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LUSH AND EAN

County Planner David Cristiani will speak at this season's first Lush and Lean workshop, hosted by Las Cruces Utilities, Thursday, Feb. 23. See page 53 for Cristiani's tips on working with the desert, in the first of a series of articles running in the Bulletin this spring.

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Constituent outreach heading to Chaparral

The Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services (CCS) Office has scheduled a Mobile Constituent Services Hour Clinic in Chaparral to help residents from that area with getting assistance from local, state and federal government agencies.

The Chaparral Mobile Constituent Services Outreach Clinic will be held from 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Delores Wright Community Resource Center at 400 E. Lisa Dr.

A representative from U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich's Las Cruces field office has been invited to attend.

CCS Manager Liz Reed and her staff are coordinating with the southern New Mexico congressional delegation to ensure that each outreach event offers the maximum capability to address a broad range of needs and issues.

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

This is the second year of the mobile outreach clinic initiative. During 2016, 13 clinics were held in communities throughout Doña Ana County and all five county commission districts.

For more information about the Mobile Outreach Clinics, contact the Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services Office at (575) 386-4347.



GET YOUR SKATE ON!

Work is wrapping up on the new skate park at Delores C. Wright Park in Chaparral. At left, Doña Ana County Facilities and Parks Department crews secure the foundation for one of the park's ramps. Below is the latest pre-opening photo of the work accomplished thus far. The park was funded with \$124,174 in capital outlay funding from the 2016 New Mexico Legislature. The equipment was deigned and delivered by American Ramp Company of Joplin, MO. "We're hopeful the children of the community will enjoy these improvements," said Parks Director Armando Cordero

PHOTOS: Misty Dawn Benavidez/Corrie Stone Fielder



Read Across America gearing up for March 2 event

Doña Ana County personnel will participate in the 2017 Read Across America Day on Thursday, March 2.

As part of this program, participants also observe the birth- cation Association to encourage children to read. day of Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss), who was an American writer and illustrator best known for authoring popular children's books that continue to teach lessons about wonder, exploration and socialization.

In 2016, Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services Office held a Countywide Read Across America Day program that reached nearly 2,600 local students. The program was made possible due to collaboration and partnership

of county staff and several external agencies.

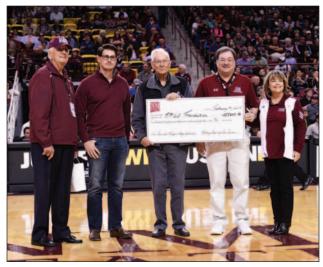
Read Across America is an initiative by the National Edu-

The events doubles as 'Career Day,' with county employees going into the classrooms to share their experiences with the students.

Partners in the 2017 Countywide Read Across America Day Program include Hatch Valley Public Schools, Las Cruces Public Schools, Mission Lutheran School, Las Cruces Holy Cross Elementary School, Mesilla Valley Christian Schools and the J. Paul Taylor Academy.



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New Mexico State University Chancellor Garrey Carruthers (far left) and Tina Byford (far right), NMSU Foundation chief operating officer, accept a check from Rotary Club of Las Cruces representatives Christopher Dulany, Alex Keatts and Bill Harty at the NMSU men's basketball game Feb. 4.

Rotary Club funds scholarships

BULLETIN REPORT

The Rotary Club of Las Cruces has given the New Mexico State University Foundation \$128,000 to benefit the Alec and Margaret Hood Memorial Scholarship in the College of Engineering. Rotary Club members were inspired by GivingTuesday, which has resulted in \$2 million for scholarships and programs at NMSU.

"Mr. Hood's interest in mechanics and engineering led him to establish, through his will, two scholarships for students in the NMSU College of Engineering, one with the NMSU Foundation, and another with the Rotary Club of Las Cruces," said Bill Harty, Rotary Club of Las Cruces treasurer. "After this gift, the combined Alec C. Hood and Margaret Page Hood Scholarship fund will now

exceed a quarter million dollars, its earnings providing significant support for NMSU engineering students now and in the future."

The scholarship was created in 1985 to reward engineering students at NMSU with a grade point average of 3.0 or above.

"We are extremely grateful to receive such a generous gift from the Rotary Club of Las Cruces to support our students," said Lakshmi Reddi, College of Engineering dean. "The (scholarship) has already benefited the lives of numerous students.... and will now support more deserving students for many years to come."

Since its inception in 1923, the Rotary Club has had close ties to New Mexico State, Harty notes. "Among its founding members were NMSU

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President Harry Kent and Dean Robert W. Goddard. Many university regents, presidents, deans and other campus leaders have served the Mesilla Valley through Rotary; more than 20 NMSU buildings are named for Rotary members and leaders. We are exceptionally pleased to be able to increase our support of university students in honor of Alec C. Hood's long and dedicated service to Rotary and our community."

Born in Leeds, England. Alec Hood immigrated to the United States in 1912. A skilled mechanic, after settling in Las Cruces he bought his own garage. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1917, and after his discharge he opened the Motor Service Company in Las Cruces.

Margaret Page Hood was raised in the Northeast and moved to Las Cruces in 1924, where she started a journalism career in the publicity department of the Extension Service at New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, which became NMSU in 1960.

The Hoods married in 1925 and worked in Las Cruces until Alec retired in 1947. The couple moved to Maine, where Margaret began writing fiction, penning seven novels. In 1953, the couple returned to Las Cruces. Alec served as Rotary Club secretary for 13 years and was active in the community until his death in 1985, two years after Margaret's.

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OPINION Sitel loss inspires action Community unites to help displaced workers

t was bad news when we first heard it. Sitel was closing. More than 400 Las Cruces jobs gone by the end of March.



It's still bad news.

Last week, however,

community's response to

The response came via

I witnessed part of our

several groups, and it

came in the form of ac-

Wednesday, Feb. 8, I

spent some time at Sitel,

of the folks who would soon be

The New Mexico Workforce

mented its "Rapid Response," a

coordinated effort to help these

employees find a smooth land-

ing when Sitel closes for good at

"We don't want them to be

unemployed," said Richard

Wagner, Workforce Connec-

Cruces. "We want them to be

working so they'll add to the

already left Sitel, and Wagner

said about 90 of them already

Indeed, about 100 people have

The first step of the Rapid Re-

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Next, a strike force team was established.

sponse was to visit with

employees about unem-

ployment insurance,

employment services

and available training,

which can provide funds

Rosa De La Torre-Burmeister. director for career and student success at Doña Ana Community College, was excited to be part of the strike force team.

"Our president, Dr. Renay Scott, learned about Sitel closing and said, 'Let's be involved with this." Burmeister said. "I think it's important that we do what we can. It really does take a village, and that's one of the things that makes Las Cruces great. We work together in times of crisis."

Wagner said the strike force team also included representatives from economic development, chambers of commerce, workforce training and others.

"It's been a true group effort," Wagner said. "Everybody has put in their two cents."

He and Burmeister developed a plan to help the Sitel employees get registered and help them with resumes.

"We're helping with any assistance we can, any resources we have," Wagner said.

For two weeks they worked with the Sitel staff. then they will work with Sitel management

Several local businesses and organizations worked tables at Sitel Feb. 8 and Feb. 15, meeting Sitel staff members and opening conversations about possible new employment.

A variety of employers have been represented, Wagner said, including other call centers, construction companies, cell phone providers, restaurants and more.

Some of the Sitel employees had been going to college part time. Others had attended college previously, and saw the transition as a possible time to go back and finish school.

Representatives from both DACC and New Mexico State University were on hand to help employees with questions regarding their education.

"Sitel's staff are well trained," Wagner said, adding that many have skills that will transfer readily to other jobs, particularly other call centers. And others can adapt to new jobs with some basic training.

Though I only caught a glimpse of the whole process, I was very impressed.

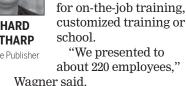
I was impressed with the attitude of those helping the Sitel employees. I was also impressed by the employees themselves. The handful I met had pride in the work they did, and presented themselves well.

Of course, I would much rather Sitel have stayed. They provided an important service. They provided jobs that — it's even clearer to me — gave good training and new skills to several hundred people. And under the leadership of site director John Muñoz, they were an active and engaged corporate citizen in Las Cruces.

Our community was better for having them, but their departure has shown another important and valuable part of our community.

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Tuesday, February 21

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Thursday, February 23

A concise summary of first half of the film, Precious Knowledge, will be offered and the second half of PK will be screened.

Tuesday, February 28

In conjunction with the film, Precious Knowledge, an introduction of what Ethnic Studies is, how it became established, and how it is a powerful and effective educational model for all communities will be offered.

Thursday, March 2

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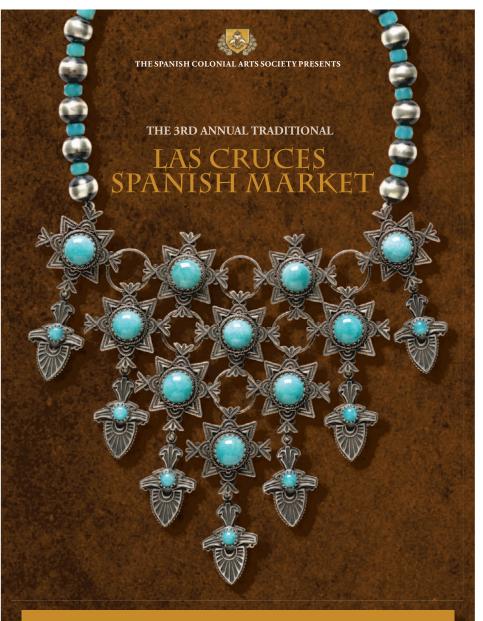
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A Caucasian-American's pet peeve

do not like race and nationality descriptors: "White American," "Mexican-American," "Black American," and all the others in between; they all make my stomach churn.

