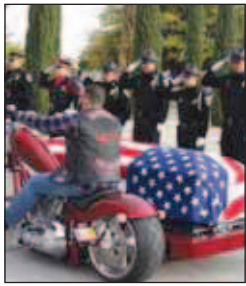


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TOUCHDOWN!

Aggie fans react to New Mexico State's first touchdown Saturday, Dec. 2, on a 9-yard pass from Tyler Rogers to Anthony Muse that put the team up 13-7 in a game the Aggies eventually won to secure the school's first bowl bid in 57 years. A near-sellout crowd of 26,268 attended, and the party later spilled onto the field and into bistros throughout Las Cruces. For reactions to the game, see page 6; for photos, page 62. The Aggies face Utah State Friday, Dec. 29, in the Nova Home Loans Arizona Bowl in Tucson. Tickets can be purchased at the Pan American Center box office or by calling 575-646-1420.

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Deadline looms to pay Doña Ana County property-tax bills

Doña Ana County Treasurer Eric L. Rodriguez has mailed 2017's first-half property tax bills, and he reminds property owners that they have until Dec. 10 to pay their first-half property taxes before state-mandated interest and penalties begin to accumulate.

Citing convenience as a priority for his office, Rodriguez said payments can be made in a number of ways, such as:

- * By mailing payment to the Treasurer's Office using the self-addressed envelope provided with the tax notice.

- * In person at the Treasurer's Office from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 845 Motel Blvd., in



Las Cruces.

- * By using the indoor drop box, located near the Treasurer's Office teller windows.

- * Online with a credit or debit card, or via electronic checks at www.donaanacounty.org/tax/ or by phone at (877) 458-2425. There is a nominal fee for this service.

- * In person through Dec. 10 at either of the following satellite locations: Anthony City Hall at 820 Highway 478 in Anthony; or Hatch City Hall at 133 Franklin St., in Hatch.

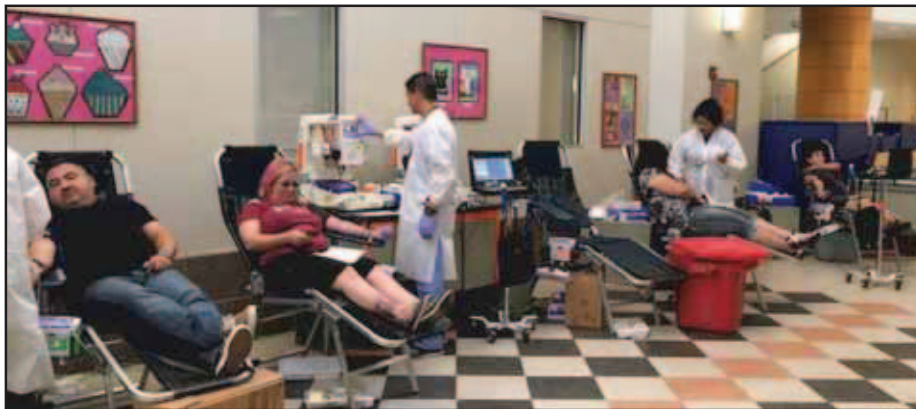
For property owners whose taxes are paid by an escrow holder, the tax bill will be sent directly to the es-

crow holder.

Property owners who have not paid their taxes in full and did not receive reminders should immediately contact the Treasurer's Office at (575) 647-7433. Mobile home owners who did not receive a tax bill should contact the Treasurer's office, since mobile homes are placed separately from the land on which they are placed.

"We make every effort to notify every property owner of their tax obligations," Rodriguez said. "We have already sent out more than 68,000 first-half reminders. If for some reason you haven't paid your property taxes, please don't miss the Dec. 10 deadline."

Rodriguez said the only way for property owners to avoid penalties and interest is by making arrangements to pay property taxes on time. Once penalty and interest are incurred, there is no provision in the state's tax code to remove the charges from a property owner's account.



HOLIDAY BLOOD DRIVE

Doña Ana County's 2017 Holiday Blood Drive is underway this morning in the rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Walk-ins are welcome. The drive is being coordinated with United Blood Services.

Comment period open for ADA plan

Doña Ana County has a draft of the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan available for public review and comment through Dec. 14, 2017. The transition plan will be available for review at the Doña Ana County Human Resources office and on-line through the Doña Ana County website at www.donaanacounty.org.

Comments may be submitted to Meg Haines, EEO Specialist/ADA Coordinator through e-mail at megh@donaanacounty.org or by mail at 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, NM 88007. All comments received for the transition plan will be reviewed, considered, and may be included in the final document.

Doña Ana County will ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities and will, upon request, provide auxiliary communication aids and services to afford those individuals equal opportunity for participation in Doña Ana County sponsored meetings, events, or activities.

Any request should be made to the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, in writing, or by phone, at least two business days prior to the event at which accommodation is needed. If you have any questions regarding examples of reasonable accommodations, contact the ADA coordinator at (575) 525-5884 (voice) or (575) 525-2951 (TTY), 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007.

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The Emporium is ready for Christmas

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The winter holiday season is the current theme at The Emporium, 106 S. Water St.

A wide range of Christmas- and holiday-related gift items is available at the store, along with an ever-changing inventory of antiques, collectibles, jewelry, gifts, furniture and home accessories.

The Emporium relies entirely on donations to replenish its inventory.

Staffed entirely by volunteers, 100 percent of The Emporium's proceeds benefits Mesilla Valley Hospice. Since the Emporium opened in June 2015, it has generated about \$5,000 a month for the hospice.

The Emporium is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Satur-



days.

In September, The Emporium was the only Las Cruces store to make the list of 10 best antique stores in New Mexico in an article for Best Things New Mexico.

For more information or to make a donation, call 575-523-4700. Visit mvhospice.org/emporium. For the list of top 10 antique stores in New Mexico, visit bestthings-nm.com/antique-stores.

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



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BY MIKE COOK

Christmas and the holidays are the current theme at The Emporium Vintage and Fine Furnishings, 106 S. Water St. 100 percent of the store's proceeds benefit Mesilla Valley Hospice.



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Program seeks Christmas gifts for migrant students



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The "Wish Upon a Star" display in the lobby at Las Cruces Public Schools, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre.

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Public Schools has about 180 students who are the children of migrant workers living and working in the Las Cruces area.

The LCPS Bilingual & Migrant Education Department has started a program called Wish Upon a Star to help provide Christmas gifts for migrant students.

A display has been set up in the lobby of the LCPS administration building, 505 S. Main St., with paper stars bearing the names and ages of migrant children.

You can stop by from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and pick one or more of the stars, buy an age-appropriate gift for the girl or boy and bring it back to the Bilingual & Migrant

Education office, along with the star(s) you choose.

Or, you can take a check or gift card to the office that migrant education staff can then use to purchase gifts for the children.

The deadline to make donations is Wednesday, Dec. 13.

"We welcome donations from the community to help us with this program so all our migrant children can have a wonderful holiday," said LCPS Migrant Liaison for Secondary Programs Rosalinda Carreon-Altamirano.

For more information, contact Carreon-Altamirano at 575-527-5860 or 5881 or raltamir@lcps.net.

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



Members of the Las Cruces Public Schools Bilingual and Migrant Education Department are, left to right, Rosalinda Carreon-Altamirano, Roberto Salazar, Bernardo Lopez, Iggy Campos and Marie Garces. They are holding stars with the names and ages of LCPS migrant students. You can pick up a star (or more than one) and buy a gift for a student.

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Welcome rain in the desert

An Aggie for life, Carruthers has seen it all

“Nova Home Loans Arizona Bowl” doesn’t have nearly as much prestige or ring to it as, say, the Rose Bowl or the Sugar Bowl.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

To long-suffering New Mexico State University football fans, though, the Arizona Bowl feels like the Final Four, the National Championship Game and the College World Series all wrapped into one.

The Aggies earned the bowl berth Saturday, Dec. 2, defeating South Alabama 22-17 in one of the most tense, anxiety-filled games in recent memory. NMSU scored the go-ahead touchdown with 32 seconds left, but South Alabama had a last shot and had proven they could strike quickly. The game was not secure until the final whistle.

Longtime Aggie fan Garrey Carruthers (who also happens to be the university chancellor) said later, “You’ve got to

respect the length of the game. We’ve been disappointed a lot of times.”

Carruthers knows of what he speaks, having been an NMSU student the last two times the Aggies went to bowl games, in 1959 and 1960. Since then, including stints as an ag instructor, governor of the state of New Mexico and dean of NMSU’s college of business, Carruthers has seen Aggie football’s arc, which has bent largely toward disappointment.

There would be no disappointment for Aggie fans this night, however. When the final whistle blew Aggie fans stormed the field to celebrate with the players, who graciously offered simple cellphone photos with kids from 1 to 92.

“I do not recall us ever rushing the field like that,” Carruthers said. “It was one of the most terrific bonding experiences between athletes and fans I’ve seen.”

The jubilation of rushing the field, from fans who’d never had any experience at it, could be felt all the way to the top of the stadium. There was a natural release from the tension and excitement of the close game, but there was more going on, too.

Whether you’ve been an Aggie

fan for five years or five decades, you’ve had frustrations.

There have been some truly bad teams. There have been some bad-luck teams. There have been some good teams with bad breaks. Under Coach Tony Samuel, the Aggies had some solid seasons with a lot of in-state players. In 2002, NMSU finished 7-5 and actually were bowl-eligible. But there were fewer bowls then, and the same confusing conference bureaucracy, so the Aggies didn’t get an invitation.

In recent years, the Aggies have lost heartbreakers, including a few years ago when we blew a late 14-point lead over rival UTEP.

I talked to a dozen or so longtime NMSU fans the week leading up to the South Alabama game. To a person, they were cautious, almost superstitious. No true fan said, “We’re going to do this thing!” They all said, “Do you think we can do it?” or “I hope we do it.” Too many had been stung by heartaches in the past.

These were the Aggies of Coach Doug Martin, however, who brought a sense of possibility when he arrived at NMSU in 2013. This group of seniors represents his first recruiting class,

and he was emotional after the game talking about the victory and his team. So emotional he could barely speak.

The release of fans, players, coaches, former players and everyone ever associated with NMSU football was preceded by an ominous week.

“I had not felt that energy on campus before,” Carruthers later said of the feeling of growing anxiety and anticipation the week before the game.

Post-game, post-bowl announcement, Carruthers felt another new energy.

“Everybody’s keyed up and ready to go to the bowl game,” he said. “They’re asking, ‘Where’s the hotel?’ and ‘What’s the price of beer in Tucson?’ An amazing number of people are in that euphoric mood: ‘I’m going to go!’ Having it in Tucson is a big break for us.”

In the Arizona Bowl the Aggies will play another group of Aggies, from Utah State University. During the years when both teams were in the Western Athletic Conference, there were more than a couple dust-ups between the two squads, in both football and basketball. They are not UTEP or UNM, but

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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

Reporting was opinionated

To the editor:

In the Nov. 10 edition of your publication, Lynn Moorero's slanted and off-putting piece about the "personalities" of the individual members of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners was published as a news piece. This is puzzling, since the entire piece is her individual analysis of our respective motivations, governing strategies and interaction with staff.

Ms. Moorero is, of course, welcome to her opinions, but for the Bulletin to parade those opinions as news is rather unsettling.

In the 2016 election cycle, the voters of Doña Ana County sent an impressively simple message about Doña Ana County government: They wanted change on the board, and they wanted a different direction. In my district, they elected me, and I ran on a platform of bringing accountability, common-sense leadership and reining in spending. That message resonated not only in District 5, but also in Districts 2 and 4, where my esteemed colleagues Ramon Gonzalez and Isabella Solis swept out their incumbent challengers, thereby bringing a new majority, a new thought process and a new way of governing to Doña Ana County.

While I hold the deepest respect for Commissioners Ben Rawson and Billy Garrett – over whom Ms. Moorero fawns – I am ultimately beholden to the voters of

my district and the will of the majority when it comes to how I cast my votes on the commission. If Ms. Moorero perceives this as driving outside my lane (whatever that means), then she's welcome to run for office and see whether the voters agree with her strategy for governing.

It's my sincere hope that The Bulletin will reserve future space for Ms. Moore's commentary on the opinion pages, rather than letting it leak recklessly around on what are supposed to be pages reserved for news.

*Sincerely –
John L. Vasquez
Doña Ana County
Board of Commissioners
Commissioner, District 5*

Appreciate arts coverage

To the editor:

I'm sure I'm speaking for all Las Cruces and area artists when I tell you how much appreciation we feel for the coverage the Bulletin is now giving to the arts. We have some really fine artists here and the more focus there is on their work, the more interest the public will take in what we are creating. It is

said that art is the highest expression of culture and this is the perfect time to focus on it.

*Thank you very much.
Ruth Drayer
Las Cruces Arts Association and Art Forms*

The law's double standard

To the editor:

The rule of law (a situation in which the laws of a country are obeyed by everyone) is not a new concept. Aristotle (350 B.C.) wrote, "There is nothing which should be more jealously maintained than the spirit of obedience to law."

John Locke, a much-read philosopher by our Founders, took the idea one step further, "No man in civil society can be exempted from the laws of it.

Sadly, this is not what is happening in our government. While it would be easy to provide examples by the many laws from which Congress has exempted itself, Secretary Clinton's FBI personal email server investigation will work just as well.

The facts in the case are not in contention. Anyone can read the Sept. 2, 2016, Clinton

Email Investigation – Mishandling of Classified Information report. Eighty-one classified email chains were mishandled; eight were TOP SECRET, 37 SECRET, and 36 Confidential. Of these email chains, seven had information associated with a Special Access Program (SAP) and three held Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI). Forensic analysis showed multiple instances of potential malicious actors attempting to exploit her personal server.

Navy sailor Kristian Saucier took six photos of the inside of an attack nuclear submarine for bragging rights with his family and friends. For this he received a one year prison sentence

and six months in home confinement with electronic monitoring. For his ego-driven mistake he will most likely receive an "other than honorable discharge."

Officials have separated the cases by telling us that Clinton did not know that she was doing anything wrong, whereas Saucier knew he should not have taken the pictures.

Hillary has represented the people in a security clearance requiring position for at least 12 years. Her answer during the investigation was that she did not pay attention to the "level" of classified information. She went as far as to say that she did not know what the "C" at the end of a line of text meant. She also told her

investigating officer that she had received SAP training but did not remember the specifics.

In another part of the investigation, an official told the FBI that when a secure FAX was broken Hillary suggested to him to change the classified document into a "non-paper" by having no identifying heading and sending non-secure. Those who enforce our rule of law told us that the secretary "should not face criminal charges, even though she and aides were extremely careless in handling classified information."

Today, Secretary Clinton, once the fourth most powerful person in government, walks free and

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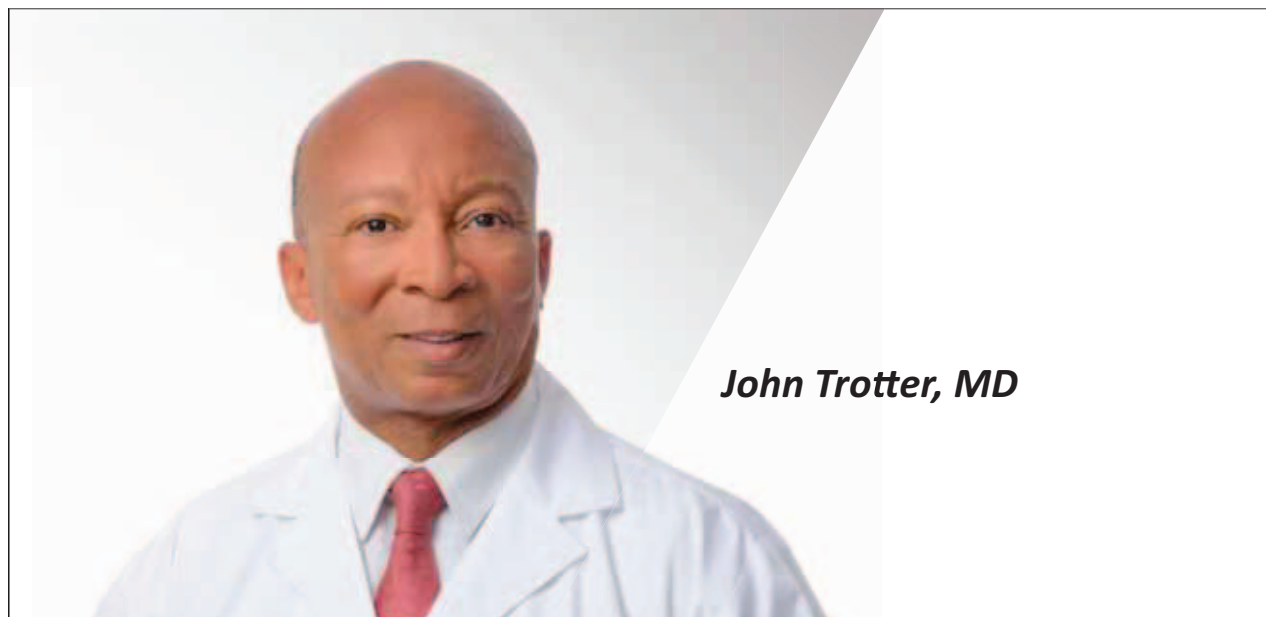
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Swickard ends column

Columnist Michael Swickard will no longer be writing his "In My Opinion" column for the Las Cruces Bulletin.

Swickard will be taking on another project out of the area, and will no longer be able to pub-

lish the column in the newspaper.

Swickard has written for the Bulletin, off and on, for several years. His "In My Opinion" column has been published consistently for the past six years.

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enjoys the liberty that another does not.

I cannot suggest the innocence or guilt of either of these citizens. However, it is clear to me that politicians are exempting themselves from the rule of law. Not unlike days past when kings ruled the people, those we have elected to uphold our social contract are allowing the most powerful to live by a different set of standards.

If we want to remain free, each of us must contact our representative and demand equal laws for every American. When those who we elect place themselves above the laws that they impose on us, we are but one step closer to anarchy. It is time for all Americans to stand up for their right to have equal justice for all in this country.

John W. Coleman II
Las Cruces

Retired Navy Captain,
retired NJROTC Instructor
at Oñate High School

COLTHARP

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there is definitely a history of rivalry.

In fact, guess who NMSU played when they were last in a bowl, the 1960 Sun Bowl?

Yep, Utah State.

Like the Aggies, Utah State is also 6-6 for the season. All these things point to an exciting Arizona Bowl Dec. 29. For now, though, Aggie Nation is still basking in the glory of earning the berth.

I grew up in Oklahoma, where a lot of people use the alternate pronunciation of drought, saying "drouth." Moving to New Mexico in 1995, I quickly discovered a high use

of that pronunciation here in the desert, particularly among farmers and ranchers. I love it. Johnny Cash, who grew up on a farm in Arkansas, used that pronunciation. You can hear it to great effect on his song "The Man Who Couldn't Cry."

Carruthers, who grew up in Aztec, New Mexico, in the northwest corner of the state, also uses the pronunciation drouth.

That pronunciation took on an extra power when the old ag guy said metaphorically about his Aggies, "When you've been in a drouth, it's always exciting when it rains."

Editor's note: See photos from the game, page 62.

Here comes Santa



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Santa and Mrs. Claus made their annual stop in Las Cruces Dec. 1 by train at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum. Here, Jayce Gonzales, 5, tells Santa what he wants for Christmas. The 13th annual Holiday Open House included live music, lights, specially decorated model trains, crafts and a long visit by the First Couple of Santa's workshop.

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Schools schedule holiday events until winter break

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces Public Schools has a range of holiday programs scheduled right up until the schools go on winter break on Thursday, Dec. 21.

Here are some of the holiday shows and events coming up at LCPS schools (call in advance to confirm times and see



if there is a charge to attend):

Friday, Dec. 8:

- 1:30 p.m.: Hillrise Elemen-

tary School fourth grade, Hillrise Elementary, 1400 S. Curnutt St. 575-527-9666.

- 6 p.m.: Camino Real Middle School Band Concert, CRMS gymnasium, 2961 Roadrunner Parkway. 575-527-6030.

