an appropriate, long-term solution could be found. With short notice, Columbia Principal Michelle Valdez had to arrange for students to be transferred a few blocks away, to Vista Middle School for the remainder of the school day.

But it wouldn't be the last big shuffle for students at Columbia Elementary. The following day, students were to pick up instruction where they left off – 10 miles away, where nearly 20 classrooms would be made available in the Freshman Academy at Centennial High School.

With the help of Centennial High School Principal Susie Hendee, a total of 17 classrooms and additional office space were made available for Columbia students and staff, utilizing a portion of the school originally designated for the Junior ROTC program.

During the transition, many teachers had to leave most of their instructional materials at Columbia Elementary. But Las Cruces community members stepped up and offered an outpouring of support. Elementary school principals, the NMSU student government and Doña Ana Community College held supply drives for Columbia Elementary School teachers. Other schools held assemblies to raise funds, and churches in the community also

donated. Community members donated books, basic school supplies and rolling carts to help teachers deliver school lunches to their students.

Valdez said the donations and overwhelming community support was instrumental in helping students and teachers transition smoothly, providing them with critical supplies needed for their new classrooms. She, along with students and staff from Columbia, would like to thank everyone who donated and helped with the moving process.

*Columbia Elementary  
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### We're being invaded

To the editor:

On a November afternoon I returned to the

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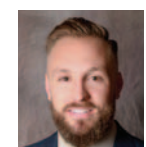
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## COLTHARP

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had settled down, more in tune to soak it all in. He preached a mantra he'd been repeating since his arrival in Las Cruces in the summer.

NMSU can grow and thrive through creativity and "place-based innovation," meaning

innovations that take place here in New Mexico in situations and ways that cannot be transported. In other words, if we build something so amazing, they will have to come.

"Let's rally this great university to the global challenges," he said.

In our crazy, electronic-driven world,

ceremony gets lost. We want 280 characters, not 2 hours. However, with something as important as the sacred duty of education – education that can change people's lives – we need ceremony to honor and hold accountable those entrusted to the duty.

Even if it does take more than an hour.

## BAXTER

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senger side to the deafening chorus. The imprisoned smell of four enclosed goats hit me head on.

The floorboard carpeting looked like Walden Pond.

Goat day was the highlight of that Thanksgiving and Mac

got proper recognition. But his plane was never the same. On hot West Texas afternoons when he planned to go flying he would spray Lysol, slice onions, sprinkle Old Grandad and cook cabbage in the cockpit to mask the scent. It never worked. No matter what he did, after riding in the plane for an hour he would smell like an army of goats

had adopted him and marked him as their personal territory.

He eventually sold the airplane at a yard sale. On a cold winter day.

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## CARRUTHERS

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always been – an intelligent, thoughtful and courageous leader and innovator, an Aggie

through and through and a gentleman. I'm also very humbled and grateful that he is my friend.

About the only thing to do with Garrey I don't care for is that he

likes the Dodgers.

Me? I'm a fan of the Giants. Like Garrey Carruthers.

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## LETTERS

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United States via El Paso del Norte bridge. More than a hundred predominantly male migrants, camped on thin blankets beside the bridge wall, watched as I crossed alone, with one suitcase trailing behind.

During my sojourn south of the border, President Nieto offered sanctuary to the travelers if they agreed to stay within the states of Oaxaca or Chiapas. The fact that a vast majority of vagabonds chose to march on to the proverbial promised land called America speaks volumes. The incoming Mexican president, Obrador, is clearly on a collision course with Trump, as he favors open borders.

Vietnam veterans sleep on benches in Pioneer Park, while hungry children queue up in line for Thanksgiving dinner at El Caldito soup kitchen and journalists such as Emilio Gutierrez Soto languish in detention for months while their legitimate requests for political asylum remain in question. America has reached the breaking

point. The issue is our sovereignty – it's being violated. This is not a caravan, it's an invasion.

*Carol Hunter  
Las Cruces*

## County a model for the state

To the editor:

This letter was intended on being a rebuttal to a rebuttal, but after thinking about it, I chose to thank Mr. "C." Alarcon, Louis Biad, and a couple of other locals for the spectacular "Blue Wave" Doña Ana Country and the state witnessed recently. I feel Mr. Alarcon's ideological comments had something to do for making it possible.

Although New Mexico is an economic-depressed rural-red state, Doña Ana County is an exception. The county has a multi-culture environment where people come together, are well informed,

culturally wise, educated and more "bohemian" in nature. In short, it's a blue county, which normally makes a difference when citizens are [facing] outside political interests. The county is indeed a model for rural-red New Mexico and the nation as well.

However, for matters of economic and cultural importance, I suggest New Mexico negotiate an exchange of land with Texas. New Mexico will hand over the southeast portion of the state, which is politically similar to rural red Texas. In return, New Mexico gets El Paso County and Beto O'Rourke! The exchange will provide a super economic region of Greater Las Cruces-El Paso-Juarez – the gateway to Latin America and beyond.

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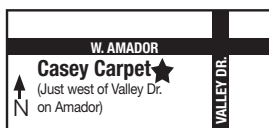
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## Partners distribute annual Thanksgiving baskets

### BULLETIN REPORT

Casa de Peregrinos food pantry and their partners Calvary Baptist Church and La Casa distributed 2,100 Thanksgiving Food Baskets throughout Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. The ambitious effort took a lot of planning and fundraising.

"We set our goals high this year; the most we had ever distributed was a little over 1,500," said Casa de Peregrinos Executive Director, Lorenzo Alba, Jr. "We are blessed to live in such a giving and compassionate community."

Two-hundred baskets were sent to rural communities in the county including 70 to Sunland Park.

The rest were distributed in Las Cruces including 1,585 at Calvary Baptist Church on Monday, Nov. 19.

"In this season of giving, we are blessed to be in a position to give to others," said La Casa Executive Director, Henry Brutus.

"All of us face challenges at times in our

lives. It is up to us to take care of one another. Making someone else strong puts them in the position to take care of the next person when he or she is at a weak point. It is not about the here and now, it is about humanity, hope and the future,"

### Baskets of plenty

The food baskets consisted of a turkey, several cans of corn, several cans of green beans, stuffing, potatoes and fresh milk. Some included cans of cream of mushroom soup and canned yams.

More than 100 volunteers packaged and distributed the food.

"Calvary is so grateful for our partnership with Casa de Peregrinos and La Casa," said Calvary Baptist Lead Pastor Kevin Glenn.

"Lorenzo Alba, Henry Brutus and I, as well as our staffs and volunteers, all share a common vision to serve our community in ways that promote dignity, flourishing, and love.

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# Oñate High's Royal Knight Regiment hits high note

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Oñate High School Royal Knight Regiment placed second overall and won the award for Highest Visual Effect in both the preliminary and final competitions in the annual Zia Marching Fiesta held Oct. 27 in Albuquerque.

Centennial, Las Cruces, Mayfield and Oñate high schools competed among 32 other bands from around the region. Las Cruces and Oñate both advanced to the finals with their preliminary scores.

Las Cruces High eventually placed ninth, and Oñate finished in third place.

"It is the countless

hours put in by dedicated students, staff, directors and parents that make the competitive marching season such a success," said Superintendent of Las Cruces Public Schools Greg Ewing.

"We are so lucky to have these wonderful students who are so enthusiastic about music, and who continue to set the bar higher each year. It's clear that each student worked hard in practice, because they always shine during competition."

According to an LCPS press release, music directors are tasked to create a product that will be appreciated by students, schools and members of the com-

munity.

Directors often prepare the planning and design process for the next marching band season immediately after the current one ends, working to secure licensing and focusing on music, drill, choreography and the production process.

Students arrive just before school starts and the production begins with hours of planning, rehearsing and performances to perfect their product leading into the competitive season.

Having completed marching band season, many music students will now move into concert band, jazz band, winter-guard and indoor percussion.



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In addition to the Zia Marching Fiesta in Albuquerque, students from the Oñate High School Royal Knight Regiment competed in the Tournament of Bands at New Mexico State University's Aggie Memorial Stadium.

## BASKETS

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more partners in the future."

Casa de Peregrinos, which turns 40 next year, has been hosting and distributing Thanksgiving baskets for a decade.

"We are grateful to our donors including Las Cruces Homebuilders Association, Washington Federal Bank, Citizens Bank, NMSU Rotaract Club, Ruhmann Law Firm, Albertsons, Frances Williams, The Shed, Century Bank, Toucan Market, Adams Radio, United Healthcare, Vietnam Veterans of America and many more that have been generous and so helpful," Alba said.

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### Holiday Open House

RoadRUNNER Transit will once again offer free shuttle service to the Holiday Open House at the Railroad Museum and will add service to the Downtown Tree Lighting & Holiday Extravaganza from 11:30 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Attendees can park at three locations and board shuttles to holiday events.

Holiday attendees can use parking areas at Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St., Thomas Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., and the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave. The

shuttle to the Railroad Museum runs from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or until everyone has been returned to their pick-up area. Transit service runs every 10 minutes between the parking areas and the Railroad Museum.

At 4:30 p.m., the shuttle service will continue its route to the same parking areas and add stops at the Water Street bus stop before Griggs Avenue – the El Paso Electric parking lot, and the Church Street bus stop next to the U.S. Post Office to accommodate those attending the tree-lighting event. Evening shuttle service will

continue until 8:15 p.m. or until everyone has been dropped at their parking location.

The Railroad Museum Holiday Open House, 351 N. Mesilla St. begins at 1 p.m. when Santa arrives. He and his elves will be available to visit with families until 4 p.m. Free cookies and cider, as well as children's crafts and special holiday trains, combine to create magic for families, many of whom return year after year for this tradition.

The Downtown Tree Lighting & Holiday Extravaganza takes place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at

the Plaza de Las Cruces, 100 N. Main St. Tree lighting is at 7 p.m. Live music by Unlyshed and activities for all ages plus free giveaways.

For more information visit [www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org) or contact Community Outreach at 575-528-4551 or [communityoutreachoffice@las-cruces.org](mailto:communityoutreachoffice@las-cruces.org).

### Street closures

As part of the Downtown Two-Way Conversion Project, Las Cruces Avenue and Court Avenue, near downtown will be closed at the intersections with Water Street for approximately six weeks.

Business and residential access will be maintained. In addition, Las Cruces Avenue will be open between Main Street and Water Street, and

Water Street will have alternating lane closures.

The lane closure will affect RoadRUNNER Transit Route 1. Motorists who want to avoid possible delays should seek an alternate route.

Morrow Enterprises, Inc., is working on the Downtown Two-Way Conversion Project.

For information, call the Contracts Administration section of the City's Public Works Department at 575-528-3098. The TTY number is 575-541-2182.

### Porch piracy

Delivery services such as FedEx, UPS and the United States Postal Service say the number of packages stolen usually increases this time of year, partly because more packages are being



delivered and because the sun sets earlier in the evening.

The Las Cruces Police Department has these tips to help prevent such thefts:

- Track deliveries online and try to be home at the time packages are delivered.
- Require a signature for all home delivery packages.
- When scheduling a delivery, leave instructions on where the package can be delivered or ask for a phone call when delivery is made.
- Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to receive your package at the time of delivery.
- If possible, have the package delivered to your place of employment or a location where you know it can be received.
- Have the package delivered to a FedEx or UPS store where it can be held for pickup.
- Consider installing a motion-detection home security system, such as a Ring or Nest, that records video and sends immediate notice of activity to your cell phone.
- Be a good neighbor and watch for suspicious activity. Immediately call police if any such activity is seen in your neighbor-



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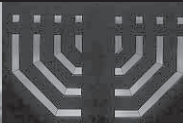
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hood.

Consumers might also consider purchasing insurance for the contents of packages at the time delivery is scheduled. Insuring the items does not prevent them from being stolen but does help provide restitution if items go missing.

**Census survey**

Noting that the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners passed a Nov. 13 resolution creat-

ing a Complete Count Committee in advance of the 2020 U.S. Census, County Manager Fernando R. Macias is seeking participation from a variety of community leaders in Las Cruces, Sunland Park, Anthony Hatch and Mesilla to join the county's committee.

"While many of the municipalities will form their own committees, we feel it's important that the county committee be inclusive and transparent, with wide participation from all our partners who represent Doña Ana County residents in their

respective jurisdictions," Macias said.

The county is accepting application packets from people with expertise and involvement in several community sectors including government, education, businesses, faith-based entities, the media, youth coalitions and community and nonprofit organizations.

Once the committee is formed, training sessions will be offered on committee basics, timelines, work planning, resource needs, work plans and step-by-step planning.

A meeting schedule also will be finalized.

Noting that the county's population is about evenly split between residents of incorporated and unincorporated areas, Macias said wide participation is essential to ensure an accurate count.

"The importance of the Census to all Doña Ana County residents is enormous, and residents most in need of federal assistance programs live in both unincorporated and urban areas. An accurate population count for all of Doña Ana County lifts up everyone," he said.

Application packets should include a letter of interest and a current resume. Completed packets must be submitted to the Doña Ana County Special Projects Office in person during business hours, by mail to 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M., 88007, by email to [input@donaanacounty.org](mailto:input@donaanacounty.org) or by fax to 575-525-5948.

The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7.

**Zero waste**

With the holiday sea-

son in full swing, the Doña Ana County Illegal Dumping Partnership (IDP) encourages individuals and families to celebrate in a new way this year, by implementing zero waste habits into their celebrations.

"The holiday season means more grocery shopping, more time in the kitchen, large gatherings, and lots of packaging on gift items," said Vicki Lusk, Manager

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## Piece of cake

Culinary Specialist Seaman Jonathan Ortiz of Las Cruces mixes food coloring with frosting in the bake shop aboard the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) in preparation for a Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 22. Iwo Jima is currently underway after participating in Trident Juncture 2018, a NATO-led exercise designed to certify NATO response forces and develop interoperability among participating NATO Allied and partner nations.



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### A History of the American West

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Associate Professor, Department of History, NMSU



**Monday, December 3: The Origins of the American West** - This series begins by examining the geography, environments, and first peoples of the American West, and will include a discussion of the very idea of an "American West." It will then explore how colonization and nationhood reorganized western lands into the early 1800s. A major point to ponder: Prior to the California Gold Rush of the 1850s, the "American West" was more likely considered the "Pacific East" in global history.

**Wednesday, December 5: Transcontinental Expansion and Manifest Destiny** - The story will pick up in the 1840s, when the U.S. completed its continental empire after the Mexican American War. This segment will also examine how the Civil War arose in large part to concerns of western expansion and how legislation passed during the war fundamentally transformed the American West—and is visible even today in the land under our feet in New Mexico.

**Monday, December 10: The 20<sup>th</sup> Century West** - From the Progressive Era of the early 1900s to the Cold War, the American West transitioned from a hinterland to a trendsetter. This segment will examine this portion of our history with a continued focus on land and natural resources, economy, policy, and national and global influences.

**Wednesday, December 12: Studies: A History of Hoptopia and a Biography of Fabian Garcia** - The final day of this series will draw upon all of the previous content in two case studies based upon the presenter's first book and the one he's currently writing. The first half will explore the history of beer and hops in the American West and the second half will focus on the Fabian Garcia, the "Father of New Mexico Chile."

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of Doña Ana County Animal Control & Codes. "This year, we're asking community members to do their part to cut down on the waste produced during the holiday season. Small changes in everyday situations can help to create a large positive impact for the environment."

The IDP recommends the following:

- **Ban the bag.** While shopping for groceries or gifts, avoid utilizing the store's non-recyclable plastic bags. Instead, take cloth and reusable totes/bags to the store with you.

