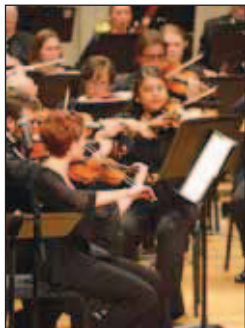


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Happy birthday, New Mexico! Jan. 6, 1912

Dropping into 2018

From left, friends Vivian He, Gary Kaner, Chelsea Shaw and Lisa Terrat embrace Sunday night during the fourth annual Chile Drop on Plaza de Las Cruces. The large, brightly lit chile in the background was dropped at the stroke of midnight to ring in the new year. See more photos from the celebration on page 16.



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Freshman of the Month program

Student nominations sought

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

Three students from the Gadsden Independent School District were honored in October, November and December of 2017. They were Janet Mendoza of Alta Vista Early College High School, Nathan Speelman of Santa Teresa High School and Stephanie Cano of Gadsden High School, respectively.

At the onset of the program, Solis sent letters to the superintendents of the Las Cruces, Gadsden and Hatch schools superintendents inviting each to participate in the student-recognition program.

The three superintendents were each invited to identify an outstanding ninth grader each month for public recognition at one of the regular meetings of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners.

In addition, each student's photo and biographical information are printed on a vinyl banner that is displayed in the rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center for a month.

Solis said she continues to believe it's important to get young people engaged with government, and one way to do that is to show them that they matter in a public way



Each student recognized in the county's Freshman of the Month program is featured on a banner that hangs from the second-floor rotunda balcony, clearly visible to all visitors to the Doña Ana County Government Center.

PHOTO: Joseph Vargas

in a hall of governance.

Each of the superintendents was invited to "submit the name, photo, a brief bio and the clubs/group affiliations of one of your outstanding ninth graders each month," adding that the Doña Ana County Special Projects Office has a form available to make the nomination process easy and fast.

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

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

You really like us!

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

Doña Ana County launched its social media initiative on July 1, 2014. As of Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, the Facebook account stood at 3,008 total page likes, while the county's Twitter followers numbered 1,040. The county's LinkedIn account sports 577 followers, and its Instagram account has 602 followers. Sixty two people subscribe to the county's YouTube site, where the Kitty Condo Project video alone has been viewed 42,669 times.



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

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

LinkedIn is an employment networking tool that connects its user contacts with businesses and services, and it provides Doña Ana County with another avenue to advertise job postings and trainings.

Doña Ana County's Twitter followers can stay in touch with real-time updates on regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and other important news events happening countywide.

Followers of the Doña Ana County Facebook page can stay up-to-date with all public meeting schedules, agendas, road closures and other important notices from all departments at the Doña Ana County Government Center.

All social media content is produced by Doña Ana County's Public Information Office and is coordinated through the county's Social Media Technician, Corrie Stone-Fielder.

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Signage near Picacho Hills Country Club encourages membership. A group of more than 70 volunteers is drumming up interest in purchasing the country club from its current owners.

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Volunteers continue efforts to buy country club

By **ROB MCCORKLE**

For the Bulletin

A group of more than 70 volunteers from Picacho Hills ended the year with high hopes of generating enough community interest to raise the funds needed to one day buy Picacho Hills Country Club from the Biad brothers.

The Picacho Hills residents recently raised more than \$50,000 to hire an attorney to begin paperwork to create a nonprofit organization, delineate the various membership levels and guide the solicitation of approximately \$4 million needed to purchase the country club, make improvements and provide adequate operating funds. The new entity will be known as the Picacho Hills Community Club.

More than three months have passed since Louis and Don Biad told a gathering of more than 250 Picacho Hills Country Club members and interested property owners that they planned to get out of the country club business by either selling or shutting down the club that includes an 18-hole golf course, clubhouse, restaurant, tennis courts and swimming pool. The meeting was held to gauge the residents' interest in buying the country club and its facilities, water rights and a private club liquor license.

A survey of those in attendance at the Sept. 13 meeting showed overwhelming support for the idea of having community property owners purchase the country club. A series of follow-up meetings led to the formation of sev-

eral committees to create a comprehensive database of Picacho Hills property owners and non-resident country club members in Doña Ana County, begin community outreach and create a social media presence.

"We've gotten 515 homeowners who have said they are interested in acquiring the club," said retired attorney Bob Crowley, who is spearheading the effort. "We've been preaching from the outset that we want to raise money for the acquisition with widespread community support to ensure long-term success."

Crowley says volunteers have reached more than half of those targeted and are still contacting Picacho Hills residents, absentee property owners and country club members who live outside the com-

munity. He notes there are 400 vacant lots and 950 homes in the sprawling hillside subdivision in west Las Cruces.

Crowley and the other five members of the original committee appointed by Don Biad to consider the purchase figure they need close to 700 people to buy into the deal to make private ownership financially feasible. At that level of participation, Crowley said, the price to help purchase the club would be between \$5,000 and \$7,000 per household. With lesser buy-in from property owners, the cost could be more in the \$9,000 range.

One major step toward the ultimate goal has been the development of a comprehensive database by one of the committees that has obtained contact information for about 80

percent of Picacho Hills property owners, as well as present or past country club members. Another committee has been established to contact those people, while still another committee will consist of volunteers who go out and close the deal by collecting funds for the club purchase. An administrative committee will handle accounting and record keeping during the acquisition process.

Crowley says the group keeps the club owners apprised of ongoing efforts and that the Biads have assured him that if progress is being made toward purchasing the property, they will hold off on shuttering club operations.

Now that the group has retained an attorney, she will begin working on setting up the nonprofit organization and its by-laws,

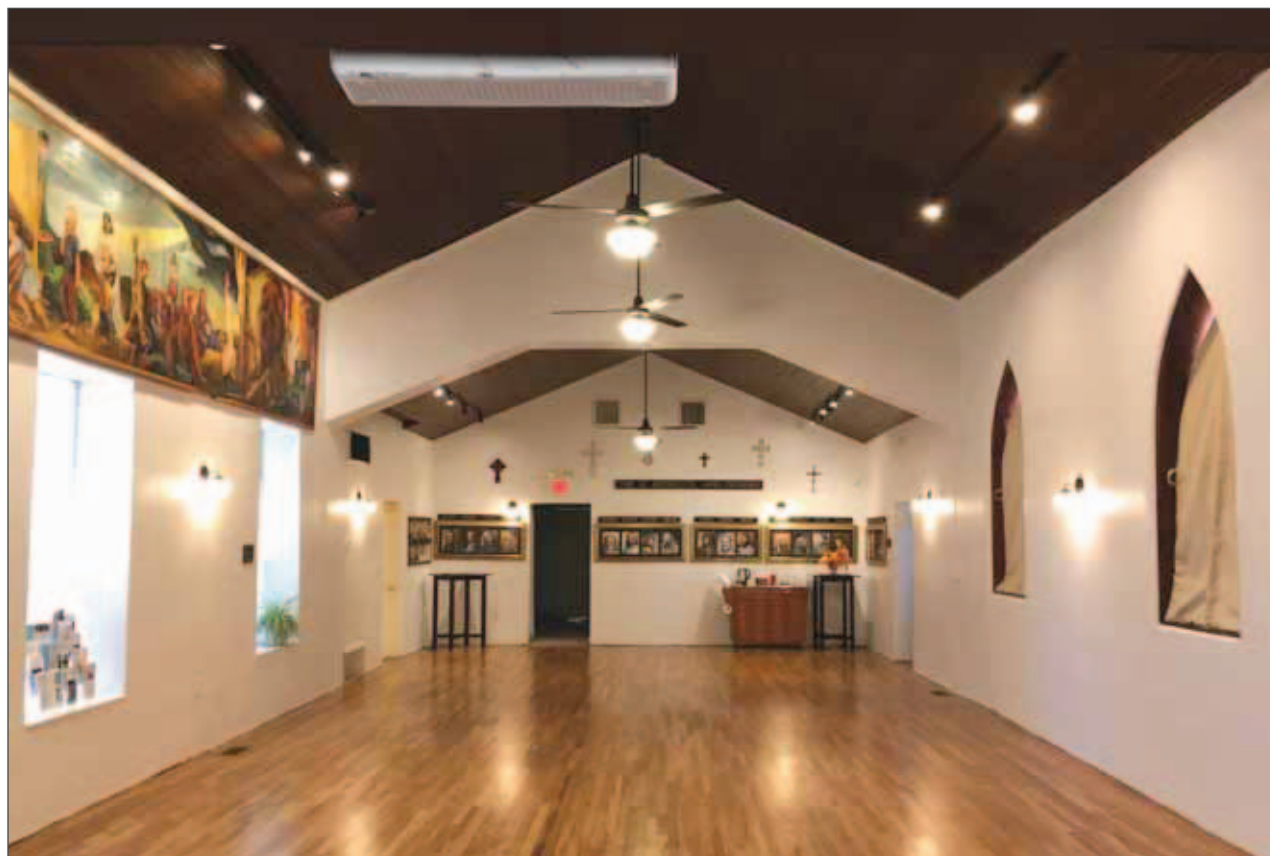
setting forth the governing structure and begin developing the various community club membership levels.

"Given the strong and rapid response we got on establishing a lawyer fund, I feel good that those who have said they are interested in buying into the club will write us a check," Crowley said. "We've gotten good feedback from the community that they think it would be good to have a private club that we control."

For information about the proposed Picacho Hills Community Club, visit phcommunityclub.org or contact Crowley at 425-246-3184.

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St. James renovations completed in time for new year



The completely renovated interior of St. James' parish hall contains a mural called "The Story of Our Lord," showing six scenes in the life of Jesus Christ. It was painted by 13 advanced art students at Las Cruces High School, and dedicated at St. James in April 1956. Art teacher George Gray said the mural took 1,800 hours to complete. The murals were rehung as part of the renovation project.

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

When "Preacher" Lewis built a new St. James Episcopal Church in 1911, the old church across the street was converted into a parish hall.

More than a century later, parishioners and community supporters raised tens of thousands of dollars to renovate the 115-year-old hall, which St. James Rector the Rev. Nick Funk said is one of the oldest adobe buildings in the area.

It cost only about \$800 to build the first church (now the parish hall) in 1901. The renovations cost almost \$140,000.



St. James Episcopal Church parish hall in November 2017, with almost all renovations complete.

The project included exterior work on the west wall and the roof (a 2015 hail storm caused almost \$50,000 in damage), interior refurbishing and landscaping, said church

treasurer Nyeta Haines.

Parishioners noticed the first structural problems in 2007, including cracks in the west wall, a church newsletter said. They decided in 2013 to

refurbish the existing parish hall rather than build a new one.

Some money had already been collected for the project, but major fundraising efforts were begun so the church could pay for the work as it progressed, rather than incur long-term debt.

The physical renovations began in January 2014 and continued for two years. The parish hall's grand reopening was celebrated in December.

Local expert Pat Taylor was hired to preserve and strengthen the par-

The history of St. James

St. James Episcopal Church can likely trace its earliest roots to 1871, when an Episcopal priest, the Rev. F. O. Barstow, began working in Mesilla.

"Credit is given to the Rt. Rev. William Forbes Adams and the Rev. Henry Forrester as being responsible for the formation of the formal church in 1875," according to www.stjameslascruces.org.

Forrester converted part of his home into a chapel in 1877, and chose the name St. James Mission. That property was sold, and a new church built in Mesilla Park, where the first service was held Sept. 22, 1901 with Fr. McConnell officiating.

The Rev. Nicholas Hunter "Preacher" Lewis (May 24, 1869-Nov. 13, 1948) took charge of the church Sept. 15, 1905, grew the congregation and led the campaign for a new, larger church building. It was built of brick in 1911 across St. James Street from the old adobe church, which was then converted into the

parish hall.

The church was consecrated by Bishop Frederick Bingham Howden April 21, 1918 and elevated to parish status in 1955.

The church's patron saint is St. James the Greater (d. 44 AD), one of the 12 Apostles. His brother was John the Evangelist, also an Apostle. The feast day of St. James is July 25. He is the patron of veterinarians, equestrians, farriers, tanners and pharmacists as well as Guatemala, Nicaragua and Spain and the Mexican cities of Santiago de Queretaro and Sahuayo.

St. James' logo includes a scallop, because that was one of St. James' attributes.

The church is located at 102 St. James St., on the east side of south Main Street between Main and Interstate 10.

The Rev. Dr. Nicholas "Nick" Funk has been the rector of St. James for the past 10 years.

For information, visit to www.stjameslascruces.org.

—Mike Cook



COURTESY PHOTO

A church procession at St. James Episcopal Church in 1901 when the parish hall was still used at the church. The church's original entrance and gothic windows were preserved in the parish hall renovation.

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City Council approves three resolutions in 2018's first meeting

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The first Las Cruces City Council meeting of 2018 lasted only slightly longer than an hour on Tuesday, Jan. 2, as the council unanimously approved three resolutions.

The resolutions:

- Terminated a Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) agreement between the city and Certoplast North America, Inc. of Las Cruces. Certoplast agreed to repay the \$150,000 in city and state grants it was awarded in May 2015, city Business Development Administrator Mandy Guss said at the meeting.

City Manager Stuart Ed said Certoplast was “unable to meet the constraints of the contract” and voluntarily withdrew from it.

- Approved \$750,000 in hold harmless gross receipts tax funds for capital improvement projects.

City Economic Development Director Phil San Filippo said the money will pay for informational kiosks and signage at the downtown Plaza de Las Cruces, the Amador Hotel and elsewhere; events and promotion at the plaza; plaza enhancement, including temporary shade structures; Welcome to Las Cruces signage on an island between Interstate 10 and I-25; airport facilities improvements, including signage and landscaping; and a partnership with El Paso and Juarez to promote the area during the South by Southwest multimedia festival in Austin, Texas in March 2018.

- Clarified definitions

in the city's Affordable Housing general oversight ordinance. Made at the request of the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, the change eliminates individual definitions of low income and moderate income and “maintains a broad definition” for low- and moderate-income households as those not exceeding 120 percent of area median income as determined by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department, according to city documents.

City Housing Development Coordinator Natalie Green said city staff will present additional definition changes to the ordinance at a future council meeting.

During general discussion at the meeting, several councillors expressed concerns about a city Utility Board decision to change the time for service shutoff of delinquent accounts by the city Utilities Department.

“December billing included customer outreach and notification regarding

the upcoming changes about reduced time for service shut off when bills are delinquent, which become effective January 31, 2018,” Utilities Director Dr. Jorge Garcia said in a Dec. 20 memo to Ed.

“It is important to note that the payment due date of 22 days after the bill has been issued remains as before,” said city Utilities Department Business Services Administrator Jose F. Provencio. “The shortened shut off period applies after the stated due date on the bill, which in effect provides customers 37 days to pay the utility bill.”

“The objective of the billing and service revisions is to minimize the level of unpaid balances and get customers in contact with collections staff to help customers with payment plans and bill payment assistance,” Provencio said.

“The resolution approving this change was also part of a set of other balancing revisions in the department's billing

and service regulations,” Provencio said. It also eliminates the requirement for a Social Security number to activate utility service, eliminates a \$15 shutoff notification fee and activates “utility service for customers the same day when unpaid balances have been paid,” he said.

Provencio noted that the Utility Department “suspends gas service shut off during the winter months when the temperature is forecast to be below 32 degrees F, and suspends water service shut off dur-

ing the summer months when the temperature is forecast to be above 100 degrees F.”

- Councillor Kasandra Gandara said the city is working with the NMSU Athletics Department to arrange a parade and celebration in honor of the Aggie football team winning the Arizona Bowl Dec. 29. The celebration will be held in mid- or late January, she said.

“There's a beautiful year ahead of us in Las Cruces,” Ed said. “What a great victory for New

Mexico State for our football team and our community,” he said about the Arizona Bowl win. “What a great moment it was for all of us.”

- After a recent fatal accident on Del Rey Boulevard, Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg asked city staff to “work on completing our streets.”

Sorg chaired the meeting in the absence of Mayor Ken Miyagishima.

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Four members of the Centennial High School Orchestra, under the direction of Daniel Rivera, performed the Star-Spangled Banner at the Tuesday, Jan. 2, city council meeting.

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Bulletin enters 50th year

Newspaper plans regular reflections on past half-century

Remember back in 1999, when everyone was getting all buzzed about the new millennium, and looking forward to the year 2000?



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

Everyone also got worked up the Y2K bug, the computer glitch that was going to send our electronic world crashing down upon us. We seldom think about it now, but many had serious concerns about Jan. 1, 2000, being “The Day the Earth Stood Still.” Never happened, but it didn’t stop a lot of people from saying the sky is falling.

A lot of people also raised a fuss about the true start date of the millennium, remember that?

“Technically, the first day of the new century is Jan. 1, 2001,” they said. “Because we started in Year One, not Year Zero.”

Well, due to similar vagaries of math and dates, even though the Las Cruces Bulletin’s 50th anniversary is not until December 2019, this newspaper begins

its 50th year with this issue.

So, readers, you hold in your hands Volume 50, Issue 1, of the Las Cruces Bulletin.

As part of that milestone, we plan to feature regular articles this year reflecting and reminiscing on the past half century of this newspaper and of our community.

The first issue of the Las Cruces Bulletin appeared Dec. 4, 1969, with a blue-and-white banner and a photo including Bulletin general manager Ken Dahlstrom, Miss New Mexico- Universe Theresa Phillips of Las Cruces, and a Christmas tree in the Loretto Towne Center.

Along the bottom of the page that was otherwise black-and-white, there was more blue ink, proclaiming: First publication – A new Las Cruces newspaper – a new voice.

The articles on Page 1 are similar to what we would include in the Bulletin today.

The story about Phillips mentioned she was a 1969 graduate of Mayfield High School, back when Mayfield was about the same age as Centennial High School is now. Other parts of the story would probably not be presented the same way in 2017. Consider this line: “The 17-year-old beauty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Phillips

of Las Cruces and has two older brothers.” Or this one, about how she would look in the upcoming Miss USA pageant: “Miss Phillips’ long, golden brown hair will be brought back in a cluster of curls away from her face. She is five foot, nine inches, with blue eyes.”

Another story reported on an upcoming statewide election on the state constitution. Another talked about five members of the local 4-H Chapter representing Doña Ana County in the National 4-H Congress in Chicago.

There was a crime brief and a small item on western grazing lands.

As always, Las Cruces proved its generous spirit, based on an article about Operation Bread Basket, as citizens donated toys and food for the less fortunate. Four hundred families benefited.

And, as always, the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce was around. Its board of directors convened to take a stance on the constitutional question, endorsing an affirmative vote.

The inside pages included photos of the not-yet legendary 1969-70 New Mexico State University men’s basketball team, which would go on to the Final Four in a few months.

There were advertisements

for T.G. & Y., Radio Shack, Levine’s, Gibson’s and other stores that no longer exist. There were ads for J.C. Penney, Ikards and other stores that remain.

There was an ad for the movie “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid,” being held over at the Fox Rio Grande, 213 N. Main St.

The Bulletin began with a female president, not too common at that time. The President of the Bulletin was listed as Doris M. Donnelly, Boyd. The Vice President was Norman E. Donnelly.

During this year, as we chronicle the events and people of 2018, we also want to take a look back. If you’ve written for or worked with the Bulletin at any time during its previous 49 years, let me hear from you. We’d love to hear your perspectives. Maybe you can tell us about the old days, or submit one of those old stories, or write a new one talking about Las Cruces history.

Please send me an email titled “Bulletin 50 years” to richard@lascrucesbulletin.com. Or pretend it’s 1969 again and drop a letter in the mail to Richard Coltharp, 1740-A Calle de Mercado, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Let’s hear from you!

We want your letters

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is welcoming the fix?

To the editor:

The recent city council decision to recognize Las Cruces as a welcoming city is to make illegals feel safe. As it relates to Dreamers, this decision is like placing a Band Aid on a chronic injury. This injury won't go away without fixing the problem. The problem is that children, through no fault or knowledge of their own, have been brought or sent to this country illegally. So, the children are not guilty of violating U.S. law. But the parents or guardians of the children are guilty. I would expect a parent to do whatever is necessary to ensure their child's safety. But in any country, breaking the law has consequences.

There are two camps on either side of this issue. One side wants complete amnesty with no accountability; the other side wants the law to be upheld.

I suggest a compromise – that the illegals come out of the shadows and the fear that surrounds it by registering for status. By registering, citizenship can be obtained through a process which includes an investigation. If the person is self-sufficient and not a burden on the U.S. in any way, including entitlements and/or criminal conviction, the process continues to the penalty stage. The penalty should not be overly burdensome, but a token amount, and paid to the U.S. Treasury. The government could write loans with modest inter-

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est rates when necessary.

By all statistics, the U.S. accepts more immigrants than most, if not all, other countries, to the tune of about a million per year. So, I would say that we are a welcoming country, but we are also a country of laws. This compromise, or something similar, could satisfy both sides. Any other ideas?

*Dave Gallus
Las Cruces*

Look closer
at Clinton

To the editor:

Google search “suicides” and mysterious deaths surrounding the Clinton regime and tally the number. The latest addition to the body count – a surgeon discovered dead by his daughter with a knife in his chest – is Dr. Dean Lorich, who publicly exposed corruption by the Clinton Foundation in connection to funds donated for victims of the horrific Haiti earthquake.

Questions remain unanswered regarding the Fusion GPS dossier, Uranium One, election fraud, Benghazi, hampered Blackberries, lucrative donations

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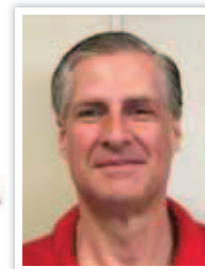
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by foreign factions and Wall Street bankers, frequent flier miles aboard the Lolita Express, the tarmac rendezvous with Loretta Lynch, Hillary's health, and of course, Bill's sexual impropriety. And the list goes on. Yet one thing remains clear: a double standard of justice exists in the United States of America.

Case in point: James Comey's attempted subterfuge with the email server scandal by playing the "no intent" card. But when an investigation deals with national security, the issue of intent, or lack thereof, is simply not applicable. Comey's initial findings (drafted before his investigation concluded) described the misdeeds of the former Secretary of State as "grossly negligent." Peter Strzok later edited said text to read "extremely careless." It's difficult to distinguish between these two phrases until a pundit versed in legal jargon clarifies that one implies jail time while the other does not.

As rumors of sealed indictments circulate, perhaps the dawn of a new year will bring a

more equitable distribution of American justice regardless of name, wealth, power or prestige.

*Carol Hunter
Las Cruces*

Accusations not true

To the editor:

In numerous stories picked up by various media outlets, the news that I have been accused of sexual harassment has been made public.

I, for the record, categorically deny any and all allegations of harassment.

Did I engage in ill-advised but legal and consensual text messaging with an adult female? Yes. Did I in any way physically touch, pressure or attempt to exploit this individual? No. Do I fully understand the current climate and national movement on this important subject? Of course, I do. And that is precisely why another side of the story must be heard.

The accusations aimed at me are many years old and are not fueled by sexual harassment, abuse, or any physical contact or intimidation. They are fueled by the greed of one man in Jal

who vowed to "run me out of town and ruin my life." His objection to me was the city reporting a disposal well that was out of compliance and threatening the future drinking water of the citizens of Jal. The Oil Conservation Division ordered remedial action. In my female accuser, he found a willing, greedy accomplice.