- 6 p.m.: Zia Middle School Chamber Choir performs at Town of Mesilla tree-lighting event, Mesilla Plaza.

- 7 p.m.: Mayfield High School Theatre "Acting One Acts, Mayfield, 1955 N. Valley Drive. 575-527-9415.

- 7 p.m.: Las Cruces High School Band Concert, LCPS Performing Arts Center at Oñate High School, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. 575-527-9400.

Monday, Dec. 11:

- 6:30 p.m.: Zia Middle School Choir Winter Concert, First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road. 575-527-9475.

- 7 p.m.: Oñate High School Band Winter Concert, LCPS

Performing Arts Center at Oñate High School, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive, 575-527-9430.

Tuesday, Dec. 12:

- 5 p.m.: Oñate High School Choir Holiday Show, LCPS Performing Arts Center at Oñate High School, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. 575-527-9430.

- 6 p.m.: Sierra Middle School Band Concert, SMS gymnasium, 1700 Spruce St. 575-527-9640.

- 7 p.m.: Picacho Middle School Band Winter Concert, PMS gymnasium, 1040 N. Motel Blvd. 575-527-9455.

- 7 p.m.: Las Cruces High School Choir Concert, First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road. 575-527-9400.

Wednesday, Dec. 13:

- 6 p.m.: Desert Hills Elementary School fourth grade holiday performance, DHES,

280 N. Roadrunner Parkway. 575-527-9619.

- 6 p.m. (fourth grade), 7 p.m. (fifth grade): Fairacres Elementary School Elves' Impersonator Christmas Plays. FES, 4501 W. Picacho Ave. 575-527-9606.

Thursday, Dec. 14:

- 5:30 p.m.: Conlee Elementary School Dual-Language Presentation of Songs, grades three, four and five. CES cafeteria, 1701 Boston Drive. 575-527-9656.

- 7 p.m.: Vista Middle School Band Winter Concert. VMS gymnasium, 4465 Elks Drive. 575-527-9465.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Dec. 15, 16, 17:

- 7 p.m. (Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16), 2 p.m. (Sunday, Dec. 17): Las Cruces High School Theatre Department performance, "Hiding in the Open," LCHS performing arts center, 1750 El Paseo Road.

575-527-9400.

Friday, Dec. 15:

- 9 a.m.: Desert Hills Elementary School first-grade performance of "Bring on The Snow." DHES, 280 N. Roadrunner Parkway. 575-527-9619.

Saturday, Sunday, Dec. 16, 17:

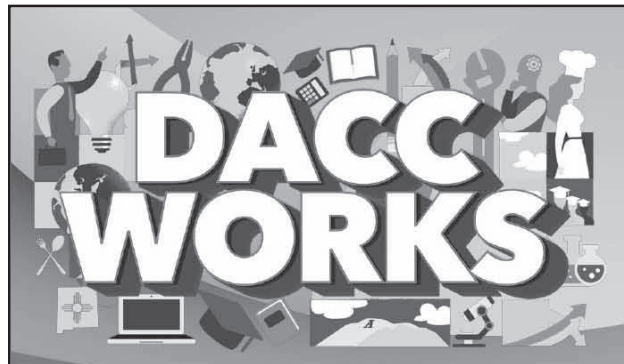
- 7 p.m.: Mayfield High School Choir Winter Concert, Alma d' Arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court Ave. 575-527-9415.

Tuesday, Dec. 19:

- 6 p.m.: Mesilla Elementary School Holiday Concert, grades two, three, four. MES, 2362 Calle del Sur in Mesilla, 575-527-9566.

Wednesday, Dec. 20:

- 9 a.m.: Desert Hills Elementary School kindergarten performance, "The Big Chill." DHES, 280 N. Roadrunner Parkway. 575-527-9619.



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Solid Waste Authority connects with Chaparral

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**
AND **SUZANNE MICHAELS**
For the Bulletin

Up and running a little over a year, the Chaparral Collection and Recycling Center celebrated American Recycles Day on Saturday, Nov. 18, with an open house and free trash disposal for residents. Not only did Chaparral residents have a chance to grab a donut and peek inside garbage trucks, but also to dispose of their waste absolutely free.

“This event is a chance to give back to the community and show them what we offer,” explained Rafael Leos, the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) deputy director. Leos said that the staff at the transfer station is fully committed to making the connection to community a long-term success.

The Center at 180 McCombs Road is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends. However, in honor of America Recycles Day, the special event also gave Chaparral residents a “break,” in the form of amnesty from residential solid waste disposal fees.

Residents responded by bringing in extra tons of solid waste. At the end of the day Leos had final numbers: 128 residents came through with trips to dispose of 39.5 tons



Eager residents of Chaparral line up for the new transfer station's Amnesty Day where they were able to dispose of their waste for free. On this day some of the trucks with trailers saved anywhere from \$15 to \$20 and safely disposed of their trash.

of solid waste – about three times the amount brought in by residents on an average day at the new facility.

After their third trip to the facility, Chaparral residents Bill Finney and his wife Debbie browsed the SCSWA tents set up with free pastries and beverages.

“This has been a great opportunity for us to come out and clean up around our house,” said Bill, who speculated that he saved roughly \$40 in fees. “We’re grateful for the SCSWA reaching out to let people come and dispose of their waste for free.”

Residents normally pay \$5 plus tax to bring in up to 200 pounds of household trash, and trash is also accepted from commercial haulers. Not just trash, but

the center takes in recycling at no charge, and yard waste (or “green waste”) like tree and grass clippings. That will be then be made into mulch at the center and given back to those in the community free of charge for dust and weed control.

“We hope to be a model of what the future looks like for trash disposal throughout Doña Ana County,” said Leos. “But it’s a partnership between the community and the center to make



A SCSWA worker waves in another truck as Bill and Debbie Finney unload their third trip to get rid of their residential solid waste at the Chaparral Collection and Recycling Center.

it work – and Chaparral has stepped up in the best way possible way to be that partner.”

Green Connections is submitted by the SCSWA - managing solid waste, recyclables, and working to stop illegal dumping for residents and businesses throughout Doña Ana County. Contact the SCSWA at 575-528-3800 or visit www.SCSWA.net.

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The last run

Former Las Cruces Police Department officer J.R. Stewart's funeral procession to St. Genevieve's Catholic Church on Saturday, Dec. 2, capped an emotional week for LCPD. Stewart, who had retired from the force in 2014, was struck and killed Nov. 27 while riding his motorcycle caught in the path of a high-speed chase that began at the U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint on I-10 west of Las Cruces and which ultimately resulted in the arrest of a Colorado couple.



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Doña Ana County Detention Center Officer Ricardo Montelongo.



Doña Ana County Detention Center Officer Luzaide Skywalker.

Teacher of the Year Julie Janecka accepts her award from Traci Curry of Ag in the Classroom during a recognition ceremony Thursday, Nov. 30, in the East Picacho Elementary cafeteria. From left, Curry, East Picacho Elementary Principal Nubia Tarazona, Janecka, East Picacho Elementary Vice Principal James Dickerson.



East Picacho teacher receives agriculture award

BULLETIN REPORT

Based on her ability to consistently incorporate agricultural education into her teaching curriculum, East Picacho Elementary School Teacher Julie Janecka was awarded the 2018 New Mexico Teacher of the Year award by the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau's New Mexico Agriculture in the Classroom Program (NMAITC).

This is the first time in the program's history that the award has been given to an honoree from the same school in consecutive years.

"It's wonderful to see an educator using our community's culture and resources to develop effective and engaging lessons for her students," said LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing.

Janecka was feted at the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau's 100th Annual Conference in Albuquerque and also recognized at a district-

wide ceremony Nov. 30 in the EPE cafeteria.

Janecka received a customized belt buckle and a \$500 stipend from NMAITC to compete in the 2018 National Agriculture in the Classroom Excellence in Teaching Award at the organization's national conference in Portland, Maine.

Janecka was recognized for her chile-themed, nine-week lesson plan submitted with her award application. The comprehensive plan included project-based tasks teaching students about chile growing, chile varieties, chile's impacts on the local economy, the role of technology in agriculture and crop monitoring techniques. The lesson utilized subjects such as math, language arts and science.

"Although we had many great submissions this year, Julie's lesson plan gave her students one of most comprehensive educational experiences I've ever seen at an elementary school," said

NMAITC Southern Director Traci Curry.

The awards program was judged by a panel of three judges composed of officials from the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau Livestock Foundation Board and previous NMAITC Teacher of the Year winners.

Last year, the NMAITC Award was awarded to five EPE teachers: Jessica Bouloiseau, Ashley Cartwright, Lucia Gutierrez, Abigail Husson-Matter and Silvia Mariscal.

The New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau is a 19,000 member organization comprised of farmers, ranchers and those who are interested in private property rights and a local food supply. The NMAITC is a non-profit educational outreach program, funded primarily by bureau membership designed to educate the general public, with an emphasis on K-12 students and educators, about the importance of agriculture.



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NEA-NM honors Las Cruces educators

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Two retired LCPS employees were inducted into the National Education Association-New Mexico Hall of Fame in October, based on their leadership and contributions to public education, students and the community.

They are Sabina Aguilar and Mary Underwood. In addition, Tommy Flores, lead custodian at Central Elementary School, was named the NEA-NM Education Support Professional of the Year; and Irma Valdespino, the Classified School Employees Council-Las Cruces (CESC-LC) president, was named the NEA-NM Advocate of the Year.

"It's great to see these individuals recognized for their talent, hard work and dedication to the educational community," said LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing. "I'm honored to work with such a talented group of employees and I appreciate their immense contributions to the students and community we serve."

The honorees were nominated for their respective awards by regional NEA-NM members and subsequently selected for their awards by the NEA-NM board.

In order to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, nominees must demonstrate leadership skills at the state and local



Mary Underwood

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Dr. Greg Ewing
LCPS Superintendent

level, demonstrate a commitment to public education, students and the community and be active NEA-NM members who have been retired from the school system for at least two years, according to NEA-NM officials.

Aguilar served in various teaching and administrative roles for the past 30 years and also served NEA-NM by working as a trainer for the Essential Leaders Cadre, Southwest

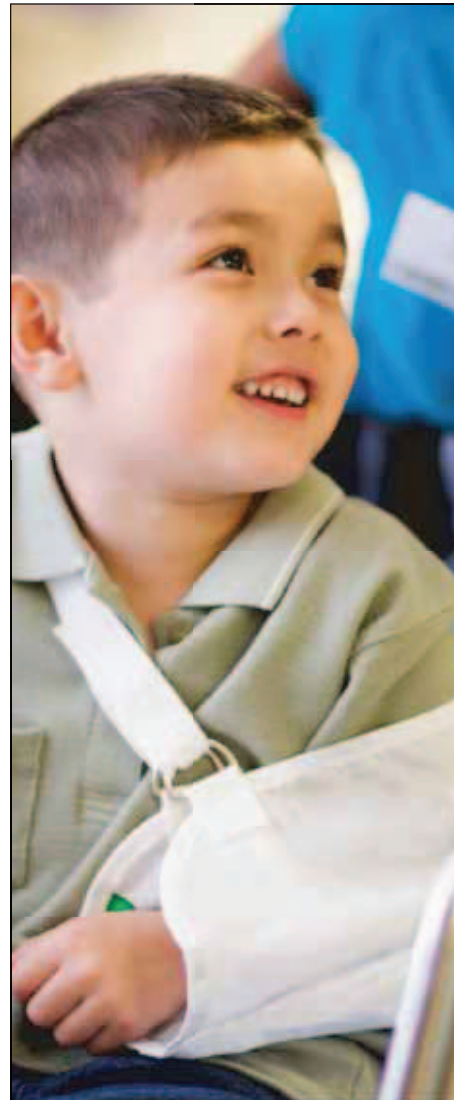
Region Director, Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws and Technology Chair.

Underwood is a retired educator who taught for more than 30 years at Mayfield High School. Underwood also previously held various NEA-NM positions and was the last union leader in Las Cruces for the New Mexico Federation of Teachers, which is now the American Federation of Teachers-New Mexico.

Valdespino previously spent 36 years as an Educational Support Professional at Mayfield High School. She was selected for the Advocate of the Year award based on her advocacy for the association, her work within the community to better public education and her promotion of public education.

Flores is a longtime LCPS employee and active participant in a variety of district initiatives. He was selected for the ESP of the Year award based on his active NEA-NM membership, his support for public education, his work within the community and his work to improve public education.

NEA-NM is a membership organization of public school employees in the state. Every year, the organization honors individuals throughout New Mexico who have contributed to public education and to their professions.



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Blood drive: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. United Blood Services and Doña Ana County team up to help give the gift of life. Appointments are available every 20 minutes. Donors receive a complimentary t-shirt. For and reservations: Janine Divyak, 575-525-6130.

Festival of Trees: 4-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, performing arts lab at Centennial High School, 1950 Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Sponsored by Centennial High School's Science Olympiad and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs. Dozens of trees decorated by local businesses, clubs

and nonprofits, will be on display. Visitors can purchase raffle tickets for their favorite tree(s), vote in the decorating contest, visit the gingerbread exhibit, take photos with Santa Claus, listen to live holiday music provided by local musicians and shop the holiday wares fair. Children can decorate cookies and make holiday ornaments at an events crafts table just for them. There will also be a "little holiday store" for children. Proceeds benefit local nonprofits, Info: Melody Hagaman at 575-590-0431, email mhagaman@LCPS.net.

NARFE meeting: 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, Esperanza Room Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser. National Active and Retired Federal Employees Asso-

ciation meeting featuring Christmas music by the New Desert Harmony Singers. Cost (cash only) is for the breakfast buffet beginning at 8:45. Reservations required by Dec. 6. Info and reservations: Carol Main at 382-7686 or Carol Smith at 522-3033.

Pet vaccinations: 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 9, at Better Life Natural Pet Foods, 315 S. Telshor, behind Whataburger. ACTION Programs for Animals' low-cost vaccination and microchip clinic. Vaccinations are \$15. Microchips are \$10. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. Cash, check and credit cards accepted. Info: 575-644-0505, email mail@apalascruces or visit www.actionprogramsforanimals.org.

Storytelling workshop: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Casa Camino Real, 314 S. Tornillo St. Author Denise Chavez will conduct "The Gift of a Story" short-story workshop. Writers of all ages and backgrounds are invited to bring story ideas or an actual story to work on, as well as photos and mementoes that in turn, can be gifted to others in this time of giving. There will be a break for a no-host lunch from a nearby restaurant. Some scholarships are available. Cost: \$75. Info: 575-523-3988 email comezon09@comcast.net.

Truckers Toy Drive: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 9, Border International, 2701 W. Amador. Open to the public. Kids and pets welcome. Info: 915-478-2695, www.truckerstoydrive.com.

Candlelight vigil: 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs. Families and friends will remember loved ones killed or injured in drunken-driving crashes as well as victims of homicide. Meet at St. Paul's for a candlelight walk to Plaza de Las Cruces. There will be music and special speakers and readings. A balloon release in memory of friends and relatives will conclude the plaza activities as the vigil walk resumes to return to St. Paul's for a dinner reception and vigil video presentation.

Fort Selden luminarias: 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, Fort Selden. Roads and walkways at the historic frontier fort will light up with more than 800 glowing candles. Musician Cliff Seamen will entertain. Fort Selden is about 13 miles north of Las Cruces. Take exit 19 at Radium Springs, follow the signs to 1280 Fort Selden Road. Info: 575-526-8911.

Roundtable discussions: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Unitarian Universalist Church Library, 2000 S. Solano. Roundtable discussions with the objective of learning more about all sides of issues and learning more about one another.

• Dec. 10 – "Border violence: militarization and identity formation." Jorge Rodriguez, field organizer for ACLU of New Mexico Regional Center for Border Rights, will discuss factors influencing interior border checkpoint experiences of people of color. This presentation looks at the

conscious/subconscious process or actions that individuals take to meet the dominant view of what 'normal' or 'non-suspect' might be as a minimization of suspicion technique. Rodriguez also will discuss whether crossing the checkpoints influences the way people identify themselves.

• Dec. 17 – "Community Schools as a movement of Transformation and Resistance." The community school movement developed to resist the top-down bureaucratization of schooling and to advance a grassroots vision for education. This presentation will review the background and history of community schooling, and will discuss the local community school movement that is growing in Las Cruces. The presenter will be David Greenberg, district coordinator for Community Schools with LCPS.

School open house: 8:30-10 a.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Las Cruces Academy, 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. Las Cruces Academy, a private school serving academically advanced or motivated students, invites the public to visit the school. Morning visitors can watch classes in several subjects, talk with the head of School, Dr. Lou Ellen Kay, and view the facilities. Afternoon visitors may speak with Dr. Kay and view the classrooms. Current openings are for early K-Grade 8. Info: Dr. Lou Ellen Kay at 575-521-9384 or lascrucesacademy.org.

Retired educators: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, Good Samaritan dining

room at 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees meeting and annual Christmas party with optional \$5 gift exchange, installation of 2018 officers, and donations of clothing and blankets for the Gospel Rescue Mission. Cost: \$12 per person for the luncheon. Info and reservations: Navora Richardson 575-649-7663 or Linda Morgan 575-522-0203.

Doña Ana Archaeological Society: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, Las Cruces. Society member LeRoy Unglaub will give a presentation, "Prehistoric Scotland," on five archaeological sites in the Orkney and Shetland Islands to include the famous sites of Skara Brae, Jarlshop, and Ness of Brodgar. Jarlshop is a site that was almost continuously occupied for 4,000 years with ruins from Neolithic times to the 17th century. Skara Brae is the best preserved Neolithic village in Europe complete with furnishing and material goods from 3100 BC to 2500 BC. Ness of Brodgar is a recently discovered site which may be the most significant Neolithic site in Britain if not all of Europe. Meeting is free, open to the public. Info: 575-524-9497.

Master gardeners: 9:15-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, Roadrunner Room of Branigan Library. Dr. Marisa Thompson, extension horticulture specialist, will speak to Dona Ana County Extension Master Gardeners. The

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public is welcome. Info: Dot Wyckoff, 602-363-5152 or dotdash12@yahoo.com.

Discovery Afternoon: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. How do seeds germinate? How do plants differ? Explore these and other questions and plant a mini-farm to take home. These Wednesday afternoon classes were developed with home-school students and their parents in mind, but are open to all children. Recommended for ages 5 to 10. Cost: \$3 per child/parent. Info: Reserve limited space by calling LuAnn Kilday at 575-522-4100.

Christmas chorus: 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Young at Heart Chorus will present a one-hour choral program will feature songs of the Holiday Season, including carols, festive songs and other fun music. Open to the public. Cost: Free.

Bird count: Saturday, Dec. 16. Birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts in Las Cruces can take part in the National Audubon Society's 118th Annual Christmas Count. This is the 43rd year of counting birds in the Mesilla Valley. Data compiled in 15-mile-diameter Las Cruces count circle will record every individual bird and bird species seen in a specified area, contributing to a vast citizen science network of 73,000 volunteer bird counters in more than 2,500 locations across the Western Hemisphere. Info and to sign up:

Wayne Teers, 575-528-8696 or way1mike@yahoo.com.

Hospice holidays: Through Dec. 21. The Emporium antique store benefiting Mesilla Valley Hospice asks the community for antique or collectible Christmas tree ornaments to decorate its holiday tree. The store offers \$5 off any purchase of over \$10 for donating an ornament. Bring donations to The Emporium, 106 Water St., Wednesday-Saturday. Info: 575-525-1235.

Campfire Christmas cookies: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 23, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. The museum will teach the age-old art of making cookies using a vintage pizzelle iron from the 1800s using traditional cookie cutters with all the fixings and decorations ready. Regular Museum admission is required to participate in this special program: \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, and \$3 for children 5-17.

Grief support: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4 at Morning Star United Methodist Church, 2941 Morning Star Drive. A weekly GriefShare Support Group, a 13-week program designed to help people rebuild their lives after the death of a loved one. The program includes a workbook and videos to guide the discussion. Cost is \$25. Info and registration: Jackie Maxon at 915-525-2575 or Jan Spealman at 575-496-4419.

ONGOING

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: lafronterafairtrade@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.

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

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.

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.

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Eyman Espinosa and his daughter Elidet Espinosa wait in line.