- **Skip the straw.** Whether dining out or celebrating with your family and friends at home, eliminate the use of single-use plastic, such as straws. When ordering, tell the

server that you do not want straws, before they are delivered to your table.

These items are often improperly disposed of and lead to the accumulation of illegal dumping and litter.

- **Kick the cup.** Plastic cups abound at large holiday gatherings; however, you can make a difference by choosing reusable cups or glassware. As a last resort, choose paper products that will biodegrade.

- **Go live.** Instead of buying an artificial or cut tree, both of which will likely end up in a landfill, opt for a live tree. Not only will a live tree accent your house with the scents of the holidays, but live trees can also be replanted, which in turn benefits our environment.

- **Get creative.** Once

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you've selected the perfect gift, put your creativity to good use for presentation. Instead of using wrapping paper, which is one of the largest holiday culprits for landfill litter, consider using an alternative method. Display your gift in a basket, decorate paper grocery bags for wrapping, give gifts in reusable fabric bags or reusable shopping bags, or make your gift especially memorable by using a tin, can or jar as a container.

• **Be thrifty.** Make a game out of holiday shopping and save money – all while recycling and keeping items out of the landfill. Plan a family outing and buy at least a portion of your gifts from a thrift store.

In addition, it is important to continue to implement the three R's – reduce, reuse, recycle.

For more information on the IDP or to find out how get involved in cleanup efforts, visit [CleanupWithCarlos.org](http://CleanupWithCarlos.org).

The Doña Ana County Illegal Dumping Partnership (IDP) is a multi-agency task force founded to help combat illegal dumping throughout Doña Ana County. IDP is committed to increasing the public health and safety of Doña Ana County, as well as keeping the area clean and beautiful.

**Mitten Tree**

The 2018 Mitten Tree at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., is up and ready to accept donations.

Through Dec. 21 the City library will accept

new or clean, gently used hats, mittens and scarves for children and adults.

“The mitten tree has been a tradition here at the library for several years now.” said Margaret Neill, Library Administrator. “It's a wonderful way to help others during the holiday season and we are always happy to see it fully stocked, year after year.”

The library will donate the items to La Casa, the Gospel Rescue Mission and the Community of Hope after collection ends on Dec. 21.

To donate, bring apparel and either give them to library staff members or hang them on the tree. The tree will be located at the front of the building, near the Circulation Desk.

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**Food drive/fundraiser:** 7-11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, Walmart-Rinconada Boulevard. Sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America chapter 431 to benefit Casa de Peregrinos and the Gospel Rescue Mission.

**Pet photos with Santa & the Grinch:** 12-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, The Game II, 4131 Northrise Dr. Cost, \$25, which includes donation to SNAP. Sponsored by Better Life Natural Pet Foods and N2 Publishing. Info: [www.betterlifepetfoods.com](http://www.betterlifepetfoods.com).

**Academy for Learning in Retirement:** 10-noon, Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. A History of the American West, \$4 per day members, \$5 per day non-members. Info: 575-522-1938, [nmsu.alr@gmail.com](mailto:nmsu.alr@gmail.com).

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**Hummingbird plants of the Southwest:** 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Marcy Scott, local birder, botanizer and author, presents.

Info: 575-522-3120.

**Los Pastores del Valle de Mesilla:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, Holy Cross Retreat Center Chapel, 600 Holy Cross Road. Free, open to all.

**Breakfast with Santa:** 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, University Church of Christ, 1555 E. University Ave. Free pancake and sausage breakfast plus free hard copy photo with Santa. Info: 575-522-6707, ask for Brandi or Amy; or email [bcoppedge@church4thecity.com](mailto:bcoppedge@church4thecity.com).

**Safety in the home:** 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, Crossroads In-Home Care, 189 Howard Place. Presentation by the Alzheimer's Association, free and open to all. Info: Alexis Ramirez, 800-272-3900 or [alramirez@alz.org](mailto:alramirez@alz.org). For directions call 575-647-3868.

**Las Noches de Las Luminarias:** 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, Fort Selden Historical Site, I-25, Exit 19, Radium Springs. A Southwest tradition with 800 glowing candles surrounding the fort ruins. Info: 575-202-1638

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**DAR luncheons** 11 a.m. third Thursday of each month. Info: Linda, 575-521-3166.

**Farmers & Crafts Market:** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays, Plaza de Las Cruces.

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**Minnesota Club:** Third Wednesday of each month. Monthly luncheon for people who have lived in Minnesota. For location, Kri, 575-323-3624.

**Model Railroad Club:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., third Saturday, Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds. Info: Mike Fifer, 575-526-8834.

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# Old West the December topic at Academy for Learning in Retirement

## BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State University's Academy for Learning in Retirement (ALR) continues in its 26<sup>th</sup> year with December programs titled "A History of the American West" and presented by Dr. Peter Kopp, an associate professor in the NMSU Department of History.

Program dates: Mondays and Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 5, 10 and 12.

Program topics on those dates are "The Origins of the American West," "Transcontinental Expansion and Manifest Destiny," "The 20th Century West" and "Case



**Dr. Peter Kopp**

Studies: A History of Hoptopia and a Biography of Fabian Garcia."

All programs begin with coffee at 10 a.m. followed by the presentation 10:30-noon.

They are presented at Good Samaritan auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida

Circle.

The cost is \$4 per day for members and \$5 per day for non-members. You can pay an annual membership fee of \$5 and attend all September-December 2018 programs for an additional \$48.

Kopp is He is the author of "Hoptopia: A World of Agriculture and Beer in Oregon's Willamette Valley" and is currently preparing a book manuscript on Fabián García, the "Father of New Mexico Chile." Kopp is co-director of the Murals of Las Cruces Project that documents, preserves, and showcases public murals.

ALR was started in 1992 by former NMSU President Gerald Thomas, along with retired deans Thomas Gale, Virginia Higbie, Flavia McCormick and others, including former professor and teacher Clarence Fielder.

ALR has about 130 members, but you don't have to join ALR to attend its weekly lectures.

The average attendance at each lecture is about 70, but, depending on the speaker and subject matter, the entire 196-seat Good Sam auditorium may be filled.

For information, call 575-522-1938 or email [neid79@comcast.net](mailto:neid79@comcast.net).

# Coats for Kids



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## LAS CRUCES UTILITIES

## New wastewater administrator hails from Michigan

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**  
and **SUZANNE MICHAELS**

For the Bulletin

John Mrozek is experiencing nicer fall weather for a change. He moved to Las Cruces from Michigan to become the new wastewater administrator for Las Cruces Utilities (LCU).

“This time of year, it’s 50 degrees and snowing or raining in Michigan; here it’s 70 and sunny,” said Mrozek, smiling. On the job since Oct. 1, his outlook of the wastewater system in Las Cruces is similarly sunny.

“Our system has been maintained really well, but there are always challenges that every system



**John Mrozek, the new LCU Wastewater administrator, pauses on the walkway across the top of one of the primary clarifiers at the JHWWTf.**

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this size faces: normal wear and tear, decay due to collection system conditions, equipment that wears out after process-

ing billions of gallons of wastewater every year. That’s completely normal and happens everywhere,” explained

Mrozek who is eyeing some changes to the disinfection system at Jacob Hands Wastewater Treatment Facility (JHWWTf).

“My first task is identifying priorities for capital spending and operation and maintenance.”

Mrozek holds a bachelor’s degree in biology from Lake Superior State University. He was selected after a thorough search for a new wastewater administrator and comes to LCU with 32 years of experience in wastewater operations. Mrozek holds a Michigan Class A Wastewater Operators license, as well as a New Mexico Level 4 Wastewater Operators license, and a Texas Class B Wastewater Operators license.

The decades of experience leave him well prepared for the demanding job and responsibility that come with leadership of the LCU Wastewater Section. The Section maintains approximately 533 miles of sewer lines and 17 lift stations. The JHWWTf treats approximately 3.3 billion gallons of sewage per year. After successful separation of solids, the treated and disinfected wastewater (effluent) is safely discharged into the Rio Grande.

It’s the charm of the Rio Grande Valley that Mrozek and his wife Kathleen have immediately discovered – the friendliness of the people.

“We’ve asked, where do you find this or go for that, and people have been open and really nice,” he said. Mrozek wants to extend that same openness to the customers of LCU.

“It’s important for customers to know what we do; they should know more about the services this Section provides and what they are paying for,” said Mrozek. “But it’s difficult to visualize because what we do is mostly underground, and much of it is harder to conceptualize. However, we’re more than happy to explain any of the details, and for anyone to come for a tour, or just start a conversation.”

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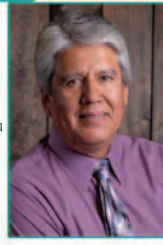
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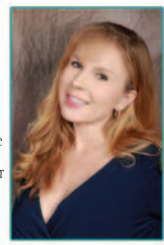
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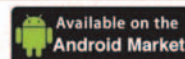
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# Irrigation district celebrates 100-year anniversary

By **KAREN RAY**

For the Bulletin

Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) was formed in 1918, only two years after the completion of Elephant Butte Dam. Together they transformed a flood prone high desert watershed into an agricultural oasis and economic dynamo for the entire southwest

region. This year, the District celebrates 100 years of dedicated service to the farmers of the Hatch/Rincon and Mesilla Valleys.

Our mission continues to be to serve the generations of farm families in these valleys and their farms, large and small, promoting local agricultural commodities grown with surface water from

the Rio Grande, which is the life blood of the region.

EBID hosted an open house on Nov. 15 to honor and celebrate the hard-working people who have contributed to the vitality and growth of the District over the decades. Guests enjoyed a variety of photographic displays and had the opportunity to examine the District's educational water trailer, which models the water and irrigation cycle in the region.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum donated their recent exhibition from the Elephant Butte Dam 100th Anniversary. These panels are on permanent display at the District office along with numerous photos showcasing District water management and regional agricultural production efforts new and old.

District members and representatives from water and land use organizations met to tour the District headquarters and network. Attendees included Jayne Harkins, P.E., the new commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission,



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**EBID's Zack Libbin and Gary Esslinger flank Doña Ana County Commissioner Raymundo Gonzalez at the Nov. 15 open house.**

and Doña Ana County Commissioner Raymundo Gonzalez. Members of the South-Central New Mexico Stormwater Management Coalition and the Dona Ana Soil and Water Conservation District also attended as well as other interested individuals.

Created under New Mexico Statute 73-10-1 et. seq., the District assumed all legal and financial responsibilities and obligations of the Elephant Butte Water Users Association that was formed in 1905. After re-

paying construction costs over 60 years, the District and its farming members paid off the repayment debt to the United States government, becoming the first its kind to do so. It then became a completely farmer-owned-and-operated District in 1978 through a combination of paying off its debt and entering an Operation and Maintenance contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

In 1987 the District also gained operation and maintenance control by

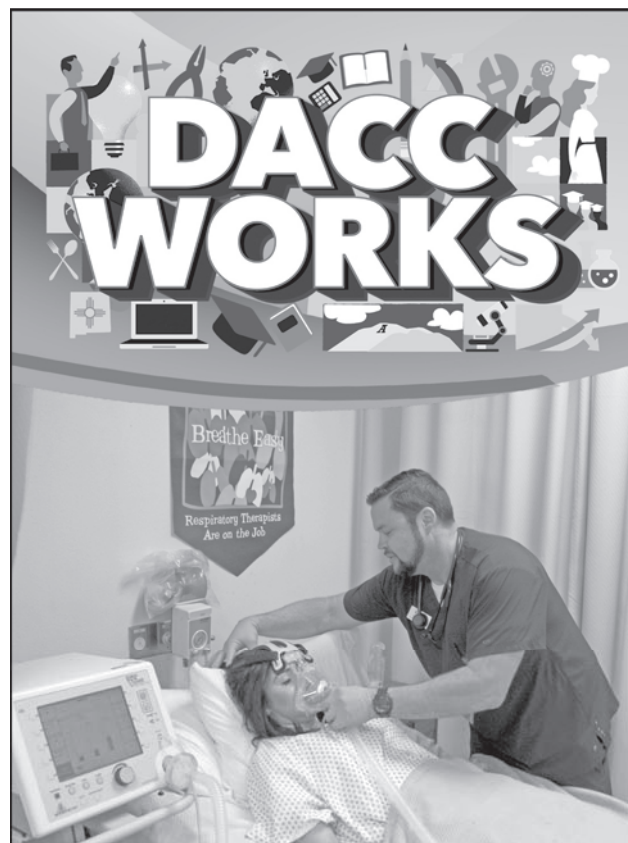
contract over the three diversion dams in the District at Percha, Leasburg, and Mesilla. In 1996 EBID completed another major milestone when it received a quitclaim deed from the United States to the 600 miles of canals, laterals and waste-ways along with 400 miles of drainage infrastructure.

Drought has become one of the greatest water issues facing the West; the District and its members have countered with innovative, creative and conservative practices to deal with this crisis.

Farmers have faced historic droughts in the past and will again. They will survive and even thrive, working with EBID to ensure every drop of water is used wisely.

Although farming methods have changed over the decades, farmers' grit, determination and care of land and water resources has stayed the same. As farmer owned, the District takes water stewardship seriously as it prepares to ensure agriculture continues to thrive in the next 100 years.

*Karen Ray is a spokesperson for EBID.*



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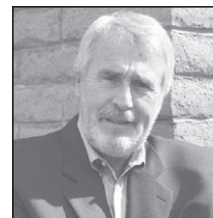
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But the giving landscape has recently changed.

With last year's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, many local residents are no longer giving to take advantage of potential tax write-offs and benefits. With the standard deduction now at \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for joint filers, most donors do not find their charitable giving in this range.

However, one thing most donors do find is the continued desire to help make their community better. With this natural desire to make a difference, people looking to give back tend to do a bit of soul searching to explore what means the



**APRIL ANAYA**

Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

most to them. Whether it is helping to find a permanent solution to youth homelessness or eradicating hunger, there are hundreds of worthwhile initiatives that are all deserving of being at the top of giving priority lists.

Gabriel Vasquez, Las Cruces City Councilor for District 3, has been giving back since a very early age. He still has vivid childhood memories of his father requesting that he help make burritos to deliver to the less fortunate on Christmas Eve. That experience helped shape his views on giving and realization that not all giving has to be traditional.

Local community member Robert McNamara agrees that most donors are not aware of the collective power they have when giving at the annual gift level. "Having helped run a non-profit organization in New York City for about 20 years, I am acutely aware of the value of every donation we received. While we always appreciated large gifts, we remained strong due to the large number of smaller gifts," McNamara said.

When asked why he gives, McNamara said, "I try to support organizations that share my passion for the arts, for the environment, for public lands, for social justice, for equality for the LGBTQ community, for those groups that feed the hungry and provide a voice for those unable to

speaking up for themselves. I give to make this a better society now and in the future for our son. I give because we should

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# LCFD initiative brings health care into residents' homes

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**

For the Bulletin

Firefighters walk not only into flames, but into the homes of citizens. It's in these homes that the Las Cruces Fire Department (LCFD) has seen a new need it can provide to the community, connecting citizens with resources that may aid in the quality of their lives.

For the past two years LCFD has provided the Mobile Integrated Healthcare program to residents. It came first from the recognition that there was a gap in health care for residents who want to retain their independence in their homes, but who had been depending on LCFD fulfilling their needs.

"The challenges are anywhere from transportation-related to as simple as having durable medical equipment fail and repairs not being covered by their insurance or Medicaid," said Paul Ford, LCFD Mobile Integrated Healthcare coordinator. "Since we've started the MIH program, and investigating their



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**Paul Ford meets a local resident at her home. The Mobile Integrated Healthcare program provided by the Las Cruces Fire Department meets the needs of residents where they are, before an emergency even arrives.**

needs, we've seen a profound drop in those who would call the fire department at least once a day, by almost 90 percent."