I did nothing wrong and did not sexually touch or harass anyone. I stand by all women and men who have been sexually harassed. This is not about that. This is about an individual who wants money and desires to exploit me in the process. We have replaced the concept of getting to the truth and facts with the idea of people exploiting a situation for profit.

For the mistake I made in communicating with my accuser, I have apologized to my wife, my family, my friends and to God. I have worked extremely hard in the past 40 years to earn a stellar reputation as an ethical, honest and hard-working individual. I have spent most of my adult career serving the public and in that time, I have held jobs as President/CEO of New Mexico Oil & Gas Association, Special Executive Adviser to the U.S. Secretary of Energy, City Manager in Hobbs, Jal and Sunland Park, County Manager of Cibola County.

I've dedicated the best years of my career to serving New Mexico State University for six years as a regent, three of those as Chairman, advocate, fan and supporter. I have strived to do my best to help these

communities and New Mexico.

In today's rush to judgment, my professional life and reputation have been forever besmirched. I am confident that the facts will be revealed. But the label never comes off. I will move onto the next chapter of my life with head held high and as a better person.

*Bob Gallagher
City manager of Jal*

Unemployment rate irrelevant

To the editor:

In his letter (Las Cruces Bulletin, Dec. 15, 2017), Bob Libby says "... the unemployment rate in Las Cruces was 6.2 percent in October 2017... just slightly higher than the New Mexico rate of 6.1 percent." He then goes on to say, "So perhaps the minimum wage law is not too adversely affecting the business climate here."

If his idea is that a 6.2 percent unemployment rate indicates that the minimum wage law is not "too adversely" affecting the business climate in Las Cruces, he should give more data or rethink his idea. The main argument against the minimum wage law was that it would negatively impact those who were earning less than the proposed new minimum wage: those people would have their hours reduced, or would lose their jobs altogether, or fewer new workers would be hired, as employers tried to minimize the cost of the new, higher wage.

On its own, the overall unemployment rate in Las Cruces means nothing

when it comes to determining the impact of the minimum wage law. Maybe low-income workers lost jobs as a result of the new minimum wage, while the number of higher income workers increased.

*Larry Ytuarte
Las Cruces*

Why be weaponized?

To the editor:

I like to read the newspaper Sunday morning, the comics are skimpy, but I usually agree with the editorial page. Occasionally, I leaf through the advertising supplements looking for a bargain, but when I did, the sun went down on my Sunday.

One of the sales was for an assault weapon, one that held 30 bullets and it was only \$349.99 – a "Hot Deal" – and it came with a \$50 gift card. With the gift card, you could buy more bullets, or you could buy an extra two or three 30-bullet capacity magazines in case you wanted to shoot more than 30 bullets. You can change magazines in the gun in less than 30 seconds, so you can shoot bullets all day without stopping if you have enough magazines. Bullets are also called rounds, rounds sound sweet and gentle like our mom, or a basketball or a baseball, or our lover. Bullets sound harsh and deadly, not good for a sales pitch.

While you're walking around with your cart full of sneakers and maybe some golf balls in a sports store that sells hunting equipment, you might pass the gun counter where a salesman might say, "We have a

great sale on guns today, for only \$400, you can get a gun just like the ones used in Las Vegas and Texas. We also have a sale on 'rounds.'"

I understand guns. I went hunting with my dad. I learned to target shoot in the Scouts and I had a "Marksman" qualification in the Marine Corps.

The assault rifle in the store and in the ad said it was made by a weapons company. In the dictionary, a weapon is defined as "anything used against an opponent, adversary or victim." A weapon is not used for target shooting.

It is not used for hunting. It is used to shoot people we see as adversaries or victims: you, me, and kids.

You could take this "Hot Deal" and the \$50 coupon and get everything you need to kill a lot of people, you, me, our kids and my grandkids. Can you imagine what this gun could do to a school bus?

We buy anti-theft insurance for our house to protect us, we wear seat belts to protect us and we take pills to protect us and cure us. How do you protect yourself from a madman with a "Hot Deal?" You make sure "Hot Deals" are not available in stores, you try to keep them out of our country, you do whatever you can to get them out of our lives.

It's hard to believe we put up with this when we are so careful about everything else.

Why are we collectively so stupid? Why would anyone want to be weaponized? It's crazy!

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Three locals honored by historical society

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Three Las Cruces and two local organizations will be honored during the Doña Ana County Historical Society's (DACHS) annual banquet on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Double Eagle Restaurant on the historic Mesilla Plaza.

Honorees are:

- Hall of Fame award: Dr. Deb Dennis, executive director of Human Systems Research of Las Cruces. The award recognizes "an individual who is known for their exceptional contribution to the preservation of the history and culture of the Mesilla Valley," according to DACHS.

- Heritage award: Las Cruces Veterans Memorial Wall committee chair



Deb Dennis

and former city councilor Dolores Archuleta. The award is given to someone "whose actions or deeds have contributed to the historical or cultural heritage" of the county and is not a professional historian.

- Old Timer's award: Doña Ana Bend Colony, founded in the 1840s by 33



Dolores Archuleta

settlers, became the first Mexican settlement in the Mesilla Valley. The award "identifies a cherished object, a natural phenomenon or a cultural tradition prominent in the heritage of the Mesilla Valley deserving of public attention and recognition as an important part of the physical character



Jim Eckles

of this region."

- Pasajero Del Camino Real award: Jim Eckles, retired from the White Sands Missile Range public affairs office (1977-2007), historian and author ("Pocketful Of Rockets: History And Stories Behind White Sands

Missile Range," "Trinity: The History Of An Atomic Bomb National Historic Landmark," "Deming, New Mexico's Camp Cody: A World War One Training Camp" and coming out in 2018, "Into the Great White Sands," to which Eckles was a contributor). The award is given to the author(s) of a "significant historical publication about ... Doña Ana County or the nearby area."

- Noteworthy Renovation for the Armijo House: Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, which moved into the fully renovated historical home in November 2017.

Installation of DACHS board members and the awards will follow the

lunch, which begins at 11:30 a.m.

Banquet tickets are \$26.50 each and can be purchased in advance or at the door.

DACHS "was founded in 1963 to encourage and foster a better understanding of the county's far-reaching history for future generations," according to DACHS. "Emphasizing research, education and preservation, the society encourages a greater appreciation of New Mexico history, especially that of Doña Ana County."

For banquet tickets and additional information, contact Susan Krueger at 575-525-0654 or skrueger575@msn.com or visit www.donaanacountyhistsoc.org.

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Eight robotics teams advance to LEGO competition

BULLETIN REPORT

Eight robotics teams in southern New Mexico advanced to compete at the FIRST LEGO® League (FLL) Hydro Dynamics New Mexico Region Championship, to be held Feb. 10 at Menaul School Albuquerque, following a qualifier event held Nov. 18, 2017 at Oñate High School in Las Cruces.

With the help of 90 volunteers, 194 students from 25 elementary and middle school teams competed in the robot games – 21 teams from Las Cruces, three from Mesquite and one from Hobbs.

The eight teams advancing are the Robotic Waves (Hillrise Elementary), The Evaporators (Stone Elementary, Hobbs), Dubstep Scorpions (Picacho Middle School), Columbia Astrobots 2 (Columbia Elementary), Acton Eagles (Acton Academy Las Cruces), Zia Bots with Thoughts (Zia Middle School), Falcon Pride (Sierra Middle School), and the Sharks (Mesquite Elementary).

The goal of the competition, according to a news



Vista Middle School GirlPWR members Maya Ramos and Nia Jurado. The team nabbed the judges' Rising Star Award.

FLL AWARD WINNERS

- **Robot Performance Award:** Evaporators team from Hobbs, 90 points
- **Robot Design:** First place, Deep Sea Mermaids; second place, Sharks, both from Mesquite Elementary
- **Champion's Award:** Robotic Waves, Hillrise Elementary
- **Core Values:** First place, Falcon Alliance, Sierra Middle School; second place, Evaporators, Hobbs
- **Global Innovation Award,** presented by XPRIZE: Hillrise Hydro Bots, Hillrise Elementary School; alternate, Columbia Astrobots 2.
- **Judges' Awards:** GirlPWR, Vista Middle School (a first-year team), won the Rising Star Award; Hillrise Hydro Bots, Hillrise Elementary, won the "Coopertition Award."
- **Project Awards:** First place, Columbia Astrobots 2, Columbia Elementary; second place, Zia Bots, Zia Middle School
- **Volunteer of the Year Award:** Organizer Deanna Rankin

release, is for students to have fun, learn leadership skills and how to function as a team, and expand knowledge of robotics.

The teams are judged

by LEGO League's core values, which include "coopertition," a combination of cooperation and competition, and "gracious professionalism," which



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SANDY MONTOYA, SENIOR PUBLICATIONS EDITOR, ARMY RESEARCH LABORATORY, WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE

Judah Sundheimer from Robotic Waves at Hillrise Elementary adjusts his robot. Robotic Waves is one of eight teams moving on to the state competition in February.

means they encourage and support each other and their fellow teams, according to the release. The FLL Core Values are the cornerstones of the FLL program.

"It's very exciting to be able to introduce hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to so many children at one time," said Tournament Co-Director Deanna Rankin. "No matter what these students decide to do in their lives, the problem-solving skills they learn in FIRST competitions will stay with them their entire lives."

During the qualifier event's Robot Games, teams competed in three 2.5-minute matches and their highest score counted. Two teams at a time ran their robots at adjacent tables while judges and spectators watched.

In addition to the robotics competition, the teams had to identify and propose solutions on a specific topic. This year's theme,

Hydro Dynamics, required that the students identify a problem within the human water cycle and then present an innovative solution for solving the problem.

State Rep. Bill McCamley spoke at the closing ceremonies and encouraged the students and their families to pursue their education in STEM fields.

"When kids get excited about science and math, they are more likely to stick with STEM fields and become our next engineers and scientists," said McCamley. "This is exactly the kind of event we should be promoting and funding more of."

Most funding for these programs comes from NASA WSTF, Boeing and FIRST, the press release said. The Southern New Mexico STEM Alliance, a 501c3 nonprofit, was formed in 2017 to financially manage the FIRST Robotics programs currently operating in the Las Cruces area.

ABOUT FIRST ROBOTICS

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) conducts the largest robotics competition in the world. FIRST LEGO League teams are made up of two to 10 students with two or more adult coaches. The teams research a real-world problem and are challenged to develop a solution. They also must design, build and program a robot using LEGO EV3 MINDSTORMS®, and then compete on a table-top playing field.

The 2017-18 theme is Hydro Dynamics, and students identify a problem within the human water cycle and present a solution.

The competition is made up of four parts: three judged elements and the robot game. The table-top game field has 18 missions created from LEGO pieces that range from filling a cup of water to flushing a toilet.

Students are judged on:

- Core Values (how well a team works together)
- Robot Design (design concept, how well the robot is designed and programmed)
- Project (Hydro Dynamics)

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Cowboy Bob



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Las Cruces artist Bob Diven, left, created "Cowboy Bob" to burn in celebration of the end of 2017 and the beginning of 2018. Assisting him was visiting artist Aaron Morgan Brown. Diven has created a wide range of symbolic creatures to burn on New Year's Eve every year for the past 10 years. He and about 30 friends gather on the East Mesa for the celebration.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Cowboy Bob burned on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 2017, to welcome the new year and take with him what revelers wanted to leave behind at year's end.

Business After Hours



Casa de Peregrinos, a food bank on the Community of Hope campus, 999 W. Amador Ave., was host to the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event, Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017. Pictured, Henry Young from Gospel Rescue Mission and Leticia Garcia from Casa de Peregrinos chat during the event.

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ish hall's adobe walls and gothic architecture, including the original ogival (arched) doorways and west-side windows, which still have their original wooden frames.

During the exterior work, it was discovered that the parish hall's west wall was not pinned to the roof, but held in place by stucco. That was remedied with the addition of shoring timbers.

Before work began on the interior, "it was a pastiche of junk," said parishioner Johanna Binneweg, including lumpy walls with mismatched plaster applied over the years, exposed electrical outlets, cheap paneling, plywood coverings, 25-year-old linoleum and 60-year-old



light fixtures.

Binneweg was joined on the interior design committee by Betty Champion, Margo Lamb, Dianne Veitch and Cheryl Wilson. She credits Wilson for "so many wonderful ideas" for fundraising and design.

"She had the vision," Binneweg said.

The committee raised more than \$31,000, which, along with "a lot of sweat equity," Binneweg said, got the interior walls replastered and painted, the floors stripped to their original wood and

redone, a 60-year-old mural rehung and new LED lights installed.

The parish hall kitchen and bathrooms were also refurbished.

"We could not have accomplished this without the grace of God, and the hard work of so

many people from St. James and the surrounding community," Funk said. "The building has been a place of worship, learning, and fun for over 115 years, and we are delighted to have this building back in full operation. We look forward

An exterior wall of St. James in February 2016, while renovations were ongoing.

to using it as a hub for spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ for many years to come."

"It was all done in a very classy way," said parishioner Godfrey Crane, chair of the church's Building and Grounds Committee, which also included Cheryl Wilson, Carol Baker, Art Fountain, John Fountain, Laura Funk, Edward Haines, Larry Pickett, Rick Marshall, Jennifer Terrazas and Charles Nike.

Adding stained glass will be one of the final renovations.

The renovation was all done in love and harmony, said Haines.

"It had the effect of drawing the congregation together," she said.

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Superintendent: ESSA labels don't give full picture

By JO GALVAN

Las Cruces Public Schools

When the U.S. Department of Education implemented Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to replace No Child Left Behind in 2015, changes were made to the labels that are given to schools across the country based on academic performance. The labels, however, don't give a complete picture of how schools are making progress, said Dr. Greg Ewing, superintendent of the Las Cruces Public Schools.

All states must comply with the new federal law. The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) identified three types of schools: Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), and chronically failing schools that have been identified for what is termed "More Rigorous Interventions" (MRI). There are different requirements depending on the label a school receives, district officials said.

In Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS), one high school — Rio Grande Preparatory Institute, one of the district's alternative high school — has been placed in the CSI category. This label, according to ESSA, is a school that has a four-year graduation rate less than 67 percent for two of the past three years.

There are four local

schools that were given the TSI ranking: Mesilla Valley Leadership Academy, an alternative middle school, and MacArthur, Sunrise and Valley View elementary schools. This group has been identified as having at least one low-performing subgroup of students, with the subgroup scoring low over a three-year-average.

"These labels are not showing the whole picture of the how well students are doing overall," Ewing said. "The New Mexico Public Education Department distributes the ranking, and is then quoted as saying the 'kids should not be trapped in failing schools.' Our kids aren't trapped; they are supported and nurtured by exceptional teachers and are continuing to make progress, day-in and day-out."

At Rio Grande Preparatory Institute (RGPI), the graduation rate used to hover around 22 to 24 percent (2011-2013). After restructuring, that number jumped to a 59 percent graduation rate in 2016, according to Dr. Wendi Miller-Tomlinson, LCPS assistant superintendent for teaching and learning.

"The number of students we see cross the stage at graduation has increased dramatically," said Miller-Tomlinson. "Without RGPI, many of those students would have never completed high school. That is what

we call success. Because of the current system, alternative schools simply don't get full credit for how well they are doing and what the graduation rate truly represents."

According to RGPI Principal Kathie Davis, in 2013, RGPI had 33 graduates. Those numbers grew over the next several years: 66 in 2014; 121 in 2015; 162 in 2016; and 176 in 2017. She anticipates the number of graduates next May to be 200.

"Graduation rates are calculated on a four-year plan — not everyone's life fits into this neat life-plan," Davis said. "We are hoping that the state will eventually recognize the contributions we make to the diverse community members we serve. We believe a high school diploma opens many doors that not only benefit our students but our community. We look beyond the traditional standardized testing and work with the state's New Workforce Solutions Department to implement and evaluate how well our students are doing in real-world skills."

Test scores from the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessment at Mesilla Valley Leadership Academy (MVLA), the district's only alternative middle school, is the basis for low-performing label of TSI, officials said.

"It's ironic that schools receive a hurtful label of 'Targeted Support and Improvement' which is exactly what the students receive every day, all day," Ewing said.

"In the case of MVLA, after restructuring two years ago, there have been positive changes and increases in math and English Language Arts. MVLA is another success story of how teaching and learning is designed to meet the specific needs of students who have chosen to be in an alternative learning setting."

Dr. Toni Hull, MVLA's principal, said the non-traditional school focuses on project-based learning and leadership

skills. Hull said they teach skills in a holistic manner in classes with mixed grade levels, followed by performance assessments.

"This manner of teaching and learning through experiences is not a linear progression, which is what the standardized assessments measure," Hull said. "We've seen our students grow academically, and in their leadership skills, and most importantly, students are excited to attend school. It's all about cultivating kids' desire to learn and showing them that they can achieve any goals they set for themselves."

Ewing said the three elementary schools that received the TSI label

have multiple interventions to assist with students' performance.

Title I federal funding is utilized by each of the schools to support math and language instruction, plus additional funding and programs are available to assist students whose primary language is not English. Professional development for teachers continues throughout the school year and teachers and support staff continuously review students' strengths and weaknesses, Ewing said.

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First leadership academy completes 15-week course

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Members of the City of Las Cruces' first ever Neighborhood Leadership Academy attended 15 weeks of classes, visited nine city facilities and learned the operations of every city department.

"I've lived here 40 years and I knew a lot, frankly," said Dr. Deb Dennis, a member of the inaugural class. "I still learned so much. There's so much there. It's something people should do. It's enlightening and a real education."

Thirty-five people were selected by application for the fall 2017 academy. They started classes in September and attended 13 classes from Sept. 6 through Dec. 6, followed by a recognition at the Dec. 4 city council meeting and a Dec. 13 graduation that included Mayor Ken Miyagishima, City Councillors Greg Smith, Kasandra Gandara and Yvonne Flores and City Manager Stuart Ed.

"We're going to look to you all as ambassadors," Miyagishima said.

City Council and Constituent Services Coordinator

Jamey Rickman administered and managed the academy.

"The 15 weeks in the leadership academy taught us about various departments responsible for the infrastructure, economic development and operation of our city," said member Lynda Garcia. "One of the most interesting things I learned was how traffic signals work. It seems simple to us, behind the wheel. But, the traffic management of the city analyzes traffic flow to calculate how the traffic should run. Also, our Parks and Recreation Department has much more to offer than I ever knew

"I'd recommend the Leadership Academy to other people who are curious to take a look behind the scenes of our city operations and want to become a more involved resident. I know that I'd like to be a more involved citizen after this academy," said Garcia, who is communications coordinator for the United Way of Southwest New Mexico.

"My experience with the NLA was extremely positive," said Las Cruces Attorney Joy Goldbaum,



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

The inaugural class of the city's Neighborhood Leadership Academy is recognized by the Las Cruces City Council at its Dec. 4 meeting.

who was elected municipal judge II in November. "I learned so much about the city and came away with a huge appreciation for the knowledge, dedication and professionalism of city employees. ... One of its best features is that it gives residents opportunities to work with city committees and departments in an ongoing and meaningful way. It's truly democracy in action! ... I met a number of city volunteers who impressed me as much as the city employees," Goldbaum said.

In addition to Dennis,

Garcia and Goldbaum, the Leadership Academy inaugural class included Kari Bachman, Aiaim Daiz, Trina Dunbar, Ancelmo Encinias, Ron Fitzherbert, Judy Holmes Gannon, Barbara Gerace, Larry Gioannini, Veronica Grijalva-Palmisano, Luis Guerrero, Pattie Hartman, Lucas Hernandez, Elain McKinney, Jim McKinney, Yvonne Medina, Fred Miller, Kevin Moose, George Pearson, Jorge Rios, Salena Rowan, Melissa Sambrano, Ali Scotten, Stanley Smith, Ed Tysitee and Lea Wise-Sturguy.



As Mayor Ken Miyagishima looks on, City Manager Stuart Ed addresses members of the inaugural class of the city's Neighborhood Leadership Academy at their Dec. 13 graduation at the city Museum of Nature and Science.

The academy will be held twice each year going forward, Ed said, and city staff are also hoping to create an advanced class and a youth class.

Creating the academy fulfills a 2017 priority of the city's five-year strategic plan to provide greater engagement between the community and city government.

Applications for the spring 2018 academy will be available starting Thursday, Jan. 4 and will close on Thursday, Jan. 25, Rickman said.

Applications will be accessible on the City's website, or in paper form at City Hall, 700 N. Main St. at the main reception desk or in the city manager's office, she said. Rickman can also email applications.

Classes will begin Wednesday, Feb. 7, she said.

For more information, contact Rickman at 575-541-2192 or rickman@las-cruces.org.

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City seeks volunteer tree stewards

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces wants to recruit about 20 volunteers for a new tree stewards program.

Training will begin Thursday, Feb. 8 and continue for seven weeks, said Craig Fenske, who is working with Community Forester Jimmy Zabriskie on the program.

“Volunteers who complete the program are asked to commit 40 hours of volunteer service planting trees in public spaces, educating the public about the benefits of trees and assisting in the maintenance of trees on city property,” said Fenske, who is a member of the Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District board.

Volunteers will be provided with 28 hours of training, which will be held 8 a.m.-noon each Thursday from Feb. 8 to March 22 at the Frank O’Brien Papen Community Center Auditorium, 304 Bell Ave.

Here is the tree steward training schedule:

- Feb. 8: Welcome from Zabriskie and acting city Parks Administrator Franco Granillo, registration and presentation



- Feb. 15: “Safely Working with Trees” by retired Texas Forest Service Urban Forester Oscar Mestas, a certified arborist municipal specialist and tree risk assessment professional;

- Feb. 15: “Trees and Climate, Sustainability” and “How to Kill a Tree” by NMSU Extension Horticulture Specialist Dr. Marisa Thompson;

- Feb. 22: “Soils” by John White, curator of UTEP’s Chihuahuan Desert Gardens and retired Doña Ana, Bernalillo and El Paso county extension agent; and “Tree Planting” by retired City of Las Cruces Horticulturalist Les Finley, a certified arborist;

- March 1: “Tree Identification” by El Paso Community Arborist Brent Pearson, a certified arborist and tree risk assessment professional; and “Tree Pathology” by NMSU Doña Ana County Extension Agent Jeff Anderson;

- March 8: “Propagat-

ing Trees” by Sunland Nursery Production Manager Jeff Harvey; and “Irrigation” by licensed irrigator and master gardener irrigation instructor Ken Futrell of Ewing Irrigation and Landscape Supply of Las Cruces;

- March 15: “Community Forest Advocacy” by New Mexico Forestry, Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager Jennifer Dann, a certified arborist; and “Tree Pruning,” by Oscar Mestas;

- March 22: “Trees in the Landscape” by City of Las Cruces Landscape Architect Cathy Mathews; “Opportunities to Volunteer as Tree Steward” by Zabriskie; tree planting/dedication and graduation.

To apply to be a volunteer tree steward, find the application form at www.las-cruces.org/en/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/community-wellness/tree-stewards.