BILLY

Take "African-American," a phrase I will never use. At face value, this phrase should describe American citizens who emigrated from

HUNTSMAN the African continent — but wait! It's used to describe all black Americans, whether you were born and raised in Portland, Maine, or San Diego.

This phrase is flawed not only because it describes people who have no immediate connection to Africa. but it's only used to denote colored people. Fact is, between Charlize Theron and Denzel Washington, Theron is the African-American and Washington is the black person.

I'm willing to bet your antennae flinched when you read "colored people."

"Colored people," for many decades, only meant black people and is today considered derogatory, the N-word's nicer cousin. Now the preferred term, for blacks as well as Mexicans, Syrians, Japanese,

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"Colored," an adjective: and "people," a noun. One phrase adds

the article "of." They're frustratingly similar, vet that hairline difference causes one to offend.

Apparently the only scenario in which the phrase "colored people" is acceptable is in the title National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

How can the phrase be offensive if it's used by one of the most active civil-rights organizations in the nation?

Carla Sims, former NAACP communications director, said "the term 'colored' is not derogatory, [the NAACP] chose the word 'colored' because it was the most positive description commonly used [in 1909, when the association was founded]. It's outdated and antiquated but not offensive."

There are words that are "outdated" and "antiquated" but still used as novelty in the English language: physician, apothecary, chandler, etc. These words have little use other than to impress the listener but are still valid.

Considering its similarities to "people of color," is "colored people" really outdated? It has a simple Spartan grammatical construction, as opposed to the lengthier "people of color."

Let's take this one step further. Blacks are people of color, while white people are just white.

Science teaches us that white is the presence of all colors and black is the total absence of them. So, approaching racial descriptors from a scientific perspective always a good choice, no matter the situation in life — even calling colored people "colored people" is inaccurate.

Blacks are technically "uncolored people," Mexicans are "partially colored people" and white people — shock! are the true "colored people."

Billy Huntsman can be reached at whuntsman93@gmail.com or at @billy huntsman on Twitter.



When the video game from childhood turns real

"He

said. 'I

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game

seemed

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"The

t seems we, as a nation, are becoming more violent and aggressive. Several of us were talking after the Super Bowl that many of the commercials were violent. And it seems to reflect the way people are acting in our society.

Perhaps we are just oldsters who pine for the good old days. But today many people are beyond aggressive as seen on Facebook and on our highways. When I was younger this behavior would get you a punch in the nose at the very least.

It could be something else. I remember writing a column in 1993 that included:

"He was 6 years old with an innocent angelic face. As I was talking to his mother I noticed him looking at a sales catalog so I asked, 'Did you see something you want



In My Opinion

extremely violent. I

verv best fatalities.'

have heard wrong.

asked, 'Why this game?'

"He said, 'It's got the

"Excuse me?' I must

"It has the very best

fatalities,' he repeated. I asked. 'What makes for the very best fatalities?'

"He grinned. 'When blood spurts out, their bones show and their skin burns off while they die.' "

"I was shocked by this small child wanting the very best fatalities. His mother told me most young kids feel the same way about those games which is why there are so many violent games on the market.

"There has been

concern about what appears to be increasing violence in our society. I believe the reason we have so much violence in America is that many Americans simply like violence. The enjoyment of violence is a product of the entertainment industry.

"In a few years, the young boy who likes fatalities may move to real death on the streets. At the murder trial a lawyer may call his mother to the stand.

She will admit she allowed her son to enjoy violence. Society must decide what to do with him once it has been established how much he enjoys the very best fatalities."

That's what I wrote in 1993. Over the years, I have seen many young people who are far more aggressive. There is also the anonymous ability of some people to be jerks without getting the punch in the

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Columns were spot-on

To the editor: Dr. Baxter Black's essay on trucks (Bulletin, Feb. 3) is wonderful!

Dr. Michael Swickard's essay (Bulletin, Feb. 10) is so spot-on: "New Mexico cannot compete against other states....Regardless of which political party holds the reins

of power, the structure of improvements must be impervious to political design....It's time to make a radical change in the structure of New Mexico's future."

All statements are true as today's sun setting and tomorrow's rising. They are right on the mark.

Thank you very much for all your team and what you do for Las Cruces. Eric H. Sorensen

Las Cruces

Bills turn lawful gun owners into criminals

To the editor:

If Senate Bill 48 and House Bill 50 pass, it will be because of fake news and Michael Bloomberg lving to New Mexicans. The measures don't simply close some fictional "gun show loophole" or regulate "online gun sales" as the bills' sponsors and anti-gunners in the media would have you believe.

In reality, if these measures become law, they will turn law-abiding gun owners into a new class of criminal.

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snout they deserve. Which takes us to

Thanks to southern **New Mexicans**

To the editor:

It is so nice to know there are wonderful. honest people in our area! This week we lost a car kev in Palomas and a passport here in Las Cruces. All were found and returned by people we do not know. Thank you, Las Cruces, for being so wonderful!

Mary Ellen Varnell mozart2bach@yahoo.com

Baha'is help those in need To the editor:

The need is great for so many right now. Recent headlines indicate New

the violent protestors

in response to Donald

Trump's election. We are

seeing people block high-

ways, set fires and gen-

that have sprung up

erally throw a tantrum over the election results. They are blocking ambulances and damaging property. People are randomly assaulted.

Mexico has one of the

Baha'is of Las Cruces,

as part of our annual

"Ayyam-i-Ha," have

launched a food drive

to support the Casa de

Peregrinos Food Bank,

an organization that's

been assisting the area's

And what's a Baha'i?

needy for more than 35

A Bahá'í (pronounced

"baa-Hah-ee" or "baa-

believes in Baha'u'llah,

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the Baha'i Faith. During

his lifetime, Baha'u'llah,

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That's one reason the

gift-giving festival called

whose name means "Glory of God," also became known as "The father of the poor" because he never hesitated to help those in need even when they did not follow His teachings.

You can join the Baha'i's in helping those in need. We are collecting nonperishable foods now through Friday, Feb. 24. Donations may be dropped off at 3220 Jupiter Road. Or, if you would like to have your donations picked up, please call 575-664-6668. We'll make sure that it gets to Casa de Peregrinos.

Deborah Rodgers Las Cruces

Could it be that many of these protesters are acting out roles that they have experienced in video games and are divorced from reality? They seem to enjoy the chaos, but this won't end well for any of us.

Email: drswickard@comcast.net - Swickard's new novel, Hideaway Hills, is available at Amazon.com



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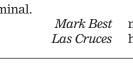
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of the West. Governors of the member states and territory each appoint three commissioners to this regional governing body. Sullivan was recently reappointed by New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez to serve a fourth term on the commission.

Udall recruiting summer interns for Washington, D.C. office

U.S. Sen. Tom Udall invites New Mexico college students interested in gaining legislative or press relations experience to apply for summer internships in his Washington, D.C., office. Sessions will be May 30



to June 30 and July 3 to Aug. 4. For information and to apply, visit http://www.tomudall.senate.gov/internships. Applications and letters of recommendation for either summer internship session must be submitted by March 15, 2017.

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Internships on Capitol Hill offer

students a unique opportunity to learn about the inner workings of our government and experience firsthand how a Senate office works. Udall said.

Students of all majors are encouraged to apply and internships may count toward college credit. Students should check with their respective college or university for requirements.

VFW Announces essay contest winner

The VFW Department of New Mexico announced that Adam Mssika, a 6th-grader at Vista Middle School, is the New Mexico first-place winner of the VFW's 2016-17 Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. Adam, who was sponsored by VFW Raymond L. Greene Post 6917 and its auxiliary, wrote his winning essay based on this year's theme, "The America I Believe In."

As one of 54 finalists worldwide, Adam will compete at the national level for individual awards, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

Caroe named Voice of Democracy Scholarship winner

Daniel Caroe, a Senior at Desert Springs Academy, was named the VFW Department of New Mexico's first-place winner and recipient of the James L. Kimery \$1,000 Scholarship award in the 2016-17 Voice of Democracy Scholarship program. Caroe was sponsored by VFW Post J.M. Carriere Post 10124 and its Auxiliary."The Voice of Democracy competition provides high school students with the opportunity to speak out on freedom and democracy," said VFW Department Commander Daniel Fuller.

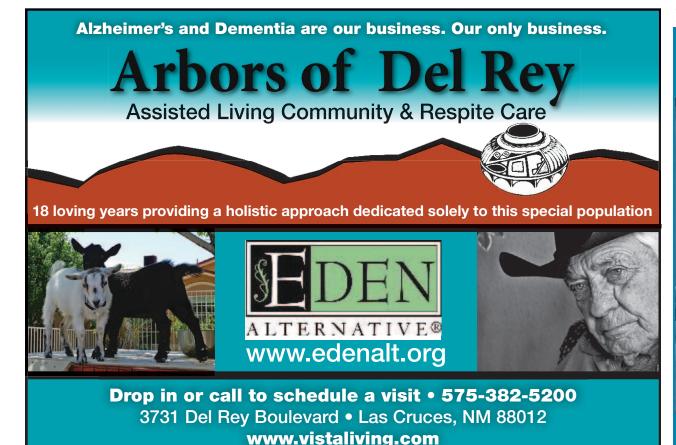
The Voice of Democracy is a worldwide audioessay competition that requires entrants to write and record a 3-5-minute essay on the patriotic theme, "My Responsibility to America." More than 250 New Mexico students participated in the competition this year. As one of 54 finalists worldwide, Caroe will travel to Washington, D.C. and compete at the national level for the first-place prize of a \$30,000 college scholarship.