Dress for success



junior ROTC members Nikki Lujan and Ashley Morales volunteer their time.

The annual Dress the Child event, a program that helps families in need with clothes and apparel, was held at Kohl's department store on North Triviz Drive, Sunday, Dec. 3.



Abigail Rascon, 11, picks out shoes with the help of volunteer Veronica Watts.



Andrea Vasquez, 2, “helped out” during the event.



The NMSU campus is lined with luminarias.

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Noche de Luminarias

With a campus lined with little lights and hosting activities in and around Corbett Center, New Mexico State University celebrated the holidays Dec. 3 with a night of illumination, horse-drawn trolley rides, visits with Santa, crafts for children and a variety of performances.



Alana McDonald and Joel Hout work on their own luminarias at the Corbett Center.



Children and parents make paper snowflakes.



Mariana Ortega, aka Santa's elf helper, greets and organizes families as they file through to visit the jolly man in red.





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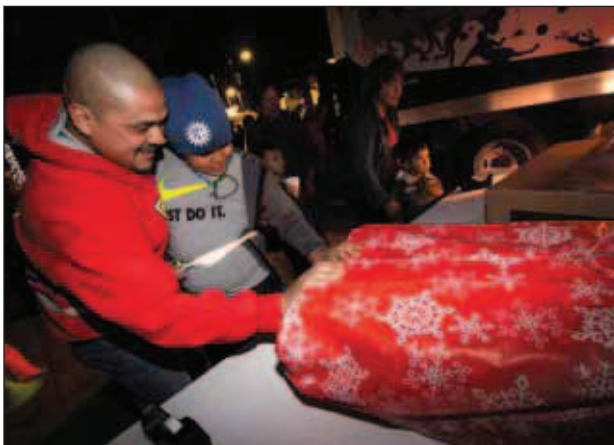
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Volunteer Enrique Diaz helps Joshua Dineen decorate ornaments.

Tree of light

The 2nd annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony illuminated Plaza de Las Cruces Saturday evening, Dec. 2. The mood was further brightened by the ending of the NMSU football game across town that sent the Aggies to a bowl for the first time in 57 years.



Juan and Edward Leyva participate in a present-wrapping game.



Marina Lungstrom, Brian Humphrey and Eva Humphrey participate in a present-wrapping game with the help of volunteer Kass Torres.



George Gonzalez and Addie Anderson, 5, get ready for the tree lighting.

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Arrowhead to host chess tournament



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Left to right are Arrowhead Park Early College High School chess team members Gabe Stookey and Nathan Rukovena competing at a chess tournament at Mayfield High School.

BULLETIN REPORT

Arrowhead Park Early College High School (APECHS) will host a chess tournament for Las Cruces, Albuquerque, El Paso and Juarez, Mexico, ninth-12-graders.

The tournament is 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, in the APECHS cafeteria and multipurpose room, 3600 Arrowhead Drive on the New Mexico State University campus. Las Cruces students expected to participate are from APECHS, Las Cruces, Mayfield and Oñate high schools, said APECHS Dual Credit Advisor Stephanie Muir.

The tournament is also open to homeschooled high school students.

"Middle school students can even play," Muir said, "but they will compete against 9th graders."

The tournament is being held "to encourage

involvement in our scholastic chess programs," according to a tip sheet from Las Cruces Public Schools. "Also, to encourage the community and other interested students to become involved in chess."

The tournament is the fourth this year of a chess league of Las Cruces high school students.

For more information, contact Will Barela of Endgame Chess at 575-449-5807 or will@endgamechess.com.



From left, Arrowhead Park Early College High School chess team members Alex Gray, Reagan Davis and Nathan Rukovena at a Mayfield High School chess tournament.



With first-place trophies from a Las Cruces High School chess tournament and second-place trophies from an Oñate High School chess tournament, are, left to right, standing, Alex Gray, Jeremy Granado, Nathan Rukovena, Gabe Stookey, Isaiah Hinzman, Gerardo Sanchez, Kevin Lungo and Reagan Davis; kneeling, Jillian Johnson and Sophia Moore (the "top girl chess player" in the state).



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From left: Event organizers Joe Mendiola and Andres Rivera visit with Santa Claus.



Riders prepare for the journey.

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Toys for Tots

The 8th annual USMC Reserve Toys for Tots bicycle ride Sunday, Dec. 3, spanned a five-mile route from Plaza de Las Cruces to Picacho Peak Brewery and helped to make Christmas a joy for needy children.



Cleo Campbell, 10, signs up to ride.



Coordinator of the Doña Ana Unit of Toys for Tots Peggy Petrowsky and volunteer Mary Lucero help riders sign up.

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OPEN SPACE



Some people look at land as a place to build roads, houses, factories, businesses and even amusement parks.


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There are many reasons for leaving land open and free from human development.


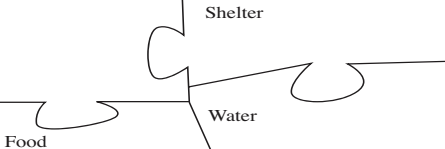
Wildlife needs open space to make homes, raise their babies and find food.

Living close to open space makes it possible for people to easily hike through nature and relax.

Here are some animals that need open space to thrive. Can you draw a few more?



Make a survival puzzle for an animal you like. Use the frog survival puzzle as an example.

Wetlands are Open Space


Wetlands are areas of land that are, well, wet. A wetland is covered by water at least part of the year. You can find these along the ocean or a bay; near lakes, creeks and rivers.

Wetlands are very important. They contain little bacteria that actually clean water!

Unfortunately, when people build on wetlands, buildings can sink in deep mud or flood!

Wetlands have several names. Circle every other letter to discover some of them.

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LSBHC **YMLPT**
(B)OYGI



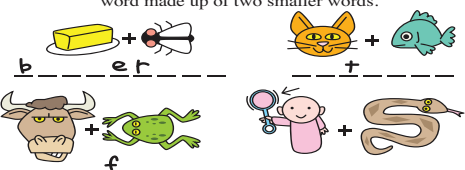
These are the largest reptiles in North America. They are believed to be over 200 million years old. Once nearly extinct, they can live between 35 to 50 years in the wild.

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Nature's Compound Words

Use the pictures to decode each compound word. Remember, a compound word is a longer, new word made up of two smaller words.



Draw lines to connect two words to make a compound word.

lady grass bow bug
dragon rain fly hopper

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Word Search

BUILDINGS DESCRIBE BACTERIA PINECONE WETLANDS NATURE SPACE HUMAN WATER AREAS HOUSE OPEN HIKE LAND LEAF

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

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

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Nature made or man made?

Look through the newspaper and find three pictures or words that show things that are made by nature. Next find three things that are made by man. Which were easier to find?

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

Write On!

Science in Your Life

How has science made your life better?

Kid Scoop Together: Nature Walk Checklist

Work with a family member to unscramble the words below that describe things you might see on a nature walk. Then take a walk outside with a family member. Check off the things you see!

krco
ilso
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witg
dirb
rakb
elaf
donp
silhl
duloc
cnites
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What else did you see that was not on this list?



ELETHA MCCOLLUM

Eletha McCollum, 90, of Oklahoma City, passed away Nov. 27, 2017 after a brief battle with cancer at the Bellevue Health Center under the care of Mercy Hospice. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Leroy McCollum, in 1989, a daughter Marcia Jo in 1950, her sister Juanita (Dawson) Wilson, and three brothers, Ben Dawson, William Dawson and Robert Dawson.

She was born Eletha Nadine Dawson to William J. Dawson and Dora P. (Oliver) Dawson in

Blackwell, Oklahoma, Oct. 25, 1927. Her father died when she was three and she was raised with her siblings in Caney, Kansas, by her loving mother during the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl. She graduated with honors in 1945 from Caney High School and attended the University of Kansas before meeting the love of her life, O.L. "Mac" McCollum following WWII. Eletha and "Mac" were married in Hiawatha, Kansas, in 1946, and settled in Shidler, Oklahoma, where "Mac" began his 35 years of service with Phillips Petroleum Company.

In Shidler, Eletha was engaged in community activities including the Shidler Schools PTA, Women's Federated Club and the Order of Eastern Star, where she served a term as Worthy Matron. She was a member of the First Methodist Church in

Shidler, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for several years and was an adult sponsor for the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF). She also served as a substitute teacher at Shidler High School. As her children matured, she worked at various times in Shidler for McCollum's Office Service, OTASCO, Pumping Unit Supply Co. and S&S Music Co. Eletha was very involved in her children's activities, serving as a Cub Scout den mother and encouraging her children in activities including scouting, 4-H Club, sports, science fairs, music and creative arts.

In 1977, "Mac" was transferred by Phillips to Oklahoma City where they moved. Eletha attended nursing training and was licensed as an LPN. She worked several years as a nurse at Deaconess Hospital in OKC until her retirement in 1992.

Survivors include four children and their spouses: David and Jaki (Ballew) McCollum of Las Cruces, Randy and Mary K. (Taylor) McCollum of Artesia, Janet (McCollum) and Gail Fowler of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and Tim and Katrena (Hale) McCollum of Morgan Hill, California. Additional survivors include 14 grand children, 27 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren and two nieces, Billie Jean (Dawson) Lambert, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Sue (Wilson) Falcone of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Funeral services were Friday, Dec. 1, in Oklahoma City. Memorial gifts can be made to Cowboys for Cancer Research (C4CR) address or Hospice at www.c4cr.com.

FRANK E. FLORES

Frank E. Flores, age 84, of Las Cruces passed away, Sunday, November 26, 2017. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, 527-2222.

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SOCORRO FLORES

Socorro Flores, age 83 of Mesilla Park, passed away peacefully on November 11, 2017 sur-

rounded by his family. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, 527-2222.

RIGOBERTO "CHATO" LUJAN CHAVEZ

Rigoberto "Chato" Lujan Chavez, age 86, of Doña Ana passed away Friday, December 01, 2017 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, 527-2222.

J.R. (RAY) STEWART

J.r. (Ray) Stewart, 61, of Las Cruces, NM entered eternal life on November 27, 2017. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222.

MARIA LUISA SANCHEZ NAVARRETE

Maria Luisa Sanchez Navarrete, age 88, of Doña Ana passed away Sunday, November 19, 2017 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice. The Navarrete Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, 527-2222.

MONIQUE MARIA VALDEZ

Monique Maria Valdez, 25, of Las Cruces entered eternal life Sunday, November 26, 2017. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222.

WILLIE L. LUCERO

Willie L. Lucero, age 86, lifelong resident of Mesilla, passed away Monday November 27, 2017. The Lucero Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222.

JAIME HERNANDEZ

Jaime Hernandez, age 62, of Las Cruces died Saturday, December 2, 2017 at his home. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, 527-2222..

LEO GONZALES

Leo Gonzales, age 80, of Las Cruces passed away Wednesday, November 29, 2017. Cremation will take place and no services are scheduled that this time. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, 527-2222.



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Editor's note: The following should have been published in the 2017 Wish List published on Nov. 17, 2017, in the Las Cruces Bulletin. The wish list, published in November each year, outlines specific needs of area non-profits, and highlights their "wish lists" for volunteers and goods that contribute to their overall mission.

with a child in our program or without the generous donations from businesses, individuals, companies and foundations. We are so appreciative of all of those who give

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of the West, Steinborn Realty, Beasley Mitchell, NAI 1st Valley, FAM Group, LCAR, La Posta, Payment 1 Financial, Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico and so many others.

Wish List

1. Tickets to local events to give our matches activities to do
2. Household items donated to Savers or in one of our many green bins around town. If you have a yard sale and have items left, call 575-523-8000 for a pick up
3. School supplies for our Back 2 School Bash

each July

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Mesilla Valley Search and Rescue dog Dat.

Operation KidSafe

Operation KidSafe, a fun program to teach youngsters about safety procedures, was held at the Sisbarro Buick GMC dealership on Boutz Road Saturday morning, Dec. 2.



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Mesilla Valley Search and Rescue volunteer Kirk Kirkpatrick shows his Search and rescue dog, Dat, to Aiden Trujillo-Martin, 9.

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Mesilla Valley Search and Rescue volunteer Vic Villalobos sits with his recovery dog, Scout, a 3-year-old golden retriever.

Minimum wage adjustment delayed

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

A cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to the hourly wage of Las Cruces minimum-wage earners will not take effect until Jan. 1, 2020.

The Las Cruces City Council voted unanimously on Monday, Dec. 4, to delay the COLA, which would have taken effect Jan. 1, 2018. Tied to the Consumer Price Index, it would have raised the current minimum wage of \$9.20 by about 25 cents an hour.

Councilors who were members of the council

when it passed the three-tiered minimum wage increase in 2014 said the council's intent at the time was for the COLA to take effect one year after the final increase in the minimum wage – to \$10.10 an hour (\$4.04 for tipped workers) on Jan. 1, 2019.

The Dec. 4 vote was “simply a fix for a mistake,” Councilor Greg Smith said.

The vote does not change the current minimum wage and will not change or delay the 2019 increase.

City Manager Stuart Ed said the city will hire UTEP Professor of Eco-

nomics Dr. Tom Fullerton to conduct a review of the impact of the minimum wage increase on the community. The minimum wage ordinance mandates a July 2018 council review.

RV parking regulation tabled

At the Dec. 4 meeting, the council voted unanimously to table proposed changes to parking restrictions for recreational vehicles in residential areas.

At a September work session, the council discussed updating the city original ordinance, adopted in March 2010, “to

ensure better clarity and enforcement,” according to city documents.

City Policy Analyst Steve Ramirez said 13 people attended an Oct. 26 public meeting about the proposed changes, with most supporting stricter enforcement.

The council will discuss the issue again at a Feb. 12, 2018, work session.

That delay will give city staff time to implement “a mechanism for enforcement” and to gather additional public input, Assistant City Manager David Dollahon said.

Dollahon and Ramirez

said the city also will look at an online permitting system for RV parking in residential areas, and may model it after New Mexico State University's online permitting system.

Domestic violence ordinance changes coming

At a future council meeting, City Attorney Jennifer Vega-Brown said she will recommend a moratorium on the enforcement of the city's domestic violence ordinance because it “is not sufficient and does not comply with state law.”

Except for DWI convictions, the maximum penalty that can be assessed

in municipal court is a fine of \$500 and 90 days in jail.

Vega-Brown said 90 days is “insufficient to complete the domestic violence treatment program” mandated by state law for anyone convicted of domestic violence.

The city is in the process of hiring a prosecutor to prosecute domestic violence cases in municipal court, she said. Those cases are now prosecuted in magistrate court, Vega-Brown said.

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



Gill Sorg, mayor pro tem and a member of the League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces, reads a proclamation as league members look on.



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Members of the League gather outside the meeting after the presentation to look at the proclamation. From left, President Kim Sorensen and past president/founding member Marjorie Burr.

Local League of Women Voters honored

BULLETIN REPORT

At its regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 4, Las Cruces City Council proclaimed 2018 to be the year of the League of

Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces. This is year 50 of the local chapter of the national League of Women Voters.

As part of the proclamation, the council

mentioned the league's non-partisan efforts to educate voters about candidates and issues in elections. The league also performs in-depth studies of various issues affect-

ing citizens.

The league publishes a directory of selected officials. This Who's Who directory includes contact information for each office holder.

“This little pamphlet is the most useful information a citizen can have,” says Dale Yeo, voter services director of the local chapter. The data is also available on the chapter's

website, lwvwc.org.

The League of women Voters of Greater Las Cruces has more than 70 members, many of whom attended the Dec. 4 council meeting.

IN THE NEWS



Project Linus, Toys for Tots

The Las Cruces Police Department is participating in two holiday campaigns – Project Linus and Toys for Tots – that benefit local children.

Project Linus accepts new blankets, or yarn and material to create blankets, which are then used to help comfort children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need of a new blanket. Yarn and material are used by “blanketeers” within the community who hand-make blankets for Project Linus.

LCPD is also a toy drop-off site for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve’s Toys for Tots program. Residents are asked to contribute new, unwrapped toys that will be distributed to less fortunate children within Dona Ana County. New and unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Las Cruces Police Department.

Anyone wishing to contribute to one, or both, of these great campaigns may do so at the Las Cruces Police Department’s Main Station, 217 E. Picacho Ave., or at the East Mesa Public Safety Complex, 550 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

Contributions for Project Linus will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15. Contributions for Toys for Tots can be made until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Contributions for Project Linus – new blankets, yarn and material to create blankets – can also be dropped off at Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts, 1711 E. University Ave., or at the Las Cruces Hobby Lobby store at 2350 E. Lohman Ave.



Apodaca project website

The public is invited to access a new website dedicated to the City of Las Cruces’ recently initiated Apodaca Blueprint neighborhood planning effort.

Interested residents, property owners, and business owners are invited to learn more about the Apodaca Blueprint planning initiative by accessing www.apodacablueprint.com. The website will serve as the clearinghouse for all project announcements, online surveys, documents, and news.

The Apodaca Blueprint was initiated by a City Council resolution on Sept. 18. The planning effort is designed to promote neighborhood vitality and investment to the east and southeast of Apodaca Park. The plan will recommend “neighborhood conservation” strategies intended to maintain or improve the condition of property and quality of life within Apodaca-area neighborhoods as new development opportunities influence the area.

For more information, contact David Weir, AICP, Community Development

Department at 575-528-3066 or dweir@las-cruces.org.



DLCP names new director

Jennifer L. Garcia Kozlowski has been named the new executive director of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, succeeding Arianna Parsons, who resigned from the position after a three-year stint.

Garcia Kozlowski, 45, is a native of Albuquerque who has lived in Las Cruces for 11 years. She is married to Kevin McGrath, owner of Burger Time, a local chain of family-owned restaurants. She is a graduate of Farmington High School and University of New Mexico.

She is president of the Junior League of Las Cruces, Inc. and is serving her third year on the governing board of New America School – Las Cruces.

She is a longtime volunteer for Tough Enough to Wear Pink and the Burger Time Golf Tournament. She has worked for almost five years at the Las Cruces Sun-News, first as office administrator for the Las Cruces Sun-News, Silver City Sun-News and Deming Headlight and most recently as an account executive for the organization.

Heart-to-heart moment



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The Las Cruces City Council honored local law enforcement officers, emergency personnel and others who helped save the life of a man whose heart stopped during this year’s Veterans Day Parade. Action taken by a local Boy Scout leader, city police officers and firefighters, Fairacres Volunteer Fire Department firefighters and employees of American Medical Response were recognized for helping to save the life of Rich Kahle (pictured, at the podium), who expressed his gratitude for their efforts at the Dec. 4 city council meeting. The parade stopped while the rescue effort was underway. “It was quite the miracle,” City Manager Stuart Ed said.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-0275

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN L. STEFFEL, a/k/a MARILYN LOUISE STEFFEL, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PATRICIA ANN CHERF has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: November 8, 2017.

PATRICIA ANN CHERF
N1840 Medina Drive
Greenville, Wisconsin
54942

Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH
New Mexico Bar #14980
Gluth Law, LLC
2455 East Missouri, Suite A
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Telephone: (575) 556-8449
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Dates: 12/08, 12/15, 12/22, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 17, 2017 Maria Melendez-Jacome & Juan Jose Moar & Deborah G. & James A. Michael, 7361 Brays Landing Drive, El Paso, TX 79911 & 2265 Avalon Drive Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-14534-1 into LRG-17017, OSE File Nos.: LRG-14534-1 & LRG-17017 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion, Change Purpose of Use, & Change Place of Use of Underground Water within the Lower Rio Grande Water Basin in Doña Ana County by changing the purpose of use of 2.0 acre-feet of underground water diverted from well LRG-14534-POD3 located within the SE¹/₄SE¹/₄ of projected Section 1, Township 23S, Range 1E NMPM, & more specifically located at or near the intersection of X=1,473,840 ft. & Y=484,398 ft. NMSP Central NAD83 currently used for mobile home purposes located within the SE¹/₄SE¹/₄ of said Section 1 (NMPM), to be instead used for commercial purposes, more specifically greenhouse and aquaculture uses on land owned by Maria Melendez-Jacome & Juan Jose Moar & located within the SE¹/₄ of projected Section 4, Township 25S, Range 2E & the NE¹/₄ of projected Section 9, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM) to be diverted from existing well LRG-16951-POD1 located within the NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of said projected section 9 & more specifically located at or near the intersection of 3 2 ° 9 ' 2 1 . 9 " N & 106°44'24.4"W (WGS84) located on land owned by Maria Melendez-Jacome & Juan Jose Moar. The place of use will change from mobile home use on the above mentioned property owned by Deborah G & James A. Michael to land owned by Maria Melendez-Jacome & Juan Jose Moar as described above. Well LRG-1651-POD1 is located approximately 446 feet southeast of the intersection of County Rd B41 & County Rd B10 west of San Miguel, NM. Existing well LRG-14534-POD3 will be retained for other rights.