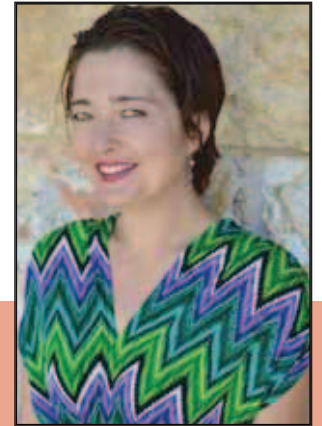
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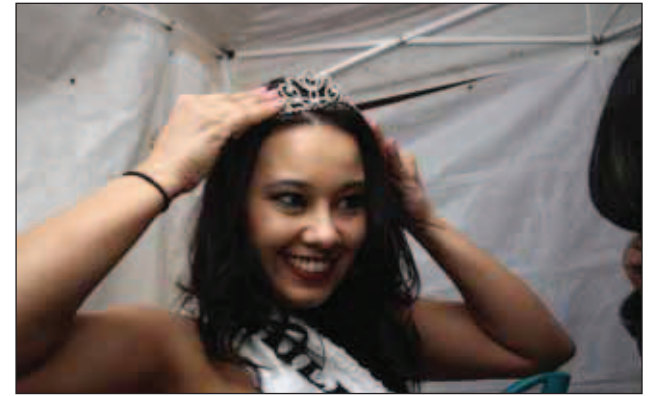


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Las Cruces residents get ready for the Chile Drop Sunday night.



Chile Drop 2018 Queen Priscilla Rios prepares her crown.



Bazaar Dance performers prepare backstage.

PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

A night to remember

The 4th Annual New Year's Eve Chile Drop was held Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017, at Plaza de Las Cruces downtown. The free event included the crowning of the Chile Drop Queen, food trucks, a High Desert Brewing Co. beer garden, music and dance performances, a piñata for kids and extended hours at Dragonfly Restaurant across from the plaza. Weaver Crane hoisted the 19-foot chile for the midnight drop.

From left: Patsy Sanchez, Ricky Ricardo, Terry Montemayor, Justin Rose, Sarah Phillips and Jaime Saenz.



From left: Drew Cabrera, Dafney Murillo, Ruben Murillo, Jason Barton and Gisela Barton.

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Massacre of Hopi community is topic of Buffalo Roast

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's the true story of an attack by neighbors on an unguarded village and the killing of up to 2,000 men, women and children.

But it's not about war in the Middle East or the Balkan states. The story comes from a mesa in Arizona, where the inhabitants of the Hopi community of Awat'ovi were massacred on an autumn morning in 1700.

Hopis in neighboring villages felt threatened because Franciscan missionaries had converted many of Awat'ovi's inhabitants to Catholicism over the previous 160 years.

"To be 'purified,' everyone had to die," said Dr. Deborah Dennis, executive director of Human Systems Research (HSR), a Las Cruces nonprofit that conducts anthropological research.

BUFFALO ROAST

What: 7th annual Buffalo Roast fundraiser

When: 5 p.m. Saturday, March 10 (Dinner at 6 p.m.; Program at 7 p.m.)

Where: New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

How much: Tickets are available at the reduced price of \$45 until Jan. 31. Beginning Feb. 1, the ticket price will increase to \$50.

Details: The buffalo meat served at the dinner will be slow cooked by Juan Morales, owner of Santa Fe Grill. The buffalo was selected, purchased and transported from Colorado by HSR staff.

Internationally renowned scholar James F. Brooks, PhD, will discuss the massacre during his keynote speech at HSR's seventh annual Buffalo Roast fundraiser in Las Cruces on March 10.

In his 2016 book, "Mesa



A mural from Awat'ovi pueblo was restored from Peabody Museum excavations, likely by Fred Kabotie.

of Sorrows: A History of the Awat'ovi Massacre," Brooks addresses such questions as "What provoked such gruesome internecine violence? How could the massacre have restored balance? Why were some allowed to live? Who collaborated in leaving the gate unguarded?"

The attackers trapped most of the village's men and boys in the kivas where they had spent the previous night, pulling up ladders, covering exits and setting the kivas on fire. They rounded up girls and women and eventually killed most of them, sending survivors to neighboring villages.

Awat'ovi was never reoccupied.

Brooks is professor of history and anthropology at the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) and holds the William S. Vaughn Visiting Faculty Fellowship at the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

"Mesa of Sorrows" won the Western History Association Caughey Prize as 2017's most distinguished book on the American West, and the 2017 Ermine Wheeler-Voeglin Book Award for the year's best book-length contribution to the field from the American Society for Ethnohistory.

His other works in-

clude "Captives & Cousins: Slavery, Kinship and Community in the Southwest Borderlands," "Confounding the Color Line: The Indian-Black Experience in North America," "Women and Gender in the American West," "Small Worlds: Method, Meaning and Narrative Microhistory," "Keystone Nations: Indigenous Peoples and Salmon in the North Pacific" and "Linking the Histories of Slavery: North America and its Borderlands."

Brooks' current projects include "Vital Threats: Community-based Resistance to Fracking in the Chama Basin, New Mexico," which "addresses the

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work that community members, largely organized from the historic village of Abiquiu, have undertaken to shape a 'deep-time, culturally informed' defense of the regions' groundwater resources, looking at culture and water relationships across the last 1,000 years," according to the UCSB Department of History.

Awat'ovi, covering 25 acres, is about 200 miles west of Albuquerque in northeast Arizona. It was founded at the southern tip of Antelope Mesa about 1200, and was "the first of the Hopi villages to be visited by the Spanish and the first to capitulate," according to the National Park Service.

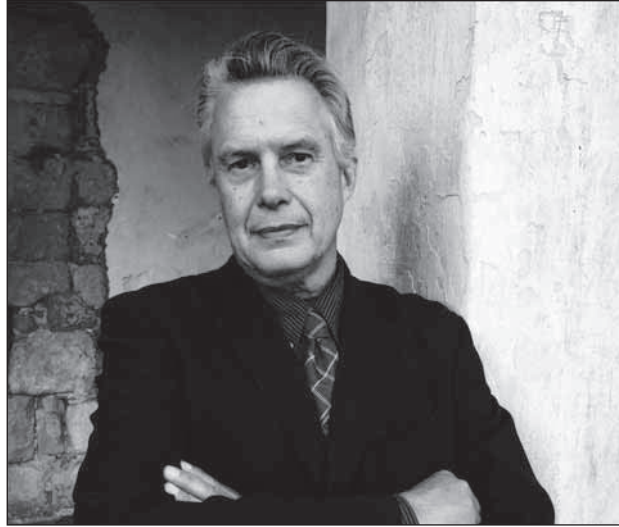
In the 1930s, Harvard's Peabody Museum of Natural History conducted extensive excavation of the site, which was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1964.

"What do the event, the place and the people involved have to tell us about communal violence in the past and in today's world?" Brooks asks in "Mesa of Sorrows."

"We're all just so much more interconnected than we want to think about," Dennis said.

One of the most fascinating aspects of the Awat'ovi story, she said, is how the archaeology can help illuminate history.

As with HSR's research at the Hembrillo site on White Sands Missile Range of the April 1880 battle between Victorio's Apaches and the U.S. 9th and 10th cav-



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Human Systems Research, Inc. of Las Cruces Executive Director Dr. Deborah Dennis

alries, and its field work at the Trinity Site, Dennis said, excavations at Awat'ovi doesn't always bear out the stories told about what happened there.

"It really makes you think about where we are today in some sense," Dennis said, "how easily we get pitted against ourselves."

HSR is the oldest non-profit in southern New Mexico doing archeological research. It's housed in the former Civilian Conservation Corps headquarters at 535 S. Melendres St.

For information, contact Dennis at 575-524-9456 or ddennis@humansystemsresearch.org. Visit humansystemsresearch.org and exhibition.canadaalamo-saproject.org.

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

3 Things That Surprisingly Won't Help To Ease Your Shoulder Pain



Las Cruces (NM) - *By Leading Physical Therapist, Dennis L Prickett*

Are you or a loved one suffering with, or have you suffered with shoulder pain? Have you experienced the sudden onset of shoulder pain and stiffness? The one that often creeps up on people with no warning and often with no explanation? It's one of those great mysteries of being 50+ and sometimes it just happens. I've had a number of patients come to see me and say very similar things. They just woke up one morning with pain in their neck and shoulder and they thought it would go away on its own but it still hasn't. Or that at first their shoulder just felt stiff when they woke up and they didn't think much of it. However, after a few days their shoulder has become tighter and is now interfering with their day.

It's something that happens to a lot of people, especially without warning. So people often try a number of different options before coming to see me when they're looking for some way to end their shoulder pain. It's normally one of three things they try;

1. Painkillers
2. Rest and time
3. 'Nice' relaxing spa-style massages

Do those options sound familiar? Maybe you haven't tried all of them, but most people will have tried at least one of them. But none of them work. In the long run, they never work, especially not like those people who try them out hope they will. Here's why they don't work:

Painkillers - The problem with painkillers is that they might ease your pain for an hour or so, but that's about it. They never actually get rid of your pain, they only mask it. Not only that, but they don't get to the root cause of your painful shoulder. Once they start to wear off and you start to feel the ache and stiffness come back, you reach for a few more to mask it again. The problem is still there and you're left frustrated and with a very tight muscle or a stiff shoulder. They don't solve the problem.

Rest and time - This is one of the mistakes that a lot of people make when it comes to pain. Many people think that if they rest their shoulder and keep it immobilized for a few days, the pain will go away

and they will be fine again. Wrong. The more you rest it, the tighter your muscles become and the more stiff your joints become too. Imagine leaving your car sitting on the driveway for a few months, when you try to drive it again, it's very unlikely that it will feel as smooth as it used to straight away. Your joints and muscles are designed to move and your body gets stronger the more you keep it active. Which is why it's crucial that you keep your shoulder joints moving to reduce stiffness and to help it feel more relaxed. So you can freely begin to move without pain again.

'Nice' relaxing spa-style massages - These might feel lovely, but these types of massages will never work. It's definitely not the massage therapists fault! They aren't trained to get to the root cause of your problem which means that the pressure they apply to your muscles will never be 'quite right'. They say they can feel 'knots' in your shoulder. They're probably right. But that's because every person over the age of 45 has knots and tension in their shoulders. In fact, most people do, regardless of their age. It's not always an issue, or even the source of your pain. This is where we can help.

We will never recommend dosing up on painkillers, even if your pain hasn't gone after 5 days. It's just not the way we do things. We know, and now you do too, that painkillers just mask the pain. What we will do, is give you a personalized set of exercises. These exercises will be done safely when we know that you're ready for them.

Remember earlier I said that "this is where we can help" when it comes to those 'nice' relaxing spa-style massages? Well, the massages that we can do for you are done with expert hands that are trained to know exactly where, when and how much pressure to apply to the problem area. We want to help you get back to being active and on the go as quickly as we can, without painkillers, resting or getting a spa-style massage. If you have any questions about your specific shoulder pain, please feel free to call us on (575) 525-2450 or email us at biz@atriumppt.com

■ The author, Dennis Prickett is a Physical Therapist and co-owner of Atrium Physical Therapy. He's more than happy to answer any questions by phone on (575) 525-2450 or by email at biz@atriumppt.com

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Collaboration leads to algae breakthrough

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**
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For the Bulletin

Over the past decade, New Mexico State University (NMSU) College of Engineering Professor Nagamany Nirmalakhandan (known as Dr. Khandan) has investigated how algae – yes, that simple green stuff that grows in stagnant water – removes contaminants from wastewater.

The specific microalgae used by Khandan and his team of dedicated graduate students comes from hot springs in Yellowstone National Park and can thrive in 110-degree temperatures while consuming organic carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus found in wastewater. In the process, it cleans wastewater making it suitable for discharge into waterways. The algae's chemical reactions are fueled by the sun – free and abundant in our region.

However, over the last six months, this team has observed an unexpected and dramatic new result. The algae also destroy potentially disease-causing pathogens in wastewater.

Traditionally, municipal wastewater treatment facilities have added chlorine to kill pathogens in the wastewater. Yet over the last 10 years, researchers have discerned a negative side effect. The chlorine has the potential to form carcinogenic – cancer-causing – by-products. Now, the race is on to find new solutions, and one might involve Khandan's algae fueled by the sun.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Dr. Yanyan Zhang talks to Himali Delanka-Pedige, while Srimali Munasinghe-Arachchige continues to test, and Dr. Nagamany Nirmalakhandan oversees the algae research. Their work at the JHWWTF and NMSU labs may change how algae is used in the future at wastewater treatment plants through the United States.



First grown in test tubes in the lab, and now thriving outdoors at the JHWWTF in 200-gallon plastic tanks called photobioreactors, research on microalgae *Galdieria sulphuraria* continues to produce very positive results.

“Our team found that the algae fight for dominance in our system,” explains Dr. Khandan, “And potentially changes the belief that scientists have previously held regarding how algae can operate.”

This research is possible thanks to the col-

laboration between Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) and the NMSU College of Engineering. Now scientists around the world may see new potential in simple single-celled algae.

The Jacob A. Hands Wastewater Treatment Facility (JHWWTF) in



More than 3 billion gallons of wastewater (sewage) are processed annually from the sinks, showers, and toilets of our community. The extensive procedure of cleaning the wastewater includes passing through the primary clarifier at the JHWWTF.

Las Cruces processes an annual 3.3 billion gallons of sewage from the community's sinks, showers and toilets. Onsite at the JHWWTF are 200-gallon plastic tanks that are home to an army of algae thriving in wastewater and monitored by the

NMSU research team.

“This research has global implications for wastewater management in sunbelt regions that are hot and dry,” Khandan said.

Along with NMSU faculty member Dr. Yanyan Zhang, whose

research interest includes pathogen detection and inactivation, and students Himali Delanka-Pedige and Srimali Munasinghe-Arachchige, both NMSU Master's graduate students in their second semester, Dr. Khandan wants to now try and figure out the exact mechanisms by which algae seeks out and destroys the pathogens.

“It's been exciting to see something we're doing go from theory to the lab to something practical,” said Himali.

Srimali agrees and sees the future.

“If this can be implemented on the large scale, it will be incredibly cost effective,” Srimali said.

LCU has been an easy partner in the research, allowing faculty and students access to the facility to monitor the algae. The research was originally funded by the National Science Foundation for Reinventing the Nation's Urban Water Infrastructure and the Department of Energy with \$5 million that has been extended with an additional \$3 million to take the studies through 2021. A long-term study may be able to pinpoint what all algae can do, and its first beneficiaries will be the residents of Las Cruces.

You can reach Las Cruces Utilities at 575-528-3500 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Las Cruces Utilities provides gas, water, wastewater and solid waste services to approximately 100,000 Las Cruces residents and businesses.

IN THE NEWS



PHOTO COURTESY OF BCOM

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine 2018 Student Doctor of the Year Roxanne Waggoner

BCOM names doctor of the year

Second-year medical student Roxanne Waggoner of Las Cruces has been selected as the 2018 Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) student doctor of the year. Waggoner is the first winner of the award, and will be a candidate for the national student doctor of osteopathy (DO) of the year award.

“Roxanne has demonstrated a strong commitment to community service through her volunteer work with Jardín de Los Niños, Mini Med School, Welcome Baby and much more,” BCOM said in announcing the award. “She is dedicated to osteopathy and the profession through her participation in DO for a Day and the Medical Explorers mentorship program. She also exemplifies the BCOM mission through her devotion to serving the Southwest region.”

Waggoner is the daughter of Chris and Liza Waggoner, who own Boba Café and Cabaret.

The national student DO of the year award “honors and recognizes an osteopathic medical

student who is committed to the principles of leadership, community service, dedication and professionalism,” according to American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM).

The Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents, which is part of AACOM, presents the national award each year.

For information, visit bcmnm.org and www.aacom.org/cosgp/i-am-a-do-student/awards/sdoy.

Comcast exec retires

Comcast State Director of Government Affairs, John Christopher, in Las Cruces, retired in December after 45 years with the company.

“John is known for his wide-ranging industry expertise, but most of all for his ability to impact our community and business by fostering and growing meaningful relationships with key stakeholders and community leaders,” said Area Vice President Chris Dunkeson. “I’m thankful to John for his service, and congratulate him on his incredible career and very well-deserved retirement.”

Christopher served in his last role since 2011.

He was responsible for state government relations. Simultaneously, John oversaw local government relations and played an integral role in Comcast’s efforts to close the digital divide through Internet Essentials, helping to connect more than 15,000 low-income New Mexico families to the power of the internet. He also helped grow Comcast Cares Day, Comcast’s annual day of service, in Las Cruces to the largest single project in the nation with more than 1,400 volunteers.

“Our industry today looks very different than it did when John joined the company. Through more than four decades of industry growth and change, John’s leadership has been constant,” Dunkeson said.

Christopher has served in a variety of leadership positions during his career. Prior to joining the cable industry, John served in the U.S. Navy.

He served on the Board of Directors for United Way and Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, where he helped develop the Leadership Las Cruces program; New Mexico State University, President of the Arizona/New Mexico WICT Chapter; New Mexico First; and the Southwest Cable Communications Association where he served as President in 2014. In 2013, John was inducted into the Cable TV Pioneers Hall of Fame.

“John is a terrific community and civic leader. As a long-time Board member of New Mexico First, he showed tremendous ability to assess complex policy questions while also being willing to

learn from others,” said Heather Balas, President, New Mexico First. “I hope he enjoys retirement, moving into the next phase of life knowing he’s made a lasting impressions on the non-profit organizations for which he’s served.”

Sorg named to federal committee

Las Cruces Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg has been named to the National



Gill Sorg

League of Cities (NLC) Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) federal ad-

vocacy committee.

The NLC made the announcement in a news release earlier this month.

Sorg was reelected to his third four-year term representing District 5 in November 2017. He was chosen by the council as mayor pro-tem.

The EENRC “has the lead responsibility for developing NLC’s federal policy positions on issues involving air quality, water quality, energy policy, national wetlands policy, noise control and solid and hazardous waste management,” the news release said.

As a committee member, Sorg will play a key role in shaping NLC’s policy positions and advocate on behalf of America’s cities and towns before Congress, with the administration and at home.

“I am pleased to serve on this very important NLC committee,” Sorg

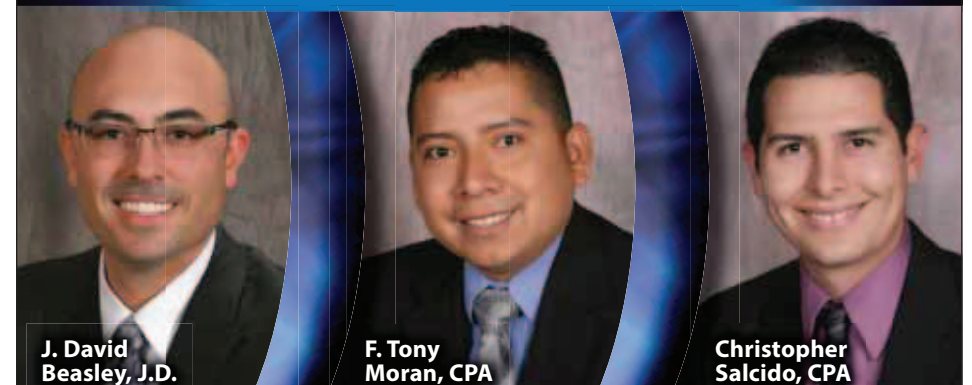
said Dec. 27. “Energy and natural resources are very important to our city and the country.”

“Serving on an NLC committee is one of the most effective ways for a local official to advocate for their community in Washington,” said NLC President Mark Stodola, mayor of Little Rock, Arkansas. “I am thrilled to have Gill Sorg join a team of local leaders from around the country working to craft our policy platform and to solve the most pressing challenges facing our communities.”

The 2018 EENR committee will be chaired by Lacey, Washington Deputy Mayor Cynthia Pratt, with two vice chairs, Fairburn, Georgia Mayor Hattie Portis and Fort

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For information, visit:

www.nlc.org/advocacy/committees.

NMSGC research scholarships awarded

The New Mexico Space Grant Consortium (NMSGC) at New Mexico State University awarded eight New Mexico State University College of En-

gineering students with research scholarships and fellowships for the Spring 2018 and Fall 2018 semesters, totaling \$65,000.

Students receiving scholarships include:

- Samantha Ceballes: Senior at New Mexico State University, awarded \$10,000 for her research titled “The Modeling and Applications of Nano-

Structures and Nano-Materials in Space Related Missions.”

- Daniel Furth: Senior at New Mexico State University, awarded \$5,000 for his research titled “Tethered UAV.”

- Victor Meraz: Senior at New Mexico State University, awarded \$10,000 for his research titled “Feasibility Study of Geothermal Heating and Cooling on Mars.”

- Tom Nakotte: A Ph.D. student at New Mexico State University, awarded \$10,000 for his research titled “Gamma Sensitive Solid State Detectors Using Quantum Dots.”

- Kimberly Pestovich: A junior at New Mexico State University, awarded \$5,000 for her research titled “Nanomaterials for Nitrate Removal and Water Treatment in Shrimp Aquaculture.”

- Stephanie Richins: Sophomore at New Mexico State University, awarded \$5,000 for her research titled “ZnO and SnO Nanowires for Electrochemical Reduction of CO₂.”

- Adam Stempeck: Senior at New Mexico State University, awarded \$10,000 for his research titled “Bioinspired Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.”

- Gregory Taylor: Graduate student at New Mexico State University, awarded \$10,000 for his research titled “Modeling and Nonlinear Dynamics for Soft Bodied Impact Contact Dynamics for High-Tech Space Applications.”

New Mexico Space Grant Consortium is a member of the Congressionally funded National Space Grant College Scholarship and Fellowship Program administered by NASA. NMSGC fellowships and scholar-

ships are competitively awarded based on application information, faculty recommendation, GPA, the research project, and NASA’s Mission. New Mexico Space Grant Consortium is located at New Mexico State University.

DA appoints council for Chan case

Doña Ana County District Attorney Mark D’Antonio appointed two special prosecutors to the Tai Chan case.

The Third Judicial District Attorney’s Office and the New Mexico Office of the Superintendent of Insurance have entered into an agreement whereby prosecutors from the OSI would prosecute the case of State v. Tai R. Chan for the murder of Santa Fe County Sheriff’s Deputy Jeremy Martin.

“Jeremy Martin’s widow, Sarah Martin, and his brother James Martin were consulted by my office, and they are fully supportive of the decision to bring OSI prosecutors Troy Davis and Devin Chapman in on the case,” D’Antonio said. “We believe that fresh eyes and a rigorous prosecutorial perspective, implemented by a team of seasoned prosecutors such as Mr. Davis and Mr. Chapman, will effectively present this case to a jury.”

Chan stands accused of first-degree murder for the October 2014 shooting death of Santa Fe County Sheriff’s Deputy Jeremy Martin in a Las Cruces hotel. The move comes after two trials ended in mistrial.

The third trial is scheduled to begin April 9.

Mary Martinez White to run for House District 33

Former Doña Ana County Treasurer Mary Martinez White has announced her intention to run for the New Mexico House of Representatives, District 33, currently held by Rep. Bill McCamley. McCamley recently announced his intent to run for the position of state auditor.

Martinez White, in addition to her role as county treasurer, served as Chief Financial Officer of the Third Judicial District Court and as Chief Executive Officer in the Seventh Judicial District Court in Socorro, Sierra, Catron, and Torrance counties. She retired two years ago from the Administrative Office of the Courts where she served as Statewide DWI Drug Court Coordinator.

“I have great optimism that we can change the political trajectory of our state,” Martinez White said.