The competition was created to provide students grades 9-12 the opportunity to express themselves in regard to democratic ideas and principles. About 40,000 students participate in the competition each year and VFW awards more than \$2 million in scholarships every year.

Parents' Night Out up and running

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department is offering a monthly Parents' Night Out to give parents the opportunity to enjoy an evening together out on the town feeling confident that their little ones are safe and having a great time. The event is held at the Frank O'Brien Papen Center, 304 W. Bell Ave, every third Friday of the month from 6 – 11 p.m. Youth — kindergarten through 8th grade will enjoy games, music and themed activities. (Participants will be placed in appropriate age groups.) The cost is \$10 per participant per night. Upcoming program dates are as follows: Feb. 17, March 17, April 21 and May 19.

Registration is ongoing from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. Space is limited and is first come-first served. Participants must pre-register, no drop-ins accepted. Info: Recreation Programs at 575-541-2455.



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Fire chief accepted into prestigious program

By MIKE COOK Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Bulleti

Las Cruces Fire Chief Eric Enriquez has been accepted into the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Fire Service Executive Development Institute, where he will join his peers from throughout the United States and Canada in a year-long leadership development program.

Enriquez said the institute is "an opportunity for fire chiefs to learn more about leadership trends and technologies" and to deal with "all the challenges we're faced with day to day," including budgets, staffing, fleet and equipment. Enriquez said learning with fire chiefs from departments in big cities and small towns in two countries will allow him to interact with people who have "seen everything – all the challenges that face the leadership of the fire service," including how to lead during non-emergency situations.

"When we do have an emergency, we are all trained and prepared and ready to go," Enriquez said.

The institute will involve some travel, including the week-long first session in April in Leesburg, Virginia. Enriquez said he is "not a big fan of traveling. I'm more of a homebody, (but) you've got to set the example of leadership," he said.

Enriquez became fire chief eight months ago, when Travis Brown retired. He touts department innovations such as online training and a mobile integrated-health pilot program.

The department's recent 30th annual training academy graduated 24 new fire fighters, all of whom passed the emergency medical technician portions of their exams, he said. The department is now hiring for Academy #31, which will include 12 cadets who are already EMTcertified.

With the new cadets, the department has 141 firefighters. There are



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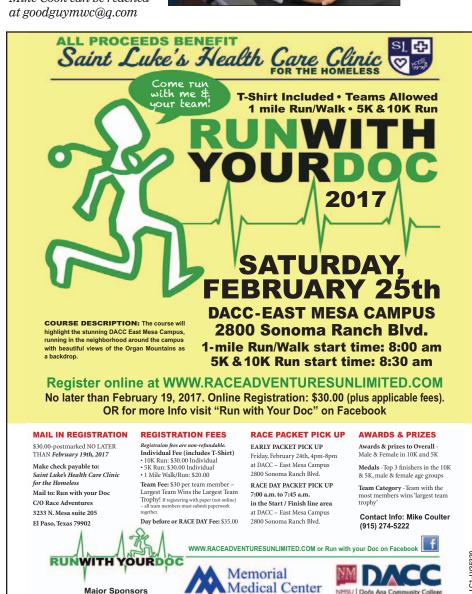
©2017 HARVEST MANAGEMENT SUB LLC, HOLIDAY AL MANAGEMENT SUB LLC, HOLIDAY AL NIC MANAGEMENT LLC. seven fire stations across the city, with an eighth opening at the East Mesa Public Safety Complex in March.

The department completed a national Nozzle Forward training program in November with other departments that taught "enhanced firefighting skills and tactics," Enriquez said. "Our goal is to bring

the department forward." Mike Cook can be reached

Las Cruces Fire Chief Eric Enriquez

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Officials debate moving local elections to single day

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Bv MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

"If we want to build a voting culture, we need to remove barriers to voting," Doña Ana County



Clerk Scott Krahling said Tuesday, Feb. 7. after about 4 percent of qualified voters cast

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their ballots in the Las Cruces Public Schools board of education election.

Having elections "scattered across the calendar" is a "barrier to people getting good information," Krahling said.

Krahling said a bill currently pending in the New Mexico Legislature that would combine local government elections including school board and municipal elections into a single nonpartisan election has "challenges that need to be overcome, but the idea is good."

House Bill 174, introduced by State Rep. James Smith, R-Bernalillo, Sandoval, Santa Fe.

would place that election "on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in October of each oddnumbered year."

The proposal drew mixed responses from Las Cruces city council members, school board candidates and school of-

ficials. "As a school board member. it is sad that we have such a low turnout.

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work really hard for every vote," said Maria Flores, who was reelected to her third term in District 3 on the LCPS board of education on Feb. 7. "I think it would really help to hold the school elections in October on off years, so that we can have more citizen participation. I think it would save the district money, and we would increase our numbers."

"I am in favor of moving school board elections to the general election." said Allison Smith, who lost a bid for the LCPS



SMITH voter living in the precinct in the

school board district, yet many people do not know they are eligible to vote in school board elections," she said. "They think because they do not have children in the public schools or they live in the county and not the city. they are not eligible to vote."

"I do support combining the non-partisan, off-year elections," said Las Cruces Mavor Pro-Tem Greg Smith, Allison Smith's husband. He was elected to the city council in 2011 and re-elected in 2015 with voter turnout at 18.6 percent. Greg Smith said a combined election day for local elections "should reduce cost, reduce voter burnout, and hopefully increase voter turnout."

Mayor Ken Miyagishima, who has run in



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city council, also favors combining elections. "However, I think home rule cities should be able to decide if they want in or not," he said.

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Jo Galvan, Las Cruces Public Schools chief communications officer, opposes combining elections. "It's possible the legislation would provide a small cost savings to school districts; however, there is concern that the public would react negatively when there are several entities placing general obligation bonds or tax mill levies at the same time," she said. "We have to consider, what would be the public's reaction if multiple governments (LCPS, NMSU, DACC, City of Las Cruces) had bond issues or mill levies on the ballot all at the same time? We believe the electorate would begin to pick and choose which entity to support. LCPS



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"Something I haven't heard anyone else mention yet is that such (combined) elections also ought to increase the likelihood that more voters will have something on the ballot."

GREG SMITH Mayor pro tem

prefers that the school elections....remain sepa-

rated." Former LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds also opposes HB174. "I understand the provision will have heavy mail voting, and secondly it would also cluster these questions together. It won't give clarity to voters about school-specific capital issues." Rounds is executive director of New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders and the New Mexico School Superintendents Association, an affiliate of the coalition.

"In this day of dramatic state budget cuts to public education. the bond/mill elections have become even more critical to fund new schools and repair older ones," Galvan said. "All

entities vying for support, at the same time, would inevitably impair efforts to support brickand-mortar projects that are unable to be funded from state operational funds."

"Something I haven't heard anyone else mention yet is that such (combined) elections also ought to increase the likelihood that more voters will have something on the ballot," said Mayor Pro-Tem Smith. "Currently, many people are not sure which districts are theirs; so, saying 'Districts 1, 2, and 3, NOT 4 and 5, are voting' probably causes some to wonder if they should embarrass themselves by showing up and being turned away. Others may simply figure that, with only one item on the ballot, it must not be that important. That would also seem to point to the importance of having something on the ballot each time for all voters: a bond election, a non-binding referendum on some current and relevant issue, something that brings people out."

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Lynn student earns her second Spelling Bee title

BULLETIN REPORT

For the second year in a row, Emily Cai, an eighthgrade student at Lynn Middle School, took home first place in the LCPS **District Spelling Bee** and secured her spot to compete against 180 other regional spelling bee winners in the upcoming El Paso Times Regional Spelling Bee, Friday, March 3 at Bel-Air High School in El Paso.

"It was great to see parents and sponsors advocate for their participant and it was clear the students were well prepared," said Josie Miller, a Spelling Bee coordinator. "The Spelling Bee is a great way to reinforce the importance of foundational literacy and language skills.'

Serenity Parra, a fifthgrade student from Conlee Elementary School,

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won second place in the tournament, followed by Adam Mssika, a sixthgrade student from Vista Middle School, who won third place. The districtwide Spelling Bee was held Friday, Jan. 13, at the Oñate High School Performing Arts Center, and drew 23 participants from third through eighth grade who previously won the Spelling Bees at their individual schools.

All 23 of the District Spelling Bee participants are invited to participate in the El Paso Times Regional Spelling Bee. Should any of the LCPS students win the regional, they will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee and earn an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Cai is a member of the Lynn Middle School Art Magnet Program, the

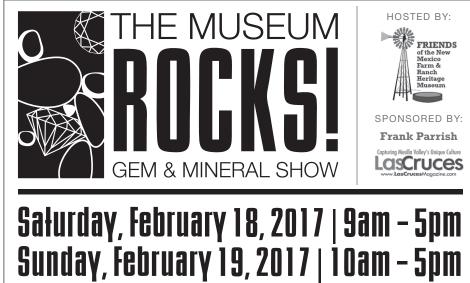
weekly Spelling Bee Club, the Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) club, a cellist in the orchestra and a vocalist in the Doña Ana Youth Choir. This is her third showing in the District Spelling Bee, and in 2016 she placed among the top 25 finalists at the El Paso Times Regional tournament.