Dates: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 25, 2017, Moongate Water Company, Inc. 9301 Bataan Memorial West, Las Cruces, NM 88012, filed application numbered LRG-451 POD2 with the State Engineer for permit to Change Point of Diversion, OSE File NOS: LRG-451 & LRG-453, within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana county by discontinuing the use of well LRG-370-S-3 located within the SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ of Section 9, Township 22 South, Range 3 East, NMPM and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 24' 36.17"N, 106°38' 45.09"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and drilling replacement well LRG-451 POD2 to a depth of 1,100 feet for 16-inch casing, to be located within the SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ of Section 9, Township 22 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 24' 35.53"N, 106° 38' 43.53"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion and

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 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: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15, 2017

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

consumptive use of 700 acre-feet per annum, for municipal, industrial, commercial, domestic, livestock, and irrigation purposes within the previously permitted Moongate Water Company, Inc. service area described as follows:

Section
2-11
15-18
31-34

Township
22 South
22 South
21 South

Range
3 East
3 East
3 East

The site for proposed well LRG-451 POD2 is located within Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 9301 Bataan Memorial West. The appli-

cant has requested emergency authorization to drill proposed well LRG-451 POD2 within 100 feet of existing well LRG-370-S-3 pursuant to NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Well LRG-370-S-3 will be retained for monitoring purposes.

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

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Dates: 12/1, 12/08, 12/15, 2017

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on December 4, 2017:

(1) Council Bill No. 18-008; Ordinance 2832: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14. Human Rights, Article III. Minimum Wage, Section 14-62, Minimum Wage Payment Requirements of the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC), 1997, as Amended, Related to Implementation Dates.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 5th day of December, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 12/08/2017

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:

HOLIDAY SELF STORAGE
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Las Cruces, NM, 88005
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December 16, 2017

BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. Registration Begins @ 9:30am

\$25.00 cleaning deposit per each unit purchased
THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS 40,A43,B17,C13,C29,D 09,E22-23,E59,F03,L01,L 07,I31,P02
Tenant addresses are 'last known'

Unit 40
Juan Villa
1012 Utah Ct
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Portable oxygen tank, couch, misc. items.

Unit A43
Sonia Ordunez
5032 E. San Benito Dr.
Odessa TX, 79766
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Washer/dryer, 2 flat screen TV's, living room set, table/chairs, misc. items.

Unit B17
Patricia Guerra
601 Kristin Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88007
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Small paint compressor, washer, big screen TV, EZ-up, weights, skis, misc. items.

Unit C13
Jeffrey Seymour
2001 East Lohman
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Microwave, TV's, printes, ramps, misc. items.

Unit C29
Raymundo Hernandez
317 Milton #4
El Paso, TX 79915
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Kids bikes and beds, vacuum, racing bike, storage trunk, misc. items.

Unit D09
Llubia Salazar
PO Box 1595
Mesilla Park, NM 88047
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Couch, car seat, boxes, bags, misc. items.

Unit E22-23
Marlena Manygoats
701 Fourth St. #A
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Recliner, entertainment center, microwave, TV, misc. items.

Unit E59
Austin Contreras
1060 Sayles Rd
La Mesa, Nm 88044
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
King size bed, shelf, boxes, misc. items.

Unit F03
Chase Pulley
503 Hoff St. #4
Las Cruces, NM 88002
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Garden tools, leather couch, kitchen cabinet, stools, mirror, misc. items.

Unit L01
Daniel R. Lopez
2508 Sonrisa Loop
Las Cruces, NM 88007
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
2 window AC's, kitchen items, shampooer, deepfryer, misc. boxes.

Unit L07
Oscar Ortiz
5800 Stern Dr. #C2
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Washer, vending machine, large outdoor lamp, propane tanks, gardening tools, misc.

I31
Audrey Lopez
2439 W. Gaby Rd
Phoenix, AZ 85041
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Washer/dryer, 3 sets of mattresses/box springs, speakers, grill, misc. items.

Unit P02
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910 Calle Del Encanto
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
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Dates: 12/01, 12/08, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-0180

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

FRANK T. RAMOS JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANK T. RAMOS JR.; LILIA A. RAMOS AKA LILIA A. AYALA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LILIA A. RAMOS AKA LILIA A. AYALA; SPRINGCASTLE CREDIT FUNDING TRUST, THROUGH ITS TRUSTEE WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; BENEFICIAL FINANCIAL I INC. DBA BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC., 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 1217 Locust Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 1, BLOCK M, DALE BELLAMAH ADDITION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 3, 1952, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 7 AT PAGE 21 OF THE PLAT RECORDS. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on January 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 Default Judgment In Rem granted on November 7, 2017 in the total amount of \$41,904.11 with interest at the rate of 8.375% per annum from July 6, 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.

By: Robert Doyle
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181
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12/8/2017 12/15/2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02436

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

NICOMEDES G. BUSTOS; YVETTE BUSTOS; NICOLE B. GOODTRACKS; SEBASTION QUINTON GOODTRACKS; 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 2491 Tuscan Hills Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 8 IN BLOCK F OF SEDONA HILLS SUBDIVISION 4 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE

PLAT OF SAID SEDONA HILLS SUBDIVISION 4 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JANUARY 10, 2005 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 102-103. 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 granted on November 17, 2017 in the total amount of \$216,130.14 with interest at the rate of 4.875% per annum from October 6, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-02044

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

CLARA FAITH LESTER; DORIS ELLEN LESTER, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF DORIS ELLEN LESTER, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND LEGATEES OF DORIS ELLEN LESTER, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 3, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2110 Enzie Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: LOT 9 IN BLOCK U OF STULL COLLEGE HEIGHTS BLOCK W AND PART OF BLOCKS T, U, & V, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ON MAY 14, 1962 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 8 AT PAGE 80, PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 13, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$45,422.48 and the same bears interest at 6.250% per annum from September 27, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

Electronically filed
s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela Carmody, Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 11/24, 12/01, 12/08, 12/15, 2017

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-01142

WELLS FARGO BANK,
NA, Plaintiff,

v.

CARLOS R. SEDA, LUCIN-
DA M. LACELLE; Defend-
ants.

NOTICE OF FORECLO- SURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1040 Calle Del Encanto, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 15 IN BLOCK NUMBERED E OF CASA LINDA ACRES, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID CASA LINDA ACRES, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON 02/03/1958 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 9. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 AM on January 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 Default Judgment granted on November 6, 2017 in the total amount of \$106,279.39 with interest at the rate of 3.500% per annum from September 8, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

cerned 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, NA., 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-2015-00717

WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

JOSE MOLINA AND
SANDRA MOLINA, HUS-
BAND AND WIFE; OC-
CUPANTS 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 1325 Evelyn Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows: LOT NUMBERED 20 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 20 OF UNIT NO. 7 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID UNIT NO. 7 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 2, 1971 IN PLAT BOOK 10 FOLIO 84-85 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 Summary and Default Judgment In Rem granted on November 22, 2017 in the total amount of \$158,417.51 with interest at the rate of 6.875% per annum from July 24, 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

No. D-307-CV-2016-01165

WELLS FARGO BANK,
NA, Plaintiff,

v.

JESS GARCIA; MARSHA
GARCIA; JPMORGAN
CHASE BANK, NATION-
AL ASSOCIATION; 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 3352 Westridge Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1, BLOCK 3, NORTH-
RIDGE SUBDIVISION
PHASE IIA, 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
MARCH 15, 1984, IN
BOOK 13 PAGE(S)
238-240 OF PLAT RE-
CORDS. If there is a conflict
between the legal descrip-
tion and the street address,

the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 AM on January 4, 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 granted on October 11, 2017, in the total amount of \$116,212.38, with interest at the rate of 6.125% per annum from July 7, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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, Na, 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-2017-00126

Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MORRIS DOUGLAS NEWTON, JR., Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Dated: November, 16 2017
/s/ Elsie MacMullen Newton
Elsie MacMullen Newton,
Personal Representative
of the Estate of Morris
Douglas Newton, Jr., De-
ceased

PREPARED & SUBMIT-
TED BY:
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
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/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Personal
Representative

Dates: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15,
2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2015-01884

LSF9 MASTER PARTICI-
PATION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

ERNESTO ARZOLA JR.,
IF LIVING; IF DE-
CEASED, THE UN-
KNOWN HEIRS OF ER-
NESTO ARZOLA JR., DE-
CEASED; SARA ARZOLA
AND JOHN DOE ARZO-
LA, WIFE AND HUS-
BAND; OCCUPANTS OF
THE PROPERTY; 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 1275 Fountain Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 17, BLOCK J, OF LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE II, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON MAY 19, 2005 IN PLAT BOOK 21, AT PAGES 208 AND 209 AS PLAT NO. 4152, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY. 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 January 4, 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 October 24, 2017, in the total amount of \$129,329.41, with interest at the rate of 4.8750% per annum from September 30, 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.

LSF9 MASTER PARTICI-
PATION TRUST, its attor-
neys, 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 contamina-
tion on the property, if any,
and zoning violations concern-
ing the property, if any.

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

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ADVISED TO MAKE
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THE CONDITION OF THE
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02580

SPECIALIZED LOAN
SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.

DONALD J. FOURNIER
and CAROLYN CHA-
VEZ,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 3, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3548 Mission Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 37 in Block numbered A of Cave Creek Subdivision, Phase 2A at Sonoma Ranch South, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Cave Creek Subdivision, Phase 2A at Sonoma Ranch South, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 2, 1999 in Plat Book 19, Folio 344-345.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 17, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$317,540.78 and the same bears interest at 4.990% per annum from September 1, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by

the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela Carmody, Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15,
12/22, 2017

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02174

BOKF, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT E. DE KINDER
JR. AND THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF
ROBERT E. DE KINDER
JR.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 9, 2018 at 11:00AM, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 27 AND THE WEST 4 FEET OF LOT 26, IMPERIAL TERRACE, A TOWNHOUSE 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 SEPTEMBER 7,

1973, IN BOOK 11 PAGE(S) 66 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 2921 Valle Vista, Las Cruces, NM 88011. 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 1, 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 \$98,886.15 plus interest from August 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.750% 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

ments, 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: 12/08, 12/15, 12/22,
12/29, 2017

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02121

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, N.A., fka WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST FEDERAL BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

SAL A. BETANCOURT;
PRECILLA BETANCOURT;
CITIBANK, N.A.; ALLIED BURGLAR & FIRE ALARMS, INC.; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 10, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter

described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 8339 Green Run Road, La Mesa, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 7, SNOW ROAD ESTATES, 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 10, 2005, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 403-406 OF PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 29, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$296,550.13 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from October 17, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real

property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
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Dates: 12/08, 12/15,
12/22, 12/29, 2017

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

Case No.
D-307-DM-2017-1286
Judge: Conrad F. Perea

Frances and Salvador Rosas,
Petitioner,

v.

Rafael Torrez, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT

Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.

The subject of this lawsuit is: Kinship/Guardianship

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

Petitioner's Name: Frances and Salvador Rosas
Mailing Address: 313 Quintana Rd.
City/State/Zip: Chaparral, NM 88081
Telephone# 915-383-3597

WITNESS the Honorable Conrad F. Perea, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 9th day of November, 2017.

(seal)

David S. Borunda
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: /s/ M. Elena Hayes
DEPUTY

Dates: 11/24, 12/01, 12/08,
2017

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-02131

MIDFIRST BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

SONYA TONKS, JOHN
TONKS;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY

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OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Sonya Tonks and John Tonks:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff MidFirst Bank 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 3217 Dyer Street, Las Cruces, NM 88011. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 11 IN BLOCK 8C OF MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 784 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 13, 1973, AS PLAT NO. 784 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 11 AT PAGES 55-61, PLAT RECORDS.

and is also described as: LOT 11, BLOCK 8C, MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT 784 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 13, 1973 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 11, PAGES 55 -61 OF THE PLAT RECORDS

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

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

By:/s/ Alexandra Noel Lopez
Karen Weaver
Alexandra Noel Lopez
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

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

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF WAYNE A. BAILLIE, DECEASED; TINA M. BAILLIE; ALLISON BAILLIE; REBECCA BAILLIE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF WAYNE A. BAILLIE, DECEASED: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage 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 1226 Lewis Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

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

FOLIO 170-172.

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

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

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/ William Townley
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2016-01908

BOKEF, N.A.,

Plaintiff,
v.

THE ESTATE OF MIGUEL G. SILVA, DARIO SILVA, CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF MIGUEL G. SILVA, AND MARIA SILVA SUTTON, CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF MIGUEL G. SILVA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on

January 9, 2018 at 11 AM, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Pícho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A tract of land situate within the Corporate limits of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico being Lots 3 and 4 and the Westerly 5.00 feet of Lot 2, Bean Subdivision, Plat filed February 3, 1927 in Book 5 at Page 50, of the Doña Ana County records and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract; **IDEN-TICAL** to the Southwest corner of Lot 4, Bean Subdivision, plat filed February 3, 1927, in Book 5, Page 50 of the Doña Ana County records;

THENCE from the point of beginning, N.15°29' 00" W., a distance of 129.50 feet to a mark found on the Southerly line of Organ Avenue for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE along the Southerly line of Organ Avenue, N.76°17' 00" E., a distance of 55.00 feet to a mark found for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE leaving Organ Avenue, S.15°29' 00" E., a distance of 129.50 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.76°17' 00" W., a distance of 55.00 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 0.164 acre of land, more or less.

The address of the real property is 628 E Organ Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of

the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 15, 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 \$103,722.86 plus interest from June 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.250% 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.

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

Margaret Lake
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Dates: 12/08, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-0287
Judge Diana A. Bustamante

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
IRENE MARGARET MORGAN, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

DATED this 30th day of November, 2017

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-0260
Probate Judge
Diana A. Bustamante

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DONALD R. NEW, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

bate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.
Dated: October 31, 2017

/s/ Jason New
Jason New, Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald R. New, Deceased

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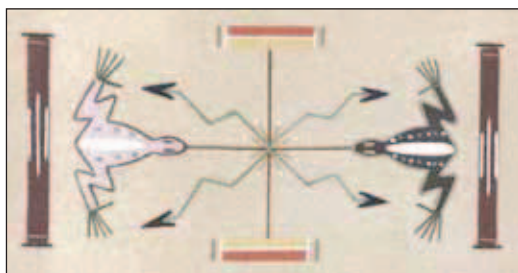
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Community Foundation sale: unlocking art to the public

BULLETIN REPORT

Approximately 200 pieces of art will be available for sale at the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico's (CFSNM) community art sale. The sale, scheduled for Dec. 8-10, will be held at 390 Calle de Alegria.

The sale is part of CFSNM's art rehoming plan to give community members the opportunity to purchase art they would not regularly have the ability to access.

"Art was never been meant to be locked up where no one can see it," said Ammu Devasthali, the Art Committee Chair and a member of the Board of the CFSNM.

The art pieces, which were donated throughout the years, were gifted to the foundation when there was a need for art to fill the walls of various larger facilities. The current CFSNM office, at 1,800 square feet, provides space for staff, while community and nonprofit organizations have allowed access to their facilities for larger CFSNM events.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Bare Tree

Rosemary McLoughlin, local artist and CFSNM art committee member, has been involved in the creation and acquisition of art for the foundation since the beginning.

"The generosity of the artists and others who shared their talents and personal treasures was not only inspiring, but gave us all a sense of satisfaction to be able to provide a public venue for these gifts," she said. "With changing circumstances and through creative efforts, the collection is now making its way back into our community, enriching us in new and promising ways."

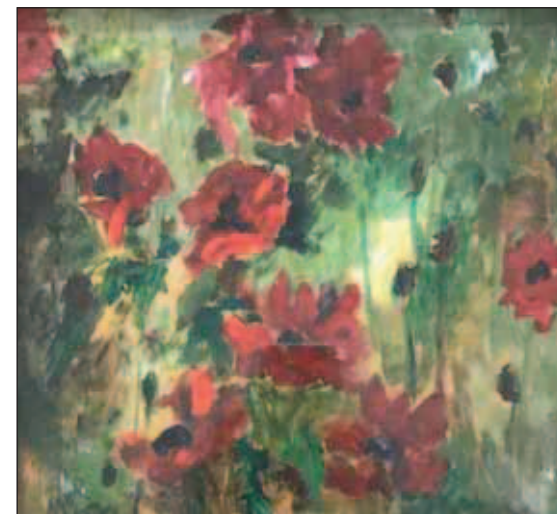
Terra Winter, Executive Director of CFSNM, says proceeds from this sale will allow the Community Foundation to continue supporting the region through grants, scholarships and professional development opportunities.

"It is fulfilling to know that residents in our community will now benefit from and enjoy the art in their homes. These art pieces are part of our foundation's history," Winter said.

The sale is open to the public from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 9 and noon-4 p.m. Dec. 10. To learn more, call 575-521-4794 or email alexia@cfsnm.org.



Mountain



Poppies

'Annie': Community theatre's great gift

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

It's a battle for supremacy between the children and the adults in Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of "Annie."

I went opening night and came away warm hearted and grateful because this show represents everything that makes community theatre great.

The star, Tatiana Garzon, is simply wonderful. She had "Sandy" – and the entire audience – literally eating out of her hand. If you can listen to her sing "Tomorrow" on that New York City street corner and not tear up, you're a stronger person than I am!

The orphans, all 12 of them, were so terrific. Singing, dancing, acting – they did it all with great charm and passion from the show's opening scene through its very end.

But the adults in this show – oh, my!

Brandon Brown, Cindy Pitts and Megan McQueen were brilliant with their singing and dancing in "Easy Street." As Rooster, Lily and Miss Hanni-

gan respectively, these three theatre veterans are at the genius level individually and collectively.

Monte Womble was a most excellent Daddy Warbucks, soloing on "Why Should I Change a Thing" and "Something Was Missing," and in tandem with Tatiana and the entire cast. A huge bravo.

Amanda Bradford was outstanding as Warbucks' assistant, Grace Farrell. I've seen Amanda in so many roles over the last few years, and she is always astonishing. She has a beautiful voice and great talent as an actor.

Norman Lewis, also displaying his amazing versatility, was a magnificent President Franklin D. Roosevelt. That's about as sharp a contrast from his previous performance as Bette Davis, as you can get. But, in both cases, you can see and feel those very real people in Norman's powerful portrayals.

The Boylan Sisters, the Women's Ensemble, the Men's Ensemble – bravo to all!

Congratulations to director/choreographer Janet

Beatty-Payne, musical director Meagan Higgins and everyone on the crew of "Annie" who worked on its excellent costumes, sets, lights and sound.

This is an incredible show. There are still two weekends of shows remaining, but make reservations – they will probably all sell out.

Remaining performances of "Annie" are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights, Dec. 8-9 and 15-16, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Dec. 10 and 17. There is a single Thursday night performance, beginning at 7 p.m. on Dec. 14.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for military and students, \$11 for groups of 10 or more and \$10 for children under age 12. Student rush tickets may be available for \$5 15 minutes before showtime with a valid student ID.

LCCT is located at 313 N. Main St. downtown.

For reservations and more information, call LCCT at 575-523-1200 and visit lcctnm.org.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@las-crucesbulletin.com.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK
Monte Womble (Daddy Warbucks) and Tatiana Garzon (Annie) at the gala after the opening night of "Annie" at Las Cruces Community Theatre.

'Annie' adds additional performance

Because the opening weekend of "Annie" was almost completely sold out, Las Cruces Community Theatre has added an 11th per-

formance to the show's run, said LCCT Board President Janet Beatty-Payne.