Ford, along with part-time staff, focuses on finding the barriers between residents and resources within the community to manage

their care – for example helping them get their medications or repairing their walkers or even letting them know about reduced-price transportation for seniors in Las Cruces.

"We understand that many people do not want to lose their indepen-

dence," said Ford, "and when we knock on their door, they are usually more willing to open up and let us see the real situation they are in. Sometimes all it takes is to get their permission to call their children to let them know that their parent needs more help."

LCFD works with both Memorial Medical Center (MMC) and Mountain-View Regional Medical Center (MVM) to invite physicians and social workers to join them on visits, bridging the gap between what a provider may see at a clinic to the condition that patients may face at home.

Dr. Roberto Aguero, a second-year medical resident at MMC, says, "I think every doctor in primary care should have this experience. It

lets you see the harder aspects of what patients have to deal with to get to their doctor appointments and be on medications and get medications and what happens if they can't get to follow-up appointments. Some can't get out of the door or have literacy issues."

Aguero explains that what happens in emergency transport is not only not the best care for a patient long term, but also isn't the best for the community. "Ending up in the emergency department is the worst place to get your care. It's the most expensive and the least effective," said Aguero. "Something like the MIH program can get into their homes and see what their needs are. It [keeps] them out of the hospital; it pays for itself

10 times over."

LCFD also reached out to New Mexico State University to create a partnership where graduate students from its social work program work with MIH to fill gaps, especially with case management. Mendy Fowler, in her last year in the graduate program, was the first student who rode along with Ford on patient visits.

"We get to have the boots-on-the-ground experience," Fowler said. "We can evaluate the resources that the community has to offer, and find the gaps, especially for transportation.

"But there are so many barriers, not just transportation. Other things are an issue, too, like food and housing insecurity, and even problems with heating and cooling. We are working to lessen some of the health disparities ... by lessening barriers and making those connections to the community."

If you are interested in knowing more about the MIH program or would like to make a connection between the program and a business that may be a new resource for the MIH program, please contact Paul Ford at 575-528.3473 or pford@las-cruces.org.

*The Las Cruces Fire Department (LCFD) serves New Mexico's second-largest city with professional firefighters, who are licensed EMTs, and civilian employees. The department responds to more than 17,000 calls for service annually and is an ISO Class 1 fire department.*

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**ROSEMARY GONZALEZ**

ROSEMARY GONZALEZ, age 70, of Las Cruces passed away Friday, November 9, 2018 at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

**HELEN MOORE**

HELEN MOORE, age 84, of Las Cruces died Sunday, November 18, 2018 at La Posada – Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

**LUCINDA A. ARMENDARIZ**

LUCINDA A. ARMENDARIZ, age 83, of San Miguel died Monday, November 19, 2018 at La Posada – Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

**MARY RIGOLI**

MARY RIGOLI, age 86, of Las Cruces died Sunday, November 18, 2018 at her home. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

**RICHARD SHERMAN**

RICHARD SHERMAN, of Las Cruces died Saturday, November 17, 2018 at his home. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

**JAMES LOUIS THRASH**  
JAMES LOUIS

THRASH, 85, of Las Cruces died Sunday, November 11, 2018. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

**BOBBY RAÚL HERNANDEZ**

BOBBY RAÚL HERNANDEZ, age 62, of Las Cruces passed from this life on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at the Hospitals of Providence-Trans Mountain Campus surrounded by his loving family. Bobby was employed as a Sales Representative for Prices Dairy Products; was a member of the Elks Lodge and the Roman Catholic Church.

Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife, Diane Murphy Hernandez; son, Bobby R. Hernandez Jr.; two daughters, Jessica Hernandez and Tiffany Gamboa.

The Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at St. Albert the Great Newman Parish. Inurnment of remains will take place at a later date in San Albino Cemetery.

The Hernandez Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road 527-2222 your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslas-cruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslas-cruces.com)

**LEONOR "LILY" ROMERO HERNANDEZ**

LEONOR "LILY" ROMERO HERNANDEZ, age 89, of Anthony left her dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life on Monday, November 12, 2018 at her home just thirteen days after her loving husband of fifty-six years, Bernadino M. Hernandez.

Those left to mourn her passing include her only daughter, Martha Vega; three brothers and two sisters.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, November 19, 2018 at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Interment followed at the Anthony Cemetery where she was laid to rest alongside her husband in the family plot.

The Hernandez Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road 527-2222 your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslas-cruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslas-cruces.com)

**MARK ALLEN SOLOMEN**

MARK ALLEN SOLOMEN, age 60, of Las Cruces passed away Sunday, November 26, 2018 in Las Cruces. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222.

**SAMUEL CHAVEZ**

SAMUEL CHAVEZ, age 73, of Las Cruces passed away Saturday, November 24, 2018. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

**LUCINDA A. ARMENDARIZ**

LUCINDA A. ARMENDARIZ, age 83, of San Miguel on Monday, November 19, 2018 at La Posada- Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by her loved ones. She was born to Ramon and Edelmira Lujan Armendariz on November 15, 1935 in Fabens, TX. Mrs. Armendariz was a homemaker and a communicant at San Miguel Catholic Church.

Those left to mourn her passing include two sons, Oscar A. and Fernando Armendariz; a daughter, Lorena A. Flores. Other survivors include eight grandchildren; eight great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will begin at 10 AM Thursday, November 29, 2018 in San Miguel Catholic Church, 19217 S. Highway 28 where the Memorial Mass will follow immediately thereafter with the Reverend Ringo Perea, Celebrant. Inurnment of Remains will take place at a later date.

The Armendariz Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels

of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road 527-2222.

**MILDRED FRANCES BLANTON**

MILDRED FRANCES BLANTON, age 85, of Las Cruces passed from this life on Friday, November 23, 2018 at La Posada – Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Sinton, TX to Euwell and Ruth Hale Gilcrest on August 29, 1933. Mrs. Blanton was a homemaker and a member of the Faith Chapel Assembly of God.

Those left to mourn her passing include her loving husband, Robert Thomas Blanton; three sons, Ronald Thomas, Douglas Duane and Wendell Wayne Blanton; two grandchildren, Heather Lynn Blanton, and Ryan Thomas Blanton.

The Funeral Service will be held Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 1:30 PM in Baca's Funeral Chapel with Pastor Jeremy Sullivan officiating. Concluding Service and Interment will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho Avenue where she will be laid to rest.

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

**AMPARO RODRIGUEZ LOZOYA**

AMPARO RODRIGUEZ LOZOYA, age 93, of Las Cruces passed away Monday, November 19, 2018 at Good Samaritan Society - Las Cruces Village, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born January 12, 1925 in Los Toriles, Chihuahua, Mexico to Josefina Arroyo and Filiberto Rodriguez. Amparo was a loving homemaker and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Survivors include four sons, Jose Luis, Jesus, Ramon and Lorenzo Lozoya; six daughters, Teresa Cazares, Manuela Lopez, Carmen Jasso, Angela Ramos, Rosa Chairez, and Elisa Morales; Other survivors include thirty-six grandchildren, ninety-four great-grandchildren sixty great-great-grandchildren.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Followed by the Rite of Committal and Interment at Anthony Catholic Cemetery where she was laid to rest alongside her husband in the family plot.

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



# LEGAL NOTICES

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The Las Cruces Bulletin is seeking an **Office Administrator/Receptionist**. The qualified person will handle multiple office administrative tasks, answer phones and interact with customers. The right candidate will know Microsoft Word and Excel, have the ability to learn new computer systems, enjoy working with people and possess solid interpersonal skills. Experience in payments and billing is an important plus. Interested applicants should send a resume and letter of interest to Richard Coltharp, Publisher: [richard@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:richard@lascrucesbulletin.com), or 1740-A Calle de Mercado, Las Cruces NM 88005. The Bulletin is an equal opportunity employer.

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## Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 9, 2018, TJZ Farms, LLC, PO Box 265, Hatch, NM 87937, filed application numbered LRG-13464 POD2, OSE File numbers LRG-13464-1 & -2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-13464 POD1 located

within the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 3 West, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 40' 41.87"N, 107° 10' 34.41"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and drilling replacement well LRG-13464 POD2 to a depth of 80 feet for 18-inch casing to be located within the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 3 West, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 40' 45.47"N, 107° 10' 15.28"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 43.14 acres of land, and an additional 2.36 acres irrigated with groundwater only, owned by the applicant, located within the SW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 3 West, NMPM, as described by Subfile number LRR-28-006-0054 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for new well LRG-13464 POD2 is located northwest of Hatch, NM and may be found approximately 0.3 mile north of the intersection of North Castanea Road and West Canal Street. Old well LRG-13646 POD1 will be plugged. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment;

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on November 19, 2018:

(1) **Council Bill No. 19-013; Ordinance No. 2878:** An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From C-2C (Commercial Medium Intensity-Conditional) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) on a 2.858 ± Acre Parcel Located at 1050 W. Amador Avenue. Submitted by the Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission, Property Owner (71733).

(2) **Council Bill No. 19-014; Ordinance No. 2879:** An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC), 1997 as Amended, Chapter 21, Article III, Section 21-63, Solicitation on or Near a Street or Highway.

(3) **Council Bill No. 19-015; Ordinance No. 2880:** An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC), 1997, as Amended, Chapter 27, Article VI, Section 27-12-6-14.6, Pedes-

Dates: 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 2018

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trians Soliciting Rides or Business.

**(4) Council Bill No. 19-016; Ordinance No. 2881:** An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC), 1997, as Amended, Chapter 2, Article III, to Add Division 6, Accountability in Government.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 20th day of November 2018.

Linda Lewis, CMC  
City Clerk

Date: 11/30, 2018

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on December 17, 2018:

**(1) Council Bill No. 19-017; Ordinance No. 2882:** An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Section 38-58 F 3, Minimum Number of Accessible Parking Stalls, of the Las Cruces Municipal Code to Reconcile Inconsistencies Between the Adopted Zoning and Building Codes. Submitted by the City of Las Cruces (ZCA-18-01).

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 26th day of November, 2018.

Linda Lewis, CMC  
City Clerk

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-03629

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DENNIS EWING, WENDY EWING; Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLO-**

## SURE 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 Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5125 Apache Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOTS 5F, 5G AND 5H, BLOCK 12, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST COMPANY AMENDMENT NO. 2 OF SUBDIVISION "C", BLOCKS #12, 13, 14 AND 15 AS CORRECTED, IN DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JULY 17, 1967, IN BOOK 10 PAGES 10-12 OF PLAT RECORDS.

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 January 3, 2019, 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 October 19, 2018 in the total amount of \$217,616.95 with interest at the rate of 4.500% per annum from October 1, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Mr. Cooper, 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.**

By: Robert Doyle  
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## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV-2018-1992  
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ANTONIO CARLOS LOPEZ BACA FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Antonio Carlos Lopez Baca, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Antonio Carlos Lopez Baca to Anthony Charles Baca, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, District Judge on the 24th day of January, 2019, at the hour of 9:15 a.m. at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Antonio Carlos Lopez Baca  
Antonio Carlos Lopez Baca  
1032 La Plata Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88007  
303-895-9691

Dates: 11/30, 12/07, 2018

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV-2018-2506  
Marci E. Beyer

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CAREY SILVA FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Carey Silva, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Carey Silva to Phillip Cary Silva, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge on the 3rd day of January, 2019, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Phillip C. Silva  
Phillip C. Silva  
2910 Camino Castillo  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
575-571-0890

Dates: 11/30, 12/07, 2018

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2018-118  
Judge: Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WAYNE EDWARD MILLER, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that DEBRA SANDS-MILLER has been

appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.  
/s/ M. J. Reeves-Evins  
Melissa J Reeves-Evins  
NM State Bar No. 7629  
200 W. Las Cruces Ave., Ste. A  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
575-522-5009 522-5031  
FAX  
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 2018

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2018-00117  
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVEN E. DOWNHAM, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed the Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: November 6, 2018

/s/ Amy L. McNulty  
Amy L. McNulty, Personal Representative of the Estate of Steven E. Downham, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMIT-

TED BY:  
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.  
PO Box 366  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366  
(575) 524-0833  
holmespa@zianet.com

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes  
Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 11/30, 12/07, 12/14, 2018

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-01047

**WELLS FARGO USA HOLDINGS, INC. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST FOR WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**OLLIE G. HINES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF OLLIE G. HINES; BENEFICIAL FINANCIAL I, INC. F/K/A BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO, INC.; BLANCA ELIZABETH HERNANDEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BLANCA ELIZABETH HERNANDEZ; WORLDWIDE ASSET PURCHASING AKA WORLDWIDE ASSET PRUCHASING II, LLC; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**AMENDED 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 Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2007 Stanford St, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 7E, BLOCK 1, REPLAT NO. 1 OF REPLAT OF LOT 5, BLOCK 1 AND LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5, BLOCK 2 COLLEGE MANOR SUBDIVISION, AND LOTS 1 THRU 4 & 6 THRU 10 BLOCK 1, LOTS 6 THRU 12, AND 15 THRU 17 BLOCK 2 AND LOTS 1, 2, & 3 BLOCK 3, COL-

LEGE MANOR, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 1153, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 3, 1983, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 13, PAGES 207-208, PLAT RECORDS, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN AND TO THE COMMON AREAS AS SET OUT IN THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AND THE AMENDED DECLARATION OF SAID SUBDIVISION.

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 A.M. on January 3, 2019, 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 October 11, 2018 in the total amount of \$56,063.51 with interest at the rate of 10.51% per annum from May 24, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo USA Holdings, Inc. As Successor In Interest For 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 DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2018-00344

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**EDAH FAYE BENGE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES AND LEGATEES OF WILBUR B. BENGE, DECEASED; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A.; 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 1960 Chilton Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 15 IN BLOCK NUMBERED N OF COLLEGE HEIGHTS,

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BLOCK M AND PART OF N AND R, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID COLLEGE HEIGHTS, BLOCK M AND PART OF N AND R, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1956 IN PLAT BOOK 7, FOLIO 76. The real property is also described as follows: LOT FIFTEEN (15), BLOCK N, COLLEGE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES ACCORDING TO A PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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 January 3, 2019, 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 October 4, 2018 in the total amount of \$128,250.36 with interest at the rate of 3.329% per annum from August 31, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. NATIONSTAR Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company, 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

tion 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-2017-03017

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**UNKNOWN HEIRS, DE- VISES AND LEGATEES OF ENRIQUE M. LOPEZ AKA HENRY M. LOPEZ, DECEASED; DAVID V. NUNEZ; TERRY S. ENRIQUEZ; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A.; HARVEST CREDIT MANAGEMENT VII, LLC, 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 Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4224 San Ysidro Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

A 0.69 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND BEING A PORTION OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-79A1A2, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A FOUND IRON ROD ON THE WEST R-O-W LINE OF THE A.T. & S.F. RAILROAD FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-79A1A2 BEARS THE FOLLOWING COURSE AND DISTANCE: N 23 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 39 SECONDS W, A DISTANCE OF 218.22 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALONG THE AFOREMENTIONED R-O-W LINE S 23 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 39 SECONDS W, 87.79 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE LEAVING THE AFOREMENTIONED R-O-W LINE S 23 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 39 SECONDS W, 240.21 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S 64 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 09 SECONDS W, 90.32 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON PIPE ALONG THE EAST R-O-W LINE OF SAN YSIDRO ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE AFOREMENTIONED R-O-W LINE N 21 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 37 SECONDS W, 96.06 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A SET IRON ROD; THENCE LEAVING THE AFOREMENTIONED R-O-W LINE N 64 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 39 SECONDS E, 326.06 FEET TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.69 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUCH AS MAY EXIST ON THE GROUND. DONOHUE LAND SURVEYS

DATED DECEMBER 16, 2008 JOB NO. 156-54.