If Cai wins the regional, she will be the second Lynn Middle School student to advance to the national tournament since Olivia Weinbaum advanced in 2013. Lynn Middle School is in the process of becoming the district's first community school, a concept in which the school partners with community organizations to provide support services and resources that mutually benefit the students and surrounding community.



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From left, Emily Cai, an eighth-grade student at Lynn Middle School; Serenity Parra, a fifthgrade student from Conlee Elementary School; and Adam Mssika, a sixth-grade student from Vista Middle School, were named the top three spellers at the LCPS District Spelling Bee in January at Oñate High School Performing Arts Center.



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City council continues discussion of Rio Grande Theatre management

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Most of a Feb. 13 Las Cruces City Council work session was focused on the Doña Ana Arts Council's (DAAC) management of the Rio Grande Theatre (RGT), 211 N. Main St., which is designated by a contract with the City of Las Cruces.

City Attorney William R. "Rusty" Babington and City Manager Stuart Ed said DAAC was not in compliance with the contract because it has failed to produce an accurate audit of RGT finances.

Under the management agreement, the audit was due last Sept. 30, Ed said, but was not provided by DAAC until Jan. 31. Even then, he said, the information provided was for DAAC as a whole and did not separate out RGT revenues and expenditures as mandated by the management agreement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith disagreed, saying that raising the issue of noncompliance with the RGT contract when the city had received an audit of DAAC that included the required information about the theatre is coming across as a "gotcha" moment.

"I would never do that," Ed said. "I would never support that in my administrative team. As the city manager, I have to ensure compliance with the contract before I can recommend renewal, and right now I can't do that."

As a result, Ed said he must "continue to refine alternatives" for RGT "We feel we could do a good job.We certainly have the experience making things happen and working with the arts."

SAN FILLIPPO CVB executive director

management to make sure the theatre remains "open and active" when the third year of DAAC's five-year management agreement ends June 30.

No decision has been made about which entity will run the theatre, he said.



"This is not a 'gotcha moment," Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima told DAAC staff during the session. "I wouldn't mind having you run it again, but we have to be compliant."

Ed raised the possibility of replacing DAAC as the RGT manager with the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) at a December work session. At that meeting, CVB Executive Director Phil San Filippo said the CVB could probably make the theatre self-sustaining in three years.

"We feel we could do a good job," San Filippo said in a January interview. "We certainly have the experience making things happen and working with the arts."

At the Feb. 13 work session, San Filippo demonstrated the CVB's contributions to the arts community, but the discussion was opened with remarks from DAAC staff and board members.

"We believe we have done a great job bringing performing arts to a new level ... for citizens of southern New Mexico," Board President Scott Breckner wrote in a letter read aloud by board member Glen Czerny.

Under its theatre management contract, Czerny said, DAAC has engaged in "responsible business practices that are mission-centered."

Board Vice President (and President-elect) Barbara Reasoner said RGT was built in 1926 as a movie house. It operated as a movie theatre until 1987, when it closed. Half-ownership of the theatre was donated to DAAC in 1998, and DAAC purchased the other half for \$20,000.

DAAC raised \$3.2 million between 1998 and 2004 to renovate the theatre, Reasoner said. In order to receive \$250,000 from the state, it had to quit-claim the theatre to the city.

RGT reopened in September 2005 under DAAC management. The city issued an RFP for the management of the theatre in 2014, and DAAC was the only bidder. DAAC and the city signed a five-year management contract that began July 1 of that year and is renewable by the city each year. DAAC received \$100,000 from the city during the first year of the contract and \$120,000 in the second year. It will receive \$120,000 during the contract's third year, which ends June 30.

RGT Operations Manager and DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers said DAAC has provided a "broad range of programming" during its "11 years of continuous operation" of RGT.

Albers said DAAC has contributed an average of \$40,000 annually to RGT management above the funding it receives from the city, and needs additional revenue to expand its programming.

Albers said DAAC signed the RGT management agreement with the city "in good faith," and wants to complete its full five years.

Deciding who will manage RGT is "probably one of the most important decisions we're going to make this year," Miyagishima said. "It's important that we get this right."

The council, he said, will conduct at least one more work session about RGT management before a vote. The council needs to hear from the CVB about how it would manage the RGT, Smith said.







From right to left: Michael Amaral, VA director, Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith, Deputy Network Director Mark Doskocil, Mandy O'Dell, LCVA. LLC.. Todd Johnson. Sierra **Building Systems,** LLC., and veteran Emilio Tapia, Las Cruces VA clinic regular since the 1990s.

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Las Cruces VA clinic breaks ground

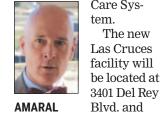
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BULLETIN REPORT

A new 12,000-squarefoot Veterans Affairs medical center will be built by September and operational by December 2017, said Michael Amaral, retired colonel and director of the El Paso Veterans Affairs Health



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tion broke ground on Feb. 10. The facility will be the

second VA clinic in Las Cruces, the other located at 1635 S. Don Roser Drive. The new facility will have more staff, a larger pharmacy, more equipment and "tele-health" services, Amaral said.

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Members of the Medical Staff at MountainView Regional Medical Center.

Left to right are Roman Jimenez; daughter, Talia; wife, Neoma; and son, Christian, at Talia's Oñate High School graduation last year.

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New GOP chair tackles challenges

By MIKE COOK Las Cruces Bulletin

Roman Jimenez, the new Doña Ana County Republican Party chairman, supports President Donald Trump and is a fan of Martin Luther King Jr.

575-526-4427 • 1-800-453-5546 • www.ziagas.com 3700 W. Picacho Ave • Las Cruces Trump is "somebody with good intentions," Jimenez said. "He doesn't have any ties or (owe) any favors to any politicians." Trump has "emboldened people to speak their minds a little bit more."

King, a civil rights leader who was assassinated in 1968, was "one of the greatest men who ever lived," Jimenez said. "He fought for what was right, even to his own peril."

Locally, Jimenez leads a party that holds only one position in county government and one seat in the county legislative delegation.

"I just felt it was a good opportunity to get involved," said Jimenez, a retired New Mexico State police officer and a newcomer to politics. In the GOP county-chair election, Jimenez defeated William Webb, the same man Jimenez lost to last June in the Republican primary for the District 4 seat on the county commission.

As chairman, Jimenez said he is "looking at those different areas that need to be addressed" – the "meat and potatoes" of the party – and plans to actively recruit people to "step up and run" for local offices. Jimenez said part of his job also is "conveying the message about the values of our party."

Those values include a "stand for basic liberties," free enterprise and small government, Jimenez said. The party should "always strive for human rights and human liberties."

Government officials are often frustrating because they "try to outline what's best for you; (they) become smarter than everybody else," he said.

Jimenez grew up in a family of Democrats in Santa Fe. "The things I saw ... hit home. We didn't seem to really be getting anywhere," he said, including Hispanics and other minorities. There was too much dependence on government, and for the children of the people he grew up with, there still is, Jimenez said. "Plus, I'm a Christian," he said, and the Republican Party "seems to be more in line with my own Christian beliefs."

Jimenez said local Democrats were "pretty well organized" during the 2016 election, and Republican candidates were also hurt because voters were "obviously unhappy with the choices" for president and "a lot of people didn't vote," he said.

"People are tired of politics," Jimenez said. "They want somebody to tell it like it is, who isn't bought and paid for by special interest groups."

"One way or the other, power and control corrupt people," he said. "Politicians aren't exempt from that." The first priority of career politicians is "self-preservation and keeping donors happy," he said. "That's what's brought us to where we are now."

Jimenez expressed frustration with politicians' unwillingness to cooperate or compromise in a constructive manner. "People have their agendas and ideas. When their mind is made up, what hope is there?"

The most important issues facing the New Mexico Legislature, he said, are growing the state's economy and creating jobs. Oil and gas production continues to decline, he said, and "it's sad that's the only thing we have to depend on."

"Politicians always want to control how to make it better," Jimenez said. "What if we just got out of the way, let people do what they do?" Construction companies, for example, are "crippled by regulations and by laws. They could grow the economy on

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their own," he said, because they are "people who know what they're doing."

State government has created "this monster that now needs all these engineers to run it," Jimenez said. "Do you remove parts of the machine, or do you keep managing it? Let's get down to the bare essentials. Let's quit feeding the machine. There has to be a more efficient way to do things."

Jimenez predicted the "hard choices will not be made" this legislative session because "politicians are worried about the next election."

Jimenez "absolutely" supports term limits for elected officials. "I think that's important," he said. The alternative is "absolute power and no accountability."

Jimenez also supports Trump's plan to build a wall between the United States and Mexico. "I think it's a good idea (to block the) ravages of drugs and criminals," he said. "If we can curb those types of things and get them under control, I think that's only a positive."

"How do we help people, but how do we help Americans and America and get them on their feet before we help others?" Jimenez said.