The additional performance will be at 2 p.m.

on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the theatre, 313 N. Main St. Note that there is a regularly scheduled performance for the evening of Dec. 16.

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Mesilla Valley Concert Band founder and director, Dr. William Clark.

Mesilla Valley Concert Band celebrates 30 years

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Mesilla Valley Concert Band (MVCB) will close out its 30th anniversary year with a free holiday concert beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, in the New Mexico State University Music Building's Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe on the NMSU campus.

The band is under the direction of co-founder Dr. William Clark. John Schutz and Jim Young are assistant conductors.

The concert will include performances of "Victory at Sea" by Richard Rodgers, "Hail to the Spirit of Liberty" by John Phillip Sousa, "Variants on a Medieval Tune" by Norman Dello Joio, selections from "Suite Francaise" by Darius Milhaud and "Russian Christmas Music" by Alfred Reed.

Dr. Clark, Schutz, Young and the band's Mike White and Bob Cutler have combined musical experience totaling about two-and-a-half centuries, with about 120



years collectively devoted to Mesilla Valley Concert Band.

Clark (tuba), Schutz (trumpet) and White (clarinet) were among the band's founding members in 1987. Clark is in his third decade as director.

Cutler has been an MVCB member for 20 years, and current president Jim Young, retired band director at Las Cruces High School, for about 10 years.

The band has many others who have been members for 15, 20 and 25 years, Clark said. Some live as far away as Silver City.

Originally called the Mesilla Valley Community Band, the group started when about 25 people answered a local

Mesilla Valley Chorale sings for the holidays

BULLETIN REPORT

The Mesilla Valley Chorale (MVC) presents a holiday concert titled "Joy" beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

The program includes "The Very Best Time of the Year" by John Rutter, "Believe" from the movie "Polar Express," "African Alleluia," "Coventry Child" and "Hanukkah Wish," fea-

turing Gabriella Alvarez on flute.

There also will be a sing-along.

Tickets are \$10 and are available from MVC members, at the door and by contacting Pam Smith at 575-382-8218 or pamelainlc@gmail.com.

MVC "is a venue for experienced choral singers who share a passion for performing good choral music," according to an MVC news release. Known for its excellence

and diverse programs, this community chorale features four-part harmony from classical to pops.

Nancy Ritchey is in her 15th year as MVC director. Retired Las Cruces Public Schools music teacher Judy Bethmann is the assistant director. Laura Loos and Karen Warren are accompanists.

For more information, visit mesillavalleychorale.org.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Mesilla Valley Chorale

BAND

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newspaper ad placed by Clark and showed up for the first rehearsal.

MVCB "was formed strictly as an altruistic effort to furnish a venue for very high-level adult musicians to perform," said Clark, the retired head of the NMSU Music Department. "The numbers have continued to increase from about 35 to more than 100 players presently."

The band has many full-time musicians and music teachers as members, along with business owners, educators, retirees and students. The age range is 18 to 88. They are all unpaid volunteers.

"Evolution of the group and the acceptance of all three segments of a successful performance (composer, performers and audience) has been a healthy growth factor," Clark said.

The band's popularity is also due to "the respect Dr. Clark has in the community as an outstanding musician and conductor," said Schutz, who retired after more than 40 years with Las Cruces Public Schools, which included teaching band at Lynn Junior High School and Mayfield High School and serving as LCPS' first visual and performing arts coordinator.

"People in Santa Fe don't like to hear it, but Las Cruces and Mesilla are the arts capital of

New Mexico, in my opinion," he said.

MVCB performs three free concerts a year and has long-time sponsors who help pay the band's expenses, including renting Atkinson Recital Hall for performances, buying music and paying for equipment.

Through the years, MVCB has performed in Silver City, Carlsbad and Albuquerque. It also schedules an annual concert for elementary school students.

For more information, contact Cutler at bobcutler65@hotmail.com. Visit www.mesillavalleyconcertband.org.

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



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The Mesilla Valley Concert Band.

Trotando Pasos Ajenos

Social Justice & Inequalities in the Borderlands

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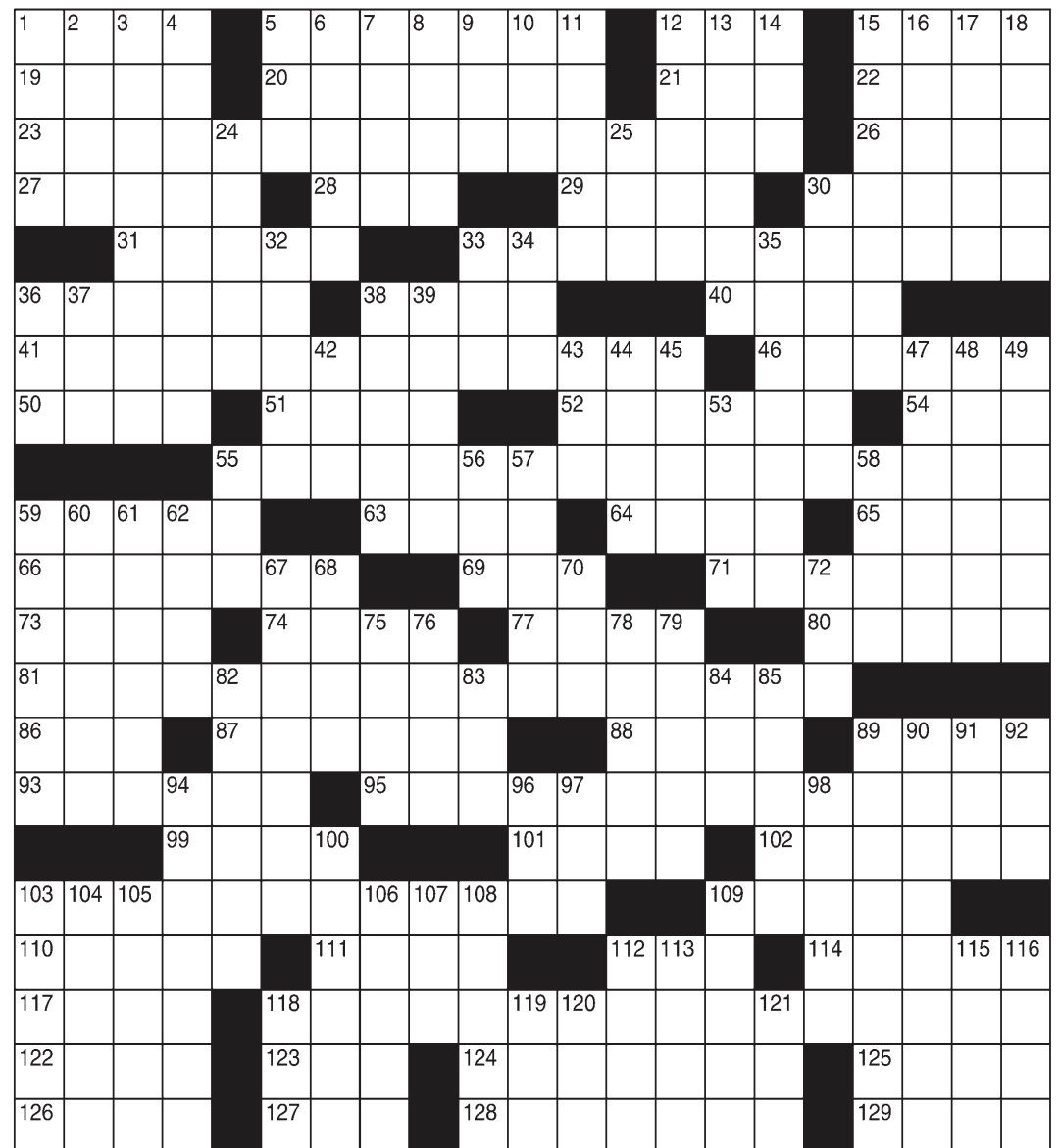
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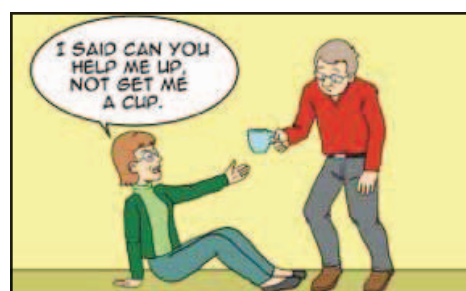


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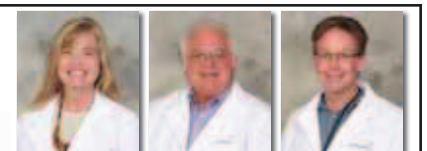
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WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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SCRAMBLERS



"It all started when she found an empty _____ in the closet this morning!"

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!

Athletic **EIGAL**

Portion **HEARS**

Frail **RENTED**

Turned **WEAKS**

TODAY'S WORD

CRYPTOQUIP

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

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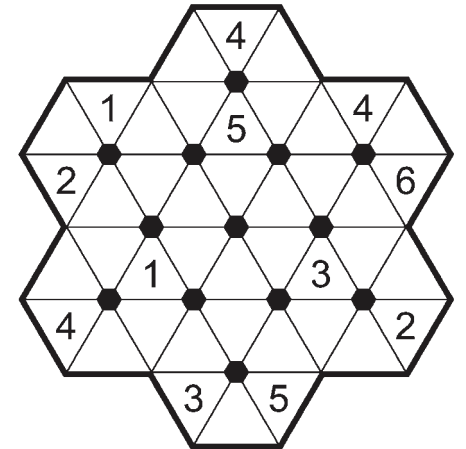
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SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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



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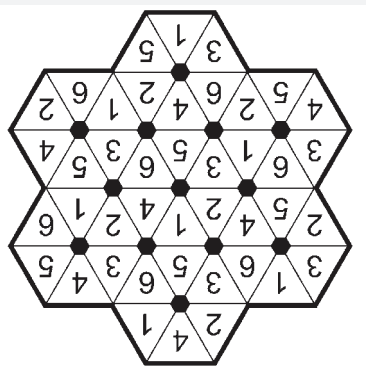
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HANGER

Today's Word

1. Agile; 2. Share; 3. Tender; 4. Askew

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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SUPER CROSSWORD

Quality shows can keep a fellow up nights

Now I've seen it all.

All the recent live theatre productions on Las Cruces stages, that is.

I saw "It's a Wonderful Life: A Life Radio Play" at New Mexico State University, "Crimes of the Heart" at Black Box Theatre, "Annie" at Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at Rio Grande Theatre.

Two of the shows have completed their runs, but "Crimes of the Heart" has four performances Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 8-10, and "Annie" continues through Dec. 17.

Bravo to the directors – Nichole Hamilton



MIKE COOK
Theatre 101

("Wonderful"), Nikka Zimmer ("Crimes"), Janet Beatty-Payne ("Annie") and Constance Hasapoulos ("Pageant"), and to the casts and crews of these terrific shows.

I continue to be amazed by the talent we have in Las Cruces and the number of truly quality shows we produce.

I have close friends in the casts of "Annie" and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," and I got to see some of my other favorites and some terrific newcomers.

ANNIE

It's just not nice – trying to steal the show from a

bunch of orphans!

But that's what the adults do in "Annie." I got to see a preview performance during tech week, and Annie (Tatiana Garzon) and the other waifs (Way to go, Heidi Brown!) from the New York City Orphanage are totally delightful. But the adults in this cast are giving the little ones a run for the money (an ill-conceived cliché in this context). There's a song-and-dance number that Brandon Brown, Cindy Pitts and Megan McQueen do that will bring the house down. I'm going back opening night and promise a scathing review of adults and children alike!

Three days before opening night, LCCT had al-

ready sold more tickets for the opening weekend of "Annie" than it did for the first weekend of the very popular (and wonderful) "Wizard of Oz."

It's a good guess that "Annie" will sell out all 10 performances. Get your tickets early because this will be a great show and you do not want to miss it. The LCCT board is already thinking about adding an 11th performance because of ticket demand.

THEATRE FOR CHILDREN

Speaking of delightful child actors, A Children's Theatre (ACT) has classes and performances for children next spring, and they will host a theatre camp next June and a musical

camp in July. If you have kids who want to get into theatre, ACT is a really good place to start. Visit achildrenstheatre.wixsite.com/achildrenstheatre.

Keep checking the Doña Ana Arts Council website (under Arts Education at daarts.org) as well for information on next summer's Opera Camp, Career Arts Path and Missoula Children's Theatre.

And, look for audition notices from Black Box and LCCT – you can even get on their email lists. There are some great opportunities for actors of all ages and experience levels.

COMING UP

The NMSU Theatre Arts Department had to continue its auditions for its spring 2018 shows until 10:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, Department Head Wil Kilroy said. That's because

about 60 people tried out for parts in "The Odyssey" (Feb. 15-25) and "Rent" (April 27-May 6). That included NMSU students and community actors from Las Cruces, El Paso and beyond.

And speaking of NMSU theatre, its production stage manager, Michael Wise, will direct "Lend Me a Tenor" (Jan. 19-Feb. 4), the follow up to "Annie" at LCCT. I've been in two shows he's directed, and I've acted with him in a couple of others. There's no one better, and this will be a great show.

A week later, on Jan. 26, Black Box Theatre will begin its three-week run of "Photograph 51." I am looking forward to that historically based production, as well.

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Casandra Galban as Babe McGrath in "Crimes of the Heart," which continues through Sunday, Dec. 10, at Black Box Theatre.

The devotion and intensity of Connie Garcia

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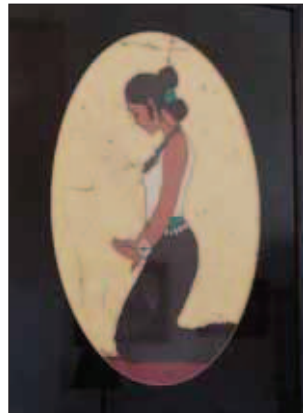
A new exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum celebrates the life of the late Las Cruces artist Connie Garcia.

“Connie Garcia: A Lifetime of Art” opens with a free reception from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14. Members of Garcia’s family will attend the reception, and there will be refreshments.

Garcia, who passed away Jan. 3, 2017, at age 66, specialized in tile, foil, drawing, contemporary painting, cards and more.

She began creating in the 1970s, starting with batik art, which is both an art and a craft, using wax and dye to decorate cloth.

“I create my art with



devotion and intensity,” Garcia wrote in her artist’s statement last year. “I like to carve my own style. I don’t follow any particular ‘school’ of art or technique but instead see myself as being a piece of most schools, whether logical or illogical. I find that modern, expressionist, mytho-



Connie Garcia

logical and psychic autonomous pieces are my strongest influence. The energy of a piece pulls the spirit and material collage assemblage. If a client is not disturbed, if there is no mystery, curiosity or reason for further contemplation about a piece, then there is no need for the piece.”

“She went through different phases with her artwork and always had a million ideas going at once,” said Garcia’s daughter, Victoria Franks of Las Cruces. “She was inspired by everything around her.”

The show has been in the works for almost two years. It includes 37 pieces.

“This has all been overwhelming and emotional,” Franks said. “She was so excited for this show. The last year of her life, she was in declining health while preparing for this show. She was so proud to know it was going to be on display.”

The exhibit will be in the museum’s Arts Corridor through April 1, 2018.

Long story short

Las Cruces author Denise Chávez will host a short-story workshop at Casa Camino Real Book Store, 314 S. Tornillo St., from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. The cost is \$75, and writers of all ages and backgrounds are invited. “Bring a story idea or two or three or an actual story to work on,” Chávez says, “as well as photos and mementos that in turn can be gifted to others. Allow yourself the time and space to learn how to transmit and share story. A good story is a gift. To be able to share a story about something familiar, profound, or memorable is a blessing.” For more information, call 575-523-3988 or visit comezon09@comcast.net.



Casa Camino Real

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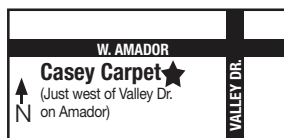
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Adult coloring: 10 a.m.–noon Fridays, Dec. 8 and Dec. 22 at Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. It's a chance for adults to socialize with other adults while expressing themselves creatively. Participants bring their own supplies or use the museum's coloring pages and colored pencils. Info: 575-647-4480, museums.las-cruces.org.

Contra dance: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago in Mesilla. Music by Rus Bradburd and Dennis Daily, Lonnie Ludeman will be the caller. No partner needed. Beginners and newcomers welcome and should come for some basic instruction at 7:30 pm. Cost: \$6 adults, \$4 youths and \$15 families. Info: 575-522-1691, www.snmmds.org.

LCCT's 'Annie': Las Cruces Community Theater, 313 N. Main St. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9 and 15-16, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Dec. 10 and 17. There is a Thursday performance, 7 p.m. Dec. 14. Info and reservations: 575-523-1200 or lcctnm.org.

Native voices: The traveling exhibit Native Voices: Native Peoples' concept of Health and Illness opens Dec. 8, and 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 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.

Christmas play: The original Los Pastores del Valle de Mesilla will perform its annual Christmas play, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Holy Cross Retreat Center Chapel, 600 Holy Cross Road, Mesilla Park. Free. Info: C. Sanchez, 575-649-1848.

Second Saturday Open Art Studios: Colorful trails, noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

• Leslie Toombs and Steve Robinson. Leslie works in pastels and

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Penny Duncklee, "Eleanors Maples"

'Marshall': The dignified portrayal of a confident man

By **JEFF BERG**
For the Bulletin

Perhaps you've seen a million courtroom dramas over the years; they've been a constant theme since movies began, I think. A few of my favorites are "12 Angry Men," "Paths of Glory," "Breaker Morant" and "In Cold Blood."

They usually offer great tension, surprise, and even empathy on occasion.

"Marshall" is a sort of throwback to the days of old-fashioned courtroom films, one that has all of the above and is greatly enhanced by some good performances and writing.

Chadwick Boseman plays a young, sharp-dressed Thurgood Marshall, later of the Supreme Court thanks to Lyndon Johnson.

In this piece, the story focuses on a true story, State of Connecticut vs. Joseph Spell. Marshall, as one of a few attorneys working for the NAACP, is assigned to more difficult cases.

Here, Spell is charged with the rape and beating of a wealthy white employer (Spell was a chauffeur). Attempted murder might also make an appearance as well.

Spell, whose background makes him a great suspect and one who may be easy to convict due to past issues and abandonment of his family, is not one to think he will get a fair trial until the very confident – emphasis, confident – Marshall shows up. Marshall Shanghaies a local Jewish attorney,

GRADE: B+

Marshall plays for a week, opening December 9 (please note special opening date) at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

Samuel Friedman to help him, since due to the law of the time and the obvious racism of the judge, a black attorney can't speak in court; hence Friedman becomes Marshall's unwilling voice – at first. Josh Gad does a terrific job in this role. An almost unrecognizable Kate Hudson plays the "victim," with Sterling Brown doing a perfect job as Spell.

Friedman, of course, is put upon by all concerned since he is not a trial lawyer

and since Mrs. Strubing is wealthy, "honest" and white. Never mind that her often-out-of-town husband is not exactly the most loving and gentle creature on Earth.

The film proceeds well, noting that Marshall and Friedman have little to go on until they find a white police officer who stopped Spell while Mrs. Strubing was bound and gagged in the back of the car.

With this tiny piece of support and Marshall's bulldozing attitude, it is now up to these two to save a black man from what will certainly be a long prison term.

The film is shot in a kind of dusky light, with shadows prominent as they would be in a classic film noir.

And it is to be noted



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Chadwick Boseman plays a young, sharp-dressed attorney and future Supreme Court justice.

that director Reginald Hudlin also assigns strong, albeit minor roles to the wives of both lawyers.

The atmosphere, writ-

ing and attention to detail make "Marshall" a sturdy and dignified piece of work, not to mention its teaching of black history.

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

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• Betsy and Ken Krebbs. Oils, pastels, watercolors and weavings. 715 N. Raymond. Use entrance closest to the driveway. Info: kbkreebs@gmail.com.

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Christmas Concerts.

• 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 West Griggs Ave.

• 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive.

• 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Good Samaritan Society Auditorium, 3025 Terrace Drive.

Cost: Free.