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 December 20, 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 October 4, 2018 in the total amount of \$83,998.00 with interest at the rate of 4.000% per annum from July 1, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. NATIONSTAR Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company, 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.

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-02562

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**UNKNOWN HEIRS, DE- VISES AND LEGATEES OF WAYNE A. BAILLIE, DECEASED; TINA M. BAILLIE; REBECCA BAILLIE; ALLISON BAILLIE; 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 Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1226 Lewis Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 12 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 2 OF SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION, PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION, PHASE II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 29, 1978 PLAT BOOK 12, FOLIO 170-172.

The Property is also described as follows: ALL OF LOT NUMBERED TWELVE (12), IN BLOCK NUMBERED TWO (2), OF SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION, PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 29, 1978.

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 January 3, 2019, 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 October 12, 2018 in the total amount of \$157,045.34 with interest at the rate of 2.5600% per annum from April 1, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. NATIONSTAR Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company, 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.

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-02701

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**FREDDIE SANCHEZ; ANNA RIOS F/K/A ANNA SANCHEZ; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, 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 Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5575 Patagonia Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

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LOT 4 IN BLOCK E OF DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JULY 26, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 714-717.

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 January 17, 2019, 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 April 10, 2018 in the total amount of \$124,574.85 with interest at the rate of 4.75% per annum from November 8, 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 d/b/a Mr. Cooper, 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.

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

CASE NO.  
D-307-DM-2018-1042  
JUDGE: MARY W. ROSNER

**MARIA I. DEL RIO VAZQUEZ, PETITIONER,**

vs.

**CARLOS J. DELGADO DE LA ROSA, RESPONDENT.**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.

The subject of the lawsuit is: Dissolution of Marriage with Children

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

Petitioner's Name:  
Maria I. Del Rio Vasquez  
Mailing Address:  
505 Curry Ct. Apt. 131  
Anthony, NM 88021  
(575) 502-0354

WITNESS the Honorable Mary Rosner, 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 25th day of October, 2018

NORMAN E. OSBORNE  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
BY: CLAUDINE T. BERNAL  
DEPUTY

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

Judge Marcie E. Beyer  
No. D-307-CV-2018-02132

**DAVID O. CANTU, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MICHAEL O. STONE, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL O. STONE, IF ANY, THE HEIRS OF MICHAEL O. STONE, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM ANY LIEN, INTEREST OR TITLE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF IN THE PREMISES, and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS IF DECEASED, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CIVIL ACTION TO QUIET TITLE**

**FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:**

**NOTICE** is given that in the above-styled cause, Plaintiff has filed suit against you, the general object of which is to quiet title in fee simple in and to the real property described in the Complaint, which lands are more particularly described as follows:

Lot 5, PUEBLO GARDENS, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on September 6, 2005, in Book 21 Page(s) 319-320 of Plat Records.

Unless you enter your appearance herein on or before January 4, 2019, judgment will be rendered against you by default.

JOSEPH M. HOLMES,

P.A., Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 366, 220 S. Water Street, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366, (575) 524-0833, is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

**WITNESS** my hand and seal of the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico on this 7th day of November, 2018.

DAVID S. BORUNDA  
DISTRICT COURT CLERK

by /s/ Joe M. Martinez  
Deputy-Joe Martinez

Dates: 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 2018

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

Cause No.  
D-307-PB-2018-00111  
Judge: Manuel I. Arrieta

**In the Matter of the Estate of Nancy J. Mackey, Deceased.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION IN FORMAL TESTACY PROCEEDING**

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:** All unknown persons who have an interest in the above estate:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Heather Mackey has filed with the above-named Court a Petition for Determination of Heirship, Formal Probate of Will, and Appointment of Personal Representative, which petition requests a judgment approving the Last Will and Testament of the Decedent and admitting said will to probate and for an order appointing Heather Mackey as personal representative and for the determination of the heirs and devisees of said Decedent. A hearing will be held on said petition on the 25th day of January, 2019 at 11:00 AM, in the Dona Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, New Mexico, before The Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge.

Dated: Nov. 15, 2018

/s/ Cheryl Lee Eichorn  
Cheryl Lee Eichorn  
2466 El Dorado Ct.  
Las Cruces, NM 88011  
575-993-1944

Dates: 11/23, 11/30, 12/07, 2018

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

Probate No. 2018- 0314  
Judge Diana Bustamante

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH BOARDMAN BAER, a.k.a. ELIZABETH B. BAER, deceased.**

DATED this 15th day of

November, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by:  
MARTIN & LUTZ, P.C.  
By /s/ William L. Lutz  
William L. Lutz for Applicant  
P.O. Drawer 1837  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-1837  
575-526-2449  
575-526-0946 (F)

Dates: 11/23, 11/30, 12/07, 2018

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

NO. 18-0269

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA MAXIE EICHORN, DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO KNOWN CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of the mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: Nov. 15, 2018

/s/ Cheryl Lee Eichorn  
Cheryl Lee Eichorn  
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Dates: 11/23, 11/30, 12/07, 2018

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

Probate No. 2018- 0314  
Judge Diana Bustamante

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH BOARDMAN BAER, a.k.a. ELIZABETH B. BAER, deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of Elizabeth Boardman Baer, a.k.a. Elizabeth B. Baer, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims will be forever barred. A claim must be presented either (1) by delivering or mailing it to the undersigned personal representative in care of her attorney, Law Office of Kyle H. Moberly, P.C., 2460 S. Locust, Suite E, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or (2) by filing it with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County.

DATED: November 9, 2018

TENYA A. PRICE  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Elizabeth Boardman Baer,  
a.k.a. Elizabeth B. Baer, deceased

LAW OFFICE OF KYLE H. MOBERLY, P.C.  
By: /s/ Kyle H. Moberly  
Kyle H. Moberly  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
2460 S. Locust Street, Suite E  
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**"Tiger"** by Noemi Garcia, second grader at Doña Ana Elementary School.



**"Rainbow Fish"** by Alina Baca, kindergarten student at Tombaugh Elementary School.



**"Bug Symmetry"** by Eduardo Gonzalez, third grader at Sunrise Elementary School.

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

## 'Rainbow fish' and other creatures

### County center mixes governance and galleries galore

#### BULLETIN REPORT

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. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, photographs and drawings. The artists range in age from elementary students to high schoolers.

The student art shows have been a rotating fixture for Doña Ana County's main lobby since 2000, with thousands of works by local students displayed for the public during that time. There also is a mixed-media

piece by students at the J. Paul Taylor Academy in the upstairs rotunda honoring civil rights champions.

- The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection within the Doña Ana County Government Center, which includes 41 original oils and acrylics – mostly landscapes – donated in December 2013 by Las Cruces artist Joyce T. Macrorie.

- Also, there is a series of historical photographs in the upstairs rotunda including a spectacular photograph of the Organ Mountains donated in 2007 by Las Cruces artist R. Frederick Silva. The piece, titled "Fall Splendor," hangs on a

second-floor east wall, adjacent to the main entrance to the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners and the Office of the County Manager.

- On display in the upstairs rotunda are works by students from Hatch Public Schools and a 10-piece mural by Las Cruces artist Meg G. Freyermuth, who made a long-term loan to the Doña Ana County Government Center's art collection. Titled, "Leap: It is Unchanging, Yet Trembles Sweetly," the impressionistic depiction of the Organ Mountains hangs on the west wall of the second-floor rotunda. Below it is a plaque describing the painting, its history

and its dedication. Freyermuth coordinated the loan through the Doña Ana County Special Projects Office, which curates both the rotating student art shows and the building's permanent and semi-permanent collections.

- On permanent display downstairs are two original oils by Las Cruces artist George Mendoza, as well as an original oil painting by the late Las Cruces artist Alice Terry donated to the Doña Ana County Government Center in 2008 for permanent display. The painting, titled "Heart of the Problem," depicts a dry desert arroyo and repre-



**"Mystical Robot"** by Anahbel Padilla, fifth grader at University Hills Elementary School.

# M'lady, may I interest you in a cup of tea?

## BULLETIN REPORT

The winter holidays may conjure Charles Dickens' beloved character Tiny Tim saying, "God bless us, everyone!" Sherry White, a volunteer with the Doña Ana Arts Council, summons the holiday spirit with a Dickens' Tea and Fashion Show Sunday, Dec. 9, from 2-4 p.m.

White, known to Renaissance ArtsFaire attendees as Queen Cherie de la Colletage, is a retired high school history teacher and history reenactor. For the tea, she has arranged for food appropriate for Dickens' 19th century: scones, watercress sandwiches, cucumber sandwiches and tea.

There will also be a fashion show featuring women's attire from the ante-bellum period, through the Civil War and up to 1910. The models are from Susan Jewells' Desert Dancing Troupe, who practice at My Place Jewell.

The fashion show will be followed by a presentation by White on the mores and manners of the Victorian era. For example, she says, "Love and scandals were quite the rage ... Women and men had to wear gloves in the ballroom. If you didn't have gloves, you weren't allowed to dance because it was considered crass for anyone to touch a sweaty hand. Ladies also could not dance with anyone they

*In Dickens' time, scandals were quite the rage.*

hadn't been properly introduced to by a family member or the dancing master."

Tickets to the tea and fashion show are \$10 adults, \$5 children under age 12. It is suggested they be purchased early, as seating is limited to 30.

The DAAC Arts & Cultural Center is located at 1740 Calle de Mercado, in Mesilla's Bulletin Plaza. Visit [www.daarts.org](http://www.daarts.org) or call 575-523-6403.



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Members of the Las Cruces Ukes armed with their favorite instrument.

# Four strings are enough

## Las Cruces Ukes tuning up for free holiday concert

### BULLETIN REPORT

For the fourth year, the Las Cruces Ukes will perform a free holiday

concert as a gift to the community. This year's performance is Thursday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the social

center at Good Samaritan – Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

The concert will include favorite holiday songs as well as some lesser known tunes, such as the Hanukkah song “Ocho Kandelikas,” and a parody of “All I Want for Christmas” written by two club members. In addition, the Las Cruces Ukes Teen Club will make a special appearance and perform several songs. Attendees are always encouraged to sing along.

“You can't help but smile when somebody is playing the ukulele,” Las Cruces Ukes co-founder and “Kahuna Grande” Cheryl Fallstead said. “We'll have over 20 ukuleles onstage for the

concert, so it's sure to be a good time. I'm really excited to showcase our Teen Club members, too, because they are all very talented young musicians. And if anyone is inspired to learn to play after attending our concert, we'll help them get started. We always welcome new players to our practices.”

The nonprofit ukulele group offers Strum for Fun and performance group practices. They also host the popular Las Cruces UkeFest each May, with attendees coming from across the country. Learn more about the club at [www.lascrucesukes.com](http://www.lascrucesukes.com) and about the festival at [www.lascrucesukefest.com](http://www.lascrucesukefest.com).



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"Purple Mountains" by Pablo Valencia, third grader at Monte Vista Elementary Schools.



"Stonehenge Monument Collage" by Ezekiel Jimenez, fifth grader at Highland Elementary School.



"Organ Landscape" by Michael Ponce, third grader at Monte Vista Elementary School.

## CREATURES

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sents the artist's respect for the power of arroyos and the damage they can inflict to property during the summer monsoon season inherent to southern New Mexico.

• Las Cruces artist Virginia Maria Romero donated four signed prints to the Doña Ana County Government Center for permanent display. The pieces are on the second floor near the elevators. Romero is a 20-year resident of Doña Ana County who has shown her work globally. The four pieces are titled "Outcasts," "Migration," "Survival" and "Tonantzin."

• On semi-permanent display in the main lobby is one of New Mexico's most famous painted ponies. "Caballo de Las Cruces" honoring Las Cruces and covered with tiny, decorative, glass beads. The pony is for sale by the Doña Ana Arts Council, with the proceeds to benefit the historic Rio Grande Theatre. To date, none of the bids for it have met the minimum allowable. The pony will remain on display near the main recep-



Top: "Circles" by Haley Estrada, second grader; bottom: "Circle Printing" by Tempest Slavens, pre-kindergarten student; both attend Loma Heights Elementary School.

tion desk until it changes ownership. "Caballo" was designed by local artist Julianne Hadfield. The beading process took more than 4,000 hours to complete by a group of 100 volunteers.

• Also on semi-permanent display is "The Gift" by New Mexico artist David Linn, on loan from the New Mexico Arts Council's Art in Public Places program and displayed downstairs near the central elevators.

The public is invited to tour the exhibits both upstairs and downstairs at any time during normal county business hours.




"Rousseau Jungle-Black Panther" by Yulei Shu, fifth grader at Desert Hills Elementary School.



"Rousseau Jungle-White Tiger" by Evan Richards, fifth grader at Desert Hills Elementary School.

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## 'Mary Poppins' the musical set to open

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's the holiday musical the community has been waiting for.

"Mary Poppins" the musical is about to open for a 12-show, three-week run at Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Dec. 1-2, 7-8 and 14-15, and Thursdays, Dec. 6 and 13; and 2 p.m. matinees Sundays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16 and Saturday, Dec. 15.

The cast includes Francesca Perez-Wright as Mary Poppins, Miguel Cruz as George Banks, Christa Fredrickson as Winifred Banks, Tara Gandy as Jane Banks, Carter Chamberlain as Michael Banks, Brandon Brown as Bert, Suzanne Staley as Mrs. Brill, Anastasya Griffith as Mrs. Andrews, Timothy Wilbur as Robertson Ay and the park keeper, Jessie Ortega as Katie Nana and Mrs. Corry, Bianca Castro as the bird woman, Gale Fulte as policeman and Northbrook, Doug Abbott as Admiral Boom and Von Hussler, Payton Matthews as Miss Lark and Queen Victoria, Joel Fisk as the



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**Brandon Brown as Bert and Carter Chamberlain as Michael in a scene from "Mary Poppins" the musical.**

bank chairman, Mai Ayon as Neleus, Piper Gandy as Valentine, Mia Berkson as Annie, Tatiana Garzon as Fannie and, in addition to other cast members, an ensemble comprised of Bryan Berard, Isaac Morales, Jada Bryant, Nicole Ritter, Gwynavere Griffith, Zoe Ayon, Eva Cullen and Sadie Tellez.

The show is directed by Janet Beatty-Payne.

Based on the 1964 Disney movie, the Broadway production of the musical closed in March 2013 after 2,619 performances.

For tickets and more information, call 575-523-1200; visit [www.lcctnm.org](http://www.lcctnm.org).

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"The Game's Afoot" cast members Cassi Galban (seated) and Erin Wendorf with director Darin Cabot during a rehearsal at Centennial High School.

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## 'The Game's Afoot'

Sherlock Holmes' persona snoops around Rio Grande Theatre

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Doña Ana Repertory Theatre (DART) will present three performances of playwright Ken Ludwig's award-winning holiday murder mystery farce, "The Game's Afoot; or Holmes for the Holidays," Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14-15 at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. downtown.

Admission is \$10. Performances will be at 7 p.m. on both nights, along with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Dec. 15, said the play's director and DART co-founder Darin Cabot, a Las Cruces actor/director and a theatre and English teacher at Centennial High School.

"The Rio Grande Theatre is very excited to be a part of this production," said RGT Venue Manager Chris Faivre. "There are many great actors in

DART, and we look forward to providing them a platform to showcase their talent. The theatre values its relationships within the art community and looks forward to this and many more opportunities to give local artists and actors an opportunity to shine."