Locally, he said, the Las Cruces City Council is "telling the business community, 'This is what you need to do because, trust me, it's going to work.' It's not going to work." The council's support for increasing the local minimum wage

hurt local business, he said, and amounts to "political elitism - politicians telling folks what's going to work best."

At the county level, the county commission recently enacted a new unified development code that tells people "how and what they can build on their property," and how it should be irrigated and zoned, he said.

Jimenez also thinks "we cripple ourselves by talking too much about race, our backgrounds, our history. We've all dealt with oppression at some point. I think it's time to put the race thing aside and do what's best for people."

As the county GOP leader, Jimenez said, "it's important to me to figure out a way to re-engage the person who feels he's not able to speak openly about how he feels. How do we do things better to make the quality of life better for people? Let's do what makes sense."

"I'm just a regular guv." said Jimenez. 42. He retired from the New Mexico State Police Department in 2015 after 22 years of service and now works as a private investigator for a local security firm. He and his wife, Neoma, have two children, a son. Christian, who lives in Kansas City and is taking online classes at New Mexico State University, and a daughter, Talia, who is attending Doña Ana Community College.

Contact Jimenez at chairmandacrp@gmail. com. "I would love to hear from people," he said.

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I also want to thank each and every citizen who voted in the election, whether you voted for me or someone else. Our democratic system only truly works when the people participate.

I encourage everyone, especially parents, to continue participating in the process even after the election. A school board election comes every few years, but our children's education goes on every single day, and they are our most important resource.

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City council approves funding for eight local events

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council approved \$27,500 in funding recommended by the city's Event Sponsorship Committee for eight local events that are expected to enhance the city's quality of life and impact the economy and tourism, Assistant City Manager David Dollahon said.

The events funded are:

• 2017 Domenici Public Policy Conference, sponsored by New Mexico State University, \$5,000 • Paws 'n Claws Road Rally, sponsored by the Doña Ana County Humane Society, \$2,000

• Zoot Suit Pachanga, sponsored by the Mesquite Street Preservation Society, \$4,000

• The Museum Rocks, sponsored by the Friends of the Museum. \$3,000

• 2017 New Mexico American Association of Community Theatres, sponsored by Theatre New Mexico, \$2,000

- 6th Man Club, sponsored by the NMSU Men's Basketball program, \$5,250
 - 2017 Las Cruces Uke Fest, sponsored

by Las Cruces Ukes, \$1,000

• Miss New Mexico USA/Teen USA, sponsored by Laura's Productions/Miss New Mexico USA, \$5,250.

The city budgeted \$50,000 for event sponsorships in FY 2017.

In other action:

• Councilors approved installation of additional lighting and security cameras at the Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesquite St., to improve safety at the historic building, which was a 1910 Santa Fe Railroad depot. Because the building housing the museum is a historic structure, the council must approve any significant alterations, city Public Works Department Facilities Administrator Eric Martin said.

• City Manager Stuart Ed said the city's Neighborhood Action Team has received recognition from the Center for Community Progress for national best practices. The committee, Ed said, is "making a big difference, and it's getting national recognition."

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COMING UP

Senior Games kick off and registration: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, Trails West clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla. The Doña Ana County Senior Games 39th annual Kick-Off and registration. Coffee and refreshments served. Senior Games are friendly and safe competitions in 26 sports and activities for seniors age 50 and over. Beginners as well as experienced athletes are encouraged to participate. Info: donaanaseniors.com, dacsolascruces@gmail.com or 575-649-3167 (between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.).

February Roundtables: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 19 and 26, UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The goal of the Roundtable Discussion is to learn more about all sides of issues and more about each other. Info, comments or suggestions: roundtable@uuchurchlc.org.

High Tech Consortium of Southern NM membership meeting: 4:30 - 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, Arrowhead Center, 3655 Research Road. Speaker Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson.



Las Cruces chapter of AARP presents 'Fraud Watch and Scams:' 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, Golden Mesa Retirement Center, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway. One-hour presentation on how to avoid being a victim.

Mission Lutheran School open house registration event: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2752 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Info: 575-532-5489.

Play all day to fundraise: The Centennial High School Band is holding its annual Play All Day Fundraiser and Community Event from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. They will first perform at the Farmers' & Crafts Market, 125 Main St., from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then they will move onto Mesilla Plaza, where they will play until 4 p.m. Finally they will play outside the NMSU Pan American Center before the Aggies' basketball game that night, for which the band will join the Aggie Pride Marching Band in performing the national anthem and will play with them until halftime.

Enchilada luncheon: Las Cruces Chapter #20, Order to the Eastern Star is having an enchilada luncheon, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz. Price: \$10, \$5 for children under 12.

Youth bowling leagues ongoing: 1 p.m. Sundays, Ten Pin Alley, 1201 E. Amador Ave. through April 30. Las Cruces USBC invites youth ages 6-20 to join bowling leagues. Info: Linda Goff, 575-642-6054.

Beginners bridge classes: 9:30 a.m. Saturdays starting March 4 at Belton Bridge Club, 1214 E. Madrid Ave.

Relaxed duplicate 'mini' bridge game: 10 a.m. - noon Saturdays starting March 4 at Belton Bridge Club, 1214 E. Madrid Ave. Ten-12 hands of bridge for beginner players and 'party' bridge players who would like to try duplicate style and pick up pointers. Mini-game is sanctioned by the ACBL; masterpoints awarded. Duplicate bridge players with fewer than 5 masterpoints may attend. Cost: \$3 table fee. Info: John Randall at 786-338-5970 and Dave Allen at 575-635-6486.

Great American Las Cruces Cleanup: 8

a.m. to noon Saturday, April 8 all around the city. Keep Las Cruces Beautiful, Parks & Recreation and New



Mexico Clean and Beautiful programs host the annual cleanup, when volunteers collect litter at parks, schools, streets and business properties.

A free lunch for volunteers is hosted by Walmart from noon to 1 p.m. on Walton Boulevard.

Individual volunteers, groups and civic organizations should register before April 3. Register online at the Parks & Recreation "Keep Las Cruces Beautiful" link at www.las-cruces.org or call 575-528-4506

Free tax preparation offered by AARP: 8:30

a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays. 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday (starting Feb. 23), Community Action Agency, 3880 Foothills Drive. Through April 17 on a first-come, first-served basis. Info: 575-527-8799.

Las Cruces Ukes practice: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Thursdays beginner group; 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays performance group at Good Samaritan Society - Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Cost: no charge and loaner ukuleles available. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com or 575-405-7133.



MARIA VICTORIA ACEVES GUZMAN

Our beloved mother, grandmother, aunt and friend, MARIA VICTO-RIA ACEVES GUZMAN, age 78, OF Las Cruces left her dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life to be with her heavenly Father on Sunday, February 5, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center surrounded by her loved ones. She was born November 8, 1938 in Los Paredes Municipal Bardiatuato, Sinaola, Mexico to Guadalupe Sr. and Anatolia Franco Aceves. Victoria was very proud of becoming a US Citizen in 1995. She was a selfemployed housekeeper; a very supportive mother figure to everyone whose life she touched. Victoria was a member of the Tres Arboles Council and enjoyed attending their meetings.

Those left to mourn her passing include two sons, Noel A. and Juan Angel Guzman of Las Cruces; two daughters, Elizabeth A. Guzman of Allentown, PA, and Maria Victoria Guzman also of Las Cruces. Other survivors include seventeen grandchildren, Amanda Soto, Brandi V. Soto (Adrian Ornelas), Melissa Guzman, Melinda Ramirez (Mike), Mike P. Barela III, Joseph R. Barela, Bianca C. Garcia, Aaron

Garcia Jr, Anatalia Garcia, Alejandro Garcia, Stephanie Moreno, Kayleigh, Joel, Rylan and Tony Guzman, Nicole E. Barela-Vess (Mke), and Victoria Molina; twentyfive great grandchildren, Mariah, Joshua, Yesenia, Nathaniel, Andrea, Alejandra, Mike IV, Davian, Charmista, Baby Mikey, Kayla, Joel, Daniel, Adrianna, Zariah, Aries, Cyrus, Ka-Alani, Eliana, Zetta, AbigaiL Victoria, Zaria, Jazelle, Roslyn and Rafael; one niece, Blanca A. Molina (Javier Rodriguez); nephews, David A. Molina (Guillermina), Jesus A. Molina (Mercedes), Guadalupe A. Molina, Oscar A. Molina (Cecilia), Mauro A. Molina (Ruby), and Miguel A. Molina. She was preceded in death by her parents; her companion, Alfredo O. Carabajal; three sons, Luis E. Soto, Joel A. Guzman, and Daniel A. Guzman; two brothers, Guadalupe Aceves Jr., and Eulalio "Lalo" Aceves; a sister-inlaw, Marina Molina.

Visitation for Mrs. Guzman was held on Monday, February 13, 2017 in Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road where the Prayer Vigil followed. Family and Friends will joined together to celebrate the Funeral Mass

on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 in St. Genevieve's Catholic Church, 100 S. Espina with Reverend Abraham Solis officiating. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in St Joseph Cemetery where she will be laid to rest.