Holiday ukes: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 at the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St. Las Cruces Ukes, a nonprofit community group of ukulele enthusiasts, will perform, with toe-tapping sing-along holiday tunes and some anytime favorites. Special guests Las Cruces Ukes Kids Club and Las Cruces Ukes Teen Club will join them on stage for some songs. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission \$5. Info: las-crucesukes.com.

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

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Beyond the Familiar

Rosemary McLoughlin shares her love of Ireland and its rich culture with a show that continues through Jan. 6 at the Glen Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. McLoughlin taught art at NMSU until 1990 when she became education director at NMSU Art Gallery. In 1998 she retired to become a full-time professional artist. 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.

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. Info: Lurene John, 503-490-4908.

Las Hermanas finale

"Strength," the final exhibition in a six-part, yearlong series of the Las Cruces women's artists group Las Hermanas, continues through Dec. 30 at Rokoko Gallery, 1785 Calle De Mercado in Mesilla. Gallery hours noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and by appointment. Info: 575-405-8877.

Lifetime of Art

An exhibit featuring the works of Las Cruces artist Connie Garcia (1950-2017) will open with a reception 5-7 p.m. Dec. 14 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Members of the late artist's family will be at the reception. The exhibit continues through April 1, 2018. Garcia began creating her artwork in the 1970s, starting with batik art, which she sold at art shows throughout the U.S. She expresses her creativity through tile, foil, drawing, contemporary painting, cards, and more. Admission to the reception is free, and there will be refreshments.

Makeshift art

Makeshift, an exhibition put together by

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. Branigan Cultural Center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Info: 575-541-2154, museums.lascruces.org.

New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau 100 Years Strong

Exhibit on display through Sept. 16, 2018, at the NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The Farm & Livestock Bureau has been the voice of agriculture in New Mexico. The group has worked with officials to coordinate beneficial outcomes for New Mexico's food producers. Soil conservation, better irrigation methods, and improved crop production

were issues on the minds of the 300 farmers and ranchers in the Mesilla Valley who first gathered in 1917.

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, on exhibit through Jan. 25, 2018, at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. Info: 575-526-9113.

Pamela Needham

Photography of Pamela Needham, sharing her love of nature and interesting subjects, is on display at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. Info: 575-526-9113.

Revel in the Mystery of the Night

The Gallery at Big Picture presents award-winning photographer and Las Cruces native Wayne Suggs with a landscape photography exhibit. Suggs has photographed landscapes for more than 40 years but when he turned to the "dark side" and transposed his day-

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time composition eye to the night, he revealed the sky, clear, bright and pristine. The exhibit continues until Dec. 31. The gallery is at 2001 E. Lohman Ave. Suite 109 in the Arroyo plaza. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday. Info: 575-647-0508.

Student art

More than 100 pieces of original student artwork from the Las Cruces and Gadsden Public Schools have been installed in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County

Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. It will continue through mid-March. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, photographs and drawings. The artists range in age from elementary students to high schoolers.

Transitions

Las Cruces artist Jeri Desrochers is featured at Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St. "Transitions," explores changes in life and art after the experience of a threatening illness and benefits CARE Las Cruces, a local support system for those battling cancer. Info: 575-647-8053.

Trotando Pasos Ajenos

The art and cultural

exhibit runs through Jan. 6, 2018, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 North Main St., featuring 12 interactive educational installments designed to appeal to a wide audience that focus on regional issues of justice and inequality as they pertain to identity, environment, history, immigration, law, and faith. The exhibit was curated by Dr. Dulcinea Lara and Dr. Nicholas Natividad, professors at NMSU's department of Criminal justice. The exhibit designer is artist/filmmaker Daniel Aguilar. Open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

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Shoulder Pain: What You Can Do To Ease It If You've Been Putting Up With It For Weeks

By Physical Therapist, Dennis L Prickett

Las Cruces (NM) - Last week I talked about shoulder pain and the 3 things that surprisingly wouldn't help to ease it. Those 3 things were; painkillers, rest and time, and 'nice' relaxing spa-style massages. We also covered why these things won't work to ease your shoulder pain. Painkillers won't work because they simply just mask the pain without getting to the root cause of it. Rest and time won't work because the more you rest, the tighter your muscles become and more stiff your joints become too. 'Nice' relaxing spa-style massages won't work because the therapists doing them aren't trained to properly identify the root cause of the problem.

So this week, we're going to talk about shoulder pain and the most common cause of shoulder pain: Overuse. When it comes to aches and pains there are just two ways that bring them on. The first is you can have an accident. With an accident, you know exactly the moment it happens because there's usually an incident that happens accompanied by pain that makes you want to yell and curl up into a ball. This is normally from a fall or a collision and is called acute pain.

The second is related to something you're doing that can cause annoying, persistent pain that just won't go away. This is the most common one we see here in the clinic and it's called chronic pain.

Chronic shoulder pain is identified as pain that's always there. It's the reason you grab your shoulder after lifting something heavy or when you go to reach for something in the back of the cupboard. It's not always caused by one particular movement or activity. People with this type of shoulder pain often feel doomed, as if they were just plagued with bad shoulders. But here's the thing, there are simple ways to ease it and to help fix it! So what can you do if it's happening to you, or if it suddenly happens to you?

First, I want you to know that 'overuse' doesn't specifically mean doing an activity 'too much'. Things like ironing, painting, lifting heavy objects and even sitting hunched over at a desk all day can be done wrong causing you to 'overuse' your shoulders. Overuse actually means doing an activity the wrong way too much. It could also just be that you have weak muscles in your arms, back and shoulders, poor

an awkward position. Whatever it is, they can all be the culprit of nagging shoulder pain. So let's go over some ways you can ease this daily shoulder pain that disturbs your sleep and gets in the way of almost everything you do.

posture when sitting or standing, or even have spent more of your life sleeping in

Use Ice & Heat: Whenever you're feeling achy or painful, ice is by far the best way to ease the pain. Apply an ice pack for 10 minutes or so, little but often every hour. Use heat when you wake up in the morning. The muscles are likely to be a little stiff and cold from not moving all night, applying a hot water bottle will help you move your shoulder with more ease. Again, 10 minutes should do it.

How Do You Sleep?: Do you sleep with one or two pillows? If you're used to sleeping with two pillows this might feel a little strange at first, but in the long run it will do your shoulders a whole world of good. Sleeping with one pillow lowers the amount of stretching and tension that happens in your neck and shoulders at night. Drop down to just one, soft pillow and you'll feel the difference.

Hands On PT: Lastly, if you've been putting up with the pain for several weeks, or even months, getting hands-on treatment is going to help ease the pain faster. There's no fast way to ease shoulder pain than by going to see a Physical Therapist. A PT will be able to soothe and relax the tight, aching muscles, as well as give you personalized exercises that will help strengthen your muscles and make sure your posture is perfectly aligned.

When you combine all of these tips, including going to see a Physical Therapist, you will feel a dramatic drop in the pain you're currently suffering from. If you have any questions about your specific shoulder pain, I'm more than happy to answer any questions by phone at (575) 525-2450 or by email at biz@atriumpt.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@atriumpt.com



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Bonnie Mandoe, "Boulder Drop up Smoky Mountain Road"

'Outdoor and Abstract'

BULLETIN REPORT

Quesenberry Farmhouse Gallery presents "Two Women, Outdoor and Abstract" Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 9-10, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For the gallery's first two-person show, former Las Cruces Connie Falk joins gallery owner Bonnie Mandoe in a lively colorist celebration of the New Mexican landscape and more.

Falk studied art for nine years under Craig Cully at NMSU while she was a professor of agricultural economics. She retired from academic life in 2013 to pursue oil painting.

"Painting helps me process the world, comment on it, share with others my story, and interpret the beauty and anguish in a world hurtling toward disaster," she says. "Painting is



Connie Falk, "Placitas Mountain View"

both an escape from the world and a dive into its core truths."

Falk's work has been likened to that of Georgia O'Keeffe, who also merged beauty and anguish seamlessly.

Quesenberry Farmhouse Gallery, 825 Quesenberry St., serves as the studio of Las Cruces oil painter Bonnie Man-

doe, whose works are enjoyed around the state and country in public and private domains. The gallery is recognized for its historic ambience and creative cuisine. Guitarist Rick Hatfield will provide entertainment for this event. For more information and directions, visit www.bonnie-mandoe.com.

'Crimes' wraps up final weekend



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From left, Debbie Jo Felix as Lenny McGrath and Casandra Galban as Babe McGrath.

The final four performances of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Crimes of the Heart," are 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7; 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. The play is directed by Nikka Zimmer. The cast includes Erin Wendorf, Gina DeMondo, Eric Hadley and Wake Gardner. Tickets are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and seniors over age 65, and \$10 for the Thursday performance. For more information, call Black Box Theatre at 575-523-1223. Visit no-strings.org.



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From left, Casandra Galban as Babe McGrath and Erin Wendorf as Meg McGrath.

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The Mesilla Valley Concert Band will perform a free concert under the direction of Dr. William Clark at 3 p.m., December 10 in the Atkinson Recital Hall in the Music Building at New Mexico State University. Highlights of the concert include Rodgers' "Victory at Sea," Sousa's "Hail to the Spirit of Liberty," "Variants on a Mediaeval Tune" by Dello Joio, and Darius Milhaud's "Suite Francaise." The concert is suitable for all ages and seating is first come, first served.

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Las Cruces School of Music & Dance students performing "The Nutcracker."

'The Nutcracker': traditional and – edgy

BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces School of Music & Dance (LCSMD) will present two Christmas shows during three December performances at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave.

The popular holiday ballet "The Nutcracker" will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15-16.

Then, in conjunction with Borderlands Ballet, the school will present its original dance production of "The Cracked Nut," featuring jazz, tap and hip hop performances, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.



Tickets are \$20 and are available at www.tututix.com/client/lascrucesschool. They will also be available at the door.

"The Nutcracker" is a family-friendly holiday classic that will leave you with cherished memories

for years to come," LCSMD owner Monique Foster said.

"CSDM's production is of the full Balanchine-derived ballet," she said.

"The dancers are particularly excited because this will be our first time

performing the show at the Center for the Arts, which is such a beautiful venue," Foster said.

Local dancers performing featured roles include Maitlyn Warner in her first solo performance as Clara, and Mariah Jackson as the Sugar Plum Fairy in her final performance with the school.

"Getting to do my final performance as Sugar Plum Fairy right after getting married is like a dream come true," said Jackson, who got married in November.

Other principal dancers include Josh Godman (Nutcracker/Cavalier), Caroline Williams (Dew Drop Fairy),

and Malachai Egan and Casen Collins (Snow King and Queen).

"The Nutcracker' is a magical experience for those watching as well as those performing," Collins said. "The setting and dreamy aura of the whole ballet is unlike any other."

"The Cracked Nut" is LCSMD's original variation on the traditional "Nutcracker" ballet, Foster said.

"We have a strong program in jazz, tap and hip hop, and 'The Cracked Nut' gives the dancers the opportunity to perform using a different skill set."

The libretto for "The Cracked Nut" was written

by Marc Moffett of LCSMD and features Ryan Thorp as E. T. A. Hoffman, the author of the story on which "The Nutcracker" is based.

"I wanted the show to be a little edgier than 'The Nutcracker,'" Moffett said. "Hoffman is a challenging writer and I've been interested in his ideas ever since working on Coppelia with Monique a few years ago."

Other featured characters include Madigan Bianco as Marie and Connor Draney as the Nutcracker.

For more information, call 575-525-5670 or email newmexicodanceandmusic@gmail.com. Visit www.newmexicodanceandmusic.com

Boba Cabaret: Home is where the classics are

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Four talented young Las Cruces performers – Marybeth Torres, Veronica Bissell, Robby Sciortino and Joseph Seth Zamora – will sing holiday classics like “Silent Night,” “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” “All I Want for Christmas” and a dozen other holiday tunes during Boba Café and Cabaret’s “There’s Snow Place Like Home! A Holiday Cabaret Show.”

“When a group of friends can’t make it home for the holidays, they warm each other’s hearts with song,” Boba Artistic Director Megan McQueen said.

Torres is a recent New Mexico State University graduate, with a bachelor’s degree in math education. In addition to other Boba shows, she appeared in “Chicago” for Scaffolding Theatre Company of Las Cruces and “The Drowsy Chaperone” and “A Christmas Carol” for the NMSU Theatre Arts Department.

Zamora is a senior at NMSU studying piano performance. He has performed in solo and ensemble concerts with the NMSU Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band, New Horizons Symphony and the El Paso Symphony Orchestra.

Zamora and Torres were both featured in NMSU Creative Students

Theatre Company’s “Processing and Handling,” for which Zamora composed several pieces.

Sciortino earned a bachelor’s degree in theatre arts from NMSU earlier this year and received the department’s Hershel Zohn Award. At NMSU, he has appeared in “The Drowsy Chaperone,” “Twelfth Night” and “The Misanthrope.” He also had a major role in “Chicago.”

Bissell has a BA in theatre arts from NMSU and starred in NMSU productions of “The Drowsy Chaperone,” “Purple Breasts: One Woman’s Journey through Breast Cancer,” “A Wrinkle in Time,” “West Highland Way and “The Mystery of

Edwin Droad.” For Scaffolding Theatre Company, she performed as Belle in “Beauty and the Beast” and as Renata in “Nine.”

There will be two shows each night on Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 8, 9, 15 and 16 at Boba Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St.

The dinner show seats at 6 p.m., with the performance beginning at 7, and is \$27.50 per person. The cocktail show seats at 8:15 p.m., with the performance beginning at 8:30, and is \$12.50 per person.

Reservations are recommended. Call 575-647-5900.

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



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Veronica Bissell, Marybeth Torres (front), Robby Sciortino and Joseph Seth Zamora (rear), who will perform “There’s Snow Place Like Home! A Holiday Cabaret Show” Dec. 8, 9, 15 and 16 at Boba Cabaret.

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Baha'i discussion: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at 3220 Jupiter Road. A fire-side discussion on "The Unfolding Teachings of Jesus as Revealed in Christian, Islamic and Baha'i Scripture" is an opportunity to learn what the world's religious traditions have in common. Guests also are invited to share their own ideas and stories related to this topic. Entertainment will be provided by presented by Americana-Folk musician Darrell Elmer Rodgers. Guests are asked to refrain from wearing any fragrance. Info: 339-3205 or email localspiritualassembly@yahoo.com.

Kids care: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, St. Paul's United Methodist

Church, 225 W. Griggs. For parents who need a day of shopping or holiday preparation without the children, "St. Paul's Drop and Shop Day" accommodates children 3 months to 5th grade. Children will spend a day filled with holiday crafts, games, movies and pizza for lunch. RSVP and pre-pay required. Space is limited. All proceeds benefit St. Paul's Youth and Children's programs. Cost: \$20 per child for the first and second child, \$10 for each additional child. Info: 575-541-3182.

Hanukkah celebration: 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. A festive dinner and worship for all ages will open the



celebration of Hanukkah, including the lighting of Hanukkah candles, dessert, and Chanukah games and activities. A dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. featuring latkes/potato pancakes, one of the signature foods of this Festival of Lights. At 6:15 pm, a service for this Sabbath of Hanukkah will include participants lighting Hanukkah candles

for the seventh night of the holiday and special music. The community is invited to attend. Info: 575-5240-3380.

Chanukah/Hanukkah/ Festival of Lights: By whichever name, the upcoming Jewish Holiday takes place beginning Sunday, Dec. 10.

• 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 – Chabad of Las Cruces partners with The Home Depot to offer a pre-Hanukkah DIY Menorah Workshop at The Home Depot on Telshor Avenue. Children, and children at heart, receive a worker's apron and craft their own menorah from wood and a host of other supplies. There will be photo opportunities to meet "Judah Macabee,"

Chanukah treats and music. There is no charge for attending, RSVP is appreciated.

• 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 – First-ever Chanukah Wonderland will open in Las Cruces, a magical world of all things Chanukah, at the Alevy Chabad Jewish Center. Traditional foods, games, giveaways and raffles.

• 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 – 8th annual Grand Menorah Lighting and Live Concert, Historic Old Mesilla Plaza. Free. This year's concert features American-Israeli singer/songwriter Oneg Shemesh, with his indie folk/rock music, a fresh and innovative new sound. Other events include the lighting of Southern New Mexico's tallest Menorah,

warm latkes (traditional potato pancakes), jelly donuts, hot cocoa, chocolate gelt, and Chanukah crafts for the kids. For more information, visit www.JewishLC.com or call 575-524-1330.

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A Course in Miracles: 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Tesoro Integrative Health Center, 1605 S. Main St. Complete self-study spiritual thought system with Edward Alvarez. \$5 suggested donation. Info: 575-541-5660.

Agape Christian: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Bible school for all ages. 5:45 p.m., Secret Church and Children's Church, 1400 6th St. Com-

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On Dec. 2 workers still had plenty of projects to complete in the rear of Raising Cane's, 651 S. Telshor Blvd.

Las Cruces selected for state's first Raising Cane's

BULLETIN REPORT

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers, the Louisiana-based restaurant company whose fans are known as "Caniacs," has broken ground on its first New Mexico restaurant at 651 S. Telshor Blvd. in Las Cruces.

When the new restaurant opens in late February, it will be among more than 370 Raising Cane's nationwide. The company will begin hiring 85 crewmembers for the Las

Cruces restaurant in the coming months.

"We are excited for every Raising Cane's opening, but this is especially exciting because it is our first restaurant in New Mexico," said Area Director Mike Spano. "We look forward to assembling a great crew for this monumental Raising Cane's and can't wait to introduce our brand to the residents of Las Cruces."



SEE **CANE**, PAGE 52 Front view of the future Raising Cane's



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On Dec. 2, crews were working on the roof of the future Sprouts Farmers Market on Lohman Avenue, in a building converted from the former Hastings.

New organic food market is now hiring

BULLETIN REPORT

Sprouts Farmers Market, one of the fastest-growing retailers in the country, has announced it will soon finish construction on a new location in Las Cruces.

The store will be the first Sprouts location in Las Cruces and will help meet the growing local demand for fresh, natural and organic foods. The business was started 15 years ago and is headquartered in Phoenix.

The 32,000-square-foot Cruces store will be located at 2340 E. Lohman Ave, in the former Hastings location, and will open on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 7 a.m. Details about the grand opening celebration will be announced at a later date.

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Financial transactions inspired technology, innovation

Writing is among the great achievements of humanity. It allows authors to explore the depth of the human condition, and to affect the emotions of readers never met. But the origins of writing come from the more prosaic area of finance, not the arts.

The origin of writing can be traced back 7,000 years to the Middle East. Early agriculturalist population had begun to increase; social interactions were becoming more complicated. Near Eastern societies had to obtain foodstuff for distribution to growing urban populations. At the same time, trade routes were becoming geographically more



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complicated. The increasing scale and scope of Middle Eastern civilizations depended on complex financial transactions. For example, people would deposit wheat into storehouses for safe keeping that later could be withdrawn as needed; or some one might borrow seed for planting, using a sheep as collateral. To track these trans-

actions, a technology emerged. A tiny clay sheaf of wheat would represent an actual sheaf of wheat. A stylized sheep represented an actual sheep. The possibilities were limitless. There was even a token representing a day's labor.

With time, the first true cities emerged. Among the very earliest was Uruk where the new token technology was taken to the next step. People began to place the tokens into clay envelopes, called bullae. We don't exactly how these bullae were used. Where they in effect a complex contract involving multiple commodities? Or where they more like a purse, used for safe keeping of valuables? We

can't tell.

But regardless of how the bullae were used, they had a problem. To see the contents, they had to be broken open, rendering them useless. To overcome this problem, the Sumerians of Uruk began to use marks to represent the objects contained within. A pictograph of a sheep followed by five slashes meant five sheep.

The next step was obvious. Do away with the bullae altogether and simply use the marks,

now written on clay tablets, directly to track transactions. These pictographs evolved into the famed Sumerian cuneiform, the first true writing.

From accounting ledger marks to true literature was a surprisingly short step as Gilgamesh, the oldest-known written story, was composed about the same time in Uruk. Indeed, it was while excavating the Uruk Central Temple complex described in Gilgamesh that the ac-

counting tokens were first found.