She aims to tackle issues such as early childhood education, economic and border development (including immigration rights), environmental protection and rural transportation.

“I have the passion and qualifications to do the job and do it very well. I love my state and my community,” she said. “My family is here, and has been for generations far earlier than statehood, my friends are here, and my community is here. I know the business of state government and I know it from a financial, strategic, and implementation standpoint. I have years of proven success in leadership roles in local government, state government and the judiciary.”

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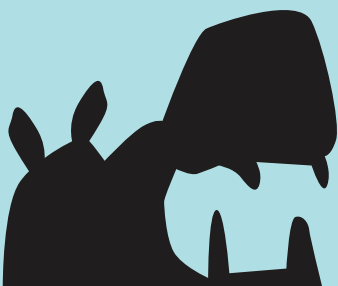
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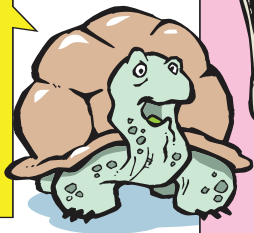


What is as big as a hippo but weighs nothing?
ANSWER: A hippo's shadow.

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Owen and Mzee: A Most Unusual Friendship (A True Story!)

Hi there! My name is Mzee. I'm about 130 years old (I don't bother to keep track of my birthdays anymore). Here's the story of how I met my best friend named Owen.



In Kenya, a baby hippo was left stranded on a coral reef. He was too tired and frightened to get back to shore by himself. Hundreds of villagers and visitors worked together to rescue the young hippo.

Back in 2004, there was a terrible tsunami that caused unbelievable damage and loss of life in Southeast Asia and Africa. Your parents probably read about it.



A man named Owen Sobien was able to tackle the slippery hippo long enough for others to drape a net over him. The hippo was named Owen in his honor.



Owen was moved to Haller Park, Kenya, where I live. Now, I've always preferred to be by myself. But Owen just kept following me around. If I walked away, he'd follow me. At first, I felt a little embarrassed and annoyed when he would crouch beside me like a baby hippo does with its mom. But Owen was a nice enough kid. And without a mother, he needed someone to show him how to find food, so I did.



People wonder why we became such close friends. Some think it's maybe because my round shell looked a little like another hippo to Owen. What do YOU think?



Standards Link: Life Science: Animal patterns of behavior are related to the nature of their environment.

Hippo or Tortoise?

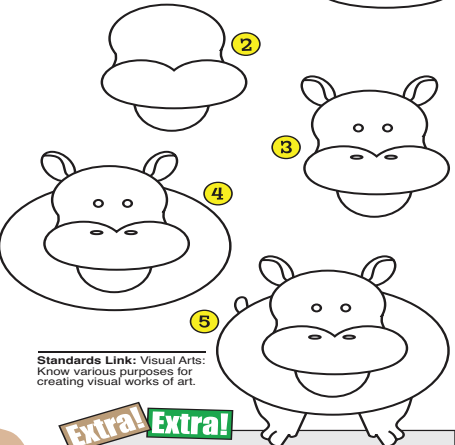
Do the math to find out which facts describe a hippo and which describe a tortoise. If the answer is less than 10, it describes a hippo. If the answer is more than 15, it describes a tortoise. If the answer is between 10 and 15, it is true for both hippos and tortoises.

- Lives to be 200 years old. $9 + 7 =$
- Lived with the dinosaurs. $19 - 4 =$
- Is an herbivore. $6 + 5 =$
- Likes to swim. $7 + 5 =$
- Its closest living relative is a whale. $3 + 6 =$
- Can run faster than a human. $4 + 3 =$



Standards Link: Number Sense: Add and subtract whole numbers.

Draw a hippo!



Extra! Extra!
Standards Link: Visual Arts: Know various purposes for creating visual works of art.

Friendship Search

- Look through the newspaper and find:
- a friendly face
 - a person acting like a friend
 - a nice thing to do for a friend
 - a word that describes you as a friend

Standards Link: Health: Know behaviors that communicate care, consideration and respect of self and others.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Unscramble the letters to find out what the word *hippopotamus* means in Latin.
ETWAR SHORE
Unscramble the letters to find out what Mzee means in Swahili.
SWIE DLO NMA
Standards Link: Reading: Read and follow directions appropriate to grades 1-5.

Kid Scoop Word Search

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

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F	R	I	E	N	D	S	H	I	P
E	N	E	N	E	I	B	O	S	D

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Rhyme Time

Look through the newspaper for pairs of words that rhyme. Use these words to write a little poem and give your poem to a friend.

Standards Link: Word Analysis: Identify words that rhyme; Writing Applications: Write various forms of genres including poetry; Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

Best Friends

Who's your best friend? What makes a friend a best friend? Give examples of reasons this person is your very best friend.

Kid Scoop Together:

Family Time

Oops! Some words have fallen out of the story below. Use the words in the word bank to complete the story.

More about Mzee
Mzee is an Aldabra (al-DAH-brah) tortoise. The Aldabra tortoise is _____ found on the Aldabra Islands in the Indian Ocean. Today these _____ are home to about 150,000 of the tortoises.

The Aldabra tortoise is the largest _____ of tortoise in the world. A male can grow to be four feet in _____ and can weigh up to 550 pounds (250kg). One giant male at the Fort Worth Zoological Park weighs over 790 pounds (360kg)!

For the most part, the Aldabra tortoise is an _____. The tortoises will eat grasses, leaves and woody plant stems. Sometimes they will eat small bugs and even dead animals. In _____, they enjoy apples and bananas.

It is thought that _____ took Mzee from his island home to eat him. He may have reached Africa by escaping the ship or surviving a shipwreck.

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What a Character!

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First Friday Ramble: 5-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Museum of Nature & Science atrium, 411 N. Main St. Hands-on demonstration on the art and science of Polaroid photography. Cost: Free. Info: museums.las-cruces.org.

Bean mosaic owls: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs

Road. In honor of the museum's mascot, Hoot the Owl, children are invited to explore their creative side and make mosaic owls with beans. Crafts are free and materials will be provided, but regular Museum admission is required for all family members. Cost: \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children 4 to 17, and free admission for children 3 and under.

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

- 11 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 6 and 20. Storytime for Children. Children of all ages can listen to a story and complete a related craft.

- Noon Tuesday, Jan. 9, monthly Brown Bag Lecture. Gilbert Gardner, construction manager of the El Paso Trolley project will speak on the history and revival of the trolley.
- 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, Storytime for Children. Mrs. Prickett and her puppets will engage pre-school children with a book and activity.

- 10 a.m.-noon, Fridays,

Jan. 12 and Jan. 26. Coloring and socializing for adults. Participants can bring their own supplies or use the museum's coloring pages and colored pencils.

- 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 13, Family Game Day. Dominoes, practice hand-eye coordination with Cup and Ball Toss, or play a variety of other games that have entertained families for centuries.

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

Ice Core Excavations: 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, Museum of Nature and Science, 411 North Main St. Uncover the

mysteries of Earth's time capsule: glacial ice. Participants will act as climatologists and investigate the secrets of the ice through hands on experiments. Info: 575-522-3120 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Calligraphy: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, Peace Lutheran Church 1701 E. Missouri. Southwest Calligraphy Guild will meet. The guild's purpose is to provide a forum for people interested in the art of beautiful writing. Visitors are welcome. Info: For a list of the supplies needed for this program contact Karin McClain, 575-524-2805.

Educational retirees: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, Good Samaritan dining room 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees will meet. Luncheon speaker will be Chris Cramer who will share his experiences as a beekeeper. Also, the annual \$10 dues should be paid. LCAER membership includes all educational staff: administrators, principals, teachers, educational assistants, clerical staff, cooks and cafeteria workers, custodial, maintenance, bus drivers and their spouses. Cost: \$12 per person for lunch. Info: Navora Richardson 575-649-7663 or Linda Morgan 575-522-0203.

Diabetes classes: 1-4 p.m., Jan. 9-11, Families and Youth, Inc. Building, 1320 S. Solano (corner of Solano and Idaho). Classes, limited to 12 will be taught in English and Spanish by Diabetes Educator, T. J. Jasso, RN,

BS. Support persons are invited and encouraged to be present with each attendee. Cost: Free. Info: 575-522-0289 or email snmdo@snmdo.org.

Genealogy meeting: 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room. Jim and Bill McKinney will present the program, "The Trials, Tribulations and Travel involved in tracing their paternal line." This is truly a story about the journey to build a picture of a family. It will include lessons for many budding genealogists of how not to do things and some of how to do things better. Visitors are welcome. Info: dacgslc@gmail.com or Eva Nevarez St. John, eva.nevarezstjohn@yahoo.com.

Book club: 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, Museum of Art, 491 North Main St. Reading Art Book Club will discuss the book Abstract Expressionism by David Anfam. Jackie Mitchell Edwards, fine artist and abstract painter, will be the guest speaker and provide more insight into abstract expressionism.

Expressway update: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 4171 N. Mesa St., The Commons, Building C, El Paso. U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) will have a public meeting of the Rio Grande Citizens Forum with an update on the Border West Expressway Project and conserving water and energy while

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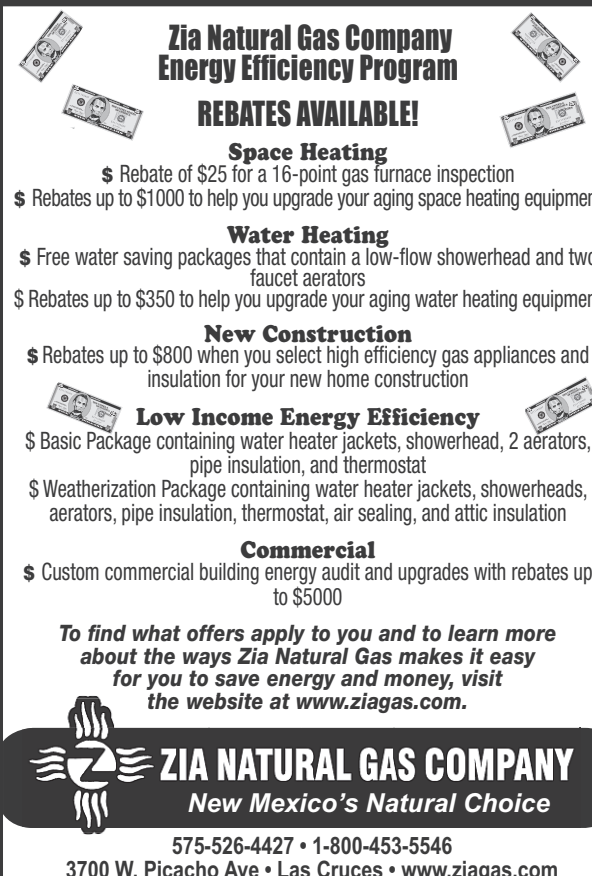
DACC Works with Community Agencies

Several community agencies are supporting DACC students to help them succeed in school. This Community Inn program allows students to focus on their studies. Thanks to Ben Archer Health Centers, New Mexico Workforce Solutions, and Casa De Peregrinos.

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creating habitat in New Mexico. Info: 915-832- 4106 or email lori.kuczman-ski@ibwc.gov.

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

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

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

facebook.com/events/1965297517056952/?ti=c.

Federal employees: 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Esperanza Room of the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser Drive. National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association meeting. Doña Ana County Clerk Scott Krahling will discuss his vision to create a voting culture where everyone votes in every election. Also speaking will be NM NARFE Federation President Lorna Howerton. Cash-only breakfast buffet begins at 8:45 a.m. and requires reservations by Saturday, Jan. 9. Info: Carol Main at 575-382-7686, or Carol Smith at 575-522-3033.

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

AAUW-LC meeting: 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan 13, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine. A general meeting of the Las Cruces branch of the American Association of University Women will include a tour of the medical college by Jeff Harris, assistant vice president for administration and CIO. AAUW is a national advocacy organization working to empower women since 1881. Info: lascruces-nm.aauw.net or aauw.org.

Stars-N-Parks: South-

western New Mexico residents and visitors will have two opportunities in January to learn about the night sky at New Mexico state parks. Attendees should arrive at the park at sunset, so they can become familiar with their surroundings before nightfall. A formal presentation on the night sky begins approximately an hour after sunset, followed by telescope observations. Cost: \$5 park day-use fee. Suggested donation for the program, \$5 per couple, or \$3 per individual. Info: www.Astro-NPO.org.

• Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, Rockhound State Park

Sunset: 5:23 p.m. Program Start: 6:30-8 p.m. Moon 26.7 days old.

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

• Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, City of Rocks State Park

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

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

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

specializing in herpetology (reptiles and amphibians), and is an avid birdwatcher. Cost: Free.

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

Photo club: Doña Ana Photography Club presents two programs at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St.

• 9-12 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13: "Learning About Your Camera", first in a five-part series designed to teach the basics of the camera, plus hands-on help and practice. Photography boot camps are taught by Doña Ana Photography Club members. Classes are open to the public. Cost: \$5 per class, club members free. Info: www.daphotoclub.org or email education@daphotoclub.org.

• 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16. "20 Minutes with Ansel Adams" and photo theme "Holidays" will be shown. Cost: Free. Info: www.daphotoclub.org.

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

business.

Driver safety: AARP Smart Driver. Cost: \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Arrive 15 minutes early to register. Bring exact change or check made out to AARP.

• 12:45-4:45 p.m. Jan. 15, Feb. 12 and March 5. Senior Circle, behind Walgreens on East Lohman. Info and reservations: 575-522-0502.

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

Apples to apples: 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Practice observation and measurement skills. Learn why we don't grow most apples from seed. Explore the botany of apples. This program was developed with home-school students in mind, but is open to all children. Recommended for ages 5 to 10, and parents/chaperones are required to attend. Cost: \$3 per child/parent. Info and reservations: LuAnn Kilday at 575-522-4100.

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

Contra Dance: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Southern New Mexico Music and Dance sponsors a contra dance fea-

turing The Muletones, a West Texas band, with Lonnie Ludeman calling. No partner is needed. Beginners and newcomers are welcome. Basic instruction begins at 7:30 pm. Cost \$6, youth \$4. Info: 575-522-1691 or www.snmmds.org.

Pet blessing: 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan 20, parking lot of St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, 518 No. Alameda. The annual blessing of pets. Fr Gabriel will provide take-away writings on the spiritual quality of pets. Gift bags courtesy of Better Life Pet Foods.

Library Friends: 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Good Samaritan auditorium, 3100 Buena Vida Circle. Friends of the Branigan Library will hold its annual meeting and election of officers, annual reports, refreshments and entertainment by Las Perlititas del Pueblo Ballet Folklorico. The public is invited. Officer nominees are Dennis Cherry, president; Marge Herberger, vice president; Sue Fletcher, secretary; and John Jaffee, treasurer. Info: Jo Banks at at or email josiebanks@aol.com. To take an active part in events sponsored by the Friends, contact Dennis Cherry at 575-312-2873 or email cherridenis49@gmail.com. The organization currently needs a volunteer webmaster to maintain the Library Friends website.

Antique treasures: 12-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Visitors to the museum on on this afternoon are encouraged to bring their

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antiques and heirlooms to learn more about them and how to preserve them. Independent appraisers will be on hand, as well as antique vendors. The public is invited to play "Stump the Curator" with unusual objects they bring with them, and the event also includes the fun, new exhibit called "Form & Function: Objects with Flair." Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, and \$3 for children 4 to 17.

Bridal, event planning: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E University Ave. Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase features a variety of local businesses and service providers will be onsite to present options and ideas for event planning. Wedding photographers, caterers, venue representatives, limousine companies, travel professionals, rental companies, DJ services, dressmakers, tuxedo rentals and others will participate. Cost: \$5 in advance at Renee's Bridal, Enchanted Occasions, or at www.LasCrucesBridalShowcase.com. Admission will be \$7 at the door on the day of the event.

Desert Owls: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. This program will focus on owls: what they eat, how they fly, and the different kinds we have here in the Chihuahuan Desert. Children will be dissecting owl pellets and hopefully viewing the museum's owls with a spotting scope for a closer look. This pro-

gram was developed with home-school students in mind, but is open to all children. Recommended for children ages 8 to 12 and parents/chaperones are required to attend. The fee is \$3 per child/parent. Info and reservations: LuAnn Kilday at 575-522-4100.

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Aquatic Center: Through April 29, 2018, the following hours will be in effect at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. 6 a.m. 8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Saturday; Closed Sundays. Info: 575-541-2782.

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

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

Bridge games and lessons: 12:30-3:45 p.m. Monday-Friday, Belton Bridge Center, 1214 Madrid Ave. Bridge games open to all players for \$6. If you need a partner, call Dave Allen, 635-6486, Monday and Thursday; Linda Spengler, 621-0997, Tuesday and Friday; and Barbara Houseknecht, 523-5757, Wednesday. Tuesday morning bridge education for free, 10 a.m., call Dixie Binning, 575-267-1918. The club offers two games

that are limited to players with fewer than 50 master points at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday and a mini-game from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, call 786-338-5970. Club info: 575-524-3031.

Elite Business Builders: 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesdays, Sonoma Ranch Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. Open networking, questions and answers, coffee and water with food available to order. Bring business cards. Info: Cheryl 575-524-1201 or 520-730-4456.

Farmers and crafts market: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays, Plaza de Las Cruces.

La Frontera store: La Frontera, a seller of fair-trade items made by women from the border area and Mexico, is located at Nopalito's Galeria, 326 S. Mesquite St., in Las Cruces and will be open every Saturday through Dec. 30. Proceeds from sales go to the women who produce the products, which include oil cloth aprons and tote bags, guerilla prayer flags, clothing and household items. Info: lafrontera-fairtrade@gmail.com.

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild: 6:30 p.m., the third Monday at the American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Guests welcome. The guild offers quilt lessons, community service opportunities, sew-ins, an active outreach program and a biennial quilt show. Info: lascolcherasq@aol.com or 575-521-0521.

Las Cruces Civitan Club: Meets noon the second Tuesday and 6 p.m. fourth Tuesday, Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Info: 575-649-0165.

LC Young Pros: Third Tuesday, Las Cruces Young Professionals, Beck's Coffee House, 130 N. Mesquite St. Grab some coffee with fellow young professionals for a quick presentation about business or organization. Info and RSVP: www.facebook.com/lascrucesyp.

Model Railroad Club: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. third Saturday, Southern New Mexico Fair Grounds, White Quonset Hut. Info: Mike Fifer, 575-526-8834

Old Mesilla's Mercado: 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Fridays and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays on the historic plaza in Mesilla. Find hand-crafted jewelry, original artwork and locally grown produce.

Order of the Purple Heart: 6 p.m., first Monday, American Legion #10, hall 1185. Mesilla Valley #2004 Military Order of the Purple Heart meets. Info: 575-496-1312 or 575-644-1045.

Pre-K programs: 9-10 a.m. every Thursday, Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Exploration designed for preschoolers. No registration required. Parents asked to stay with their children throughout the program. Cost: Free. Info: 575-522-3120 or visit museums.las-cruces.org.

Science radio: Noon-1 p.m. Tuesdays, KTAL community radio, 101.5 FM. Dr. Vince Gutschick, a career scientist affiliated with the Las Cruces Academy since 2007, brings insights in chemistry, physics, and biology and the insights of his on-air guests. Current news, implications of science for society, scientific personalities to grand

theories, and things you can try at home all get covered. The program is streamed live at lccommunityradio.org. Listeners and other commenters can reach Gutschick at vince@lascrucesacademy.org or 575-571-2269, by text rather than voice during the show.

Shriners: Las Cruces Shriners meet the second Monday, 1150 W. Brown. All Shriners are invited. Info: 575-526-8396.

Soroptimists: Noon, second and fourth Wednesday, Good Samaritan Village, 3010 Buena Vida Circle. Soroptimist International of Las Cruces is a women's advocacy group. Info: silascruces@soroptimist.net.

Soroptimist International: Noon the second and fourth Wednesday at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3010 Buena Vida Circle. Soroptimist International of Las Cruces is a women's advocacy group. Info: silascruces@soroptimist.net.

STEM camp donations: American Association of University Women needs community, corporate, individual and in-kind contributions to help support a weeklong residential summer camp focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) for current seventh-grade girls in June at New Mexico Tech in Socorro. Donations are tax-deductible and can be made by credit card on the donation page of the website, <http://techtrek-nm.aauw.net>. Mail checks to AAUW Tech Trek NM Donations, PO Box 251, Placitas, NM 87043.

Swap meet spaces: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. first Saturday of each month. Beverly Hills Hall and Cantina Swap Meet Sundays. 10-by-10 spots are available. Outdoor spots, \$10; indoor spots \$20; patio spots, \$15. Info: Victor, 575-621-9164.

Toastmaster Club: 7-8 a.m. every Tuesday, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center Solutions, 2345 Nevada Ave. If you are interested in improving your public speaking and leadership skills, attend a meeting to learn how this organization can benefit you. Info: clobato@nmsu.edu, or visit www.toastmasters.org.

Toastmasters Club: 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village community center, Kiva Room, 3100 Buena Vida Circle. Info: 575-642-0032, email lascrucestoastmasters@gmail.com or visit Toastmasters International website www.toastmasters.org.

Ukulele kids club: 10:30-11:15 a.m. second and fourth Saturday, El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St., just east of the downtown post office. Cost: free to elementary-school-age children who want to learn to play; loaner ukuleles available. No experience is necessary. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com, www.facebook.com/lascrucesukes, or 575-405-7133.

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Help Wanted Full-Time

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Chairs, Ladder, Tires, Misc.

Date of Auction: January 23, 2018 at 10 am

Place: Stull Storage Units, 960 S. Triviz Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88001

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

Dates: 01/05, 01/12, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 7, 2017, Lia Shay and Clever Michael Hooper, 725 North Fairacres Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered

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

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

affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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

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

South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and within the NE¹/₄ of projected Section 26, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-004-0181 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The replacement well LRG-14947 POD1 is located north of Mesquite, NM and may be found at the physical address of 895 Three Hawks Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Discontinued well LRG-12337 (LRSO4-0090) will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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

To be held at:
DISCOUNT SELF STOR-

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

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

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

Unit 41
CYNTHIA ZARAGOZA
1326 Bon Burt Lane
Las Cruces NM 88005

Unit items consist of:
LARGE AIR COMPRESSOR, HAND TOOLS, SCAFFOLDING, TABLE SAW, 3 WHEEL BARROWS.