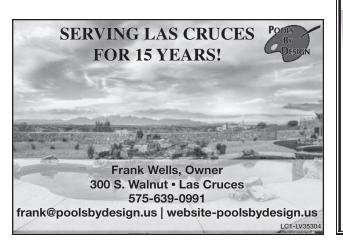
Serving as casket bearers will be Noel and Johnny Guzman, Antonio Holguin Jr., Freddie "Chach" Valenzuela, Beto Villa, Joseph R. Barela, Mike Ramirez, Adam Cadena, Martin Medina, and Adrian Ornelas. Honorary bearers will be Jacob Trujillo, Alejandro and Aaron Garcia Jr., Joel Holguin and Mike P. Barela III.

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Angelita Chavez Apodaca

ANGELITA CHAVEZ APODACA, age 76, of Las Cruces passed away on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. Service arrangements entrusted to the



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Elsie G. McCane

ELSIE G. MCCANE. 102, of Las Cruces entered eternal life Friday, February 10, 2017 at her home. At Mrs. McCane's request cremation will take place and no services will be held.

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Maria Refugio Chairez

MARIA REFUGIO CHAIREZ, age 84 of Anthony passed away on Friday, February 10, 2017 in El Paso, TX. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.



Cecilia Miranda

CECILIA MIRANDA, age 72, of Las Cruces passed away Sunday February 12, 2017 at Casa Bella assisted living. Services are pending with

Baca's Funeral Chapels Las Cruces.



Jorge "George" Chavez

JORGE "GEORGE" CHAVEZ, age 59, of Las Cruces passed away Friday, February 10, 2017. Services are pending with **Baca's Funeral Chapels** of Las Cruces.



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THE 2017 WESTERN PECAN GROWERS CONFERENCE Karín Davídson **PECAN FOOD** FANTASY CONTEST SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017 **HOTEL ENCANTO** 705 S. TELSHOR Sponsored by WESTERN PECAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION **ENTRY RULES & INFORMATION**

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Un-Iced	(1 cake)				
Iced	(1 cake)				
CHEESECAKE	(1 cake)				
COOKIES					
Drop Cooki	es (12 cookies)				
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Other Cook	ties (12 Cookies)				
CUPCAKES	(6 cupcakes)				
ENTREES	(4 servings)				
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POLICE REPORTS

Water inspection calls may be a scam

Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) that provides gas, water, wastewater, and solid waste service to the Las Cruces area is advising that an unknown person, or persons, is calling customers to schedule appointments for home water inspections. Those making the calls are not associated with LCU. According to LCU business services administrator Jose Provencio in an LCU press release, "Las Cruces Utilities does not call customers to schedule appointments or inspections on customers' premises, but we do respond to emergency utility calls. Those utility department personnel will be carrying official City of Las Cruces identification and wearing the appropriate uniform."

Anyone who believes they have been victimized should call the Las Cruces Police Department at 575-

526-0795 and LCU customer service at 575-541-2111.

Sobriety checkpoints planned

Las Cruces Police have scheduled at least one sobriety checkpoint and three saturation patrols to be held within city limits before the end of February, according to an LCPD press release.

The checkpoints and patrols are intended to reduce the number of motorists who drive while intoxicated.

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Josefina "Fina" Hernandez Mendoza

Our dearly beloved wife. mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend, JOSEFINA "FINA" HER-NANDEZ MENDOZA, age 93, of Doña Ana passed away Friday, February 10, 2017 at her home surrounded by her loving family. "Fina", as she was fondly known to family and friends, was born December 4, 1923 in Anthony to Manuel and Maria Hernandez. Fina and her husband Simon, lived on the Archer/Biad Farms in Rincon for thirty-two years. She was known to her family as an "entrepreneur", and later relocated to Doña Ana where she resided for thirty years. Fina was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Survivors include her loving husband of seventy-five years, Simon H. Mendoza of the family home; son, Henry Mendoza (Juanita); two daughters. Maria Elena Lucero and Linda Mendoza all of Las Cruces; brother, Miguel Hernandez of Anthony and sister, Licha Howard of Phoenix, AZ. Other survivors include seven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Larry Mendoza, daughter, Tina Marie Mendoza, and her siblings.

Visitation for Fina took place on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at Our Lady of Purification Catholic Church, 5525 Cristo Rev in Doña Ana where the Prayer Vigil followed. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated immediately thereafter with the **Reverend Juan Camilo** Montoya, Celebrant. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in the Doña Ana Cemetery where she will be laid to rest it the family plot.

Serving as casket bearers will be Robert, Michael and Edward Trujillo, Hank and Andrew Mendoza, Miguel Hernandez, Paul Valdivia and Anthony Howard.

The Mendoza Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care". For online condolences logon to www. bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com





Barbara H. Hall

BARBARA H. HALL, 85, died on January 22, 2017 after a brief illness, with family and friends gathered to support her and each other. Barbara said she lived three different lives, all good, but different. The first one started at birth in Hobbs, New Mexico. Barbara grew up in the Midland-Odessa area. Her parents Bryant and Minnie Rieta, whom Barbara loved and enjoyed immensely. She devoted her second life to her marriage to Jack Hall and raising four children in Deming, New Mexico. Jack's death in 1969 led to life number

three, going back to college at NMSU, teaching elementary school in La Union and thriving in her new role as grandmother, counting herself fortunate to have all six grandchildren living in the vicinity of Las Cruces. Barbara also met Elwin Nun, and together they shared more than thirty years as soul mates with common interests: progressive thinking, cruising the world, and enjoying chocolate. Elwin and Barbara traveled to places she could only have imagined as a little girl growing up in West Texas.

Barbara was the matriarch of an extended family that included her husband Elwin Nunn, her children, Karen Hall, Bryan Hall (Diana) Brenda Smith (Jim), and Glenn Hall (Theresa); her six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Barbara was also loved and admired by Elwin's three children (Mickey, Bryanne and Steve) and his grandchildren and great grandchild. Barbara lived all of her lives well, enjoyed the love and companionship of her family most of all, and was respected for her intelligence and gentle soul by those who knew her.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service at 10:30 AM Saturday, February 18, 2017 in Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Barbara Hall to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001 or Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

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Margarita "Margie" Carbajal Medina

MARGARITA "MAR-GIE" CARBAJAL ME-DINA, age 58, of Hatch passed away Sunday, February 5, 2017. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory. 527-2222



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BUSINESS

The price of fame VALLEY PECANS IN DEMAND

By ALTA LECOMPTE Las Cruces Bulletin

hen choosing an entrée, meat eaters are likely to gravitate to beef (it's what's for dinner) or pork (the other white meat).

Pecan eaters in the past haven't had a zippy slogan to guide them as they choose what to munch on.

That's about to change, says Phillip Arnold, manager of the Las Cruces office of San Saba pecan buyers.

As snackers and chefs around the world have discovered the taste and health benefits of nuts and nut products, demand has grown in the 21st century, Arnold said.

This year, Mesilla Valley pecan growers will reap the rewards, receiving prices as high as \$3 per pound for No. 1 nuts, he said.

They also will pay the price of fame — a kind of surtax that will support a marketing campaign designed to distinguish their product from other nuts.

Arnold said the levy will be in effect for five years and will finance market research and help create a memorable identity designed to drive worldwide sales even higher.

"The industry has decided to tax itself," he said. Federal legislation passed in the 1930s



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LeCOMPTE

Quiet has returned to pecan groves like this one west of Las Cruces following a harvest season that ended in late January.

made the assessment possible.

The 2016 crop

As January came to a close, only a few local groves were waiting to be harvested. Rain and hail caused some delays getting started in fall 2016, but overall the crop was healthy and prices were as well, Arnold said.

"We were able to get back in so it was not too much of a problem," he said. "Typically this would be an off-year with the valley cycling down a little," said Gary Arnold, a partner in Arnold Brothers. His business grows pecans and also harvests for others. "A few areas had hail and were down a little, but overall the quality is very good," he said.

For groves that were standing in the wrong place at the wrong time and got pummeled with hail three times, the yield may have dropped to as low as 400 pounds per acre where the normal yield would be 2,000.

The most damaging hails occurred in May and June, sweeping down from I-10 through Picacho Hills and into the valley.

Yet, Arnold reports, the industry weathered the storm.

"We had a typical year," he said. "Demand was up, prices were pretty high and the kernel quality was very high — one of the best years in quality."

Arnold said that Hatch, which had been off for several years, had "a decent crop." Both quality and quantity were good there.

Phillip Arnold said this year's crop moved out rapidly and by late January less than 2 percent of the crop was not under contract.

"At this point in time, a lot of years there are still 15 to 20 percent of the Western pecan crop for sale."

He said the North American crop — pecans grown in the U.S and Mexico — hit more than 500 million pounds. It was a very good year.

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REBUILDING THE PROCESS OF BUILDING IN LAS CRUCES

Builders, J officials address glitches

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of three articles on how building projects get approved in Las Cruces and the relationship between building services and economic development.

By ALTA LeCOMPTE Las Cruces Bulletin

Builders and city officials who issue building permits have been working for several years to create a more collaborative relationship and streamline their processes.

Both say the effort is paying off, but there's more work to be done.

"2012 was a big year — we reorganized to create the Building Services Division," said Community Development Department Director David Weir. "We've moved forward since that time, looking at ways to improve the process."

Among the issues builders and developers continue to raise are the timeliness of both getting building permits and moving through the inspection process during construction. Another challenge to builders and the city's building services staff is a new software system currently being phased in.

Getting a permit

Javier Cabrera of NetSolar Construction LLC said reviews of building plans submitted by permit applicants take longer than builders would like.