The nexus between finance and writing is a story repeated frequently in the history of innovation. Financial markets have always been quick to adopt new technologies that are latter important for society in general. The reason for this is obvious. Anything that allows a trader to squeeze a few pennies from a transaction can quickly mean riches

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Raising Cane's is renowned for its fresh, never-frozen chicken fingers, its secret-recipe Cane's sauce, crinkle-cut fries, coleslaw, Texas toast, freshly brewed sweet tea and fresh-squeezed lemonade.

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customer service, cleanliness and other factors.

Raising Cane's vision is to have restaurants all over the world and be the brand for quality chicken finger meals, a great crew, cool culture and active community involvement.

More information is available at raisingcanes.com.

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when applied over and over to many transactions. Examples abound.

Early textbooks on algebra were aimed at merchants. The first telegraph lines connected cities, like New York and Philadelphia, with active

financial markets. The first private sector users of handheld electric calculators were Wall Street traders.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is the interim department head of Economics/Applied Statistics/International Business

NMSU Career Services planning 2018 fair

By TIFFANY ACOSTA

For the Bulletin

Employers interested in attending the 13th annual Career Connections Fair Jan. 30-31 at New Mexico State University can register with NMSU's Career Services. The two-day event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Corbett Center Student Union third floor ballrooms.

"Career Connections brings employers together from all over the United States to recruit Aggies for all levels of employment such as internships, cooperative education and full-time employment," said Roseanne Bensley, NMSU Career Services associate director. "We encourage anyone who have suggested contacts who would be interested in the fair to pass it along to Career Services so we can continue to increase the size and variety of employers each year."

On Jan. 30, Career Connections will focus on majors in the colleges of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education (non-teaching) and Health and Social Services. The College of Engineering is co-sponsoring the event on Jan. 31, which will highlight majors in computer science, engineering, life/physical sciences, mathematics



NMSU PHOTO BY DARREN PHILLIPS

New Mexico State University alumna Reydelle Shelland of Sandia National Laboratories speaks with a student about internship opportunities. Employers can register with NMSU's Career Services to attend the 13th annual Career Connections Fair Jan. 30-31.

and technology.

Career Connections is free and open to NMSU students, alumni and community members.

To register or for more information visit

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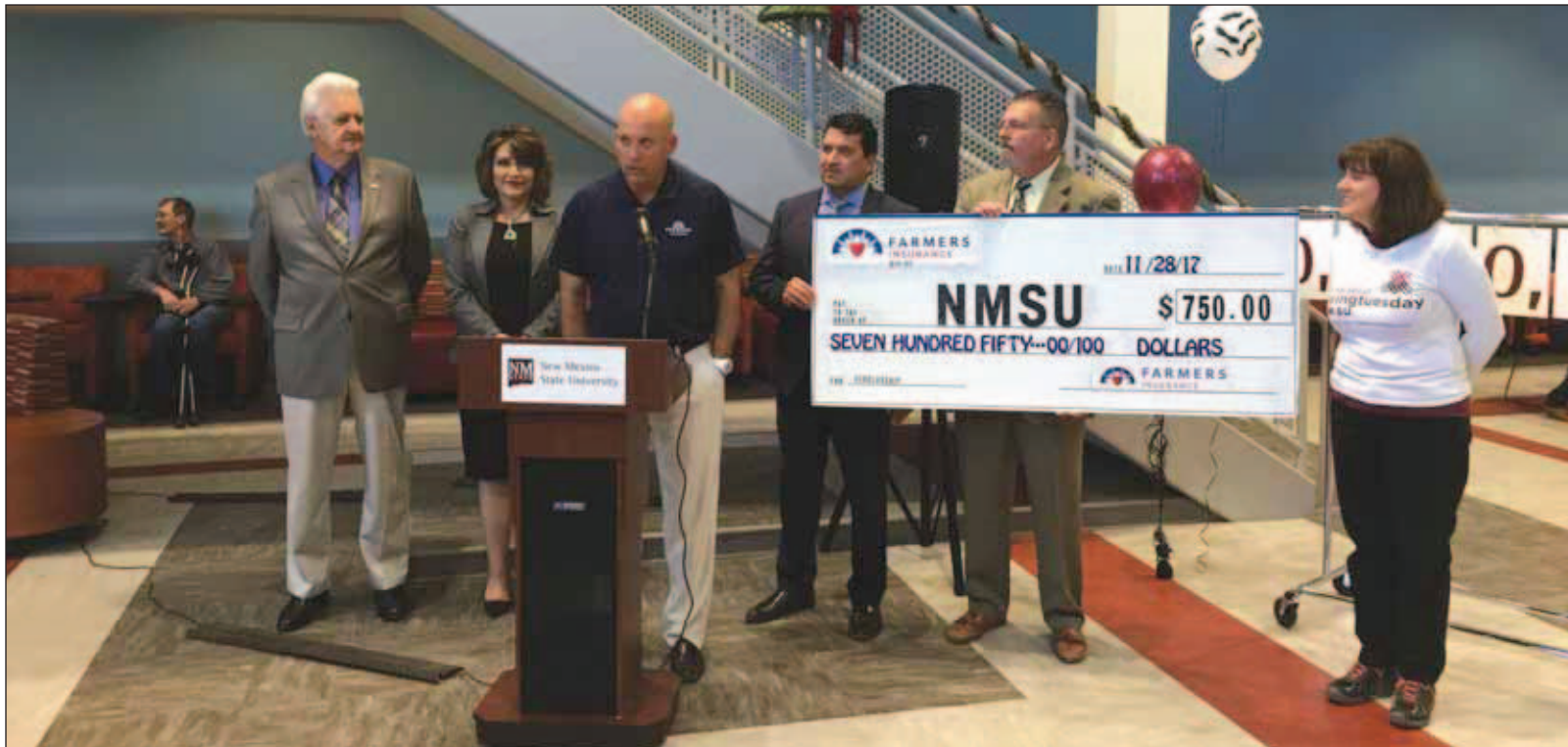
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Left to right are Farmers agents Bruce Buchman, Betty Solis, Darin Manes, Dominic Vigil and Scott Yurcic, along with NMSU Foundation Vice President for Alumni and Engagement Leslie Cervantes, far right. The Farmers agents donated \$750 to the NMSU Foundation to create an annual scholarship in the NMSU College of Business to help a student who minors in insurance.

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Under the trees, cemetery yields its history

By CITY OF LAS CRUCES
COMMUNITY FORESTER
JIMMY ZABRISKIE

For the Bulletin

On Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017, Marcia Corl, Mark Dallago, Craig Fenske, Lucas Herndon, Nancy Sharp and Jerri Wells, all local Tree Steward volunteers; Jason Fechner and Michael Balogh from the city nursery; and Angeles Lopez from the Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department worked to plant several xeric trees and plants at the Odd Fellows Cemetery on the northeast corner of Compress and Brown streets.

The location was chosen as the first Tree Steward project since I first started working as the city's community forester earlier this year as a way to honor past residents who are interred at the cemetery and to play it forward to future residents.

The city took possession of the cemetery in 1954 and Parks and Recreation Dept. is in charge of its maintenance.

The group planted 10 Palo Verde (*Parkinsonia aculeata*) trees, two Mexican Buckeye (*Ungnadia speciosa*) trees/shrubs, two Whitethorn Acacia (*Acacia constricta*) trees and four Texas Mountain Laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*) trees/shrubs.

The plants were chosen because of their low water use needs, and once established should be able to survive on our annual rainfall.

The site has no water supply, so the trees will be hand watered. Balogh and Fechner used 10 five-gallon buckets donated by Fenske, filled them with water at the nearby Las Cruces Railroad Museum and ferried them to the site to provide the newly planted trees with their first drink at their new home.

Tree Steward volunteers will keep the plants watered for the next two years, after which the plants will be left to survive on their own. The new plantings should do well in the deep clay-loam soil that was found on the site. Volunteers also cut back one of two salt cedars (*Tamarix* sp.) which will later be treated to kill the stump.

Volunteers are also slated for another planting at the cemetery on Dec. 14, weather permitting. At that time several groupings of Texas honey mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*) trees and desert willow (*Chilopsis linearis*) trees will be planted.

The volunteers will also cut back the second salt cedar and mulch the plantings. The group also showed an interest in pruning back several of the prickly pear cacti that are encroaching on several plots and pathways at this next event.

I asked my wife, Marcy Scott, to do some online research concerning the cemetery (she has authored two books and



PHOTOS BY CITY OF LAS CRUCES COMMUNITY FORESTER JIMMY ZABRISKIE

"The Crew," left to right, Michael Balogh, Lucas Herndon, Jerri Wells, Mark Dallago, Nancy Sharp and Angeles Lopez (kneeling), Craig Fenske and Marcia Corl.

loves researching).

The oldest marked grave at the cemetery is that of John S. Brown, dated May 29, 1892. The most recent is Thomas D. Phillips, 1953. Several notable people are (or were) interred in the cemetery.

Samuel "Sam" Steel Jr., age 17, was murdered on March 9, 1893 while delivering evening milk from his family's dairy, two months before he was to graduate from New Mexico A & M. Steel would have been the first

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Angeles Lopez, and Mark Dallago planting a Mexican buckeye while Jerri Wells operates a shovel.



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Mark Dallago, Lucas Herndon and Craig Fenske operating shovels.

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student to graduate from a college in the New Mexico Territory. Steel was awarded a bachelor's degree 105 years after his death by New Mexico State University.

Samuel "Sam" G. Bean is buried in a family plot along with five other family members. Bean was the owner of several local business ventures. On Sept. 1, 1854, he became the first elected sheriff of Doña Ana County. At the time, the county was larger than any state east of the Mississippi River and extended from the Texas state line to the Colorado River. Bean was also the second postmaster of Mesilla. Bean's younger brother, Roy, was known as Judge Roy Bean and called himself "The Law West of the Pecos."

John L. May was the owner of the Rio Grande Hotel and a downtown street is named, presumably, in his honor.

Robert H. Broughton served in the Spanish-American War.

An empty family plot is marked Bowman (a

street is named such in Mesilla Park).

A family plot is named Branigan, but none of those buried within are named such.

The last and possibly most notable name is on an empty family plot named Garrett. After being murdered on Feb. 29, 1908, Pat Garrett was buried in the plot in the southeast corner of the cemetery. In 1957 Garrett's remains were moved across the street to the Masonic Cemetery.

Jimmy Zabriskie is the City of Las Cruces' first-ever community forester. He was hired in September. For more information, contact Zabriskie at 575-541-2705 and jzabriskie@las-cruces.org.

Sunset Hills Park is well-equipped for northeast neighborhood

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

You might say Sunset Hills Park is out of this world.

The park's actual address is 3333 Lunaridge St. But, it's bounded on one side by Mars (Avenue) and by Neptune (Street) on the other.

Completed in 1985, the northeast Las Cruces park has 57,000 square feet of grass and includes five benches, three tables, two trash cans, a drinking fountain, a playground for the kids and waste bags for the dogs.

There is also a short hiking trail at the park.

A little more than 1.5 acres was dedicated by the city for the park in the summer of 1976. The park was built in the mid-1980s by Hall Brothers Landscaping of El Paso, following a design by Lewis and Associates, also of El Paso.

The park cost an estimated \$42,000 to build.

Remember, many parks are available if you are interested in



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

City of Las Cruces' Sunset Hills Park, 3333 Lunaridge St., at the intersection of Lunaridge and Mars Avenue. The park has nearly 57,000 square feet of grass.

renting a park for a private party or celebration.

To rent and select the location of the park, facility, sports field or aquatic facility, visit www.las-cruces.org/en/departments/parks-and-recreation/administration/permits.

If the selected date is available, you will need to submit a permit application to the city Parks and Recreation Department, 1501 E Hadley Ave., at least two weeks in advance of the proposed date of use.



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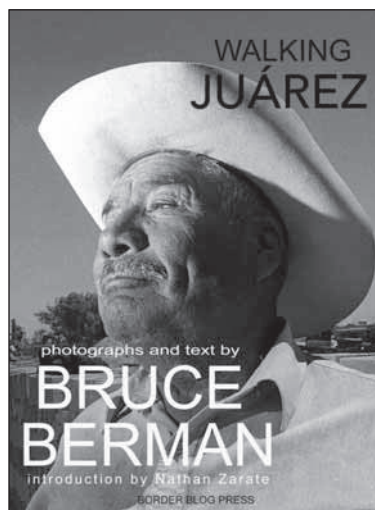
Juárez 'shares its heart' with NMSU professor

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**

For the Bulletin

An associate professor in New Mexico State University's Journalism Department recently published a book compiling photographs and stories he's taken of Juárez and the border over the course of more than 40 years.

Before Bruce Berman entered academia, he worked on assignment as a freelance photojournalist/photographer for newspapers, magazines, advertising agencies and corporations. Berman has worked the border "beat" since 1982, principally as a contractor for The New York Times. His specialty has been documenting the U.S./Mexico border. He lives three blocks from



New Mexico State University associate professor of journalism Bruce Berman's "Walking Juárez" was released earlier this year. Berman has taken pictures of Juárez for the past 20 years, but only recently decided to compile them into a book. "Walking Juárez" is the result.

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BRUCE BERMAN

the International Bridge that connects Juárez and El Paso.

Berman has been described as a "concerned photographer," which photographer and founder of New York City's International Center of Photography Cor-

nell Capa defined as "photographers who demonstrated in their work a humanitarian impulse to use pictures to educate and change the world, not just to record it." The border/Juárez community provides Berman ample material. "It's another world," he said. "The people in these stories and images are real."

Berman said the book, "Walking Juárez," "is not about how horrible Juárez is."

"The book is about sweet epiphanies and little insights," he said. "If you're in deep enough in a culture, eventually it shares its heart with you."

Berman said there is no theme to the book, but rather is an ongoing narrative that includes stories of how Berman finds the subjects in his photographs, as well as anecdotes about these people.

The spirit of the book can be summed up in a paragraph from the book: "In the end Berman's search to give face to the border leads him to the realization that it is he who gained

face through his encounters while walking in Juárez."

Berman didn't intend to write a book about Juárez. But in until December 2016, as he began a sabbatical research leave, due to illness his mobility was limited for four months.

"So what do you do if you can't walk?" he asked. "Write a book!"

After three months, and recovered, he started working on the streets again and added new images to his multi-decade project, and brought the book to a conclusion.

The oldest photos in the book are from 1972, while the most recent photos are from 2017. All photographs are black and white.

"The most important thing to remember about black-and-white photography is you need a strong subject," he said. "With color photographs, you can grab someone's attention with the color alone. With black and white, it's the power of the subject that holds the viewer's attention."

The book was published in June 2017. Berman has created a publishing company - Border Blog Press - and learned all aspects of publishing from design to marketing. He intends to concentrate on publishing books that are "border-themed." "Walking Juárez" is available on Amazon, in selected bookstores (such as Barnes and Noble) and can be purchased directly from him.

Billy Huntsman may be reached at 575-646-7953, wthv8420@nmsu.edu.

Hunting Camp Cook

Fall is hunting season. Airports from Bozeman to San Antonio are filled with men in camouflage suits carrying gun cases out of baggage claim. They are here to stalk the fleeting deer and

the wily elk. And, they bring with them millions in revenue, part of which winds up in the pockets of outfitters and guides.

Good hunting camps do much to attract hunters, often year after year. Some camps are elaborate, others Spartan but all boast a good cook.

Hank's brother Dan ran a guide service in the Big Hole. He enjoyed much repeat business due, according to other outfitters, to his reputation of having the most entertaining camp in western Montana.

The star of the Big Hole Wilderness Experience and Wildlife Procurement Extravagance was Big Eddie, a puppy-hearted Pit bull/Power Wagon cross.

At 6 foot 6, 280 with a full beard, he took up a lot of room in a two man tent. He was, officially, the camp cook.

There was a natural hot spring near the camp. Dan had tapped this resource by installing an 8' stock tank in the spring thus creating the only hot tub on the mountain. One twilight a member of the hunting party came in dog tired. He swung up the trail to the hot tub anticipating a good soak before supper.

Unknownst to him, Big Eddie was basking in a little hot water therapy. As the hunter stumbled into the clearing, Big Eddie rose to his full height, shedding water like a 300 lb buffalo



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robe and covered himself in surprise! The frightened hunter wheeled and ran into camp screaming there was a grizzly bear in the hot tub!

On another occasion Big Eddie had stayed in camp

during the day to watch the sourdough rise. From his tent that morning he spotted a nice cow elk ease into a clearing near camp. Eddie grabbed his gun, chambered a shell and stepped through the flaps. His dangling suspenders caught on the upright and jerked him

over backwards. A shot rang out! The propane tank exploded! The supply tent caught on fire disintegrating a pack train full of expensive, down filled, water proof, brand name, guaranteed, color coordinated, Davy Crockett recommended, eco-approved, nothing under \$300, stuff. Not to mention a couple of Weatherbys.

But despite his frequent Boone and Crockett screw ups, Eddie had a way about him that reminded the visiting hunter that they were in the presence of a primitive force.

Eddie served stew one night. The whiner of the group stirred it with a spoon and then griped, "I don't like carrots." Big Eddie bent over the petulant hunter. He took the plaintiff's fork and picked the carrots out of his bowl one at a time, and ate them.

"There," he said.

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Center seeks diabetic patients for trial research

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces' Integrative Medical Center of New Mexico has been named a participating clinical site for the second Trial to Assess Chelation Therapy (TACT2). TACT2 will examine the use of intravenous chelation treatments in combination with oral vitamins in diabetic patients with a prior heart attack to determine if they reduce recurrent heart episodes, such as heart attacks, stroke, death, and others, by removing toxins from the blood.

Funding for TACT2 was announced in September of 2016 when The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded \$37M to initiate the trial. The trial is also co-funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Chelation is a process by which a medication, such as edetate disodium (Na2EDTA), can "grab" and remove toxic metal pollutants - like lead or cadmium - which are present in most individuals.

TACT2 follows up on the positive results of TACT, an NIH-sponsored multicenter, double-blind safety and efficacy study, which took place from 2002- 2012 and was conducted in 134 sites across the United States and Canada. During TACT, 1,708 heart attack patients were randomly assigned to receive 40 infusions of an edetate disodium-based chelation solution or a placebo (inactive) infusion. Patients also received an oral vitamin and mineral regimen, or an oral placebo.



Arthur Berkson

TACT demonstrated an 18% reduction in recurrent heart events by chelation in patients who already had sustained a heart attack. Recurrent heart events measured in the study were death, heart attack, stroke, heart bypass or stent, and hospitalization for angina (chest pains). In 633 diabetic patients, there was an even larger benefit with a 41 percent reduction in recurrent heart events and a 43% reduction in deaths. Based on these results, the Mount Sinai and Duke scientists who conducted the trial felt that a repeat study was important to carry out.

TACT2 will narrow its focus to the group with the greatest benefit in the original study - diabetic patients 50 years of age or older who have survived a heart attack.

The original TACT clinical results were published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 2013, Circulation: Quality and Outcomes in 2014, and the American Heart Journal in 2014.

"If TACT2 is positive, it will forever change the way we treat heart attack patients and view toxic metals in the environment," said Gervasio Lamas, M.D., study chairman and chief of the Columbia Division of Cardiology at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, Florida. "Therefore, with NIH support and in collaboration with the Duke Clinical Research Institute, Columbia University,

New York University, Mount Sinai (NYC), and hundreds of physicians and nurses throughout the U.S. and Canada, we are moving forward with TACT2."

"We are so fortunate to have an opportunity to participate in a huge NIH trial right here in Las Cruces," said Arthur Berkson, MD, principal investigator of the Las Cruces site, currently one of two sites located in the western half of the United States.

"The initial trial revealed that chelating toxic heavy metals out of our bodies drastically reduces the risk of having another heart attack. TACT2 can reinforce our knowledge of this concept. Rarely does a medical trial completely change our understanding of disease. Our patients participating in TACT2 can potentially play a critical role in saving millions of lives in the future."

Although not approved by the Food and Drug Administration for treating heart disease, some practitioners have used chelation therapy for nearly 60 years in the absence of clinical trial data supporting its use. Because of the lack of data, it has generally been believed by conventional medical practitioners and cardiologists to be without value, although TACT results suggest otherwise. A definitive answer on chelation therapy in diabetic patients that will be embraced by the cardiology community will require positive results from TACT2.