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

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

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

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

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

Unit 385
ERIKA RODRIGUEZ
P.O. Box 593

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dates: 01/05, 01/12, 2018

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

CV-2017-3135
Judge: Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MANUELA FRAGOSO FOR CHANGE OF NAME

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Manuela Esquivel Frago, 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 District Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, where she seeks to change her name from Manuela Esquivel Frago to Nellie Frago, and that this petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the **31st day of January, 2018, at the hour of 11:00 a.m.** at the Third Judicial District County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Dates: 12/28/2017, 01/05/2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-02233

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

TERI PECOTTE; MICHAEL G. LOPEZ; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; 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 5254 Nana Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 43, BLOCK 3, MESA LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 2, 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 NOVEMBER 23, 1988, IN BOOK 15 PAGE(S) 372-373 OF PLAT RECORDS. 1995 TOWN AND COUNTRY 60.1 X 27.5 DOUBLEWIDE SERIAL #CTC95069AB If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM** on

February 1, 2018, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment In Rem granted on October 30, 2017 in the total amount of \$102,097.74 with interest at the rate of 5.375% per annum from July 21, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02567

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

BENJAMIN MADRID; JACOB KURIAN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly

known as 9486 Dragonfly Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

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

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on February 15, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Stipulated & Default Judgment In Rem granted on December 8, 2017 in the total amount of \$48,988.09 with interest at the rate of 4.500% per annum from October 20, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-00288

MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

ISABEL MENDEZ, JULIA Q. MENDEZ; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 902 Hess Terrace, Las Cruces, NM 880052175, and more particularly described as follows:

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

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DED PLAT OF HESS TERRACE IN PETERSON PLACE, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 28, 1941 IN PLAT BOOK 3, FOLIO 68.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on February 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on May 22, 2017 in the total amount of \$131,921.59 with interest at the rate of 4.00% per annum from March 28, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

BIDDING.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2017-00869

DOVENMUEHLE MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT B. BROWN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **January 23, 2018 at 11:45 am**, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 17 & Pond C, Block C, Corazon Del Valle Subdivision, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4363 on 05/02/2006 in Book 21 Page(s) 601-05 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1672 Neleigh Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 29, 2017 in the above entitled and numbered

cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$152,041.65 plus interest from July 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.75% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of

redemption.

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

Dates: 12/29/2017, 01/05,
01/12, 01/19, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

NATIONSTAR MORT- GAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3805 Jade Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 8A, BLOCK 3, LAS COLINAS SUBDIVISION, PHASE ONE, REPLAT NUMBER 3, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 25, 1989, IN BOOK 16 PAGE 84 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on February 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of

America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on November 17, 2017 in the total amount of \$145,214.66 with interest at the rate of 4.0% per annum from September 13, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-00833

FEDERAL NATIONAL

MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

vs.

SANDRA LEE; SISBARRO BUICK GMC, INC. ; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; AND OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4156 Las Piedras Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

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

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

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on February 15, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment in Rem granted on November 7, 2017 in the total amount of \$78,855.14 with interest at the rate of 9.625% per annum from June 5, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured

home to the land, 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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Albuquerque, NM 87181

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

MIDFIRST BANK, Plain- tiff,

vs.

ELIZABETH ARMEN- DARIZ, NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVE- NU DEPARTMENT, De- fendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5231 Creek Trl., Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

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

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

LOT 35C OF ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, LOCATED IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JUNE 6, 1966 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 9 AT PAGE 97, PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on March 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on December 21, 2017 in the total amount of \$132,010.88 with interest at the rate of 3.875% per annum from December 29, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Midfirst Bank, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any

mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-03296

**JAMES B. NUTTER &
COMPANY,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DOSKIE M. BUCK; UNI-
TATED STATES OF
AMERICA BY AND
THROUGH THE
SECRETARY OF HOUS-
ING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT,
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-
CO** to Defendant, Doskie M. Buck:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff James B. Nutter & Company has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 440 Farney Ln., Las Cruces, NM 88005. The real property which is the subject matter

of this action is legally described as follows:
LOT 17, BLOCK D, COLLEGE PLACE SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 467 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 24, 1957, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 34, PLAT RECORDS.

also known as:

LOT 17, BLOCK D, COLLEGE PLACE SUBDIVISION NO. 2 IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS PER PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY.

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

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

MCCARTHY & HOLTHUS,
LLP

By:/s/ Elaine Abeyta-
Montoya
Karen Weaver
Elaine Abeyta-Montoya
6501 Eagle Rock NE, Suite
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87113
Telephone No.: (505)
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 12/22, 12/29, 01/05,
2018

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-03274

**DENKEN INVEST-
MENTS, Inc.,
Plaintiff,**

Vs.

**JOSE F. RAMIREZ, De-
ceased, THE UNKNOWN**

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

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(seal)

DAVID S. BORUNDA
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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

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

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

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

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

**BOKF, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**MICHAEL PAUL BANEGAS,
OLIVIA ANN WOOD,
JOSIE G. BANEGAS,
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
MICHAEL PAUL BANEGAS,
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
OLIVIA ANN WOOD,
AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
JOSIE G. BANEGAS,
DEFENDANTS.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 215 Squirrel Rd, Las Cruces,

NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:
A tract of land situate West of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of Lot 4, of Section 21, T.23S., R.1E, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

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

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

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

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

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

Information in the preparation of this description

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.

By:/s/ Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
5801 Osuna Road NE, Suite A-103
Albuquerque, NM 87109
505-348-3200
ElizabethF@w-legal.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-01767

**WELLS FARGO USA
HOLDINGS, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**A. SYLVIA ROMERO
and DISCOVER BANK,
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

By Electronically signed
/s/ Rachel M. Chiado

Defendant(s) A. Sylvia Romero is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1215 N Third Street, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lots 40 and 41, Block 4, PARKER PLACE 2ND AMENDED SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on January 6, 1951, in Book 7 Page(s) 12 of Plat Records.

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

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

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
Little, Bradley & Nesbitt,
P.A.
1700 Louisiana Blvd NE,
Suite 300
Albuquerque, NM 87110
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Marisol C. Garcia
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable
MARC BEYER, District
Judge of the Third Judicial
District Court of the State of
New Mexico, and the Seal of
the District Court of Dona
Ana County, this 18 day of
December, 2017.

David S. Borunda
CLERK OF THE DIS-
TRICT COURT

By/s/ Lindsey Brown
Deputy

Dates: 12/22, 12/29, 2017,
01/05, 2018

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
IN THE
PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-0278

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
Robert C. Medina, DE-
CEASED

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 re-
quired to present their claims
within four (4) months after
the date of the first publica-
tion of any published notice
to creditors or sixty (60)
days after the date of mail-
ing or other delivery of this
notice, whichever is later,
or the claims will be fore-
ver barred. Claims must be
presented either to the un-
dersigned personal repre-
sentative at the address listed
below, or filed with the
Probate Court of Doña Ana
County, New Mexico, lo-
cated at the following address:
845 N. Motel Blvd. 1-201,
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Dated: December 15, 2017

/s/ Catherine M. Salcedo
Catherine M. Salcedo
4007 Tiger Woods Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 644-1486

Dates: 12/22, 12/29, 2017,
01/05, 2018

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-01740

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

vs.

THE ESTATE OF EPI M.
GALLEGOS, Deceased;
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES OR LEGA-
TEES OF EPI M.
GALLEGOS, Deceased,
and if married, THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
EPI M. GALLEGOS
(true name unknown);
WALTER GALLEGOS, if
living, if deceased, THE
ESTATE OF WALTER
GALLEGOS, Deceased;
GLENN GALLEGOS;
TOM GALLEGOS; WAL-
TER GALLEGOS, JR.;
MICHELLE PADILLA;
TERESA MARTIN; MA-
RIA PACHECO; THE
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DE-
VISEES OR LEGATEES
OF WALTER GALLE-
GOS, DECEASED,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

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

Defendant(s) is/are required

to serve upon the Plaintiff an
Answer or Motion in re-
sponse to the Complaint
within thirty (30) days and
file a copy of the Answer or
Motion with the Court as
provided in Rule 1-005
NMRA 2005.
If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to
file a timely Answer or
Motion, a default judgment
may be entered against
Defendant(s) for the relief
demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
Little, Bradley & Nesbitt,
P.A.
1700 Louisiana Blvd NE,
Suite 300
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 248-2400 FAX:
254-4722

December 18, 2017

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

(seal)

WITNESS the Honorable
JAMES T. MARTIN, Dis-
trict Judge of the Third
Judicial District Court of the
State of New Mexico, and
the Seal of the District Court
of Doña Ana County, this
19th day of December, 2017.

DAVID S. BORUNDA
CLERK OF THE DIS-
TRICT COURT

By /s/ Elizabeth
Deputy Elizabeth Balizan

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

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
IN THE
PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-0277

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
Mary Louise Medina,
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 re-
quired to present their claims
within four (4) months after
the date of the first publica-
tion of any published
notice to creditors or sixty
(60) days after the date of

mailing or other delivery of
this notice, whichever is
later, or the claims will be
forever barred. Claims must
be presented either to the
undersigned personal repre-
sentative at the address listed
below, or filed with the
Probate Court of Doña Ana
County, New Mexico, lo-
cated at the following address:
845 N. Motel Blvd. 1-201,
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Dated: December 15, 2017

/s/ Catherine M. Salcedo
Catherine M. Salcedo
4007 Tiger Woods Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 644-1486

Dates: 12/22, 12/29,
2017, 01/05, 2018

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2014-02349

JPMORGAN CHASE
BANK, NATIONAL AS-
SOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

SAMANTHA J. HOOPER
AND JOHN DOE HOO-
PER, WIFE AND HUS-
BAND; ABC CORPORA-
TIONS I-X, XYZ PART-
NERSHIPS I-X, JOHN
DOES I-X AND HANE
DOES I-X, THE UN-
KNOWN HEIRS AND
DEVISEES OF ANY OF
THE ABOCE, IF DE-
CEASED; OCCUPANTS
OF THE PROPERTY, De-
fendants.

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that the above-entitled
Court, having appointed me
or my designee as Special
Master in this matter with
the power to sell, has
ordered me to sell the real
property (the "Property")
situated in Doña Ana Coun-
ty, New Mexico, commonly
known as 5041 Starlite
Court, Las Cruces, NM
88012, and more particularly
described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 26 IN
BLOCK NUMBERED 29
OF LAS COLINAS PLAN-
NED UNIT DEVELOP-
MENT, PHASE VI-A, LAS
CRUCES, DOÑA ANA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,
AS THE SAME IS SHOWN
AND DESIGNATED ON

THE PLAT OF SAID LAS
COLINAS PLANNED
UNIT DEVELOPMENT,
PHASE VI-A, FILED IN
THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK OF DO-
ÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO ON FEBRUARY
2, 1996 IN PLAT BOOK 18,
FOLIO 412-413. If there is a
conflict between the legal
description and the street
address, the legal description
shall control. The sale is to
begin at **10:45am on Janu-
ary 18, 2018**, Third Judicial
District Courthouse, City of
Las Cruces, County of Doña
Ana, State of New Mexico,
at which time I will sell to
the highest and best bidder
for cash, in lawful currency
of the United States of
America, the Property to pay
expenses of sale, and to
satisfy the foreclosure De-
fault Judgment granted on
September 22, 2015, in the
total amount of \$84,365.30,
with interest at the rate of
5.375% per annum from
July 31, 2015 through the
date of the sale. The sale is
subject to the entry of an
Order by this Court approv-
ing the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN that the real prop-
erty and improvements con-
cerned with herein will be
sold subject to any and all
patent reservations, ease-
ments, and all taxes and
utility liens, special assess-
ments and taxes that may be
due.

JPMORGAN CHASE
BANK, NATIONAL AS-
SOCIATION, its attorneys,
and the undersigned Special
Master, disclaim all respon-
sibility for, and the purchas-
er 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 contamina-
tion on the property, if any,
and zoning violations con-
cerning 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 PUR-
CHASERS AT SALE ARE
ADVISED TO MAKE
THEIR OWN EXAMINA-
TION 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
IN THE
PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-0276

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
GLORIA ANDRADE GO-
MEZ,
a/k/a GLORIA AN-
DRADE, DECEASED

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-
EN that GLORIA GUADA-
LUPE HERNANDEZ has
been appointed personal rep-
resentative of this estate. All
persons having claims
against this estate are re-
quired to present their claims
within four months after the
date of the first publication
of this Notice or the claims
will be forever barred. Claims
must be presented either to
the personal representative
in care of Alan D. Gluth,
2455 E. Missouri, Suite A,
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88001, or filed with the
Probate Court of Doña
Ana County, New Mexico,
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Strings are 'the heartbeat' of the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Five principals, combined, bring about 100 years of experience to the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra.

"I need my principal strings," Klein said. "They run the sections, they do the bowing, they do the music. We're in constant contact and they're pretty much the heartbeat of the orchestra."

They include Concertmaster (and first violin) Brigid McCarthy, Gordon Butler (second violin), Jorge Martinez (viola), Claudia Encarnacion (cello) and William Scholten (bass).

The position of concertmaster is older than that of the conductor. Sitting to the conductor's left, the concert master is the leader of the string section, Klein said.

"I'm the football coach and she's the quarterback. I tell her what I want to do. I call the plays and she delivers it," he said.

Learn a little about the principal string members below. For more information about LCSO, visit www.lascrucessymphony.com.

Concertmaster Brigid McCarthy

McCarthy has been with LCSO for four years as is in her first year as concert master.

A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, she moved to the Southwest to take principal positions with both LCSO and the El Paso Symphony Orchestra (EPSO), where she is the assistant concertmaster.

McCarthy has performed



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Strings (violin, viola, bass and cello) make up the largest section of the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra will perform in concert with Brass Transit: The musical legacy of Chicago Jan. 13-14 at the NMSU Music Building.

2018 LCSO SCHEDULE

- **Pops concert:** 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, NMSU Music Building, 1075 N. Horseshoe Road, featuring Brass Transit, with music of the rock band Chicago
- **Classics Four:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, NMSU Music Building, including Verdi's "Triumphal March" from "Aida," Mozart's "Symphony No. 40" and Prokofiev's "Concerto No. 3." The guest soloist will be pianist Ilya Yakushev.
- **Classics Five:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 8, NMSU Music Building, including Haydn's "Concerto in C Major," Astor Piazzolla's "Oblivion & Libertango" and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 3 "Polish." Guest artist will be cellist Sara Sant'Ambrogio.
- **Classics Six:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5,

and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, NMSU Music Building, including Verdi's "Requiem Mass." The orchestra will be accompanied by the NMSU Masterworks Chorus.

• **On the road:** LCSO Conductor Lonnie Klein will be a guest conductor with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in January 2018. He will conduct the "Live and Let Die Show" in Durango, Colorado in February and in Ruidoso, New Mexico in August. Klein will conduct a classics concert in Barcelona, Spain in May. Other guest-conductor performances in 2018 are pending for Klein, who has been LCSO's music director since 1998. For tickets and information, visit www.lascrucessymphony.com.

STRINGS

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with symphonies in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; San Antonio, Texas; and Elgin, Illinois. She played two seasons with Chicago's Joffrey Ballet orchestra and has performed as part of national and international tours with Broadway's "West Side Story" and "Star Wars: In Concert," sharing the stage with her father, father-in-law and husband, all accomplished musicians.

"Music is more than just entertainment; it's food for the soul," said McCarthy, who is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Massachusetts.

Principal Second Violin Gordon Butler

Butler has been with LCSO almost continuously since 1977.

"The first time I played with a Las Cruces Symphony was 1961, at the age of 13," Butler said. "My father, Oscar Butler, and William Cramer, an orchestra teacher at Las Cruces High School, shared the conducting duties of that orchestra. My father came to Las Cruces in 1953, as choral director and vocal music teacher at New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanics.

"I have witnessed the gradual progress of this musical form in our area over the last 55-plus years, and the current scene has blossomed out fantastically from what it was even 15 years ago," Butler said.

"Now we have New Horizons

Orchestra (which I perform with, also), LCSO and the NMSU Philharmonic Orchestra."

"Because of the presence of these musicians in our community," he said, "we have a musical scene that rivals any in the Southwest, and if we can support them adequately, Las Cruces and NMSU could become a truly important center for musical performance and training."

Principal Viola George Martinez

Martinez has been with LCSO for eight years, since he moved to Las Cruces.

A native of Torreon, Mexico, Martinez said Las Cruces is privileged to have its own symphony orchestra.

"As musicians, we get pretty busy during the year," Martinez said. "We all have full-time jobs around the region. I enjoy seeing and talking to my colleagues during rehearsal breaks. In addition to enjoy making music together, we catch up with life and talk about the work we are doing to try to find ways to collaborate or to enhance our programs."

Principal Cellist Claudia Encarnacion

Encarnacion has been with LCSO for most of the past three decades, since Dr. Marianna Gabbi was the director.

Like McCarthy, Encarnacion also is a member of EPSO, as well as the El Paso Opera.

She has performed in Germany and Turkey, performed opera and symphonic work in Juarez, Mexico, performed with the Orquesta del Teatro de Bellas Artes

in Mexico City and was principal cello with the Sinfonica Nacional del Perú.

Encarnacion directed orchestras and taught string and general music in public schools for 22 years before her retirement. A native of New York, she studied cello performance with George Neikrug at the Boston University School of Fine Arts.

"LCSO is an extraordinary organization that stands out amongst other regional orchestras of its size and budget for its wonderful players, outstanding and committed executive director, board of directors and enthusiastic and supportive audiences," she said. "We can always count on innovative programming and world class soloists. I am gratified to be part of such a hard-working organization, committed to their 'desert community' in providing education and artistic excellence."

Principal Bass William Scholten

Scholten has been performing with LCSO since the 2000-01 season, and plays the double bass.

He first performed with LCSO under the direction of Dr. Marianna Gabbi as a high school student.

Scholten is a native of El Paso, where he currently lives and where he serves as a middle-school orchestra teacher. Scholten is also plays bass with EPSO.

"LCSO is wonderful because of all the dedicated musicians that have a great passion for music," Scholten said.

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Las Cruces musician Orlando Madrid

COURTESY PHOTO

Orlando Madrid Quartet

St. Paul's kicks off 23rd concert series

BULLETIN REPORT

The Orlando Madrid Jazz Quartet begins the 23rd season of concerts at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5.

The performance will be a tribute to Mulgrew Miller (1955-2013), an internationally recognized jazz pianist, composer and educator.

The concert is open to the public. The suggested donation is \$5.

"Orlando Madrid is an outstanding young jazz artist with a bright future in jazz," said St. Paul's director of music and worship arts, Dr. Douglas Weeks.

"Raised in Las Cruces, Orlando was an outstanding saxophone student and all-state musician at Picacho Middle School and Mayfield High School," Weeks said.

He played regularly with the orchestra at St. Paul's and was a scholarship student and saxophone major at the University of New Mexico. Weeks said he won a full scholarship to pursue his master's degree in jazz at the Eastman School of Music in

Rochester, New York.

Madrid has toured with his own jazz band of Eastman students and has gigged with some of the top jazz groups in New York, including sessions with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra under Wynton Marsalis.

In addition to the tribute to Miller, Madrid said the concert will include some of his quartet's original compositions and arrangements.

Madrid will be joined for the concert by Carlos Barba on the piano, Hector Olea Villar on bass and Lawrence E Brown III on drums.

"Mulgrew's phrasing was perfect; he had amazing melodic ideas, amazing harmonic ideas, and a great touch on the piano," Madrid said on his Facebook page about Mulgrew Miller. "He always 'swang' so hard and was always extremely soulful. But most importantly, he was one of the most humble musicians I ever met. You felt it in his music and you felt it when you spoke with him. Meeting him was an honor I'll never forget."

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'Lend Me a Tenor' is a farce of mistaken identity

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Director Mike Wise has an all-star cast for Las Cruces Community Theatre's (LCCT) upcoming production of Ken Ludwig's Tony-award winning play "Lend Me a Tenor."

The cast includes Centennial High School theatre teacher Darin Cabot as the bellhop, McKensi Cabot as Diana, Jade Diaz as Maggie Saunders, Matt Esqueda as Max, Isaac Lucero as Tito Merelli (the tenor in question), Jeff Peckham as Henry Saunders, Alex Wheeler as Maria Merelli and Gail Wheeler as Julia Leverett. Darin and McKensi Cabot are husband and wife; Gail and Alex Wheeler are mother and daughter.

Rehearsals began in November.

The play opens Friday, Jan. 19 and continues for nine performances through Sunday, Feb. 4 at LCCT, 313 N. Main St. downtown.

"We've only just started rehearsing, but the cast is amazing and very sharp," Wise said. "They are getting the jokes in the script a lot sooner than I expected! I'm blown away by the chemistry, even after only a few rehearsals."

Wise is production stage manager for the New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department. His most recent productions at LCCT are "The Homecoming," "Company" and "The



COURTESY PHOTO

Cast members in a rehearsal of Las Cruces Community Theatre's upcoming production of "Lend Me a Tenor" are, left to right, Jeff Peckham, Matt Esqueda, Alex Wheeler, Isaac Lucero and Jade Diaz.

Foreigner."

"On a very important night for the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, Tito Mirelli, the world-famous Italian tenor, is set to perform the starring role in Otello," according to play publishers Samuel French, Inc.

"Lend Me a Tenor" is a "door-slamming, dress-dropping farce with mistaken identities, mischievous misunderstandings and compromising positions," according to LCCT. "It is the biggest night in the history of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, and world-famous Italian tenor Tito Merelli ('Il Stupendo') will be their guest artist in 'Otello,' the highlight of the company's most important fundraiser for the 1934 season. But Merelli is nowhere to be found; when he finally arrives drunk, it is too late for any rehearsal. Through a hilarious series of mishaps, Tito is given a double dose of tranquilizers

which mix with the booze he has consumed, and he passes out. His pulse is so low that Saunders and Max believe he is dead. What to do? No Tito, no \$50,000 in ticket sales.

Saunders coerces Max, an opera singer wannabe, into impersonating the Italian tenor to save the show. In costume, wig and make-up, he's a dead ringer for the 'dead singer.' But can Max

LEND ME A TENOR

Performances will be 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights, Jan. 19-20, Jan. 26-27 and Feb. 2-3 and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 21, 28 and Feb. 4. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for students, seniors and military; \$11 for groups of 10 or more; and \$10 for children under age 12. Reservations/information: 575-523-1200, www.lcctnm.org

find the courage to go on with the show? Will it be enough to impress his girlfriend Maggie (who has a crush on Tito)? The surprises have just begun when Merelli revives and dresses for his second act. With two Otellos now in costume and two women, each thinking she is sleeping with 'Il Stupendo,' the farce spins out of control onstage and off."