The cast includes Jeff Dolecek, Gail Wheeler, Jason Wyatt, Erin Wendorf, Gus Sanchez, Heather Hosford, Cassi Galban, Constance Hasapoulos and Scott Brocato as the radio broadcast voice.

"I'm thrilled with the cast we have," Cabot said.

Kaylin Bergland, one of Cabot's former students at Centennial, is the show's stage manager, he said. One of his current students, Roxi Garcia, is assistant stage manager. Mayfield High School. Picacho Middle School theatre teacher Melissa Muñoz will do the sound

design and Tofer Lininger of RGT will handle the lights.

"The collaboration that's happening here is very exciting," Cabot said.

"The Game's Afoot" won the Edgar award from the Mystery Writers of America for best play in 2012.

In the play, set in 1936, "Broadway star William Gillette (Dolecek), admired the world over for his leading role in the play 'Sherlock Holmes,' has invited his fellow cast members to his Connecticut castle for a weekend of revelry," according to [www.kenludwig.com](http://www.kenludwig.com).

"But when one of the guests is stabbed to death, the festivities in this isolated house of tricks and mirrors quickly turn dangerous. Then it's up to Gillette himself, as he assumes the persona of his beloved Holmes, to track down the killer before the next victim appears."

Cabot and actor/directors Teddy Aspen-Sanchez, Joseph Lopez, Algernon D'Amassa and Patrick Payne created DART four years ago. Charter members of the company, both cast and crew, also include Erin Wendorf, McKensi Cabot and Autumn Gieb.

Previous DART productions are "Merchant of Venice," "The Last Days of Judas Iscariot," "Symposium, or The Drinking Party" and "Beers with the Bard, A Shakespeare Throw Down."

The theatre will open one hour before the curtain rises for each production and tickets will be available at the door or online at [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-games-afoot-tickets-50923979995](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-games-afoot-tickets-50923979995).

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# Mesilla Valley Concert Band to feature guest conductors

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Mesilla Valley Concert Band will perform in concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, in the Atkinson Recital Hall, New Mexico State University Music Building, 1075 N. Horseshoe.

The concert is free and open to the public. Seating is first-come, first-served.

The bill features clarinet soloist Richard Shelburne and four guest conductors on a program ranging from a John Philip Sousa march to a work celebrating the Festival of Lights and an arrangement of "Greensleeves."

MVCB is directed by Dr. William Clark and is now in its 31st season.

The program:

- The second and third movements of the **"Concerto for Clarinet and Wind Ensemble"** by Frank Ticheli. "The second movement, 'Song for Aaron,' evokes the lyrical quality and wide-open harmonic intervals of Copland," according to MVCB information. "The third movement, 'Riffs for Lenny,' embraces the rhythmic staccato of Bernstein while showcasing the clarinetist's virtuosic range. The soloist is Richard Shelburne, a member of the band's clarinet section. An El Paso native, Shelburne graduated from West Texas A&M with a music

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**WHAT:** Mesilla Valley Concert Band Mother's Day Concert

**WHERE:** NMSU Music Building Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe

**WHEN:** 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9

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- **"Festival of Light"** by Stephen L. Melillo "tells the story of the Syrian invasion of the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 B.C.," according to MVCB. "A small group of Maccabees succeeded in defending the temple but had only a day's worth of the consecrated oil for the Eternal Light, a symbol of God's presence. And yet, the oil burned for eight days and the temple was rebuilt. The holiday Chanukah commemorates this miracle.

"Conducting the work is Kathleen Hill, who received her bachelor's degree in music education (viola/piano) and master's in conducting from the University of New Mexico. She directed the orchestra at Mayfield High School 1998-2011 and is currently assistant orchestra director at Oñate High School and CEO of Central Coast Music Academy, a non-profit dedicated to quality music instruction



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**Dustin D. Seifert**



**Kathleen Hill**



**Dr. Michael W. Mapp**



**Richard Shelburne**



**Dr. William Clark**

through instrumental music."

- **"Of Sailors and Whales; Five Scenes from Melville,"** by William Francis McBeth. McBeth "wrote this piece in 1990 for a commission by the California Band Directors Association," according to MVCB. "Based on Melville's novel Moby Dick, the five movements of the piece musically depict Ishmael, Queequeg, Father Mapple, Captain Ahab and the fearsome white whale."

- **"On a Theme by August Enna,"** by B.J. Brooks, D.M.A., "who wrote this piece, as the title suggests, based on a theme by the Danish composer August Enna (1859-1939)," according to MVCB. "Well known for his operas, Enna composed this theme for an opera inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen story 'The Little Match Girl.'

"In 2008, the Eastern New Mexico University Alumni Band premiered the piece. A native of Portales and graduate of ENMU, Brooks is an associate professor of music theory and composition at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. He has com-

posed award-winning works for ensembles around the world, and he is an active clinician and adjudicator throughout the Southwest.

"Conducting the work is Dustin D. Seifert, chair of the music department and director of bands at ENMU. Responsible for a comprehensive undergraduate instrumental program, Seifert also directs several wind ensembles and teaches applied euphonium and tuba. He has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus by The University of Akron School of Music and as Music Educator of the Year by the New Mexico Music Educators Association."

- **"Satiric Dances"** by Norman Dello Joio "was commissioned by the Concord (Massachusetts) Community Band to write a piece celebrating the Bicentennial of the American Revolution," MVCB said. "He based the piece on background music he had written for a play by Aristophanes, satiric playwright of Ancient Greece. The first dance opens with the brass players, then the slower second dance features the flutes and low brass. The last

and his bachelor's from NMSU.

First called the Mesilla Valley Community Band, the group began with 30 participants who answered an advertisement Clark placed in the local newspaper.

The band has now grown to an ensemble of around 100 performers, with many professional musicians, music teachers, band directors, business people, retirees and advanced students.

They are drawn not only from Las Cruces but from El Paso, Silver City, Deming, Hatch, Alamogordo and Cloudcroft. The band has presented more than 220 free concerts during its existence.

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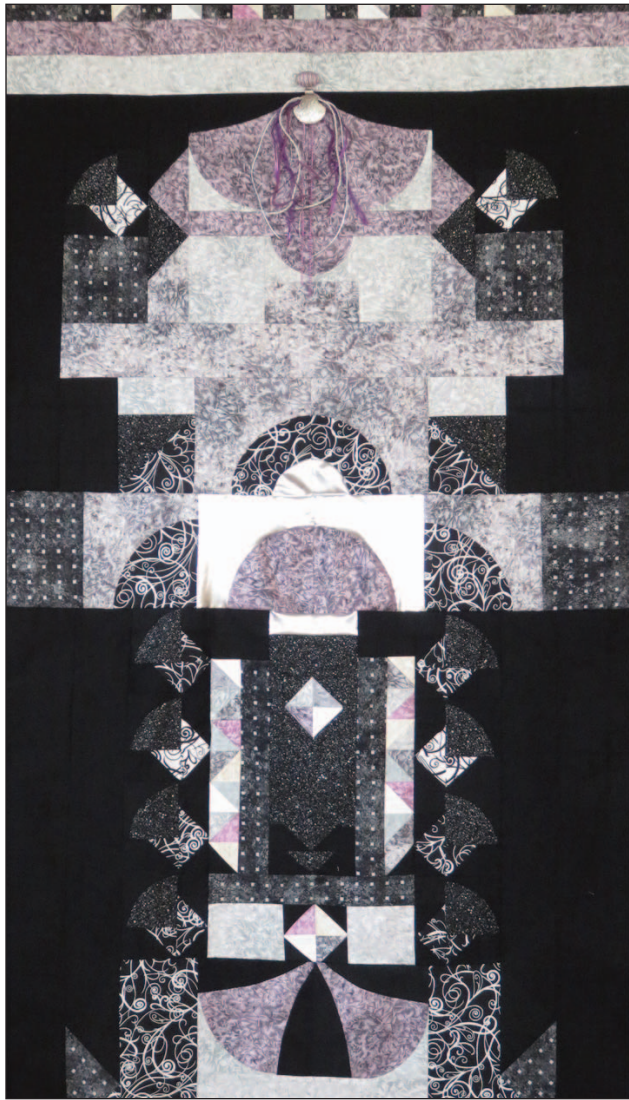
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Abby Osborne, "The Arc Song"

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Eric Rivera, untitled

## Arts council turns to its own in December

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) is showcasing art work created by their own leaders for the December Arts & Cultural Center gallery exhibit.

The art of current and emeritus board members will be on display in a show titled "Across the Board."

An opening reception will be held 4-7 p.m. Dec. 8 during the Second Saturday 10-10 Arts Hop. The exhibit will continue until Dec. 21 and will be available for viewing during regular business hours, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

DAAC offices and gallery will be closed from Dec. 22-Jan. 1 and will reopen at 9 a.m. on Jan. 2, 2019.

Exhibiting artists are

current board members Barbara Reasoner, Emmitt Booher, Abby Osborne, Heidi Frohnapfel, and Deret Roberts, joined by emeritus DAAC board members Ron Saltzman, Kathleen Squires, and Eric Rivera. The exhibit speaks to the fact that the DAAC board doesn't just support the arts – in many cases, they also create art by making use of many genres.

"It should come as no surprise that board members of the Doña Ana Arts Council either have a great interest in the arts or are artists themselves," DAAC Board President Barbara Reasoner says. "The December show featuring several of our current and past board members will showcase the diversity of talent through photography, fiber art and paintings."



Kathleen Squires, "Day at the Mission"

The exhibit at the DAAC Arts & Cultural Center is just one of many that can be enjoyed during the monthly Second Saturday 10-10 Arts Hop, which gives art lovers the opportunity to visit six diverse galleries between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Participating Mesilla and Las Cruces galleries on Dec. 8 are:

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

- Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Doña Ana Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado, 4-7 p.m.
- Rokoko Gallery, 1785 Calle de Mercado, 4-7 p.m.
- Four Points Perspective Art Gallery, 3405 NM Highway 28, 7-10 p.m.
- Art Obscura Gallery, 3206 Harrelson Street, 7-10 p.m.

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# The promise of an afterlife in which all is healed

By **JEFF BERG**  
For the Bulletin

“The Happy Prince,” a marvelously detailed film, offers perhaps the most realistic lighting of any movie I have seen in light years, and it seems and feels like Mr. Wilde is in the gutter most of the time.

The film covers the last few years of his life (taking liberties, one assumes) after his release from prison where he was held and humiliated for two years after being convicted of “gross indecency,” perhaps a polite term for his homosexuality. He endured two years of hard labor and, sadly, it pretty much ended his career. There are terrible scenes of Wilde being disgraced, first while entering prison and most especially during a transfer, along with another where he and some friends are chased and harassed by blackards.

Written, directed, and starring Rupert Everett, who portrays Wilde (perhaps looking somewhat older than his mid-30s,) around 1900, his performance is both amazing and unsettling.

Wilde, released from prison, is mostly relying on small allowances from his former wife, the charity of friends, and the gifts from lovers, past and present. His health is failing, he can't write, and absinthe is his drug of choice.

Still known as a writer, one of considerable fame, his prison sentence has ruined him except for the love and devotion of several younger gay men, and momentarily from

## GRADE: A+

See the not so happy prince at the Fountain Theatre starting tonight for a week's worth of screenings.

*“We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.”*

### Oscar Wilde

a woman fan, who had seen many of his early works.

“The Happy Prince” has a good number of meaningful flashbacks, showing Wilde in his better days and present-day scenes which shows him penniless and telling a story to two young men whose shack he has taken residence in. The title of the film comes from the story that he tells the ruffians, which is “about a prince and a bird and the promise of an afterlife in which all is healed.” It is peppered with gentle flashbacks to when Wilde told the story to his sons, who laughed and listened with rapt attention.

Things do improve somewhat with the arrival of his past (and again) lover Bosie, who has a tidy allowance which helps things along. He is also helped by another friend, writer Reginald Turner (great co-star work by Colin Firth), who remains strong but realistic.

But it is not long before his estranged wife, Constance (Emily Watson), cuts off his allowance after finding out that

Wilde and Bosie are together again. Bosie was kind of the reason for Wilde's imprisonment, but Wilde's preference for drink and melancholy outdo the opportunity to see his loving wife and two sons again. Wilde seems to be steeped in self-pity and emotional despair, which also outweighs his will to write again. While in prison, he did write a memoir about his experiences, “De Profundis,” but it was never published in his lifetime. Nearing his end, he sells the same unwritten work to three different publishers, all for advances, which he seems to know that he will be able to use, since he knows the end is near. Wilde died of meningitis at 46.

The movie skips back and forth in location, going from Paris to Italy and back again, as Wilde firmly commits himself to never return to England.

Everett, in his directorial debut, gives us Wilde's last reported great line: “This wallpaper and I are fighting a duel to the death. One of us has got to go.”

“The Happy Prince” is destined for my Best of the Year list, due to the huge attention to detail, lighting, costumes (a flaw of sorts, since Wilde is always impeccably dressed, except when completely drunk), the performances and the directing.

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For Oscar Wilde (Rupert Everett) the end was always near.

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## 'Inspecting Carol'



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Nicholas Mayeux as the Ghost of Marley and Taylor Rodriguez as Scrooge in a dress rehearsal of the NMSU Theatre Arts Department's "Inspecting Carol," a hilarious takeoff on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," which has its final weekend of performances at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 and a closing matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Tickets for all performances are \$17 for adults (ages 18-64), \$14 for seniors and NMSU faculty/staff with ID, \$10 for students ages 3-17. For tickets, call 575-646-1420, visit the Pan American Center ticket office or come to the ASNMSU Center for the Arts one hour before show time. You can also buy tickets online; visit [www.nmsutheatre.com/2018\\_2019\\_inspecting\\_carol.php](http://www.nmsutheatre.com/2018_2019_inspecting_carol.php).

## 'Life and Beth'



PHOTO BY PETER HERMAN/BLACK BOX THEATRE

Rehearsals are underway for Black Box Theatre's upcoming production of "Life and Beth" by Alan Ayckbourn and directed by Autumn Gieb. "It's Christmas, and Beth Timms is mourning the recent death of her health-and-safety officer husband, Gordon," a theatre release says of the play. "When David, the local vicar says a prayer, he unwittingly summons Gordon's ghost. It soon becomes apparent, however, that his return is not altogether welcome." Performances are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 16 and 23; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20. Tickets are \$10/15 and are available at [www.tktassistant.com](http://www.tktassistant.com). For more information, call 575-523-1223.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBBIE SCIORTINO, OÑATE HIGH SCHOOL.

The cast and crew of Oñate High School's upcoming production of "Elf Jr. The Musical."

# 'Elf' to appear at Oñate High School's performing arts center

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Oñate High School Theatre Department presents "Elf Jr. The Musical" for three performances in December at the Las Cruces Public Schools Performing Arts Center at OHS, 5700 Mesa Grande Blvd.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-8.

Tickets are \$5 at the door (opening 7 p.m.), and seating is general admission.

The show runs approximately 70 minutes.

"Elf" was written by Thomas Meehan and Bob Martin, with music by Matthew Sklar and lyrics by Chad Beguelin. The musical is based on the 2003 film written by David Berenbaum.

The OHS production is directed by theatre teacher Robert Sciortino, with musical direction by Ryan Fellman and choreography by Jordan



PHOTO BY BRANDON BROWN

**Oñate High School freshman Heidi Brown stars as Shawanda in OHS's upcoming production of "Elf Jr. The Musical." Heidi is the daughter of Las Cruces theatre performers Brandon and Lennie Brown.**

Saenz, Clarivel Garcia and Hannah Valdez. Audrianna Mendoza is the stage manager.

"Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole," according to [www.mtishows.com/elf-the-musical-jr](http://www.mtishows.com/elf-the-musical-jr). "The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and

### The cast

Clarivel Garcia - Santa Claus  
Noah Williams - Buddy  
Alejandra Ortiz, Bethany Argo, Hailey Hudson, Alicia Chavez and Haley Ziehl - Elves #1-5  
Jordan Saenz - Charlie  
Heidi Brown - Shawanda  
Shayla Puricelli - business woman  
Hannah Valdez - flyer girl  
Ariana Hernandez - comforting New Yorker and Santa's helper  
Noah Griffiths - jogger  
Lucy Jorgansen - teenager  
Liana Pursifull - Sam  
Matthew Taylor - Walter Hobbs  
Julie Mason - Deb

Ruth Hill - Emily Hobbs  
Caleb Jorgensen - Michael Hobbs  
Kristina Almaraz and Briana Padilla - security guards  
Keara Dwake - saleswoman  
Christian Williams - manager  
Payton Womble - Jovie  
Elisha Hobbs - Fake Santa  
B'Elanna Scott - Sarah  
Lauren Springler - Mr. Greenway  
Michael Bryant - Chadwick  
Natalie McGuire - Matthews  
Leksy Bush - Charlotte Denon  
Elly Anzalene - Darlene Lambert  
Megan Mosley - Emma Van Brocklin

poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity.

"Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list and

that his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas."

For more information, call Oñate High School at 575-527-9430.

## A&E EVENTS

**Storytellers of Las Cruces:** Coas Bookstores. Free, all ages welcome.

DOWNTOWN: 317 N. Main St.

Dec. 1: Douglas Jackson  
Dec. 8: Judith Ames  
Dec. 15: Gloria Hacker  
Dec. 22: Mary Ellen Floyd  
Dec. 29: Douglas Jackson

SOLANO: 1101 S. Solano Drive

Dec. 1: Sarah Addison & Sharlene Wittern  
Dec. 8: Jean Gilbert  
Dec. 15: Judith Ames  
Dec. 22: Sonya Weiner  
Dec. 29: Mary Ellen Floyd

**Dance Las Cruces:** NMSU Golf Course Clubhouse,

3000 Herb Wimberly Dr., Dance lesson beginning at 6:45 p.m. Admission \$10 members, \$12 non-members, \$5 Students with ID. Dance Partner not necessary. Info: 575-575-2761.

Dec. 13: Luigi's Rhythms.  
Dec. 20: Jack Welch.  
Dec. 27: Manny Rivera, DJ.

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

- Saturday, Dec. 1: La Maldita Union, Latin and flamenco.
- Dec. 2: Travis James Manning, acoustic folk.
- Dec. 7: Chris Baker, country.

**Holiday Book Drive:** Through Dec. 31, Mesilla Valley Mall Barnes & Noble, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Benefits Toys for Tots. Info: 575-522-4499.

**Ornaments of the Season concerts:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, St. James Episcopal Church, 102 St. James St., & 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Celestial Sounds, choir of women, perform their holiday concerts. Free, with a suggested \$5 donation. Info: Carol Nike, 575-202-9646, or carol\_nike@hotmail.com.

**Book signing:** 1-3 p.m., Dec. 8, Cutter Gallery,

2640 El Paseo Road. New murder mystery by Kent F. Jacobs, "Hopi Tea." Info: 575-541-0658.

**Crafts for Kids:** 10 - 1 p.m. Saturdays, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Children of all ages are welcome to create their own craft to take home. Free, with regular admission (\$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children 4-17). Info: 575-522-4100, www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

- **Dec. 1:** In honor of the Museum's new Peter Hurd exhibit, try your hand at depicting the New Mexican landscape

using handmade egg tempera paint.

- **Dec. 8:** Graham cracker pueblos.
- **Dec. 15:** Paper poinsettias.
- **Dec.:** Reindeer bookmarks.
- **Dec. 29:** Paper plate snow globe.

**Rio Grande Theatre:** 211 N. Main St. tickets available at the box office 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Info: riograndetheatre.org, 575-523-6403.

- **National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation:** Dec. 1, doors open at 7 p.m. As the holidays approach, Clark Griswold wants to have a perfect family Christmas, so he pesters

his wife, Ellen, and children, as he tries to make sure everything is in line. Admission: \$5.

- **Feliz Navidad:** Christmas in Song and Dance, Dec. 2. Enjoy the pageantry of a traditional border-cultural celebration of Christmas. Admission: \$15 adults, \$10 12 and under.

**USA Dance Party:** Hosted by Las Cruces NM Chapter #5058: 2-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, Mesilla Community Center 2251 Calle de Santiago. \$5 members, \$10 non-members. Info: Jerry Carson, 575-639-3993, geraldcarolcarson@gmail.com.

## GALLERIES & OPENINGS

### 'Jacob Pfeiffer's long journey'

Through Dec. 2

Oil painting on canvas and linen featuring scenes of Native Americans and early settlers, animals, and scenes of local sites, such as Las Cruces Farmers' and Crafts Market. NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Arts Corridor, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

### Across the Board

Through Dec. 21

The art of current and emeritus DAAC board members will be on display in a show titled Across the Board. An opening reception will be held December 8 from 4 to 7 p.m. during the Second Saturday 10-10 Arts Hop.

### Paula Voris

Through Dec. 29

"A Visionary of our Time - Past and Present," featuring

landscapes, still lifes, portraits, period historical paintings, animals, birds and florals. Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Artist demonstration at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.

### World War I exhibit

Through Jan. 5, 2019

Featuring Las Cruces history enthusiast's World War I memorabilia collection thematically organized by participatory countries. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

### 'Birds in Art'

Through Jan. 12, 2019

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

cruces.org/museums, 575-541-2137.

### 'Four Generations, Four Languages'

Through Jan. 19, 2019

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

### 'Passing Through'

Through Feb. 2, 2019

Artist Jimin Lee transforms photo-based images of industrial landscapes, miniature sets, and other loci otherwise ignored, into central subjects through a series of techniques that incorporate technology and craft. Opens Oct. 30 at Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

### Challenging the boundaries of painting

Through Feb. 16, 2019  
"Lightning Field,"

computer-generated imagery featuring artist Ken Morgan is an interplay of light and dark that brings the digital age to the forefront. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info:

575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

### 'Dressed for the Occasion'

Through March 3, 2019

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

Springs Road.

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

Through Sept. 13, 2019

Renowned 20th-century artist Peter Hurd is the subject in a new exhibit at the NM Farm & Ranch Museum's Traditions Gallery. Hurd (1904-1984) chose to live and work in his native New Mexico. Opens Nov. 16.

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# Las Cruces native returns to solo with symphony

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

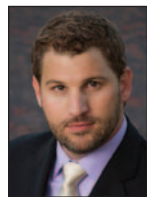
Las Cruces native Alex Richardson will be the guest soloist with the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra for its Classics Two concerts in early December.

A leading tenor in operas around the world, Richardson will perform with LCSO at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 and again at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Both concerts will be at the Atkinson Recital Hall, New Mexico State University Music Building, 1075 N. Horseshoe.

Tickets are \$40-\$50 for each concert.



Dr. Lonnie Klein



Alex Richardson

Richardson will perform Neapolitan Art Songs with LCSO. The orchestra will also perform Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty" and a series of Christmas encores and "maybe even a sing-along," said LCSO Director Lonnie Klein.

Neapolitan art songs are "what everybody sings even the kids, if you

go to Italy," Klein said, including "O Sole Mio."

Richardson holds degrees from the University of Colorado at Boulder and Manhattan School of Music, according to [www.alexrichardsontenor.com](http://www.alexrichardsontenor.com). "He participated in young artist programs at Central City Opera, The Santa Fe Opera (two seasons), and Tanglewood Music Center under the direction of James Levine (two seasons). Richardson has been honored by several competitions including the Licia Albanese-Puccini Foundation, the Laureen Butler Competition of El Paso Opera (first place), and



PHOTOS COURTESY LAS CRUCES SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**The Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra begins its 39th season this year.**

the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions (two-time regional prize winner)."

The 2018-19 season is LCSO's 39th and its 20th under Klein's direction.

Klein, a native of Henderson, Kentucky, said he wanted to direct an orchestra from a very early age. "I knew when I

was 10 years old," he said.

Klein was a drum major by age 13 and during his years at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. Klein has a bachelor's degree in clarinet performance from Murray State, a master's of music from Michigan State University and a doctorate in performance

from the University of Illinois.

Tickets to the Dec. 1-2 concerts are available at [www.lascrucessymphony.com](http://www.lascrucessymphony.com), or by calling the symphony office at 575-646-3709.

Mike Cook may be reached at [mike@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:mike@lascrucesbulletin.com).

## 'Traditional'



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Dennis Lujan presents a one man show, "Traditional," during December and January 2019 at Cafe de Mesilla, 2190 Avenida de Mesilla. Lujan's new works are inspired by the Southwest and the Taos Pueblo Indian Reservation. Lujan's show presents fiber art in a traditional style, with one-of-a-kind fiber artworks containing thousands of embroidered French knots. The café is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Monday. Email the artist at [dennislujan@yahoo.com](mailto:dennislujan@yahoo.com).

## 'Get ArtRageous' schedules December workshops

### BULLETIN REPORT

Each month, the Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) offers two-hour make-and-take art classes in a range of topics, ideal for those who want to give a new technique a try. All materials are provided, as are light refreshments, for the \$30 class fee. Classes are Wednesdays.

• 5:30 p.m. Dec. 5: Shibori Silk Scarf with Linda Elkins

Create a one-of-a-kind silk scarf using Shibori techniques with indigo dyeing. Shibori is a manual resist fabric dyeing technique. Your finished project will be a great holiday present or something new to wear to a holiday party.

• 2-4 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dec. 12: After De Grazia with Sally Quillin

Create a painting in the style of Ted (Ettore) De Grazia, a popular artist who painted in the Southwest most of his life. His painting used on a UNICEF holiday card in 1957 sold millions and brought him national attention.

Classes are held at the DAAC Arts and Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado, in Mesilla's Bulletin Plaza. For more information or to register, visit [www.daarts.org](http://www.daarts.org) or call 575-523-6403.



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ABOVE: Sally Quillin, "After De Grazia"

LEFT: Linda Elkins, Shibori silk scarf

Roxana  
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## Fine arts gallery reveals Artists of the Month

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, features two local artists for the month of December – Roxana Quinnell and Rami Scully.

Quinnell works in pencil, pen and ink, mixed media and acrylic on canvas. Born and raised in the mountains of western Montana, she has a BA in art and elementary education from the University of Montana. Her concern for the environment and its wildlife has led to her specialization in animals,

both wild and domestic. Her work is in the collection of former President George W. Bush, who owns the first of a limited edition of her lion print, “The King at Home.”

Scully is a graduate of the University of Washington, the state where she was born and raised. She has taught drawing and design classes, batik and tie-dye workshops and ceramics. She is currently active in a plein air group that paints on a weekly basis. Her favorite mediums are pastels, oils, acrylics and watercolors.

In addition, the 30 art-

ists of the Gallery offer art in various media, which include original paintings, fused glass art jewelry, woodturnings, stained glass, photography, ceramics, mixed media, decorated gourds, handmade textile weavings, art tile, natural gemstone jewelry, hand-crafted basket weavings, pencil, charcoal and ink drawings; cards and miniature paintings.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. For more information, call 575-522-2933 or visit [www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com](http://www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com).



Rami Scully

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 28 Vast age  
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 31 Clutch, e.g.  
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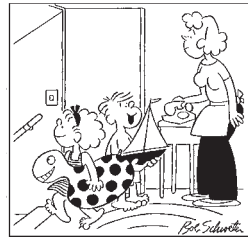
# PUZZLES

## WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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## SCRAMBLERS



"How much time do we have until the \_\_\_\_\_ gets here?"

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Grade   \_\_\_\_\_  
**PRAM**   \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gaffe   \_\_\_\_\_  
**BENDRUL**   \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sole   \_\_\_\_\_  
**NOEL**   \_\_\_\_\_  
 View   \_\_\_\_\_  
**SPACE**   \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORD** \_\_\_\_\_

## CRYPTOQUIP

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: U equals L

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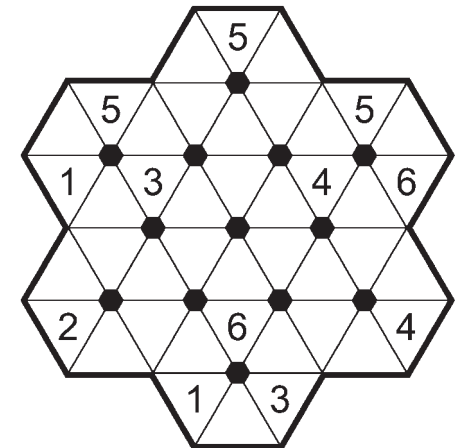
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## SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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



**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

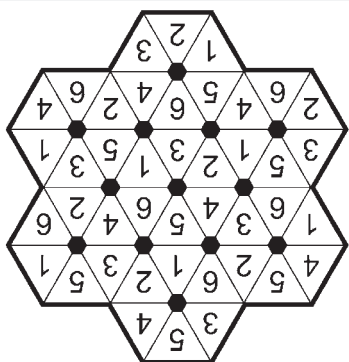
# PUZZLE ANSWERS

If a legendary sea creature began using the doorbell more often, I'd say it's the Knock Less Monster.

### CRYPTOQUIP

**PLUMBER**  
 Today's Word  
 1. Ramp; 2. Blunder; 3. Lone; 4. Escape

### SCRAMBLERS



### SNOWFLAKES

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### WEEKLY SUDOKU


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# To participate or not: That is the question

I'm interested in why people choose not to participate in religious traditions. Here are some ideas.

"I don't believe in God." All right, that's straightforward enough. I

can accept that. I do want to ask people who assert this, however, if they were burnt by a religious tradition in the past, particularly in their youth. Often that's the point of intellectual or emotional turnoff, after which it's easier to take refuge in nonbelief than to wrestle with the tradition.

"I believe in God, but I



**GABRIEL ROCHELLE**

Tales from the Cassock

don't have to go to church." Again, that's straightforward. I do want to ask people who assert this, however, if they're making this God up as they go along, rather than checking in with

one of the historic and venerable traditions. My own thought is that if I'm making up God as I go along, I might as well be honest and simply give up the whole project. Why bother with the overhead of "God" at that point?

"I don't believe in organized religion." Correct. Neither do I. I work with the traditions the organi-

zation passes on, which is different from believing in the organization. The organization itself, while important, is wholly secondary to the teachings and the life it inspires.

"I don't need a community. I prefer to be an individual." Or words to that effect. I can understand this. Often the hassle of being in community with others doesn't seem worth the effort it takes to sustain it. People get bent out of shape over petty stuff, which I've never quite understood, and then they walk off. So much for community. Leaving aside those who leave communities, this attitude of individualism

is pervasive, especially when it comes to religious gatherings. People are more than willing to band together for efforts in social change, environmental watchdogging and the like. What's missing there is the important ingredient: a shared faith. But see the next point.

"I don't want anybody telling me what to believe." I get that: gobs of finger-waggers will try to get you to conform to their concept of faithfulness or belief. That's a disservice, to say the least. At best, those of us in leadership can study and pray and contemplate our way into our tradition as deeply as we can and then

pass it on in such a gentle way that people catch on. Ours is not to impose or force our personal concepts onto others.