Integrative Medical Center of NM is currently recruiting patients for participation in the study. Candidates must be 50 years of age or older, have diabetes and experienced a prior heart attack. Patients interested in participating may contact the study team through www.tact2.org, by calling 575-524-3720.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Kids' night out: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. Las Cruces Junior Jazzercise will hold a kids' night out Winter Wonderland Party for boys and girls age 4-12. Cost: \$20 per child if registered by Dec. 8 of \$25 after that. Siblings are half price. Info: Amy Richards: 941-705-0800, lascrucjesjuniorjazzercise@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Junior Jazzercise Las Cruces.

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.

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.

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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 sup-

Young at Heart has free holiday concert

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces' Young at Heart chorus will present a Christmas concert at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14 in the auditorium of Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

The one-hour show "will feature songs of the holiday season," said Director Ray Scroggins, including "carols, festive songs and other fun music."

There is no charge to attend the concert, which

is open to the public.

"Young at Heart entertains residents of assisted living and nursing homes in the Las Cruces area and has been in continuous operation since 1972, with the name of the group, the director, piano accompanist and venues changing through the years," Scroggins said in a news release.

The group currently has about 25 members, who rehearse two or three times a month and performing at four facili-

ties each month.

"Music changes monthly, selected from a large collection of old songs, generally favorites of the audience and the chorus," Scroggins said. "Programs are enhanced by varying the themes and by highlighting the talents of individual members with vocal solos or duets, group harmony, and instrumental accompaniment."

For more information, contact Ray Scroggins at 575-524-0511, 262-490-7968 or ray@scroggins.biz.

SENIOR CALENDAR

AARP: General meeting of the Las Cruces chapter, every third Wednesday at Senior Circle, 3948 E Lohman behind Walgreen's.

ALR events: Academy for Learning in Retirement hosts programs in December. Each event will be 10:30 a.m.-noon at Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Coffee begins at 10 a.m. \$4 per day for members, \$5 for non-members, \$5 to become a member.

November programs are themed "Traversing the Difficult" and focuses on racial and class injustice and inequality, as well as global militarization, historical disparities in labor laws and other social justice issues. December's programs focus on "Why We Still Need Walt Whitman: The Powers and Limits of Poetry in a Moment of Moral Crisis and Political Divisiveness." Info/RSVP: dacc.nmsu.edu/alr, 575-522-1938, nmsu.alr@gmail.com.

Alzheimer's group: 10-11 a.m., second Thursday of every month, 1155 S. Telshor Blvd., Suite 202. Early Stages Alzheimer's Support Group meets. Attend with a friend or family member.

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 to 1 p.m. Info: 575-528-5046.

Understanding the government pension offset

By **RAY VIGIL**

For the Bulletin

Getting ready for retirement requires evaluation of all your sources of retirement income. Even if you worked for the government and didn't pay the FICA tax on your earnings, you may be eligible for benefits from your spouse's work under Social Security.

However, when you receive both your own non-covered government pension and a Social Security spousal benefit, your Social Security benefit may be reduced. The Government Pension Offset (GPO) reduces your Social Security benefit by two-thirds of your government pension.

Why are benefits reduced? Current law requires any beneficiary's spouse, widow, or widower benefit to be reduced by the dollar amount of their own retirement benefit. For example, if a woman worked and earned her own \$900 monthly Social Security benefit, but was

due a \$500 wife's benefit on her husband's record, we couldn't pay the wife's \$500 benefit because her own retirement benefit is the larger amount.

Before enactment of the GPO, if the same woman was a government employee who didn't pay into Social Security but earned a \$900 government pension, there was no reduction. We would have paid her the full amount of wife's benefit and she also received her full government pension. GPO ensures that we calculate the benefits of government employees who don't pay Social Security taxes the same way as workers in the private sector who pay Social Security taxes. Applying the GPO in this example means since two-thirds of the government pension (2/3 of \$900 = \$600) is more than the wife's benefit (\$500), there is no wife's benefit payable.

If you take your government pension annuity in a lump sum, Social Security will treat the annuity as if

you chose to get monthly benefit payments from your government work. Payments from a defined benefit plan or defined contribution plan (e.g., 401(k), 403(b), or 457) based on earnings from non-covered government employment are considered pensions subject to GPO, if the plan is the employee's primary retirement plan.

To read more about GPO, review our fact-sheet, Government Pension Offset www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10007.pdf or visit www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/gpo.html.

Understanding how the GPO will affect any spousal, widow, or widower benefits should be part of your retirement planning. Good planning is the best preparation for a secure financial future.

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port 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 pe-

riod. 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.

A kitten's Christmas

By EILEEN WHITACRE

For the Bulletin

Erma and Timmy were born early one cold morning in mid-December under a dumpster in Dona Ana county New Mexico. Their mother was a stray cat known as Sally by some of the people who lived in the trailer park. Some kind park residents would put out small bowls of food for Sally but mostly she was seen as nuisance and a pest. A few people even threw rocks at her.

Sally worked hard to feed and keep her new little family safe from the local dangers such as dogs and coyotes. As Erma and Timmy grew larger and bolder they began to explore the trailer park. Early one evening as the sun was setting Erma and Timmy were mesmerized by the bright and beautiful lights sparkling around the park.

"What are these lights" the kittens asked Sally? The park humans put out these lights each year at this time to celebrate Jesus' birthday. The park humans call this time of year Christmas.

Later that same evening while Sally was hunting, as cats often do, Timmy got the idea to look for more Christmas lights. "Hey Erma, let's get going and see if we can find more sparkly lights," said Timmy.

"Mom will not want us to wonder away from home, she told us to stay here," replied Erma.

"We won't go far, we'll be home before she gets back" pleaded Timmy.

"Okay, but only for a short distance," said Erma.

"Great, let's go this way. Follow me, I think I know where to find more of the sparkling lights."

At the edge of the park the kittens stopped at the road and looked left, then right, before crossing. As the kittens explored the next neighborhood walking from one house to the other they saw Santa Claus with his sleigh and reindeer on top of a roof. The next house had a naivety scene with baby Jesus and his family standing in a stable under the beautiful Christmas star.

"Who is he?" asked Timmy.

"I don't know," replied Erma.

"Maybe all of us can live with them. If we lived with that family we could play and sleep all day and get those tuna treats that nice lady at the park gives us."

"Yeah, then Mom wouldn't have to work so hard hunting for dinner, let's ask him," said Timmy.

"Okay, but you ask, I am too shy," stated Erma.

Putting his best manners forward, Timmy approached the manger, clearing his little kitten voice, "Meow Meooooow can we live at your house with you and your family?"

Just then a large dog ran towards the Nativity, barking and snarling.

"Run, Erma, run," shouted Timmy.

Brother and sister turned on their kitten paws and fled as fast as their kitten legs could carry them. After running for what seemed to be a long distance, the kittens felt safe enough to stop and rest.

Just then a cold wind started to blow. "Where are we," cried Erma? Looking around, Erma came to the startling realization that they were lost. "Timmy I think we are lost, I want to go home," she cried. "Mom, please come and get us!"

Erma sobbed as she lowered her little kitten head and shook out her tears.

"Maybe Mom can't find us," cried Timmy as he choked back his tears. He must not let his sister see him cry. After all he was the man cat of the family. "Meow, meow Mom, Mom," they yowled, trying to shout over the howling wind. "Let's turn around and go back, maybe that will help us find our way back home."

Little did the kittens know, they had wondered far from the trailer park and were going the wrong way. They were going farther away from home.

Next week: A family reunion

Eileen Whitacre manages the Cat's Meow adoption center, 2211 N. Mesquite. Contact her at 575-642-5239.

Photos with Santa to benefit APA

BULLETIN REPORT

You can donate to a good cause, get your pet's photo taken with Santa and find savings throughout the month of December – while contributing to the life-saving efforts of ACTION Programs for Animals (APA).

Have your pet's photo taken with Santa from 1 to 4 p.m. at Petco, 3050 East Lohman Ave., Bldg. D, on the following Saturdays and Sundays:

- Dec. 9-10
- Dec. 16-17
- Dec. 23

Photos are \$9.95 each, and all proceeds go to APA. Also on Saturday, Dec. 16, APA is hosting a rummage



sale and savers drive from 8 a.m.-noon at APA, 800 W. Picacho Ave. Items needed for the drive include bedding, clothing, towels and linen. Items needed for the rummage sale include furniture, appliances, sporting goods, clothing and towels linens. All proceeds benefit ACTION Programs for Ani-

mals.

Donations may be dropped off at APA through Dec 16 when it is open: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, and by appointment.

For more information, call 575-644-0505 or email mail@apalascruces.org.

PET OF THE WEEK

Hours, location and contact information

ASCMV is open from noon to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Info: 575-382-0018.

Off-site adoption events

- Farmers & Crafts Market: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, downtown (dog adoptions: far north end of the market; cat adoptions: Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.
- PetCo: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday, 3050 E. Lohman Ave., Bldg. D.
- Ashley's Home Furniture Store – 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday
- Barkin' Brunch at Corner Bakery Café – 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday

Additional services offered

- Microchip: \$20, available daily, no appointment necessary.
- Pet licenses: City and county licenses available daily (City and county: altered \$7; unaltered



Cherry

Say hello to this beautiful 8-year-old Siamese, named Cherry. She can be found playing hide-and-seek, but as soon as she sees the opportunity, she will run to you for all the love and cuddles she can get. Come stop by the ASCMV today and you could be her happily ever after!

\$50).

• Low-cost spay/neuter program: dogs are \$35, cats are \$25; by appointment only.

Donation requests

ASCMV needs human volunteers, along with dog crates, blankets (without filling, no sleeping bags), towels, collars and leashes. Dona-

tions can be dropped off during normal business hours or left at the door.

Volunteers

If you love animals and would like to make a difference, contact the volunteer coordinator or stop by to learn about volunteer opportunities.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Fans storm the Aggie Memorial Stadium field after New Mexico State University's tense 22-17 victory over South Alabama Saturday, Dec. 2, that earned them a spot in the Nova Home Loans Arizona Bowl in Tucson Friday, Dec. 29.



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McKenzie Jones, 4, congratulates Aggie linebacker Leon McQuaker following the Aggie victory.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

The Aggies take the field.



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Aggie fan Ace Perez cooks burgers and hot dogs while tailgating with friends before the game.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

NMSU mascot Pistol Pete prepares to ride for the win.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

NMSU wide receiver Johnathan Boone makes a clutch catch.

Tucson bound

Angels perform with 'beauty and grace'

BULLETIN REPORT

The Gym Magic Angels of Las Cruces earned numerous individual medals, plus the team all-around, hosting the 14th Annual Ashley Westberg Classic, Nov. 18-19.

About 230 gymnasts from New Mexico and Texas competed.

The Angels are comprised of 43 girls from age 4 to 15 competing in the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic and Xcel programs.

Gym Magic Director Sandra R. Moulton says both the team and the annual event are named in the memory of former gymnast-turned-coach, Ashley Westberg, who died at age 22 in 2003.

"We added the Angel Wings to our logo to remind us of Ashley and let everyone know we believe in angels here," Moulton said.

At the Classic, their second meet of the season, the Angels "performed with beauty and grace," Moulton said.

"We are so proud of all the work these athletes have put in. The ability to balance gymnastics, school, and life in general is such a difficult task, and these girls have proven that not only can it be done, but it can be done with style. Some of these girls work out more than 15 hours every week. They are often forced to make choices between social events and gymnastics.

"Time management



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Team photo: top row, from left – Leilany Diaz, Alysa Johnson, Shayla Puricelli, Rylee Atchley, Madelyn Romero, Audrey Barrio; 2nd row – Keira Ongley, Valeria Colato, Lillian Balizan, Kaylee Harvey, Casy Rosenberg, Danielle Carter, Riley Moulton; 3rd row – Kamryn Argow, Jasmin Linares, Kayleen Enriquez, Nayeli Alexandre-Pena, Erika Benavidez, Jasmari De La O, Alicia Martinez; bottom row – Atalya Hunter, Kimber Lockridge, Jenavive Edwards, Tessa Smith, Marisol Gallegos, Megan McDaniel, Kelsey Clutter, Yasmine Mercer. Not pictured – Kaitlin New, Amber Ortiz, Abelin Torres, Isabella Jacquez, Emilee Francis, Kennedy Sapyta, Rachel Hakes, Tatum Russell, Lauren Owens, Briana Wright.

and a strong work ethic is only a part of what we hope to instill in our athletes. We want them to have a great time, experience success, and develop into happy, healthy, strong young adults."

The Angels' next meet is Jan. 6 in Albuquerque.

Angels 1st-3rd results, by level:

Xcel Bronze:

Kimber Lockridge – 1st All Around, 1st on Vault; 2nd on Bars, Beam and Floor

Kaitlin New – 1st All Around, 1st on Vault,

Bars and Floor

Xcel Silver: (1st Place Team)

Megan McDaniel – 2nd on Vault and Beam

Marisol Gallegos – 3rd on Beam

Alexandria Montalvo – 1st on Bars and 3rd on Vault

Jenavive Edwards – 3rd on Bars

Danielle Carter – 1st All Around, 1st on Bars and 3rd on Beam and Floor

Leilany Diaz – 2nd All Around, 1st on Floor and 2nd on Beam

Yasmine Mercer – 3rd

All Around and 2nd on Bars

Abelin Torres – 2nd on Floor and 3rd on Vault and Bars

Xcel Gold:

Kaylee Harvey – 1st All Around, 2nd on Vault, 1st on Bars and Beam, and 2nd on Floor

Valeria Colato – 2nd on Bars and Floor and 3rd on Vault

Xcel Platinum

Rylee Atchley – 1st All Around sweep

JO Level 2: (3rd Place Team!)

Isabella Jacquez – 2nd All Around, 1st on



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1st Place team photo, JO Level 5. From left, Alysa Johnson, Riley Moulton, Coach Laura Gilchrist, Randi Hassall, Alicia Martinez; front/center, Audrey Barrio

Bars, 2nd on Vault and Floor

Emilee Francis – 3rd All Around, 3rd on Beam and 1st on Bars

JO Level 3:

Kamryn Argo – 2nd All Around, 1st on Floor and 2nd on Beam

Erika Benavidez – 2nd on Vault and 3rd on Beam

Nayeli Alexandre-Pena – 3rd on Floor

Kayleen Enriquez – 3rd All Around, and 3rd on Vault and Floor

Briana Wright – 3rd on Beam

JO Level 4:

Kelsey Clutter – 1st on

Beam and 2nd on Floor

Madelyn Romero – 3rd All Around, 3rd on Floor and 2nd on Beam

Shayla Puricelli – 3rd All Around, 1st on Vault and Beam

JO Level 5: (1st Place Team!)

Riley Moulton – 1st All Around, 1st on Beam, 2nd on Vault and Floor

Alicia Martinez – 3rd on Beam

Alysa Johnson – 2nd All Around, 2nd on Bars, Beam and Floor, 3rd on Vault

Audrey Barrio – 1st on Vault, Beam and Floor

How to swing snugly into winter: Part 1

It's getting cold – have you noticed? Maybe not in Palm Springs or Palm Beach, but winter is upon us in the high desert, and morning frost delays on the golf courses have already begun.

This is the time to gear up to keep yourself comfortable on the golf course as the mercury drops further.

Sure, we're blessed with a climate that offers year-round golf, but many days in December, January and February can be pretty harsh. Daytime cloud cover or stiff winds will make it downright frigid. We simply have to be smart about how to dress and cope with changing outdoor conditions.

One of the dangers



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

always lurking in the frigid outdoors is hypothermia, a serious consequence of unprotected exposure to cold temperatures, exacerbated by dampness from wind and rain.

Your body's core temperature can drop to a dangerously low level even in seemingly mild conditions, like 50 degrees, when dampness and wind-chill gang up on you. Tell-tale signs of hypothermia are noticeable discomfort, shivering, unsteadiness, numbness in parts, feeling weak and stiff, and frigid feeling in hands and feet. Of particular concern to us golfers is mental dullness and poor judgment; when you're really cold your motor skills are

off and you don't think clearly.

The secret to staying warm and comfortable while golfing (or hiking or fishing) is layers. Behind warmth, a high priority is minimum restriction of movement. You need to be able to make a normal golf swing while all suited up. Forget about bulky long johns and heavy woolies. Michelin Man can't make a full turn with a 5-iron. We're talking about dressing with lightweight, fashionable, functional high-tech gear.

It starts with your compression base layer, a next-to-the-skin, body-fitting shirt (usually of a stretch-type fabric) that increases muscle support and control while providing warmth and moisture wicking; you don't want

anything sweaty, cold and clammy next to your skin on a biting winter day. Under Armour, Nike, Columbia, Layer 8, L.L. Bean and Adidas make good base layer stuff.

Next, add your thermal mid-layer, which might be a nylon or laminated vest or shell, worn mainly for retaining body heat and blocking the wind from penetrating your torso. A light cashmere sweater might also be good. Your layers should be fairly thin, thereby permitting freedom of movement, and so they can be added or removed as conditions

fluctuate. For average chilly days you might combine a stretch-type turtleneck shirt with a wool sweater.

To complete your ultimate layering protection you need an outer lightweight weatherproof jacket, and perhaps matching weatherproof pants. Raingear marketers are constantly producing new outerwear combos that are lightweight and designed to improve, not restrict, your game in bad weather. Ideally, a golf jacket should be one with adjustable cuffs, sealed seams, vented shoulders

and sewn from fabric that is waterproof, windproof and breathable. Gore-Tex is the best. Be wary of "showerproof" labels, and beware cheap imitations of weather-shielding fabrics, which typically can be like a rubber suit and leave you uncomfortably sweating.

Next week: more tips on swinging into winter.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard partners with coach Herb Wimberly as the principal instructors at Performance Golf Schools. Contact Blanchard at docblanchard71@gmail.com.

Mayfield volleyball graduate excels

Hannah Massey has been recognized for her volleyball play. The Mayfield High School graduate was named to the all-Red River Athletic Conference second team. The University of the Southwest junior middle-blocker ranked 10th in blocks per set and 17th in kills per set in the conference.

Women's basketball

Senior Daeshi McCants of Eastern New Mexico University had 12 rebounds against University of Texas of the Permian Basin, leading both teams. The Mayfield product added 11 points and a team-high five assists.

Central Arizona College sophomore Kendra Butler started six of the first seven games and averaged 13.9 points, second on the team. Out of Mayfield, the forward averaged 8.3 rebounds,



BARBARA BOXLEITNER
Keeping Up

second on the squad.

Another Trojan, Jayce Gorzeman, had four points and two rebounds for University of Portland against University of California, Irvine.

Freshman

Megan Guadian started the first seven games for Central Arizona and averaged 6.3 points and two rebounds. The Las Cruces High graduate had a season-high nine points against Howard.

Freshman Rylee Meloy had five points and two rebounds for Newman University against Manhattan Christian. The Centennial High alumna had one assist and one steal.

Baseball

Cleburne of the American Association of Independent Baseball has exercised its 2018 option on right-handed pitcher Roby

Romero, an Oñate High graduate.

Football

Abilene Christian University senior linebacker Sam Denmark was named to the all-Southland Conference second team. The former Bulldawg finished with 70 tackles, third on the team, in 11 games. He had one sack and one interception.

Men's basketball

Freshman Devon Eslinger averaged five rebounds and four points starting the first five games for Goucher College (Md.). He played for the Bulldawgs.

Centennial graduate Cesar Molina started three of six games for Fort Lewis College. He had season highs of five points and five assists against Northern New Mexico.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at jdanddoc@gmail.com.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Tony Avalos is 17-year-old senior at Oñate High School. He is point guard on the Knights basketball team. This season, Avalos has had 21 points, two steals and five assists per game and a high of 27 points in Roswell in a victory game. He is a leader on the court and gets other players involved in the game.

Avalos is dedicated in the classroom, as well, with a 3.60 GPA and is a National Honor Society member. Out of school and away from the basketball court, he enjoys spending time with family and friends and going to the movies. Avalos shares a special thank you to his parents and his dad for all the help and coaching in the game of basketball to get him where he presently is. He also thanks his coaches and teammates for always being there for him.

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