Robert Kyle, head of the Building Services Division of the Community Development Department and chief building inspector, said the time it takes



Jason Lorenz of Veloz Homes at his model in the Metro Verde subdivision

to process an application depends in part on the size and complexity of the proposed project.

Kyle said there's an expedited overthe-counter permit application process for homeowners.

"You apply for a permit, bring in your plans, pay a fee and walk out," he said. "If you're a licensed contractor it's the same process with a three-day staff review of building plans."

Each construction project of more than \$100,000 requires a plan review by specialists. Plan review sometimes involves other city departments, such as the fire department and even outside entities such as the New Mexico Department of Transportation and Elephant Butte Irrigation District. Approval of major projects takes three to eight business days, but could take longer if other departments or entities are involved, Kyle said.

"It depends in part on how complete the plans are," he added.

Inspection timeliness an issue

Jason Lorenz of Veloz Homes said he's heard the timeliness of inspections is a concern for some developers and builders.

"For me, what I do is pretty repetitive," Lorenz said. "We've had to create our processes around the city's."

He said he builds extra time into his construction schedules to allow for delays between inspections.

"When you first run into it, it's a huge burden," Lorenz said. "If I had never built a house in Las Cruces, my gosh, it would be an eye-opening experience."

"Las Cruces has a reputation as a hard place to pass an inspection," Kyle said. "It's difficult to respond to that.

"If a project doesn't meet code, it's incumbent upon the inspector to deny that. At the end of the day we're ultimately here to ensure that a person who is going to live in a new house has a safe, code-compliant structure."

Speeding up the process

Lorenz said Texas allows inspections by private contractors, whereas New Mexico doesn't allow privatization.

"When inspections are privatized, you get one inspection and he shows up and

does all the inspections at once," Lorenz said. "Here, one inspector knows only electrical, one only plumbing, one only HVAC. There are 14 inspections by four different inspectors for a three-bedroom, three-bath house. I would be ready for all five rough-in inspections the same day, but they won't allow that."

Kyle said one way to speed up inspections in New Mexico is to have inspectors who are cross-trained to conduct multiple inspections.

This year the city budgeted to certify one structural inspector to also inspect electrical work.

But the city incurs costs getting employees dual certified, and must pay them more. In addition, there's a shortage of people qualified for dual certification, Kyle said.

He said eventually he would like more inspectors to be dual certified.

Another improvement in the works is a manual for inspectors that "anybody can understand," Kyle said.

"If we get to the point where activity starts to pick up, we may be heading

Plan calls for increased bank capital, less regulation

he trigger for the 2008 financial crisis was the federal government's failure to bail out of Bear Stearns.

This illustrates what can happen when a too-big-to-fail (TBTF) bank is allowed to, well, fail. The cost to the economy is just too much. The government is faced with the choice of incurring economic disaster or rewarding bad behavior by large banks.

TBTF is an implicit subsidy
to large banks, which can findState of th
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high-risk projects because both the
bank and its counterparties know that
they will be bailed out in a crisis. This
has happened many times in the past —
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examples.

The TBTF subsidy enables large banks to gain market share at the expense of small banks.

The situation is getting worse. In this regard, Dodd-Frank is a failure.

The Minnesota Federal Reserve Bank has issued a plan to eliminate too-big-to-fail, thereby substantially reducing the chances of another financial crisis. The plan requires large banks to hold substantially more capital. This capital would serve as a cushion preventing

sudden crashes like that of Lehman Brothers.

The Minnesota Federal Reserve estimates that adoption of their plan would reduce the chance of a financial crisis in the next 100 years to as little as 9 percent. Under current regulation, the estimated chance is 67 percent. Specifically, the plan would increase the capital requirements for those banks deemed to be systematically important — that is, too big to fail — to 38 percent of the value of assets. The current capital requirement is 13 percent.

By imposing such a capital requirement, the plan would in effect penalize large banks, incentivizing large banks to restructure. Meanwhile, the Minnesota plan would also substantially reduce regulation of community banks. The upshot would be expansion of small and medium banks and a shrinking of the market share going to large banks.

The plan would also regulate hedge funds and finance companies — socalled shadow-banks. The plan imposes a tax on borrowing by shadow banks of 1.2 percent on small shadow banks and 2.2 percent on those with assets of more than \$50 billion. Shadow banks that use equity financing would not be taxed.

You may be saying to yourself that this is all a pretty pie-in-the-sky, utopian sort of plan. After all, Donald Trump is president and he promised to deregulate banks. Certainly, Trump is not going to favor new taxes on hedge funds or on anything else.

Nevertheless, I like it. In fact, I proposed a similar policy back in 2008 in this very column. And good policy is good policy. We economists have to keep hammering away to convince the public because if the public wants it, eventually it will get done.

I applaud the Minnesota Fed for developing a plan that, if implemented, would improve economic welfare.

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into a time when we will need to look at staffing," he said.

Contractors cite software glitches

Now contractors and city building officials have a mutual nemesis — Accela, a new cloud-based software for permitting, building plan review and inspections.

"If somebody from Kentucky wants to submit a plan, they can now — and hopefully speed up the process," said Kyle.

Introduced to make applying simpler and speedier for builders like Jason Lorenz and Cabrera, Accela has — at least short term — complicated their lives. It's also complicated the lives of city officials attempting to work out Accela's bugs. really rough," Lorenz said. "Luckily we've got a couple rock stars on our team and luckily there are a couple people in city hall who are really good. If I have a problem, I call Robert Kyle. He told me personally and our group as well, 'If you have a problem ... call me.'"

"The roll-out has been

Kyle said 16 permit types were rolled out in October and November 2016. Accela was 40 percent implemented by January, with the second phase now underway.

"Once we get that up and running there will be a better opportunity to look back at whether there is a better way — to look at what we think the endgame will be," Kyle said.

"It's a major shift in how we're doing business. Prior to Accela, all permits were processed on paper. It's created some new challenges for staff, but ultimately it will be beneficial to the city and to permit applicants."

Builders cite flaws

Cabrera of NetSolar recently tried to make a payment and pick up a permit, but Accela wasn't working so he was unable to.

"There was no training, no notice," he said. "Everybody has to figure out how to do it on their own. At this point it's pretty familiar, but for someone coming in brand-new they should have a manual on how to start an application and request an inspection."

City officials and members of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association will likely address such details at their next regular meeting in March.

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Small businesses benefit by constructive feedback

e've all heard it said, "If you have a great experience at a business you tell one or two of your friends. If you have a bad experience – you tell everybody!" There tends to be a lot of truth in this adage. Though I don't know if we can fight human nature, we can certainly examine our motivations and use our nature to help, not hurt, small businesses.

Providing constructive feedback is not something everyone is good at, and it's not something with which we are all comfortable. However. when it comes to building up our community and our business base, it is very important. In a world of multiple anony-

mous feedback opportunities (Yelp, Travelocity, Google, Facebook, etc.) it can be tempting to vent about a bad experience, but we must keep in mind that these venting sessions are actually read by potential new customers and can impact a business's bottom line.

Here are five tips to help you improve small businesses with open and honest conversation when you've had a less-thanstellar experience:

1) Small businesses are great because most of the time, you can speak directly with an

owner. Use these opportunities to have direct dialogue if you feel comfortable doing so. This ARIANNA PARSONS

is the most direct way to get your point across and to make sure the right party hears your complaint. Other op-Downtown Lowdown tions? A letter, email or phone call to the owner. 2) Negative online reviews do

impact small businesses and should be a last resort. Always try to speak to an owner or manager first. If you are unhappy with the resolution, posting online can be an option. If you are willing to return and give the business another chance, do so with an open mind and be willing to amend your review.

3) Be as specific as you can about your complaint. It is hard for a business owner to respond to "I didn't have a good time." One can, on the other hand, remedy instances of poor ser-

vice, long wait times, rude staff or poor quality of product. Typically, managers like to know if staff is rude when they are not around or if a product is faulty. The more specific the complaint, the greater the chance of finding a solution.

4) Be clear about why you are making the complaint – with the business and with yourself. Would you like a refund? Would you be satisfied with a free dessert? Are you having a bad day? We can work with all of those!

5) If a business is just not your cup of tea - that's totally OK. Not every business will meet the needs of every customer. Sometimes simply not returning is an option worth exploring.

We have a rich and vibrant small-business community in Las Cruces. Continuously improving should be a community goal, and business owners need to hear from customers to know how and where this can happen. The spirit in which we approach the topic is key and can help lead to a thriving economy.

Arianna Parsons is the executive director of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, co-owner of Beck's Coffee and first time mother-to-be.



MEET THE COLUMNIST Columnist promotes community effort

You read them every week, but what do you really know about them? In our series "Meet the Columnists," Susie Ouderkirk profiles each of our columnists so you'll know more about them. This week, we profile "Downtown Lowdown" columnist Arianna Parsons.

By SUSIE OUDERKIRK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Arianna Parsons knows there's something for evervone in Downtown Las Cruces. The Bulletin columnist who writes "Downtown Lowdown," believes that revitalization of the Main Street Downtown area is truly a community effort. She and her husband, Tyrell Thacker, own a business in the Downtown area and even live in the neighborhood.

As executive director of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP), Parsons is a co-owner with Tyrell of Beck's Coffee shop. The couple moved to Las Cruces from the Columbia, Missouri area "about six years ago and were "embraced by an extremely welcoming, wonderful community," she said.