"I came to church a couple times, but I didn't get it." This is major and totally understandable. Religious traditions are best passed on clothed in imagery, symbol and ritual. They are aspects of our human condition we understand on a level below the discursive, logical mind – like love, hate, life, maturation and death. This does not mean that they are irrational, rather that they are pre-rational. They are grounded in experience so deep that it cannot be

communicated directly. In American culture the traditions and images have been forgotten or never learned, so it's impossible to walk into – say – an Orthodox church and "get it." Americans expect to "get it" immediately. That's doesn't work with religion.

I'm eager to hear different reasons people have for avoiding religious communities. I'll keep listening.

*Fr Gabriel Rochelle is pastor of St Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission and spends a lot of time listening to people outside the institutions. Email: gabrielcroch@aol.com.*

## Menorah kindling scheduled for Plaza de Las Cruces

By **RABBI BERY SCHMUKLER**

For the Bulletin

On Sunday, Dec. 2, hundreds of residents will kick off the holiday of Chanukah as they observe "Light Up Downtown," the kindling of the Menorah, at what has become one of the largest Chanukah celebrations in the region.

The experience marks the first of eight nights of the Chanukah festival. The super-sized menorah will be lit as part of the free event, hosted by Chabad Jewish Center of Las Cruces. The festivities, which are usually held at the Mesilla Plaza, will this year alternate

and take place for the first time in the Plaza de Las Cruces, downtown Las Cruces.

The purpose of this event is to bring the entire southern New Mexico community together for Chanukah.

Chanukah is a holiday of light and freedom, where few overcame the many, and light triumphed over darkness. Especially after the terrible tragedy in Pittsburgh, we need to strengthen our Jewish pride and spread light and goodness to combat this darkness.

"Light Up Downtown," will begin at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 2, which is the first night of Chanukah. A highlight this

year is a live concert by Aaron Holder of Atlanta, with his unique take on Jewish songs as well as the traditional classics.

Other offerings include a moon bounce, free raffles and giveaways, arts and crafts, chocolate coins, hot cocoa and the traditional jelly doughnuts and hot potato Latkes. Heaters and chairs will be set up for the event that is open to all and free of charge.

For more information, call 575-524-1330 or visit [www.JewishLC.com](http://www.JewishLC.com).

*Rabbi Bery Schmukler is co-director, Alevy Chabad Jewish Center of Las Cruces.*

## Temple Beth-El celebrates eight days of light as Chanukah nears

By **LARRY KAROL**

For the Bulletin

Chanukah celebrates the victory of Jews living in Judea 2600 years ago over their Syrian Greek rulers who had turned the Temple, the Jewish house of worship in Jerusalem, into a Temple to Greek gods.

The Jews who fought back were led by the priest Mattathias and his sons, with his son Judah (known as Maccabee, meaning "hammer") taking the lead. After three years, the Jews won their way back to Jerusalem and rededicated the Temple as a Jewish place for worship, marking this rededication for eight days.

A story was told much later of the Jews not finding enough holy oil in the

Temple to light the menorah, the seven-branched candelabra. They lit the menorah and the light burned for eight days.

Today, Jews remember this fight for religious freedom (and the miracle of the light) by kindling one new additional candle each night on the Chanukah menorah or Chanukiah, using a helper candle (shamash, meaning "to serve") to light one candle on the first night, two candles on the second night, and so on until there are eight candles plus the shamash on the eighth and last night of Chanukah.

There are two major foods connected with Chanukah because of the oil in which they are cooked: potato pancakes (latkes) and jelly doughnuts (sufgani-

yot). At Temple Beth-El, we have both foods at the Chanukah dinner we organize for the congregation and community on the Sabbath during Chanukah.

Temple Beth-El will hold its annual Shabbat (Sabbath of) Chanukah celebration Friday, Dec. 7, the sixth night of Chanukah this year. At 5:30 p.m., we will gather for a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner. Our family service for all ages will follow at 6:15 p.m. People are encouraged to bring their menorah from home to add to our light.

For more information, call Temple Beth-El, 575-524-3380, or email [rabbi@tblc.org](mailto:rabbi@tblc.org).

*Larry Karol is Rabbi of Temple Beth-El.*

# The trail never ends

## Adventurer takes her horse, her dog and a vision for a long ride

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

It was never a dream of Bernice Ende to get on her horse and ride for 2,000 miles.

“It wasn’t something I chose,” she said. “I never thought, ‘I wish I could do that.’”

But then Ende, who taught classical ballet for 25 years, found her life and relationship weren’t what she wanted, opened a window of opportunity, got on her horse, Pride, and rode from her home in northwestern Montana to Albuquerque. It took her three years.

“It was a complete nightmare,” she said. “All the preparations I did were not what I needed. I hurt physically, hurt so bad that I thought it was my kidneys, but it was my back.”

At age 50, she was sleeping on a tarp on the ground with her dog, Claire, to keep her warm.

In the first year she had some savings to draw upon, and then she ran out.

“I had



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**Lady Long Rider Bernice Ende is driving rather than riding horseback for her book tour but still keeps company with her trusty Norwegian Fjords.**

no money,” she said. “I didn’t eat much. I would ride into town and say, ‘Can I play piano for a meal?’ People fed me. I don’t know how I did this.”

The journey is chronicled in her book, “Lady Long Rider: Alone Across America on Horseback.” She’s driving this time on an eight-month book tour that started in Montana, went down the West Coast and into the Southwest. She’ll be in Silver City Dec. 9-12 before finish-

ing the tour next spring in New York.

But she still has her horses with her, pulling them in a 1969 Ford pickup and transforming the tack area of her trailer into sleeping quarters.

“I insulated it and wall-papered and carpeted it,” she said. “I have electricity, heater, light. I’ve been living in a tent all these years, it’s so comfortable here.”

While Ende does have a log cabin and 20 acres in Montana, she doesn’t consider it home.

“This is my home,” she said by phone, sitting on the edge of her bedroom somewhere in Texas.

“Wherever I’m going,



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**Bernice Ende on the trail.**

## TRAIL

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wherever I'm traveling. I love my life as a lady long rider."

There are many who support Ende's journey, those who drawn to the image of it.

"People are turned on in an interesting way," she said. "I came here [to a gas station] fairly early and the gas station wasn't open yet. A woman in her 40s and little daughter were touring the western part of the U.S. because the little girl loves museums. Curiosity bubbled out of her. That's what we need to do with our children."

But she was warned about people who won't like her so much. Indeed, she encountered a couple of belligerent men who had parked close to her.

"I know it is different, I am encountering the world in a much different way," she said. "Even still, I've met all these good men and women, boys and children."

Now in her mid-60s, Ende does not see an end to the journey.

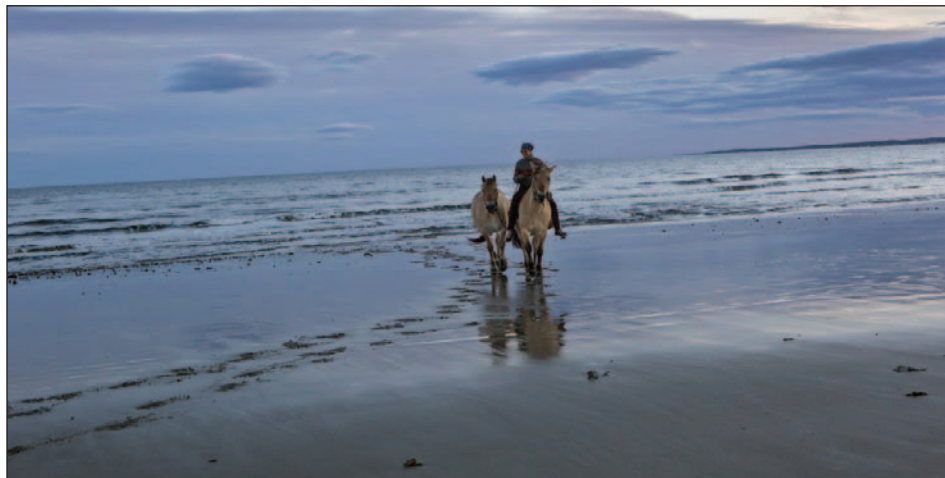
"I love this, just today I do not have any desire to sweep a floor or wash a stove. I don't have much time on this planet, just let me be in it. I just want to be here, I don't need the rest of the stuff."

She is available for speaking engagements and can be contacted at [endehomebase@yahoo.com](mailto:endehomebase@yahoo.com), or via Farcountry Press at 800-821-3874; [zachary@farcountrypress.com](mailto:zachary@farcountrypress.com). Visit [endeofthetrail.com](http://endeofthetrail.com) to follow her adventures.

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Ende has converted the tack area of her trailer into a comfortable bedroom.

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# Beyond Construction

## Contractor overcomes health scare to dive back into business

BY MICHAEL SACNLON

For the Bulletin

Having recovered from a near-fatal health ordeal that included more than three months' hospitalization and a long recuperation, Las Cruces businesswoman Deniece Sanchez is back and ready to expand her contracting business, Beyond Construction.

She has been building swimming pools and doing remodeling projects in Las Cruces since 2008. Before that, she was building cabinets and custom doors in her native Santa Fe.

"My main focus now on business is starting to do more building rock walls, repaving, parking lots, commercial projects," said Sanchez, who holds a GB98 general contractor's license and a number of certifications. "What I'm getting into more is roofing, additions to homes and, of course here the pool market is larger.

"I want to get more into the commercial work, like repaving parking lots and projects of that nature," Sanchez said.

"I was out of commission for a while with major stomach surgeries, but I'm OK now and back in business," she said. "Being out really takes a toll on a business, but now I have all my old crew



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MICHAEL SCANLON

**General contractor Deniece Sanchez, owner of Beyond Construction, stands by a swimming pool she recently refurbished southwest of Las Cruces. Sanchez, whose business operation was interrupted by an illness and long recovery, recently did roofing and other work at the \$1.7 million home.**

back and we're back at work."

The health problems – "kind of a freak accident," she says – started in late 2016, when she was eating popcorn. An unpopped kernel became lodged in her intestines.

"Right before Christmas, I had my initial surgery, and then I stayed in the hospital two weeks, and they sent me home," Sanchez said. The surgery had failed to locate the popcorn. "And then it was actually on New Year's of

'17 that I went into septic shock, and I fell and almost died on the floor."

She had another major surgery in which doctors removed part of her intestines, and she remained hospitalized until March of that year.

After that, she had a long recovery period that kept her out of work for the rest of 2017.

"Even to laugh, to cough – anything – you use your stomach muscles to sit. It took a while for me to recover," she said.

Now back in business, Sanchez has set her sights on a variety of projects, including public works projects.

"The bonding is very difficult," she said. "So that puts me at a disadvantage, so I have to go with the smaller projects, the home remodeling and homes. With an ex-husband with bad credit, you don't get the bonding you need."

She's open to partnering with other contractors on bigger projects, using



**Deniece Sanchez, a Las Cruces general contractor and owner of Beyond Construction, is pursuing new projects after an illness put her business on pause.**

her relationships with subcontractors and equipment suppliers.

Sanchez also has experience in adobe construction, which she hopes to use to an advantage in repairs, additions and remodeling of the many older homes and structures in the Mesilla valley.

"That's all from Santa Fe," she said. "I had two uncles in Santa Fe. One was Sanchez Roofing Company a long time ago. He actually retired," and started a manufacturing company, making architectural products.

"They used to build the adobe houses, so just being around it, I learned so much."

She recently sent out a letter to her customers

and prospective customers touting her company's "long-term perspective that is invaluable in our industry.

"But more than our expensive portfolio, what truly sets us apart from our competitors is our people," she wrote. "As a woman-owned business in one the most challenging fields, we strive to grow and expand in the industry. Our dedication to providing world-class service to our clients, resolve for delivering exceptional work, capacity for innovation, problem-solving and unwavering commitment to improving the communities we serve."

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# Despite hike, low interest rates are here to stay

Donald Trump complains about high interest rates, directing his ire at the Federal Reserve. The Donald is wrong. Interest rates are not high but remain at historical lows. But this



**CHRIS ERICKSON**  
State of the Economy

raises another question, which is – why have interest rates been so low for so long? Is it headwinds from the Great Recession or is something else going on?

The data is pretty clear. Starting about 1875 through the end of World War II, inflation-adjusted real interest rates were stable at about 2 percent, then rose to 2.5 percent by about 1980. Interest rates have been in a tailspin

since. The worldwide average as we speak is about .5 percent. This is a global phenomenon, with rates falling in nearly every developed country, from the United States to Japan.

Many have argued, including me, that recent low interest rates are a consequence of worldwide attempts by central banks to stimulate the economy to fight the Great Recession. But the evidence no longer supports this view.

First, the interest rate decline started well before the Great Recession, back in the 1980s. Second, the Great Recession is well into the rear-view

mirror while interest rates remain low. This is unlike previous financial crises, when rates quickly rebounded to previous levels.

The fundamental cause of falling interest rates is not the recession but a decline in economic growth among developed countries. Because of it, demand for loans is weak.

Businesses borrow to fund investment. If a business expects the investment to pay a return of, say, 5 percent, then the business is willing to pay up to 5 percent to fund that investment. When economic growth rates fall, the return on investment is less, so business are less willing to pay high interest rates. Circa 1980, business prospects

were good. Business expected economic growth and were willing to pay high rates.

The causes of the global slowdown are controversial, but most observers point to unfavorable demographic trends. Aging baby boomers are past their prime. Millennials are still a decade away from their maximum earning potential. Thus, there is a relative dearth of high-productivity middle-aged workers, meaning an overall less productive work force.

Then there is the slowdown in innovation. The cause of this is somewhat mysterious. Some point to the decline in federally funded R&D. If you look at the high-tech compa-

nies of today, nearly all of them have their basis in either DoD or NIH funded research. That research, as a percentage of GDP, has declined.

The global slowdown is not the only cause of falling interest rates. The world is also experiencing a global savings glut. China and India are notorious for their high savings rates. As these countries' incomes rise, there has been a massive increase in savings. Asians want to invest this savings somewhere safe – that is, in developed countries. Developed countries are being inundated with an ocean of liquidity, pushing down short-term interest rates.

If you buy my argument about long-term

decline in interest rates, then Trump's concern about the Fed raising rates too much too fast has some legitimacy. Increasing rates to pre-Great Recession levels would trigger a recession. The Fed seems aware of this and the modest rate hikes currently expected are meant to move Fed policy from stimulative to neutral, which is where it should be for now.

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# Marijuana-based economy growing like a weed

By **DANIEL AMEDURI**  
For the Bulletin

Marijuana's legalization continues to spread across the U.S. In the midterm elections, Michigan became the 10th state to legalize recreational marijuana use.

Voters in Missouri and Utah passed initiatives to approve medical marijuana, growing that list to 33 states.

Popularity of the drug for medicinal and recreational use – and its positive economic impact on some states where marijuana is legal – could lead to more states legalizing it.

A recent Pew Research Center survey

shows 62 percent of Americans think marijuana should be legalized, with 74 percent of Millennials in favor, along with 63 percent of Gen Xers and 54 percent of Baby Boomers.

State tax revenues related to both recreational and medicinal marijuana sales in Colorado totaled nearly \$250 million last year. Some projections see California collecting over \$1 billion annually.

The walls are coming down. Legalized cannabis is one of the fastest-growing sectors of the economy, attracting investors and state governments.

The landscape is

changing because policy follows sentiment, and it's a great economic growth opportunity for states on several levels:

- **Create Jobs.** Nurseries and dispensaries create many employment opportunities. In California, over 80,000 jobs came about – producing a \$3.5 billion increase in labor income – due to legalized marijuana sales, according to a study by ICF International. Colorado, which saw an estimated \$2.4 billion worth of cannabis-related economic activity in 2015, has over 40,000 occupational licenses connected to the cannabis industry. Just for starters, you need people to

farm, distribute, and sell products. Then you have a whole host of industries doing support work for the cannabis-related companies.