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- 24 Hearth waste
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- 32 Roly-poly
- 33 "I knew it!"
- 34 Good tidbit
- 38 Colleague of Trotsky
- 40 *They don't have qwerty layouts
- 46 Pen's tip
- 48 String after Q
- 49 Have -- of hope
- 50 Gp. for fillers and drillers
- 51 *At a short distance
- 56 *Metro section manager
- 59 Deadeye's skill
- 60 TCBY treats
- 61 Bloom holder
- 62 PC pictures
- 63 Fetus feeder
- 65 Kotter of TV
- 66 Juan's "this"
- 68 Henry VIII's third Catherine
- 69 *Tool whose teeth rotate
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- 87 *It may show acidity
- 90 *Divorcee in 1991 news
- 92 Min. segment
- 93 Segment
- 94 Suffix with 114-Down
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- 96 *Yale, e.g.
- 102 Tips, as a cap
- 106 Chilling
- 107 Golfer Trevino
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- 118 Mud in a cup
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- 122 22nd letter
- 123 Goopy camp treats
- 124 All tied up
- 125 Shul scroll
- 126 Be off
- 127 Unseat
- 128 Like paraffin
- 129 Lacking pity
- 130 Negatives
- 131 First phases

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- 3 Derivation
- 4 Teaches new skills
- 5 Biblical twin

- 6 Rigidly formal
- 7 Thin-screen boob tube
- 8 Plate
- 9 Practice
- 10 Giant in train travel
- 11 Petty of film
- 12 Quiz's kin
- 13 Paella base
- 14 Ticked (off)
- 15 Pfizer drug
- 16 Many eras
- 17 She bleats
- 18 Bitingly cold
- 28 In thing
- 29 Chin-wag
- 30 Native Nebraskan
- 35 Sister of Clio
- 36 Rider, e.g.
- 37 Old rulers
- 39 Jenna Bush, to Jeb
- 41 NBA and NRA, e.g.
- 42 Crusty roll
- 43 Big name in Art Deco
- 44 "We did it!"
- 45 "See you"
- 47 Wild horse
- 51 Cartoonist Al
- 52 Oscar winner Kedrova
- 53 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
- 54 No voters
- 55 On or about
- 56 Coup group
- 57 Morse "E"
- 58 "That's what -- service!"
- 61 One paid to park cars
- 64 Sweet filling
- 65 Event invitee
- 66 Sup at home
- 67 Try to hit, as a fly
- 70 Snow-pure
- 71 Epic story

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- 80 Filled up
- 81 Cow of ads
- 82 Kitchen filter
- 83 Burlesque dancer
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- 84 Llama locale
- 85 2004 Chevy debut
- 88 Mudbath site
- 89 "It" game
- 90 Feeling bliss
- 91 Vane locales
- 94 Freezes
- 97 Church chant
- 98 "Icky!"
- 99 Full of melting snow

- 100 Fiats
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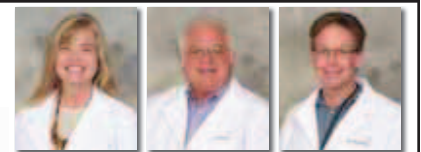
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PUZZLES

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



"Does all this equal rights stuff mean I can't laugh at her anymore?"

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!

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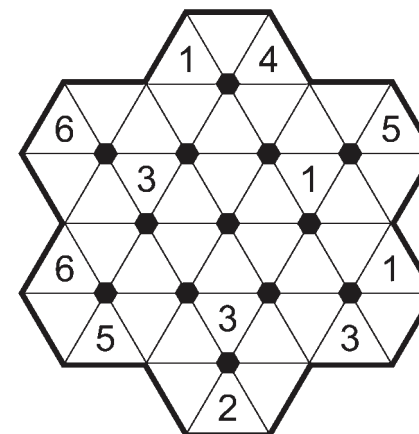
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TODAY'S WORD

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

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: F equals C

YV B TEMOYMP FBHORRM PEG
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FBMWG, CRESW TA JA MBQAW
ASQAH VEWPA?

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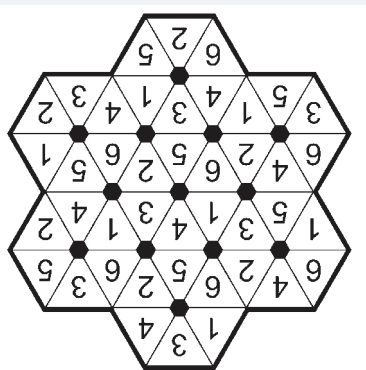
If a hunting cartoon guy were wild about chocolate candy, would he be named Elmer Fudge?

CRYPTOQUIP

SPELLING

Today's Word
1. Malign; 2. Spare; 3. Mingle; 4. Inhale

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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SUPER CROSSWORD

Harrelson plays LBJ during era of JFK's assassination

By **JEFF BERG**
For the Bulletin

Rob Reiner, who will always have the claim of playing Michael in the terrific "All in the Family" television series, is often overlooked as a director of some mighty fine pictures such as "When Harry Met Sally" and "The Bucket List." His next work is called "Shock and Awe" and is about the invasion of Iraq in 2007.

Although "LBJ" is not his best film, it is an interesting look at the former Texas senator who became an accidental president after the murder of John F. Kennedy.

GRADE: B+

'LBJ' opens at the Fountain Theatre for a week run on Jan 5.

Lyndon B. Johnson is played by Woody Harrelson, and with makeup bears a striking resemblance. The movie covers the era just prior to his belated run for president against John F. Kennedy until shortly after the assassination of JFK.

Harrelson carries a Texas accent well, usually, and shows us that Johnson was at once

powerful (until he became VP), quite possibly a racist, but not in the most severe sense of the word, and smarter than one might think.

The film opens with LBJ trying to make deals in the U.S. Senate, with other big names in politics, including Montana Senator Mike Mansfield and Richard Russell of Georgia, who is a racist but is needed by Johnson and later by the White House to pass civil rights legislation. The role of Russell is played by Richard Jenkins, who looks so much like the real Russell, it is quite disarming.

Johnson was not liked by the Kennedys, at least in the film, as JFK selected him because of his power in the south. Robert Kennedy was not a fan of LBJ, but it is never made clear as to why. Reiner gently re-plays the assassination in a sort of flashback, with Harrelson/Johnson going from pandering nuisance to a man of strength and decisiveness.

From the start of his term in office, LBJ took on Kennedy's civil rights movement and fell into the morass of Vietnam,

which pretty much shattered his career later. He was elected president in 1964, but opted to not run again, in part due to Vietnam.

Reiner wisely steers clear of melodrama and makes this film one about Johnson, with the Kennedy clan as co-stars. Harrelson plays this role well, defining Johnson as a gruff man with little charm who helps himself to spoonsful of dining mates' breakfasts while trying to get them to side with him on various issues. There's no glamor here, although Reiner

allows a certain softness between Johnson and his wife Lady Bird.

I think that if the film had a bigger budget, it would have done much better in release and at the box office, although movies related to history are often a tough sell. Sadly, the film never even played in Santa Fe.

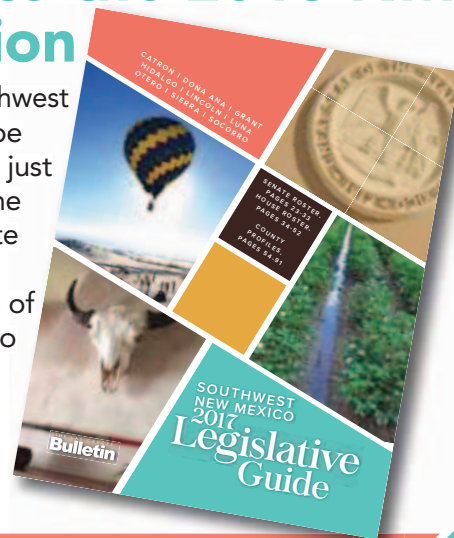
LBJ will keep your attention and offer an insight to an interesting man that history ignores and that is more than one can ask for.

And oddly, the credits say that the film is a work of fiction. Oops!

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What do they say?

Get your guide to the 2018 NM Legislative Session

The Las Cruces Bulletin's annual Southwest New Mexico Legislative Guide will be available the week of Jan. 16, 2018, just in time for the legislative session. The guide features profiles of all the state senators and representatives of our region, and gives their expectations of the upcoming session. There are also articles about the nine counties in our southwest region and their legislative needs. Also included are rosters for all 70 representatives and all 42 senators.



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ACADEMY FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

Megan McQueen presents four-part 'Hamilton' program

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University Theatre Professor Megan McQueen will present a four-part program on the award-winning Broadway musical "Hamilton" to the NMSU Academy for Learning in Retirement (ALR) in January.



MEGAN MCQUEEN

All presentations will be 10:30 a.m. to noon at Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, and will be presented Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 9, 11, 16 and 18.

McQueen, who has seen "Hamilton" twice on Broadway and more than 200 other Broadway plays and musicals, has produced and directed more than 50 musical productions for her own Scaffolding Theatre Company. Her productions have been shown at NMSU and theatre venues in Las Cruces, El Paso, Socorro and elsewhere.

McQueen has performed in more than 20 musical roles, including Fosca in Steven Sondheim's "Passion," McQueen's favorite composer and musical.

With "Hamilton: The Inventive Storytelling of a Musical Sensation," McQueen will discuss a variety of topics that relate to the show's production, from

costuming, music and choreography to the musical theatre traditions honored by composer and actor Lin-Manuel Miranda.

"Each of the presentations will culminate in a live performance of one or two numbers from the show that relate to the topic of the day," McQueen said.

In preparation for her ALR presentations, McQueen attended a conference where Leslie Odom, Jr. (the original Aaron Burr in "Hamilton") spoke for an hour; she has exchanged emails with "Hamilton" choreographer Andy Blankenbuehler; and she and Jonathan Groff



a Pulitzer Prize, two Grammy Awards, an Emmy, a MacArthur Fellowship and three Tony Awards.

• **Thursday, Jan. 18:** How Hamilton's choreography correlates to the music and helps in the storytelling
All performances will be 10:30 a.m.-noon at Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

(Hamilton's original King George) began acting together in the same

'HAMILTON' PROGRAM SCHEDULE

• **Tuesday, Jan. 9:** The casting revolution that 'Hamilton' has inspired, as well as the show's costuming

• **Thursday, Jan. 11:** An analysis of the form and structure of the show's music as it relates to the history contained in the story

• **Tuesday, Jan. 16:** The musical theatre traditions that composer and actor Lin-Manuel Miranda honors in "Hamilton." Miranda, who turns 38 on Jan. 16, has won

watched more than 15 hours of video elaborating on the production and extensively studied the show's creation.

"The creator and director like to refer to 'Hamilton' as the story of America then told by America now," McQueen said. "In every respect, they have endeavored to get to the essence of what makes our society both flawed and wonderful."

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 membership is not required to attend weekly lectures.

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

The fee to attend the lectures is \$4 per day for ALR members and \$5 per day for non-members.

For more information on ALR, contact Paul Miller at paulmiller1511@comcast.net.

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Art in the Detail: 20th Century Masters of Photography

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

Beyond the Familiar

Rosemary McLoughlin shares her love of Ireland and its rich culture with a show that continues through Jan. 6 at the Glenn Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday at 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. McLoughlin was born in Brooklyn and moved to New Mexico in 1973. She taught art at NMSU until 1990 when she became education director at NMSU Art Gallery. Her show's paintings depict colorful tales of rich and colorful voyages by Saint Brendan, a 6th century

saint visited by an angel who told him he must go forth and build monasteries. Info: 575-541-0658.



Fine Arts Gallery

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

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

Form & Function: Objects with Flair

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum opens a new exhibit featuring more than 40 objects from its collections that combine usefulness and beauty. Some objects utilitarian with no real aesthetic appeal. Some are art with no functional purpose other than to be appreciated for their beauty, or the message the artist wishes to convey. Some are in-between. The exhibit includes things from Navajo rugs to Apache and Pima baskets, to vases, pots and bowls, as well as saddles, guns, and furniture. The exhibit will be in the Museum's Legacy Gallery through July 8.

Gourd show

Masks, Maidens and More, a show and sale featuring the work of gourd artists Joanna Bradley, Sylvia Henderson, Karen Phillips, and Kathe Stark will continue 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Jan. 26 at Tombaugh Gallery inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Henderson will create a giraffe gourd at 11:45 a.m. Sunday Jan. 7. The exhibit features functional, spiritual and whimsical objects. Info: Lurene John, 503-490-4908.

Lifetime of Art

An exhibit featuring the works of Las Cruces artist Connie Garcia (1950-2017) will continue through April 1 at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road in Las Cruces. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Garcia began creating her artwork in the 1970s, starting with batik art, which she sold at art shows throughout the U.S. She expressed her creativity through tile, foil, drawing, contemporary painting, cards, and more. Info: 575-522-4100, www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

Makeshift art

MakeShift, an exhibition put together by partner and artist duo Ramon and Christian Cardenas, who form the artist collaborative Lxs Dos, continues at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. through March 10, 2018. The exhibit comes from the artists' need to create and express themselves using materials and resource available to them. The work is ethnographic in nature, describing the socio-cultural relations of the United States/ Mexico border region and its people. Branigan Cultural Center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 575-541-2154, museums.las-cruces.org.

My Earth

The 10 a.m.-ers are exhibiting at the Southwest Environmental Center in Las Cruces. The show opens at 5 p.m. Friday,



Jan. 5 during Downtown Art Ramble and runs through the end of January. The exhibit is titled "My Earth" and will reflect what that means to the exhibiting artists. Info: Kathleen Deasy at 828-467-9060 or kdarts2u@gmail.com.

Native voices

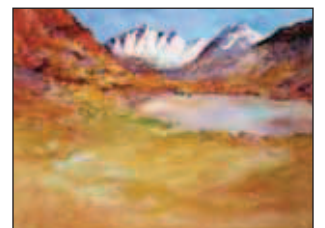
The traveling exhibit Native Voices: Native Peoples' concept of Health and Illness runs through Jan. 13, at the Branigan Cultural Center. Native Voices examines how wellness and illness interconnect with cultural life. The U.S. National Library of Medicine developed and produced Native Voices: Native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

Opposites attract

Rokoko Art Gallery presents the opening of a mixed media exhibit titled "Opposites Attract." An opening reception for participating artists will be 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at the gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. Snacks and refreshments will be served. The exhibit closes Saturday, March 17. Info: 575-522-5553.

Orchard art

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



Watercolor reception

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



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A&E EVENTS

Arts Ramble jam: 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, CSL at 575 N. Main St. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/ Open-Mic jam session begins at 6 p.m. with sign-up for performers at 6:30 p.m. Featured are acoustic musicians, songwriters, poets and storytellers. Come early for a lasagna dinner with salad, bread, dessert and drink, 5:30-7 p.m. Cost: \$5 suggested donation.

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

- Jan. 6: Pablo Picasso
- Jan. 13: Vassily Kandinsky
- Jan. 20: Mark Rothko
- Jan. 27: Jeff Koons

Ireland talk: 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, Cutter Gallery. "Coffee with Rosemary McLoughlin." Learn about Ireland's Little Christmas, the Journey of St. Brendan, and Rosemary's Life Journey. June 6th is last day of Rosemary's show in the Galley.

El Paso comedy: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, The Venue event facility, 511 Western St. in El Paso. A one-night-only showcase for stand-up comedian Ryan Stout, a former El Pasoan and a regular on "Chelsea Lately." Stout has also appeared on Conan, HBO's Funny



Ryan Stout

as Hell, and Comedy Central's @Midnight as well as his own half hour stand-up special: Comedy Central Presents...Ryan Stout. Cost: General admission, \$20; VIP Table for 4, \$70; VIP Table for 8, \$120. Tickets include complimentary food and there will be drink specials at the bar. Info and reservations: 915-227-3125. Tickets: www.onenightwithryanstout.eventbrite.com.

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

day, March 8. Info: 575-541-2137 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Promoting art: Noon, Friday, Jan. 26, DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Avenida de Mercado, Suite D, in the Bulletin Plaza in Mesilla. Glenn Cutter, New Mexico Arts Commissioner and co-owner with his wife, Sally, of Cutter Gallery, monthly Promoting Art Speaker Series. Cutter's topics will be New Mexico Arts, the New Mexico Arts Commission, and the Art in Public Places program, which, since its inception nearly 25 years ago has placed more than 2,500 works of art in New Mexico's 33 counties. The talk is open to all. Brown bag lunches are welcome. Cost: Free. Info: 575-523-6403 or email, admin@daarts.org or www.daarts.org.

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

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

CALL TO ARTISTS

All media show: The Las Cruces Museum of Art, in collaboration with the University Art Gallery, NMSU, seeks submissions for Here and Now, a regional exhibition to feature art in all media. The exhibition will be presented by the Museum of Art and the University Art Gallery May 11 through July 21, 2018. Online submissions will be accepted Jan. 15-March 30. Info: uag.nmsu.edu/hereandnow

Mesilla gallery: Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle De Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre, is accepting applications

for new artists to be juried into the gallery. Application are available at the gallery 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Info: 575-522-2933.

Rokoko seeks 'opposites': Rokoko Art Gallery announces a call for artists working in all media for an upcoming group show opening Jan. 13, 2018. Submissions are due in the gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla, on Saturday, Jan. 6. Entry fee is \$15 per piece. Info: 575-522-5553.

Second Saturdays: Artists and artisans who want to open their studios to the public once a month and join a new

informal group, Second Saturday Open Studios. The idea is to increase public awareness of Las Cruces-area artists. There's no fee, and studios don't have to participate every month. Info: Kathleen at 828-467-9060 or kdarts2u@gmail.com.

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



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Southwest Sport and Spine uses cutting-edge technology

Free balance screenings offered in January

BY MICHAEL SCANLON

For the Bulletin

Southwest Sport and Spine, a Las Cruces-based provider of physical therapy services, has become a regional leader in assessing and helping people with balance problems.

It will offer free “Fight the Fall” balance screenings to the public, 2-6 p.m. on two Fridays, Jan. 12 and Jan. 19 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27. People interested in the screening can just show up at the company’s facility, 1181 Mall Drive.

“Instead of doing a full assessment, we can do a very high-level screening,” said Southwest Sport and Spine owner Denise Campbell. “We can get through these screenings in about 15 minutes.”

Physical therapist Chester Brown, a fit-and-trim, energetic and enthusiastic 69-year-old, beams with pride as he leads a visitor through the company’s new balance center.

“This is really all new,” he said. “We’ve done balance and vestibular treatments for a long time, but this equipment has only been in place for about a month now.

“It has allowed us to go to the next level. What we have here is unique and very state-of-the-art,” he said, reluctantly using

what he called an over-used term.

He explained that humans really have three balance systems, and the key to treating a balance disorder is finding out what’s causing it.

“We can find out what balance systems appear to be affected using a number of different tests, and then we can set up a specific treatment for that person,” Brown said.

Balance disorders often can result from neurological problems, such as brain injury; musculoskeletal problems, such as injury to a lower extremity, or vestibular problems in the inner ear. Southwest Sport and Spine is set up, and its therapists are trained, to identify the source of the problem and design a therapy program to overcome it.

One of the center’s tools is what appears to be a virtual-reality headset worn by the patient during evaluation. Instead of providing sensory input to the patient, it displays real-time images of both the patient’s eyes on a display panel, allowing the therapist to detect nystagmus, or rapid involuntary movement of one or both eyes. The patient sees nothing but total darkness.

The patient is asked to do various things, such as move his or her head back and forth to the



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MICHAEL SCANLON

Chester Brown, right, a physical therapist at Southwest Sport and Spine in Las Cruces, describes what he sees in the eye movement of physical therapist Ann Jacquess, wearing headset. The physical therapy center recently added a variety of high-tech equipment to its balance center and will be offering free fall-risk screenings in January.

rhythm of a metronome, and then hold it still. The eyes’ response then gives the therapist information. Vestibular nystagmus, the most common nystagmus, can indicate a problem deep inside the ear.

If test results indicate an inner-ear problem, it’s often caused by a tiny crystal-like part of the inner working has come loose and is inside one of the minute canals of the inner-ear structure. The therapist can help the patient get it out of the

canal by a series of head-positioning exercises.

“It depends on which ear canal it’s in, and the eye movement tells us that,” Brown said.

Brown has an enlarged three-dimensional model of the inner-ear structure to help patients understand what’s going on.

“If you can look at it and really see what’s going on, it becomes more real for the patient,” he said.

Other high-tech tools in the balance center

provide other precise data about the state of a patient’s condition.

“By the time we get through this, we have a lot of information,” Brown said. More equipment is expected to arrive at the center in March.

The balance center has tracks in the ceiling from which a patient can be supported in a body harness to eliminate the danger of falling while the patient walks around the room as part of the therapy.

Southwest Sport and Spine owner Campbell said she believes the center is the most advanced balance center between Dallas and Denver and Phoenix.

The company also has a location in El Paso, and it is in the process of adding another balance center there.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Leadership NM session

Las Cruces is the host of this year's Leadership New Mexico's Core Program Economic Development Session, held Jan. 4-6. Business leaders from around the state will join the group.

Speakers at the session include:

- New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD) Secretary Matthew Geisel

- Don Gray, contract locations coordinator, New Mexico State Film Office

- NM Department of Tourism Deputy Secretary Audrey Herrera-Castillo,

- Daniel Hicks, chief executive officer, Spaceport America

- Dr. Jim Libbin, professor, New Mexico State University Department of Agricultural Economics & Agricultural Business

- Davin Lopez, president and CEO, Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA)

- Charles Perez, Port of Santa Teresa director

- Scott Maloney, co-founder and CEO, Seed Worthy, Makers of Bow-Tie

While in the Las Cruces area, participants will have the opportunity to tour and spend time at some of the area's most notable landmarks such as Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company, La Posta de Mesilla Restaurant, New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum, Pete V. Domenici Hall at New Mexico State University,

Santa Teresa Border Crossing, War Eagles Museum, and White Sands Missile Range.

The LNM Core Program topics include health and human services, economic development, education, environmental and natural resources, and government, crime and leadership. The program sessions are held over ten months in various locations around the state.

New Housing Authority chair

The Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority (MVPHA) Board of Commissioners elected new officers at its December meeting. Marcos Montes will serve as chairman and Felix C. Cordero will serve as vice chair.

Montes joined the MVPHA Board in February 2017. With 24 years of experience in mortgage lending, he currently serves as branch manager for Cherry Creek Mortgage Co., Inc. He replaces Shelly Sanders.

Cordero replaces Elizabeth Bardwell as vice chair. Cordero's diverse professional experience includes law enforcement and housing inspector. He is a licensed contractor and currently serves as facilities manager for Sitel in Las Cruces.

The MVPHA is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners, two of whom are appointed by the mayor of the City of Las Cruces and two appointed by

Driverless cars are in our future

With the holidays comes what has become an annual story in recent years – Amazon's effort at automating delivery. Drones or driverless cars, Amazon is on the verge of eliminating humans from the delivery process.

This is far from idle speculation. Each year, Amazon's efforts become less science fiction and more science.

Fully driverless cars are expected to be common on the nation's roads by 2050. Already, fully automated vehicles can be found in highly controlled settings, such as driverless tractors used by farmers in crop cultivation. Many vehicles have driver assist that help prevent lane drift or limit tailgating. And of course, there is the greatest technological breakthrough of our time, automated parallel parking.

The Society of Automotive Engineers International (who knew such an organization existed) has established an internationally recognized standard that identifies six levels of driving automation, logically labeled Level 0 to Level 5.

Standard unautomated cars are Level 0. Commercially available cars are either Level 1, standalone functionality like parallel parking, or level 2, in which complex systems can take on some of the dynamite driving tasks – think lane drift assist. At Level 5, the car takes on all dynamic driving duties – a presence of a driver is not necessary. Level 5 autos don't really



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State of the Economy

exist yet, although examples such as the Google car are getting close.

At present, Daimler AG has the largest installed base of automated driver technologies.

Their cars can keep in the same lane, maintain safe distance, follow the car in front, including stopping when necessary, assisted steering, switch lanes and overtake. Tesla and Nissan have similar technologies available, but have fewer automated cars on the road.

The economic impact of driverless cars is likely to be substantial. On study by Intel, for example, estimated the impact at \$7 trillion dollars by 2050. This

assumes fully automated Level 5 are widely available by then. This also assumes that consumers and businesses will be using Mobility-as-a-Service businesses rather than owning an automobile.

The number of human-error caused accidents, currently about 90 percent of all accidents, will be eliminated to a large extent. Fewer accidents will mean less congestion. Improvements in efficiency in the use of roadways will also mean less congestion. Less congestion effectively means more road capacity, which means less road construction.

Fully automated driverless cars will have a major social impact. Just as smart phones allowed us to bring work home with us in a way like never

before, driverless cars will allow extension of the work day onto the freeway. No more mediation; no more books-on-tape.