- **Boost tax revenues.** Along with the big haul state governments can make are ways that new state money could be invested in education and business development. The potential of tax revenues is the carrot dangled before the states. With so many states in a pinch or running in the red, why would you not legalize it?

- **Save law enforcement costs.** Making marijuana legal means many fewer court cases and incarcerations. States that le-

galize marijuana would be adding millions to their coffers and subtracting millions from their wasted expenses.

They are likely to lower their law enforcement costs substantially, right off the top by removing it from the list of controlled substances.

- **Help address social ills.** Another offshoot of boosted tax revenues from cannabis sales: Colorado put some of the money into a fund to help create housing programs for the homeless and to address the state's opioid epidemic.

More people spoke at the midterms about marijuana, and the

momentum for more legalization is strong. More states are seeing it makes a lot of sense as a new component of the economic engine.

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# Entrepreneurs

## Start with a dream, but prepare to finish well

Do you dream about starting a business? You're not alone. Millions of Americans share that dream. And yet, not everyone has the courage to get started. But if you're reading this, you have already taken the first step toward turning your dream into reality.

Dreams are the stuff entrepreneurs are made of. Think about Steve Jobs, Bill Gates Richard Branson, to name a few. What do they have in common? They all started with nothing but a dream. Obviously, dreaming alone isn't enough. You have to do your homework, create a plan and take action. You will have good days and bad ones. But don't get discouraged. As Walt Disney said, "If you dream it, you can do it, always remember this whole thing was started by a dream and a MOUSE."

In his article I will discuss fundamentals of starting a business. As we progress, I will go into the qualities and tools available to you. Let's begin with the Myths and Realities of being an entrepreneur.



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**MYTH:** As an entrepreneur, you won't have to work as hard or put in long hours.

**REALITY:** On average, entrepreneurs work longer hours than employees,

but you will enjoy it more because you're building something of your own.

**MYTH:** My product/service is unique and there is no competition.

**REALITY:** There is always competition, it may be in different forms, but it exists and you need to recognize and deal with it.

**MYTH:** Business owners can deduct everything so you won't have to pay taxes.

**REALITY:** You can subtract business expenses from your gross income but you will have to pay taxes on your net income.

**MYTH:** As a business owner you won't have a boss.

**REALITY:** You have many bosses, your clients and customers.

**MYTH:** As a business owner, you get to do what you want.

**REALITY:** Sure, you'll do some of what you enjoy,

but some of your time will be spent on tasks you find difficult or boring.

A great idea is a great start, but it takes hard work, research, planning and successful implementation strategies to turn your idea into a business. Lots of people have good business ideas, but not all of them have the characteristics needed to make their business succeed.

At the beginning of this article I said don't get discouraged. SCORE has a large group of retired business people that are there to assist you with guidance and the proper tools to make your business succeed. Whether it is start up or existing. And it's all free. We will pledge to help you, all it will cost is your honest commitment.

If you have been helped by SCORE in the past and have become successful, we would like to hear from you.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Right to work

The LIBRE Initiative has launched a radio ad in support of right-to-work in Doña Ana County. LIBRE is encouraging county residents to urge their county commissioners to embrace and pass right-to-work legislation.

"Hispanics in New Mexico deserve the freedom to grow their careers and provide for themselves and their families without being forced to pay dues as a condition of employment," said LIBRE New Mexico Field Director Michael Aguilar.

"Right-to-work legislation protects First Amendment rights of workers and enables Hispanics and all New Mexicans to pursue their individual American dreams. This is why The Libre Initiative is encouraging Doña Ana County to stand up for its workers and pass right-to-work."

Eight New Mexico counties have passed right-to-work legislation.

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### Citizens Bank

Citizens Bank of Las Cruces announces the opening of their first

full service branch in El Paso, located at 2500 N. Mesa Suite A. The branch location opened originally as a Loan Production Office in 2016.

According to a press release, the expansion will allow Citizens Bank to offer hometown community banking to El Paso by extending both its lending services, and deposit products throughout El Paso.

Citizens Bank has been serving Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico since 1970 and continues to be locally owned and operated.

### Exit Realty

EXIT Realty Horizons announces that Travis Leyva and Felipe Rodriguez have joined its growing team of real estate sales professionals.

Located at 3519 Foothills Road in Las Cruces, EXIT Realty Horizons is a member of EXIT Realty New Mexico and El Paso's network of independently owned and operated brokerages across the region.

### NMSU recognized

New Mexico State University's business administration program has been ranked as one of the best programs in the state and nation for veterans, according to new rankings released by College Factual, a New York-based firm that tracks data analytics and insights on college outcomes.

The rankings are part of College Factual's annual "Best Business Administration & Management Programs for Veterans" list for 2019.

In the review, NMSU's business administration

program at the Las Cruces campus ranked 104 out of 749 colleges and universities reviewed by College Factual for veteran friendliness, putting NMSU in the top 15 percent of all schools in the nation.

In the state rankings review, the program ranked first for veteran friendliness, beating similar programs at two other New Mexico institutions. NMSU received this recognition for the second consecutive year.

"NMSU's College of Business honors the men and women who bravely serve our country, and we are proud that our business administration program has been recognized once again as one of the nation's best programs for military veterans," College of Business Dean James Hoffman said. "Our college has a tradition of academic excellence and is committed to helping veterans through our BA program and educational resources."

NMSU's College of Business has a four-year undergraduate business administration program that allows students to emphasize one of seven areas: economics, finance, general business, information systems, international business, management and marketing.

Based on PayScale survey data, a student who graduates with a bachelor's degree in business administration from NMSU realizes early-career earnings of about \$49,591 and mid-career earnings of about \$62,176, according to College Factual.



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# Deep Purple

## Aggies' depth contributes to winning record, optimism going forward

There are 200 available player minutes (5 x 40) in a regulation college basketball game. The majority of those normally and rightfully are claimed by the starting five, with a sixth man generally also contributing. On any given squad bench players might expect around 50-70 minutes.

Keep that in mind while we crunch a few numbers.

In the Aggies' first five games, in which they've gone 4-1 headed into the Nov. 28 rematch with UTEP, their bench has accumulated 98 (North Dakota State), 99 (UTEP), 104 (St. Mary's), 105 (UNM) and 100 (Eastern New Mexico) minutes, respectively.

You might say that the reserves have played as many minutes – slightly more, actually – than the starters.

NMSU's depth is wearing opponents down.

Nowhere was that more apparent than the UTEP game, in which the Aggies quickly fell



**MARTY RACINE**

Aggie Athletics

behind by 12, clawed their way to a four-point halftime lead and eventually crushed the Miners 53-30 in the second half. UTEP's bench played an astonishing low number of minutes – 23.

Of course, you need depth to play depth, and this year's team appears to have a lot of interchangeable, versatile parts that complement one another. But there are other factors at work here.

With the departures of crafty Jemerrio Jones, glue-guy Sidy N'Dir and top scorer Zach Lofton, the 2018-19 Aggies have a vastly revamped roster. Head Coach Chris Jans is working the sideline like a mad scientist, rotating players in and out of the game at a rapid clip, gauging how his new charges respond to various situations.

Preseason practice is one thing, but to his credit, Jans is unafraid to throw anyone into the fire – to the point of altering his starting lineup

from game to game.

As a result, the first five games have seen four different high scorers for the Aggies, though A.J. Harris is emerging as a go-to guy when you absolutely need a bucket.

All this pays dividends in so many ways.

- Everybody on the roster needs to be ready to play and prepares as such.

- A team forges great chemistry when everyone contributes, even for just a few minutes.

- You can up the tempo and expend more effort when your players are fresh.

- Players save their legs for later in the season and reduce the chances of injury.

- Players develop more quickly in this system.

- A program gains a good rep when recruits believe they have a real chance to play.

- And players buy into the program more readily when they have the confidence of their coach.

In his second year at the helm, Jans appears to epitomize modern basketball – from the college



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**Ivan Aurrecochea, a junior from Madrid, Spain, releases a jump-hook over an Eastern New Mexico defender at the Pan American Center Nov. 21. Aurrecochea came off the bench to score 12 points and pull down seven rebounds as The Aggies won 92-65 to improve to 4-1 on the young season.**

ranks, where young colts gravitate to programs that run the floor in an up-and-down game; to the NBA, where cumulative bench minutes now routinely exceed 100 minutes a game out of 240 (5 x 48) available.

That said, this entertaining team, despite the roster changes, plays old-school fundamental basketball. When they run, they run with discipline. They share the ball, probing for a better shot. They box out. And this year they are keeping turnovers to a minimum.

Of course, that's for the spectators; the coach never sees perfection.

All that will be tested in coming weeks. Washington State of the Pac 12 comes to town Saturday, Dec. 1 (7 p.m. tipoff at the Pan Am) with a 3-1 record.

The Cougars, too, rely on their bench and in their exhibition game against hapless New Hope Christian (which doesn't count on their record) they placed 10 scorers in double figures.

After that it's UNM at the Pan Am, 7 p.m. Tues-

day, Dec. 4. The Ags beat the Lobos in Albuquerque 98-94 Nov. 17.

And don't look now, but after New Mexico looms none other than Kansas. As of Nov. 27, the Jayhawks were ranked No. 2 in the nation, ahead of Duke and barely behind Gonzaga.

That game, Dec. 8 in Kansas City, will tell us volumes about the Aggies and how far their depth can take them.

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# The Oregon Trail



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As the Bulletin was going to press, the New Mexico State University volleyball team was heading to Eugene, Oregon, to face the Oregon Ducks in the first round of the NCAA tournament. First serve is 8 p.m. (MT) Friday, Nov. 30. The Aggies earned their ninth NCAA appearance under Coach Mike Jordan after winning the Western Athletic Conference tournament over Missouri-Kansas City and Utah Valley, improving to 24-7 on the season. Tatyana Battle, Savannah Davison and Megan Hart earned All-Tournament Team honors. The NMSU-Oregon winner advances to play the winner between Baylor and Hawaii.

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Javahn Ferguson sprints for the end zone during the first quarter of the Aggies' 28-21 loss at Liberty in Lynchburg, Virginia Saturday, Nov. 24.

## NMSU football preparing to recruit, retool for next season

By **MARTY RACINE**

Las Cruces Bulletin

What didn't begin well ended fittingly for New Mexico State, as the Aggies' 2018 season opened with a home loss to Wyoming and closed with a road defeat at Liberty.

In between, the Ags managed three victories, finishing at 3-9. It was no doubt a deflating encore to a 2017 season capped by a bowl victory amid speculation that the beleaguered program was about to turn the corner and become a national player.

The optimist would say it still can, and that 2018 was simply a building block in that process – two steps forward and one step back – and not unexpected given the graduation of key players, especially on offense.

This year's offense started tentatively with new quarterback Matt

Romero directing relatively untested running backs and receivers. After his benching during a home loss to UNM, he was replaced by redshirt freshman Josh Adkins, who showed good field awareness and held onto the position over the final eight games.

Barring unforeseen developments, Adkins, some key receivers and running backs Jason Huntley and Christian Gibson all return for 2019. This offense, as it proved while the season wore on, can score the pigskin.

Whether it was schemes or a lack of size and athleticism, defense let the Aggies down this year. It must improve, it must get tougher despite the departure of DB Ron LaForce and LB Leon McQuaker. If it does, expect the Aggie offense to keep them in games.

The kicking game is in good feet with the return

of Dylan Brown, who has a strong leg on kickoffs and was reasonably accurate on field goal attempts.

The optimist would also say that, as an independent, the Aggies' schedule over the next several years should hone their competitive edge. They'll face UCLA and several SEC schools – all from Power 5 conferences.

Those road games might not help their immediate record, but the financial return and recognition playing before large intersectional crowds may eventually factor into elevating this program's stature, which in theory makes NMSU a more attractive recruiting destination.

It will just take longer than some had expected.

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# Parenting your young golfer takes savvy

Recently a parent of a young golfer asked me for tips, not about a golf swing or winning, but how to go about helping his kid correctly. I was reminded of when I worked with individual junior and high school golfers (at a parent's request), and when Coach Herb Wimberly and I did clinics for high school golfers. Although every parent is basically well-intentioned, every school coach has a story about parents who are extraordinarily difficult.

- The first advice I give parents is to encourage your young golfer to learn the game and play with a level head and emotional stability. All too often junior players suffer temper lapses. You should be a role model for traits that exude patience and calm demeanor. If you can't, stay away, or certainly at a distance.

- It's good to avoid harsh criticism of a youngster, as this may turn your child into a cynical, negative, possibly intolerable competitive golfer whom others won't want to be around.

- Be willing to provide your kid decent, up-to-date equipment, without going overboard, and consider professional golf teachers and golf schools. Some school coaches know little about golf. Golf is an activity, like playing the piano,



**CHARLIE BLANCHARD**  
Golf Doctor

that requires a teacher.

- Another critical thing I tell parents is to establish the proper priorities. Family and personal responsibilities (like church) should be first.

School and studies are a close second. There may be other priorities, but sports and other school activities come in third at best. Some athletes think their sport (golf, football, etc.) is everything. It's not. Life is not golf or football. There must be balance in practice. The prospect of a college scholarship is tempting but try to avoid pushing your child into golf; or pushing, period.

- Help make golf fun, an activity your children can enjoy the rest of their lives. Sometimes parents get caught up in the seriousness of the competition, whether it be golf or football or debating. Sport, by definition, is meant to be a challenge in which we apply our talent and effort against an opponent or other formidable foe, like mountains or ski slopes, thereby testing ourselves first. Your kid is not playing for a living. So, avoid hovering over your young golfer and let him or her have some fun. It's called playing for a reason. In a similar vein, try not to micro-manage every move your kid makes.

- Avoid sport politics.

Unless the coach is genuinely abusive (it happens), let him/her coach. Stay on the sidelines. Montana and New Jersey have banned parents as spectators at high school golf tournaments because of unruly and disruptive parents.

- The three most common problems for junior golfers to overcome are (1) emotional volatility, (2) extreme over-thinking (and going brain-dead), and (3) trying too hard – resulting in attention deficit, reluctance to practice and resistance to coaching. So, don't ignore or dismiss bad behavior by your kid. Parents should be highly observant and take a proactive approach to getting help.

- Instill personal responsibility in your child. Golf is an individual sport even though kids play on a team. It's you, your clubs and your ball against the golf course. No teammates to bail you out when you aren't on your game. You can't hide. That may be why few kids pursue golf: Golf is hard and can be lonely. You can look foolish, all by yourself. And that's the last thing youngsters want.

But you are the role model to guide them past that.

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## Setting new goals

On Nov. 14 Centennial High School's Mikayla Shaughnessy signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri. Shaughnessy, a senior goalkeeper for the Lady Hawks, who went undefeated during the regular season, has earned multiple All-District team selections and an All-State selection. While in goal, CHS won three LCPS championships and two district titles, and made three state playoff appearances. She plans to major in political science and then attend law school.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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**Alyssa Danielle Reyes** is a 17-year-old senior at Oñate High School. She is on the Lady Knights volleyball and softball teams. On the volleyball team, Reyes is a defensive specialist and plays second base on the softball team. She is respectful, caring, a hard-worker, a member of the Key Club and National Honor Society, was junior class student council secretary and is a volunteer at her church. Reyes is a dedicated student, with a 3.80 GPA, and has signed with Otero Junior College in LaJunta, Colorado. Outside of school and sports, she enjoys helping kids in need, her church and hanging out with her family.




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