At the same time that many workers become more productive, others will find themselves without a job. Truck driver has long been a job that provides a good solid blue-collar jobs that will be eliminated in the driverless economy.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at NMSU. He doesn't like to drive, so is looking forward to the driverless economy. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Chris can be reached at cherrick@nmsu.edu.



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Company develops wild horse feeding stations

By LAUREN GOLDSTEIN

For the Bulletin

Roch Hart is a third-generation New Mexican with a deep, genuine appreciation for the land and its expansive mountains, desert and scrub, and the petroglyphs that adorn far reaches of the private, 20,000-acre ranch he manages. Hart recognizes that preservation is the key to maintaining New Mexico's land heritage.

As a retired police officer, former plant manager, tour guide operator and photographer, Hart maintains that he became a rancher almost by accident. It is through this position that he's used entrepreneurial thinking to identify a problem at his workplace, in this case a 20,000-acre ranch, and develop a solution for a costly situation.

There's a wild horse problem in New Mexico, as well as all the arid west, and the general public is in the dark about the issue. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Land Management spends an astonishing \$80 million dollars per year on the capture and care of overpopulated wild horses, also known as feral horses. Hart worries that the public won't react until the more inhumane options of mass roundups and euthanasia become visible and routine.

His company, Wildlife Protection Management, developed an innovative, scalable and humane option. It is a feeding station for wild horses that is equipped with the capability for remote injection



COURTESY PHOTO

Roch Hart and his company, Wildlife Protection Management, received assistance from New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center AgSprint program to develop an innovative, scalable and humane feeding station for wild horses equipped with the capability for remote injection of contraceptives. This patent-pending method is conducted with remote delivery. After the horse has placed itself in the proper position, an operator nearly 300 miles away is able to dispatch the injection via video surveillance and controls.

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Hart is a graduate of Arrowhead Center at New Mexico State University's AgSprint program, a five-month accelerator for innovation in agriculture, funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration and New Mexico Gas Company.

Wild horses are merely startled, not hurt, and return almost immediately to graze at the feed station. In addition to the contraceptive, and in anticipation of Radio Frequency Identification technology, the system has the capability to deliver a microchip so that

horses can be monitored for health and behavior. The system has been proven to fire at least two darts at once, which could include a combination of contraceptive, RFID chip and/or vaccination.

"The system has produced a 'wow' effect," Hart said. "This is really game-changing and will form a new industry. No one in the world has tried to do this yet."

Hart anticipates the next prototype, enhanced with solar power and other features, to be ready in April. Experts are supportive of WPM's innovation prototype and its vast possibilities.

"The remote capability of the WPM device is an amazing tool in that it saves time and manpower. The ability to deliver vaccine or birth control in this method is far more humane than having to

chase these feral horses, for capture and vaccination or individually darting from a distance," said Dr. Ralph Zimmerman, New Mexico State Veterinarian. "To have the ability to maintain the needs of the horses (or other potential target species) with minimal fear and stress to these animals is huge. The system could also be used to sedate adoptable animals for handling and adoption, providing another non-lethal method of population control. Obviously, in this case you could schedule appropriate staffing for safe horse handling."

The innovation is also a species-specific target, which means that the technology used to humanely control wild horse populations can also be adapted to feral dogs, feral pigs, deer, and other wild animals.

Wildlife Protection Management is in the process of raising funds for another round of efficacy testing, focused in part on RFID delivery—a vital step toward attracting additional federal grants and private investment. The company launched a crowdfunding campaign this month, and they aim to raise \$50,000 to continue testing the humane and cost-saving solution.

To support WPM's crowdfunding campaign to preserve both New Mexico's wild horse legacy as well as its enchanted land, www.indiegogo.com/projects/save-the-wild-horse-an-american-icon.

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the Board of Doña Ana County Commissioners. The fifth member of the MVPHA's board is a public housing resident.

Other members for 2018 include Sanders, Bardwell and Joseph Figueroa.

Concrete School set for January

New Mexico State University's Engineering New Mexico Resource Network will hold the 54th annual Samuel P. Maggard Quality Concrete School in collaboration with the New Mexico Ready Mix Concrete and Aggregates Association Jan. 12-13 on the NMSU Las Cruces campus.

The Quality Concrete School provides professional engineers and other individuals involved in the aggregate, construction and transportation industry with information on the latest industry trends and technologies. Sessions will include topics such as the basic properties of concrete, use of GPS in Ready Mix and construction, sampling and testing, shrinkage, maturity testing and best practices for mega projects.

The Quality Concrete School will be led by Craig Newton and Brad Weldon, both civil engineering professors. Participants will earn up to 10 professional development hours. To register, visit nmsu_qualityconcrete_2018.eventbrite.com.

For information,

Arrowhead Center offers entrepreneurs a digital curriculum

By **LAUREN GOLDSTEIN**

For the Bulletin

Arrowhead Center, the entrepreneurship and innovation hub at New Mexico State University, is offering a new online tool to help entrepreneurs navigate the winding path of building a successful company.

Developed by Arrowhead Innovator-in-Residence Scott Maloney, the Arrowhead Business Suite is a streamlined package of entrepreneurial training modules offering an intuitive extension of Maloney's experience as an innovator and entrepreneur.

Maloney's curriculum offers a step-by-step introduction to the vocabulary of business and entrepre-

neurship, which can itself seem as challenging as a foreign language. The suite of seven sophisticated business tools is available at no cost in a downloadable workbook format to help prepare entrepreneurs at any stage, from idea to request for funding.

Maloney, a third-generation entrepreneur and former lab scientist who earned an MBA, describes this new work as emerging organically from his "typical non-typical" path to entrepreneurship. He is the CEO and co-founder of Seed Worthy, an Internet tech company that created BowTie, a successful professional site-building platform and hosting solution. His past work includes positions at

Pfizer and Living Social.

Arrowhead's in-depth programming is the network of support behind Maloney's curriculum. Programs such as student and alumni business accelerator Studio G, LAUNCH proof-of-concept center, Arrowhead Sprints (AgSprint, BizSprint and Health Sprint), New Mexico Federal and State Technology Partnership Program and the New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program are poised to support all entrepreneurs who engage with and complete the ad hoc modules.

These programs provide interventions in the startup journey, assistance to innovation-based small businesses, and access to the Arrowhead

Innovation Network — a network comprised of enterprise advisors who represent expertise in business, capital investment, technology development, intellectual property and commercialization.

The modules include detailed instructions and advice for forecasting, marketing; developing a digital persona and path-to-product advertising; investment impact (dilution) and capitalization; business plans; and crafting and delivering pitches. As part of the package, entrepreneurs will have access to a personal advising session with Maloney.

"Arrowhead Center's diverse programs are on the bleeding edge of entrepreneurship," said

Maloney. "These modules introduce entrepreneurs to concepts and actions they can translate into success."

Accessibility is key, Maloney said. The workbooks, along with many of Arrowhead's acceleration and commercialization programs, are available remotely, so that entrepreneurs in every part of New Mexico might be empowered to take the next step, and explore the feasibility of their venture.

"The Business Suite is not just about building companies," said Zetdi Sloan, Arrowhead Center program director. "It's about giving individuals the means to control their economic destinies. With at-your-pace workbooks and advising as-you-need-

it, anyone — from anywhere, at any age, with any level of education or professional experience — can explore ideas and build businesses."

To access the Arrowhead Business Suite, visit arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu/university-center. The Arrowhead Business Suite is an initiative of the U.S. Economic Development Administration University Center for Regional Commercialization. For information on Arrowhead Center's many supporting programs, visit arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu.

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Specialty crop funds available

If you have a specialty crop, you may be eligible for federal funding as part of the Specialty Crops

Block Grant Program (SCBGP). The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) provides grants to state departments of agriculture solely to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in either domestic or foreign markets.

Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables,

tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture.

The funding cycle begins Sept. 29, and grant funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis only. Funds cannot be awarded to projects that solely benefit a commercial product or provide a profit to a single organization, institution or

individual.

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture will offer three workshops to assist growers and other agribusinesses in January. The workshops will provide an overview of the grant program and the application process.

New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture Jeff Witte said the funding provides

a unique and beneficial opportunity to agriculturalists in New Mexico.

Previously funded projects range from one-to-three years in length and vary in amounts from \$15,000 to over \$100,000.

There are certain restrictions on the usage of funds. Proposals must be submitted to NMDA via email by 5 p.m. March 1 using the template to

be provided by NMDA at www.nmda.nmsu.edu/marketing. Click on "competitive grant programs" to get started.

For January workshop dates, visit www.nmda.nmsu.edu/marketing. For information, contact NMDA Marketing Specialists Felicia Frost or Sarah Hacker at specialtycrops@nmda.nmsu.edu or 575-646-4929.



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December confers light on givers and receivers

December celebrations that have symbols of light associated with them (Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and others) reflect the need for brightness to counter the increase in daily hours of darkness as the winter begins. These observances bear other meanings as well, with light as the foundation of their message.

During the celebration of Hanukkah, which commemorates a victory for religious freedom won by Jews in Judea in 165 BC, I asked my congregants at Temple Beth-El to share one word about what the



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Seeking Harmony

festival meant to them this year.

Their responses encompassed a wide range of aspects of the holiday and its relation to our lives today. The "one-word" descriptions I received included:

Gratitude and pride. Triumph and hope. Family and Continuity. Endurance and perseverance. Remembrance and tradition. Freedom and survival. Empowerment and enlightenment. Dedication and responsibility. Commitment and focus.

Some of these values naturally flowed from a story about a people seek-

ing to hold on to their house of worship, their faith, and their right to be different in the face of a ruler who sought to change them and insist that they be like "everyone else."

Other principles expressed how we can find ways, today, to be heroic on our own terms and to offer our help to people in need whose circumstances have led them to a place where hope is ours to give them.

That is how I view the annual effort of my congregation to serve breakfast at Camp Hope on Christmas morning. Many Temples and synagogues around the country try to find ways

to serve their communities on a day when regular volunteers at hospitals and helping programs may be at home celebrating the holiday.

In 2012, members of Temple Beth-El sought to identify a way in which we could make a small impact on people who needed some warmth and cheer. We called on congregants to provide donations of food, funds, time and energy so that we would be able to serve a hot breakfast at Camp Hope.

As it has turned out over the six years of this effort, we have not only served a meal, but we also have had a chance to speak with the people who

came. We have listened to their stories, and we have tried to provide them with a sense that there are people who care about them.

In recent years, our Religious School children have created goodie bags that residents could take with them. This year, they also made greeting cards that they hoped would lift the spirits of the recipients. Several of our students were present to directly deliver these gifts of their hands and hearts.

I know that there are other organizations and congregations engaging in this type of activity to dispel darkness with light, to replace hopelessness with a spark of hope, and to offer warmth to counter

the chill in the air.

These acts bring a brightness that can be sensed in the one who gives and the one who receives. They reflect every value that my congregants cited in relation to Hanukkah, because it is, through our giving and our dedication, that more people will be able to live well and thrive every day. May that be a goal for which we continue to strive individually and as a community.

Rabbi Larry Karol has served as spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El (www.tbelc.org) in Las Cruces since July 2011. His writings are available at rabbi-larrykarol.blogspot.com.

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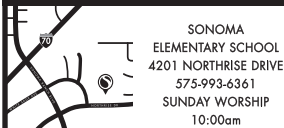
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Local photographer nabs top awards at annual contest

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces photographer Seth Madell has nabbed Doña Ana Photography Club's (DAPC) 2017 Photographer of the Year and Photo of the Year awards.

DAPC hosts the photo contest each year, which encourages members to



SETH MADELL

use ideas and techniques learned through monthly club programs and Saturday photo boot camp series.

Madell was chosen photographer of the year for his consistently high-quality, unique photos submitted during the year, according to a press releases.

He also won 2017 Photo of the Year with monochrome photo "Grand Central Terminal" which has subtle humor with the Apple logo near the source of light shining down on digital users, creating a cathedral lighting effect.

Madell moved to Las Cruces in 1995, after growing up on Long Island, New York, living and working in Philadelphia, and attending medical school at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Madell began honing his photo skills after he retired from his private occupational medicine



PHOTO BY SETH MADELL

Photo of the Year "Grand Central Terminal"

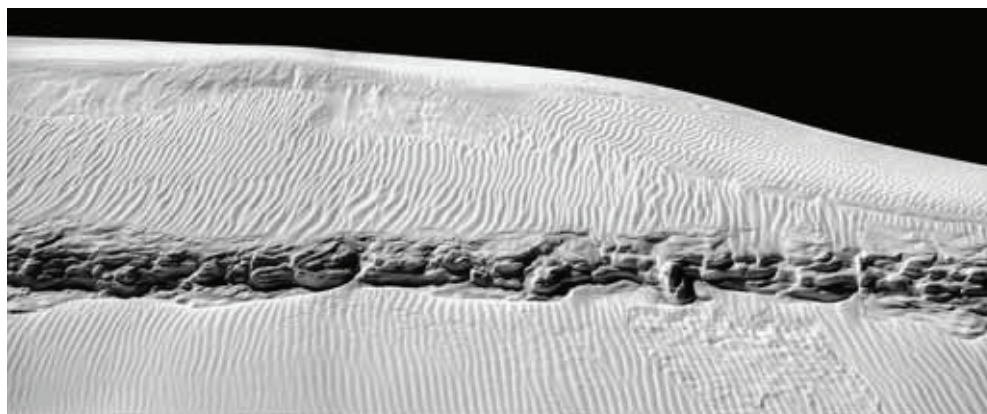


PHOTO BY CARL MAIER

"White Sands Wall"

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 - **Jan. 13,** Photo boot camp series begins
 - **Jan. 16,** "Learning About Your Camera," SWEC
- Information: www.daphotoclub.org

DAPC PHOTO OF THE YEAR CONTEST WINNERS

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Red ribbon winners:

Marcia Corl (2), Will Keener (2), Rob Peinert (2), Heather Tharp (2), Gerald Guss, Julie Schmitt, Erik Winter, Maria Zucconi

My 2018 to-do list is getting longer

Top 10 lists are generally reserved for the end of the year, reviewing the concluding year's ten best films, books, TV shows, microwave burritos, pothole repairs and inappropriate but funny jokes told by friends. My Top 10 list looks forward, into the coming year and what I want to accomplish in 2018.

10. Finish my novel. By "finish my novel," I mean start my novel. By "start my novel," I mean think up a story, characters, plot, dialogue, backstory and sassy witticisms. Maybe move to Paris and live it a small writer's garret or sequester myself in



PHIL WILKE
Life Lessons

an isolated cabin in the desert without distractions, so I could focus the 37 chapters I haven't yet written.

9. Take tap dance lessons. Ever since I watched my first Fred Astaire movie ("Top Hat") and Gene Kelly movie ("Anchors Away"), I've thought about taking tap dance lessons. Several things have gotten in my way, most notably lack of tap dancing talent.

8. Win a Nobel Prize. Not one of the difficult ones like Chemistry or Peace or Tap Dancing, but one of the minor ones like penmanship, helping friends move or macaroni

and cheese preparation.

7. Audition for a community theater performance. I hope one of the many local theaters decides to stage the classic "12 Angry Men," because I'd be a natural for a role. I can count to 12, I'm quick to anger, and I'm a man. Casting directors, you know how to get a hold of me.

6. I should really clean the house more often. I won't be featured on "Hoarders" or anything like that, but I didn't inherit the vacuuming chromosome from my sainted mother. I don't even know what the word "dusting" means.

5. Read my poetry in public. I write mediocre poetry, and then I send it

to my friend John – a wonderful poet – for editing. I accept all his suggestions, and then pass it off as my own. It's a great system. However, I haven't read it for anyone, and I do want to get out of my comfort zone and show my vulnerable and sensitive side in public.

4. Visit more places in my adopted home state. Any state with a wide bend in the road called Pie Town is OK with me. Also, Santa Fe is pretty, I'm told, but Pie Town is first on the list.

3. Alter my coffee intake. I drink a lot of coffee, five, six, seven, eight cups a day. But I don't think that's the right amount. I need to drink a lot more, to get more accomplished,

or cut way back, to get more sleep. I'm not sure.

2. Lose another (none of your business) pounds. I've made great progress to date and I can't slide backwards. Two reasons: I'm healthier and I've given away all my fat clothes as an incentive to get and stay thin. I don't think I can afford a new wardrobe, so losing weight is my only alternative.

Set up Wilke For President 2020 committee. My platform will include:

Move to daylight savings time and keep it there year-round.

Alaska and Hawaii vote a day ahead of the lower 48 states.

Corporal punishment for people who take too long to answer important

emails.

(I was going to propose selling off North Dakota, but I just met a really, really nice person from Fargo, so I'm putting that on hold.)

Abolish the Electoral College. All votes count the same, what a concept!

The seventh game of the World Series will be considered a national holiday.

A pound of fudge for all taxpayers who file before Feb. 15, helping alleviate the last-minute rush.

It's going to be a busy year.

Phil Wilke is a recent transplant to Las Cruces, would appreciate your vote, and is a freelance writer. He can be reached at wilkephil@yahoo.com.

Bridal, event showcase returns

BULLETIN REPORT

A memorable wedding or quinceañera requires a lot of planning, and it takes time to research available options for each detail. Simplify it at the Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase, which returns to the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28.

The annual event brings together a wide range of products and services for weddings, special events and more. Taste samples from area caterers, get planning ideas, meet DJs, and take in a fashion show for the latest in prom, quinceañera, wedding couture and hair styling.

Wedding photographers,

caterers, venue managers, limo businesses, dressmakers and more will be on site.

An event highlight will be a live wedding, awarded free to one couple. Local

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practice in 2014. He joined the photo club and participated in regular photo theme projects and print contests.

“Camera-wise, I grew up with a Kodak Instamatic, but I bought a film SLR in 1982 just after I had graduated from med school, my first big purchase,” Madell said. “It was a Nikon film camera, which is probably the reason I have always done Nikon cameras because that is what I am familiar with. I got my first digital SLR in 2003 and I have had a couple of upgrades since then.

“Photography has always been something that I enjoyed, but was never serious about until the past couple of years, when I really made a point of figuring out why some of my shots looked bad and what I could do about it.”

Madell, along with Victor Gibbs, Gary Spencer and David Niver, were the top photographers in the three quarterly print contests.

Of special note in the New Photographer cat-

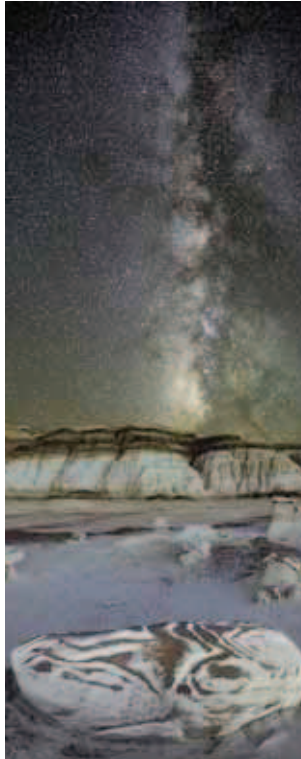


PHOTO BY ROBERT PETICOLAS
“Bisti Night”

egory, Bob Hamre, new to Las Cruces, won three blue ribbons and Heather Tharp won one blue and two red ribbons.

Judges were Paul Schranz, Mia Gonzalez, Storm Sermay, Linda Bernhardt and Jessica Robinson. Photos were judged 70 percent on subjective/emotional impact and 30 percent on technical skill.



“The Calm Before the Storm”

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“Farrier and Horse”

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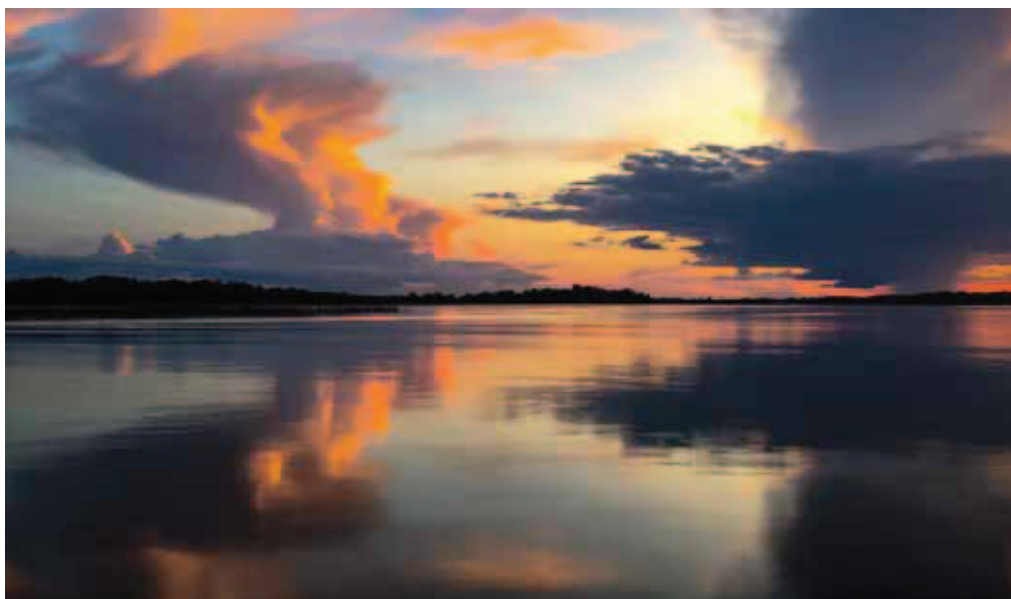
“Western Wisp”

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“Evening Storms”

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• The further you get from home in your straw hat, the harder the wind will blow.

• No matter who you vote for, you finally have to admit it didn't make any difference.

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• If you dig a trench, you will hit a forgotten water line.

• If you hit a horse on the highway, it will be the most expensive horse the guy owns.

• If you don't get your grain bought at harvest, the price will eventually go up.

• If you get all your

grain bought at harvest, the price will eventually go down.

• If after 10 years of selective breeding you have finally achieved the tallest yearling bulls in the show ring, this will be the year the trend starts the other way.

• If you sort the heavy end of the calvy heifers into a pen under the lights, there will be six left in the other bunch that calve first.

• March will never be as bad as November, because in November you always have March to look forward to.

Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. Learn more at www.baxterblack.com.

Ring in the new year with laughter

Reflections of the past year filled me with fond memories, nostalgia, and a really big smile as I reminisced of times spent with close friends, family, coworkers, and

the Good Samaritan residents I am so fortunate to interact with on a daily basis.

With age, I have learned to laugh at myself more frequently and not take myself so seriously. For instance, over Christmas my husband and I booked a hotel as our son was hosting the whole family for the holidays. We wanted to make sure to be back at his house early Christmas day as we were sure the grandchildren would be up quite early. Not wanting to wake him, I grabbed the toiletries and headed for the shower. As I poured out the crème rinse, I remembered thinking it had a very strange consistency. After I finished getting ready, I located my reading glasses to



PENNEY McCLARIN

Good Samaritans

see what type of conditioner I had placed on my hair as I wanted to make sure to never purchase that brand again. You guessed it, instead of crème rinse, I had put hand lotion in

my hair. A younger me would have been mortified and never shared that story as I would have been too embarrassed. An older me can laugh it off and tuck it away to be shared at a future date with good humor to a friend who is having a bad day and needs some cheering up.

It appears that this wisdom of laughing at myself is infectious and my lack of perfection and funny happenings give way to good-humored laughter to those I interact with daily. I often find myself saying, "You see, I am helping to make you live longer through laughter!"

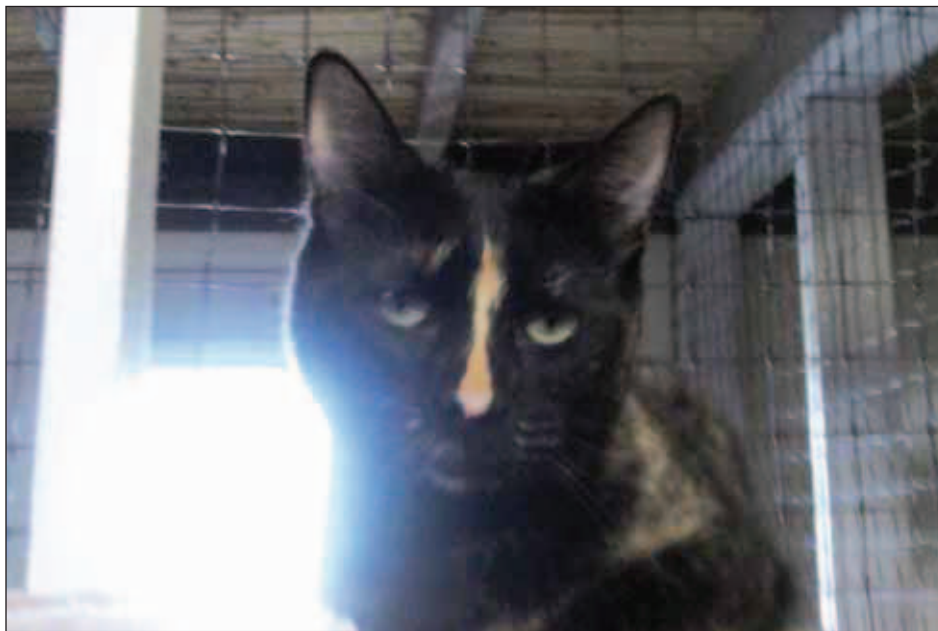
In my endeavor to find some words of wisdom for the new year, it occurred to me that rather than working on

what I felt might be my imperfections, I should just make the commitment to laugh more. Vast amounts of research have been done on the positive effects of laughter. Laughter has been known to enhance ones' immune system, which helps improve resistance to sickness and disease, reduces stress, puts you in a more positive mood and makes you feel happiness. Laughing really may be able to add years to your life.

So, as you begin making your resolutions for 2018, I hope you will consider adding "Laughing More" to your list. After all, laughing is a really simple way of doing something positive for your body and mind while making you feel good as well.

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Suicide prevention, support means you are not alone

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

You are not alone.

That's the message the Southern New Mexico Suicide Prevention and Survivor Support Coalition (SPSSC) wants to communicate to anyone thinking of hurting or killing him- or herself, or to anyone who has survived a suicide attempt or is a friend or family member of someone who has committed suicide.

"2018 is going to be a very important year for us," said SPSSC Co-Chair Dr. Satya Rao. "With openness and compassion, I think we can make a difference."

Rao is a professor of public health sciences at New Mexico State University.

People often don't see the urgency needed to deal with suicide prevention and support, Rao said, especially the very young, including Las Cruces teenagers.

"How can we support people, so this doesn't happen as often as it does?" Rao asked.

It requires creativity and fearlessness, she said.

There are two basic parts to SPSSC's mission: prevention and support for survivors, said coalition co-chair Dr. Margaret Short, who is director of Memorial Medical Center's Pastoral Care Department.

Rao said New Mexico ranks fourth in the nation for suicides per capita, and is seventh highest in homicides. The state also is ranked 49th for child well-being, she said.

Rao said there is a direct



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Short, left, and Dr. Satya Rao, co-chairs of the Southern New Mexico Suicide Prevention and Survivor Support Coalition, spoke about the coalition at Memorial Medical Center's Pastoral Care Lunch Dec. 15 at the hospital.

correlation between child welfare and suicide attempts.

For a high-school aged child with seven of the 10 basic adverse childhood experiences (ACE) outlined by the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Short said, the potential for suicide goes up 51 times. For an adult who had seven of the 10 factors as a child, the rate goes up 30 times.

To see the ACE questionnaire, visit acestoohigh.com/got-your-ace-score. Learn more about the study at www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy.

Some suicide survivors in their 70s and 80s are still traumatized by the memories of the parents' divorce decades in the past, Rao said.

The high rate of poverty locally and statewide contributes to a higher potential for suicide, Short said, along with homelessness.

"How can you be a kid when you fend for yourself," Rao said.

Rao and Short said SPSSC is developing partnerships in

GET SUPPORT

The Southern New Mexico Suicide Prevention and Survivor Support Coalition (SPSSC) meets 4:30-6 p.m. the first and third Mondays of every month, Center for Grief Services at Mesilla Valley Hospice, 200 E. Montana Ave. The peer-led support group is open to any adult survivor of suicide.

Free. Info: Dr. Satya Rao at 575-635-6265 or Dr. Margaret Short at margaret.short@LPNT.net.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

If you are considering hurting yourself or ending your life or you know someone who is, call or contact:

- 911
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 800-273-8255, suicidepreventionlifeline.org
- New Mexico Crisis and Access Line at 855-NMCRISIS (662-7474) or the Peer-to-Peer Warm-line at 855-466-7100
- Youth Mental Health Line: 888-568-1112
- Child Help USA: 800-422-4453

the community to help get the word out about suicide prevention and support, especially among children.

The coalition is reaching out to local schools, New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College to help teachers, professors and other professionals become more aware of "the difference they can make" to a child a young adult considering harming him- or herself or committing suicide, Short said.

"It's actually a good thing to

State launches health care website

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) launched a new website for New Mexico residents to compare Medicaid health care costs for nine medical procedures across the state. The website is a requirement of Senate Bill 323, enacted in 2015, which amended the Health Information System Act and tasked NMDOH with providing New Mexico residents with public access to a user-friendly website that provides health care costs and other data.

It provides cost estimates to Medicaid by facility and/or provider, as well as overall facility-level quality measures, including the number of eligible health care personnel who have received a flu vaccination and patient recommendations of the facility (on a scale of 0-10). New Mexico joins only a handful of other states in making health care costs more transparent for its residents.

"Transparency around health care costs does not only serve an educational purpose, it empowers New Mexico residents to make more informed decisions about their healthcare options," said Department of Health Secretary Lynn Gallagher in a news release.

Price-transparency tools encourage private insurers and public programs to reward quality and efficiency, help patients make informed choices about their care and help providers improve by benchmarking their performance against others.

To access the website, visit www.nmhealthcarecompare.com.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Diabetes classes: 1-4 p.m. Jan. 9-11, Families and Youth Inc., 1320 S. Solano. Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach will hold a series of three diabetes classes in English and Spanish by Diabetes educator T.J. Jasso, RN, BS. Info: (575) 522-0289 or email: snmdo@snmdo.org.

Early-stage Alzheimer's support: 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Families facing Alzheimer's disease will have access to a class offered by the Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter. Cost: Free. Info and registration: Lindsey Bachman, 800-272-3900 or email lmbachman@alz.org.

Alzheimer's group: 10-11 a.m., second Thursday of every month, 1155 S. Telshor Blvd., Suite 202. Early Stages Alzheimer's Support Group meets. Attend with a friend or family member.

ONGOING

Adult Dance Fitness: 8:30-10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Dance your way to fitness. Ballet, 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Professional instructor. Class size limited. \$20-\$45 a month. Tryout free. Info: 575-405-4124.

Alzheimer's and dementia support group: 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Arbors of Del Rey Assisted Living Community support meeting offers information and interventions. Info: 575-382-5200.

Ambercare Hospice Volunteer Program: Ambercare seeks individuals interested in volunteers to offer comfort and support to patients and their families. Hospice volunteers read, take walks, listen or provide companionship. Training provided. Info: 575-556-8409, ext. 12418, or jlopez@ambercare.com.

Aquatic cardio: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department offers a Pound class, rhythmic cardio jam session, combining light resistance with constant simulated drumming. The total body workout fuses cardio, Pilates, isometric movements, plyometrics into a 45-minute series. Info: 575-541-2782.

Birth, death certificates: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Closed noon-1 p.m. Info: 575-528-5046.

Bone Boosters: 11:30 a.m. first Thursday. Sponsored by National Osteoporosis Foundation/New Mexico Affiliate. Info: 575-522-

5106 or 575-522-0503 to RSVP.

Breast cancer support group: Meets 10-11:30 a.m. fourth Saturday each month, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., west side annex building. Free, no pre-registration, open to all.

Breastfeeding support group: 10-11:30 a.m. every Friday, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room. Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group. Refreshments provided. Cost: free. Info: 575-521-5393.

Cancer support group: 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday, University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer Care is a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends). Info: Betty Harris, 575-524-3994 or the church office, 575-522-8220.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 7 p.m. Mondays, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri, Room 107. A 12-step program to let go of unhealthy rescuing behavior. Info: www.

coda.org or Wayne at 575-647-5684.

Diabetes support group: 10-11:15 a.m. third Thursday in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave. Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings provide open discussion and teaching regarding diabetes and a question-and-answer period. Info: 575-522-0289.

Flu vaccines: Immunization Hotline, toll free 866-681-5872, or visit flushot.healthmap.org.

Immunization services: For children up to 18, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5006.

SENIOR CALENDAR

AARP: General meeting of the Las Cruces chapter, every third Wednesday at Senior Circle, 3948 E Lohman, behind Walgreen's.

Hamilton storytelling: 10:30 a.m.-noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 9, 11, 16 and 18, Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Academy for Learning in Retirement presents Hamilton: The Inventive Storytelling of a Musical Sensation with Megan McQueen, assistant professor of Theatre Arts at NMSU. Coffee is at 10 a.m. Cost: \$4 per day for members, \$5 per day for non-members, \$5 per year to become a member. Info: 575-522-1938, email

nmsu.alr@gmail.com or dacc.nmsu.edu/alr.

- Tuesday, Jan. 9: The Hip Hop Origins of Hamilton from casting and costuming to rap callbacks featuring a live performance of "Alexander Hamilton."
- Thursday, Jan. 11: Honoring the history through the music, featuring live performances of "Dear Theodosia" and "Burn."
- Tuesday Jan. 16: The traditional musical approaches of Hamilton featuring a live performance of "You'll Be Back."
- Thurs. Jan 18: How the music works with the movement featuring live performances of "My Shot" and "The Room Where It Happens."

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New Mexico TOPS queen aims to support others to the crown

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

At one point in her life, Tamara Mattson sat in her car outside weight-loss support group meetings for six months before she attended one.

“I was trying to decide if they would be nice or not,” said Mattson, who weighed as much as 320 pounds.

Eventually, she did go into a meeting, where she found a good friend and lot of support.

Mattson, 48, was crowned 2016 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club New Mexico queen because she had lost 62 pounds during the year – more than any other TOPS female member in the state.

And, more than a year later, she has kept the weight off, staying at 150 pounds.

“I feel energized and full of hope,” Mattson said. “I also feel a lot of freedom.”

Mattson is a Minnesota native who came to Las Cruces in 1995 to accept a computer programmer job at New Mexico State University and now works for NASA at White Sands Missile Range. She joined TOPS for the first time in 1995, and quit and rejoined



COURTESY PHOTOS

TOPS New Mexico queen Tamara Mattson before her dramatic weight loss, left, and after, right.

several times in several states before finding success with a TOPS chapter in Las Cruces.

“For years, Mattson thought, ‘What would that be like?’ as she watched others standing in the TOPS Circle of Light, which recognizes those who have maintained their weight loss.

“Maintaining it is a big deal,” said Mattson. “It’s not just about weight loss; it’s about weight maintenance.”

Today, Mattson looks forward to weekly chapter weigh ins and joining others in the next Circle of Light when a completely dark room – or, for International Recognition Day,

a football stadium – illuminates as each member turns on a small light.

Mattson is the third TOPS New Mexico queen from Las Cruces, she said. Her goal is to find the next one in her local chapter. “I want to put my whole heart and soul into setting the example of how to maintain,” she said.

It costs \$32 a year to join TOPS, Mattson said. There are no other costs, no body mass indicator charts and no one who dictates what an individual member must accomplish. Each member’s weight-loss goal is determined by that member and his or her doctor.

Mattson still remem-

TOPS TIPS

- Don’t change your regular routine.
- Don’t starve yourself to gorge at a party.
- Drink a glass of water before a meal or going to a party. It helps fill you up.
- Never arrive hungry for a party or a meal.
- Practice portion control.
- Be aware of alcoholic drinks and the calories they contain.
- If it’s a buffet, ask the host for a small (eight- or 10-inch) salad plate. It fills up faster than a 12-inch dinner plate.
- Sit as far away from the

food table as you can so it’s not as easy to go back for seconds, and don’t pile it on. Small servings satisfy.

- Let what you eat settle for 10-15 minutes before another helping.
- There are 33 TOPS chapters in New Mexico, including four in New Mexico. In 2016, TOPS New Mexico chapter members lost a total of 2,162 pounds. (There are 125,000 TOPS members in the United States and Canada. In 2016, they lost 300 tons of excess weight.)

bers the defining moment in her weight-loss campaign.

“When I got to 199, I knew I was going to do it,” she said. “I saw the needle start to move through the support group.”

Fellow TOPS members – all volunteers – provide support and encouragement, Mattson said, as the program encourages members to make small, steady lifestyle changes that provide lasting weight loss and better health, according to www.tops.org. The program does not sell foods, endorse products, or push a one-size fits all meal plan, the website said.

Using TOPS educational

tools, Mattson said she has learned to combine nutritious food and healthy exercise, including walking at least 10,000 steps a day and running or riding a bike at least three times a week.

Her advice to anyone wanting to lose weight is to “ask for help if you’re trying to get that needle to move,” she said. “Ask for support. You don’t have to do it alone.”

There is no judgement, no criticism or condemnation of members at chapter meetings, Mattson said.

“The message is, ‘We’re glad you’re here,’” she said, “and we mean it.”

Every TOPS chapter,

BY THE NUMBERS

- 36.5 percent of American adults (17 percent of youth) are obese, including 25-30 percent of adult New Mexicans. All states had more than 20 percent of adults with obesity.
- Obesity-related conditions include heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and certain types of cancer, some of the leading causes of preventable death.
- The estimated annual medical cost of obesity in the U.S. was \$147 billion in 2008 U.S. dollars
- Medical costs for people who have obesity were \$1,429 higher than those of normal weight.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevent, www.cdc.gov

she said, “would be happy to support anyone for a season, a year, 10 pounds or 100 pounds.

To find a local TOPS chapter (there are four in Las Cruces, including one that celebrated its 50th anniversary last November), visit www.tops.org, click on “find a meeting” and enter your zip code.

TOPS is open to men and women and to anyone over age 12.

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SUPPORT

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ask, ‘Are you thinking about hurting yourself,’” Short said, “because then the person feels safe talking about it. It’s not a taboo topic.”

The coalition is also talking to church leaders and volunteers; nurses,

doctors and hospital staff; and local child protective services officials.

Creating mentors and providing education about suicide prevention and support and trauma counseling can be a powerful deterrent, Rao said.

“I think compassion is the key – reaching out and asking that extra question,” she said.

Twice monthly SPSSC meetings provide peer support for adult survivors of suicide, including those who have attempted suicide or are considering it and friends and family members of suicide victims.

Loved ones of a suicide victim often must deal with shame, Short said.

The implied message to

them is, “Why didn’t you do something?” she said. Or, “what did you choose not to do?”

Others feel “disenfranchised grief,” Short said, because they “do not feel free to grieve openly (for a suicide victim) or let others know.”

A woman Short knows kept quiet about her grief over the suicide of her son

for more than 30 years.

“She never talked about it,” Short said, so she never healed. “There’s no time limit.”

“We want to create a system where people don’t hesitate for a moment to ask for help,” Rao said.

To donate to SPSCC, write a check to the coalition’s fiscal agent, Community Action Agency

of Southern New Mexico (CAASNM) – indicate on the check that your donation is for the Suicide Prevention Coalition – and send it to CAASNM, 3880 Foothills Road, Las Cruces, N.M. 88011. Call CAASNM at 575-527-8799.

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NMSU's Jason Huntley (1) and Jared Phipps (29) celebrate Huntley's 100-yard kickoff return that put the Aggies up 10-7 with 10:47 left in the first quarter. The touchdown answered a Utah State score on a kickoff return just a play earlier. Huntley and Phipps both played their high school football in Arlington, Texas.

Crimson Caravan makes itself at home in West Las Cruces

By **RICHARD COLTHARP**
and **MARTY RACINE**

Las Cruces Bulletin

How fitting NM State senior running back Larry Rose III scored the game-winning touchdown in the Aggies' 26-20 Arizona Bowl overtime victory over Utah State Dec. 29.

Rose, out of Fairfield, Texas, was the prize of Coach Doug Martin's first Aggie recruiting class, and the star of a solid bunch of hardworking student-athletes who made up the rest of those recruits.

This was the perfect group to break NMSU's 57-year bowl drought, a beautiful collabora-

tion of great coaching, dedicated players, patient school and athletic administrators, alumni, fans and an entire community.

Somewhere the recently departed Aggie legend Pervis Atkins, a star on NMSU's last bowl champ, in 1960, is smiling.

Tucson became West Las Cruces for a few days as seemingly half the city made the four-hour trek along congested Interstate 10 to be a part of history. Aggie fans also came from Alamogordo, Deming, Española, Albuquerque, Taos and all corners of New Mexico. They came from Phoenix,

California and Colorado.

We Aggie football fans are conditioned for the worst. The hopeful buildups. The painful letdowns. But the faithful did not travel to the Sonoran Desert to see their team lose. There was an unexplainable optimism in the air, as if to defy all reason, all Aggie tradition.

The anticipation was palpable in pre-game celebrations Thursday night and early Friday – among generations of former Aggie players who never got their shot, among longtime associates like Aggie announcer Jack Nixon, who has endured many a losing

campaign from the press box.

And as the afternoon sun splashed over the distant Catalina Mountains, the Crimson Caravan filled the steep west-side stands of Arizona Stadium with school colors, camaraderie, cowbells and cardboard signs. It made all the difference. Vocal support behind the Aggie bench even drowned out the echoes of “home-field advantage” turnouts at Aggie Memorial Stadium in recent years.

Every time the fans had a reason to hang their heads and give up – and there were

AGGIE PRIDE

By **ROSS M. BURKHARDT**

Editor's note: Ross M. Burkhardt of Las Cruces submitted this poem on Jan. 2.

Whether you were in the stands
Or watched it on TV,
The Nova Home Loans Bowl
last week
Made Aggie history.
From thrilling plays to over-
time
To 57 years,
The Aggies earned a victory
And merited thunderous
cheers.

The Arizona Bowl drew
fans –
39,000 or more.
Most wore Aggie crimson
And applauded every score.
Utah State tried their best
To thwart our team and
hobble,
But the Aggies fought relent-
lessly –
They refused to wobble.

How fitting that the Aggie
hero
Was Larry Rose III.
He galloped 21 yards
through blue
For the game-winning TD.
Another Aggie took the field,
And romped with canine
glee;
Striking the Wonder Dog
showed up
To retrieve the football tee.

The Pride Band. Pistol Pete.
Sun Dancers in motion.
“Guns Up!” Clanging cow-
bells!
Roaring Aggie devotion.
Back-to-back kickoff re-
turns.
A most excited crowd.
Yes, the bowl in Tucson was
worth the wait
And made the Aggies proud.

Scoring big



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

NMSU guard Aaliyah Prince shoots over Western New Mexico forward Jade Botelho Dec. 31 at the Pan American Center. The Aggies crushed the Mustangs, 89-60, in preparation for the Western Athletic Conference opener against Chicago State Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Pan Am. Tip-off is 2 p.m.

AGGIE

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MANY chances in this often frustrating game – they never wavered, and came back yelling and cheering stronger. You could visually see how the decibels bothered USU, especially on their third-down conversion attempts, where the blue-clad team from Logan, Utah, was just 1-of-18.

After exhilarating back-to-back kickoff returns for touchdowns in the opening five minutes, both defenses dominated in a nerve-wracking struggle for field position, punt after punt after punt. It was crisp, positional football. Yet, as coaches, players

and officials from both schools paced nervously, you sensed that one of these offenses was going to break the spell with a late touchdown. Actually, both did, with the Aggies answering to force overtime.

In the end, from the stadium turf filled with fans who overwhelmed security to celebrate with their team, to the restaurants and bars on 4th Avenue and University Boulevard, to the hotels on Broadway and beyond, the caravan had a hell of a good time painting the town crimson.

With this kind of enthusiasm (and tourist dollars), Tucson and its bowl game would welcome them “home” any time.

Be prepared for golfing in mid-winter

Most of us who play golf in this temperate climate love to play year-round. Heck, that’s exactly why some of us live here. But when it gets colder, playing conditions are going to test your patience.

Greens-keepers try their best to make our courses playable, but still we need to make adjustments.

Grass doesn’t grow fast in mid-winter and there are often thin and tight lies and little cushion of soft turf under your ball in the closely mown areas of fairways. I prefer the ball to be sitting on top of about ½ inch of cushy dense grass for best results. Ain’t gonna happen now. Just under the veneer of sparse grass lurks damp, compacted dirt that will deaden your club head instantly – if you don’t adjust. Try playing the ball slightly back in your stance with a setup for most middle-iron shots like the ball is on hardpan. Often conditions now don’t encourage taking a big divot. On Bermuda grass the ball may look like it’s sitting up but underneath is a matt of wiry dormant grass that suggests we sweep the ball rather than trap it. Think ball first, not ground first.

The ball doesn’t fly as far in cold weather; the air is denser, and the reaction off the club face is tricky. I can’t explain all the thermodynamics, but one of my golfing friends who has a bunch of pens clipped to a plastic shirt pocket liner gave me a simple two-word answer: “just physics.” You will



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need to take more club, not swing harder. And realizing you must hit a longer club means taking your ego out of the equation.

Putting presents another set of challenges.

The greens in winter are spotty and can be different speeds from day to day. Hole location sometimes can’t be changed for days, and cups can get pretty ragged. Putts must be very pure to go in. If crews can’t mow for several days the roll along the grass is slower. Naturally, uphill putts into the grain must be struck with authority. At other times the roll can be lightning fast, especially for downhill, downwind and down-

grain putts. Take extra time with your putter on the practice green warming up and get a sense of what the grass feels like. It will pay off on the course.

For the mental challenges while playing in cold weather, my first advice: Brace yourself for some bad luck – bad bounces, quirky rolls, tough lies, goofy positions and unpredictable results. Green surrounds are often the most affected by spotty grass growth, making chipping a real adventure. Beware of the double hit with your wedge, especially when you don’t realize the grass underneath your ball is dense with sticky turf. It will grab your club like a vice and then as you follow

through you catch the ball as it stays suspended a foot above the ground. You just took two strokes and your ball went nowhere.

Be prepared for frequent frost delays, since greens must thaw after a really cold night before they can handle foot traffic. Walking on brittle frosted grass will ruin it. Be patient while waiting. Days are short, and playing in late afternoon means putting in virtual darkness. Not for the faint of heart.

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