"When my husband and I took over Beck's, the coffee shop became a hub of the community and got us more involved in our neighborhood," Parsons said. "My work with DLCP has made the advancement of the community my main priority, day in and day out, and I can't think of a better way to spend my time!"

When she's not promoting the Downtown area or traveling, she enjoys reading, sewing, crocheting or knitting, and likes to bake. She hasn't been traveling much lately, as she and Tyrell ("the best husband in the world") are expecting their first child, Thomas Harris Thacker, any day now. They will raise their son in a house on Klein Park in the Mesquite Historic District estimated to have been built over 100 years ago, "surrounded by furry friends - two cats, Leo and Sullivan, and two dogs, Daisy and Lily," Parsons said.

Parsons has been writing a column for the Bulletin for "about a year," she said. "I inherited the Downtown Lowdown column from my predecessor and friend, Carrie LaTour."

Parsons has made the most of her Bulletin contribution by developing at least one Downtown business connection from a far-away place. One of her columns prompted a man to contact his wife, who happens to be in Ethiopia. "I have worked with the couple ever since on starting a retail business for her Downtown when she moves to New Mexico," Parsons said. "It has been such a pleasure and so unexpected."

She's taking a couple of months off to spend time with Thomas, but her columns will continue to run in the Bulletin on the third Friday of each month.

Studio G expansion supports NMSU entrepreneurs

By AMANDA BRADFORD For the Bulletin

Students across the New Mexico State University system with an idea for a business now have access to an online entrepreneurship curriculum and network of expert advisers, thanks to Arrowhead Center's Next Generation Entrepreneurship program. Known as Next Gen, the program brings Studio G, Arrowhead's student and alumni business incubator to NMSU's community college campuses throughout the state.

Arrowhead Center, NMSU's economic development engine and technology commercialization hub, received a \$368,760 grant in 2016 from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to expand Studio G to students at campuses in Alamogordo, Carlsbad and Grants, as well as students at Doña Ana Community College in Las Cruces.

DACC President Renay Scott said she welcomes the chance for her students to build on their entrepreneurial thinking.

"We're very excited about the opportunity to offer our students access to Arrowhead Center's Studio G and other programs to support their entrepreneurial opportunities," Scott said. "Our students have many experiences at DACC that lead to new ideas, scholarship and items that they wish to market. Next Gen allows students to have access to programs and experiences that will help them develop their intellectual property, develop business plans and work with others who also seek to start their own businesses."

Studio G, founded in 2011, has seen tremendous growth in recent years. Since its inception, Studio G has helped more than 250 ventures involving more than 450 student entrepreneurs. An economic impact study in 2015 found that Studio G clients had an impact of \$2.4 million during that fiscal year, and Studio G members have raised more than \$2.5 million in investments, grants and contracts since 2013. In fiscal year 2016, Studio G ventures hired 93 paid employees.

Student entrepreneurship programming is also supported by the Arrowhead Innovation Network, a 2012 Challenge project funded by a U.S. EDA grant that ended last year.

With Next Gen funding, Arrowhead Center has already converted the effective Studio G curriculum, modeled on MIT's Disciplined Entrepreneurship and Lean Launchpad methodologies, into an online format that uses "gamification" to engage student and alumni entrepreneurs in learning tracks that are tailored to different types of businesses and situations.

"Students at our community college campuses now have access to the very same learning system, advising opportunities and mentorship meetings as our clients at the Las Cruces campus," said Kramer Winingham, director of Studio G and



A program known as Next Gen, from Arrowhead Center (pictured) at New Mexico State University, can be accessed online by students across the NMSU community college system, including Doña Ana Community College, for an entrepreneurship curriculum and network of expert advisers.

a principal investigator on the Next Gen project. "The online curriculum allows us to scale up what we can offer to students here in Las Cruces, as well as those in communities around the state."

Three of NMSU's four community college campuses are located in rural communities with less than 50,000 population, and those areas are also economically dependent on single industries such as government enterprises and mining, so developing support systems for the next generation of entrepreneurs in those areas will be crucial for providing employment and workforce development, said Arrowhead Center Director and CEO Kathryn Hansen. It's also the key to enhancing the commercialization of research, regional connectivity and innovation in New Mexico.

"This program will ultimately help our state and region create and retain jobs, not just through the new businesses registered and products launched by our student and alumni entrepreneurs," Hansen said, "but also by bringing in private investment in businesses and helping move intellectual property through the commercialization pathway."

NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers said the Next Gen program is among several ways that Arrowhead Center supports NMSU's landgrant mission of serving the educational needs of New Mexico's diverse population through comprehensive programs of education, research, extension education and public service.

"One of Arrowhead Center's greatest strengths is that it has gathered a wealth of resources under one roof," said Carruthers, who helped found Arrowhead during his tenure as dean of NMSU's College of Business and vice president for economic development. "The network of experts and mentors that are working with student, faculty and community entrepreneurs continues to grow, and we're able to offer a strong foundation of support, not just here in the Borderplex region, but throughout the state."

In addition to scaling the Studio G curriculum for use at the community colleges, Next Gen funding has been used to address the challenge of matching entrepreneurs with funding and technology licensing opportunities on a broader scale. Two new web-based portals, TechMatch and FundMatch, provide a user-friendly online system to steer students who are ready to seek funding for their projects.

With all of these systems in place, the next step is to start funneling community college students into the entrepreneurial pipeline. Each of the college campuses has selected a leader with strong connections to both the students and the local business community to champion the effort to recruit students to Studio G and build engagement with those local business networks. At DACC, that's Joan Keeney, a college assistant professor in the Business Department.

"I'm really excited about this program, and we've already got a handful of students who are getting signed up and beginning to work with the Studio G team to validate their business ideas." Keenev said. "I'm looking forward to seeing this program grow over the next few years and become a sustainable part of the economic development that DACC helps drive in this area."

NMSU is one of the 25 awardees that received funding under the U.S. Economic Development Administration's 2015 **Regional Innovation** Strategies program. The 2015 RIS program is managed by EDA's Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship and is designed to advance innovation and capacity-building activities in regions across the country through two competitions: the i6 Challenge and the Seed Fund Support Grants competition.

For more information about Studio G, or to apply from any of NMSU's system-wide campuses, visit arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu/ studiog. For more information about the Next Gen Entrepreneurship program at DACC, contact Joan Keeney at jkeeney@nmsu.edu.

Recycling expected to increase this year

By SUZANNE MICHAELS For the Bulletin

For the Bulletin

In 2016 Las Cruces recycled 7,000 tons of metal, office paper, newspaper, chipboard and cardboard and plastics. That's an increase from 6,800 tons recycled in 2015, and is attributed to population growth, an increase in the number of businesses that recycle, and Las Cruces Public Schools participating in effort.

"When kids learn about recycling, the whole family learns," said Tarkeysha Burton, recycling coordinator for the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA). "There's your 8-year-old asking, 'Mommy why are you throwing that away? It's recyclable!"

The two most important things to remember about recycling are that recyclables dropped in the blue bin must be clean and dry (no trash) and recycle only the items listed on the sticker on top of the blue bin.

Six years ago — on Earth Day 2011 — residential curbside recycling became a reality in Las Cruces thanks to a powerful citizen effort to make it easy and convenient for every home. More than 30,000 homes received the new blue bins. What could be easier than dropping clean and dry recyclables right into the blue bin parked at your house?

Access to recycling became a quality-of-life issue over the years; cities offering curbside recycling are considered well-informed and en-



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Curbside recycling was launched for more than 30,000 homes in Las Cruces in 2011.

vironmentally friendly.

"The whole curbside recycling movement began with citizens wanting to recycle for all the right reasons," Burton said.

Recycling reduces greenhouse emissions by decreasing the destruction of forests to produce paper from virgin material, and lessens the destruction of lands across the globe in mining more materials, when already-mined metals can be reused, instead of thrown away.

"In 2017 we expect a continued upward trend in our recycling in Las Cruces," said Burton.

Green Connections is submitted by the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA), managing solid waste, recyclables, and fighting illegal dumping for residents and businesses in the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. SCSWA can be reached at 575-528-3800 or visit www.scswa.com.

City might vote soon on renovation project

By MIKE COOK Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces City Council heard a revised proposal for a \$14 million project to renovate a portion of Valley Drive in a Monday, Feb. 13 session.

The council is expected to vote soon on the revised plan, Mayor Ken Miyagishima said, adding that he hopes it will be on the agenda of the council's next regular meeting.

City Interim Public Works Director Louis Grijalva said original plans for the project needed revisions after it became clear that the proposed layout of a section of Valley Drive between Amador and Hadley avenues was not compatible with several existing businesses along Valley Drive. The project includes a 1.5 mile stretch of Valley Drive from Picacho Avenue to Avenida de Mesilla and the reconstruction of Avenida de Mesilla between Valley and Hickory drives.

The new proposal would include 5-foot sidewalks, buffered bike lanes and 4-foot-wide parkways, and would give Organ and Hayner avenues full access to Valley Drive, Grijalva said.

Unlike the original proposal for design and construction, the new plan does not include frontage roads. Those could be phased in later, said Jerry Paz, executive vice president and Las Cruces branch manager of Molzen Corbin, hired by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) as project engineer.

NMDOT will pay the entire cost of the renovation project because Valley Drive is a state road. The original price tag for the project was \$11 million, but NMDOT agreed to pay an additional \$3 million, Grijalva said.

The project will also include storm drainage, roadway improvements, curbs and gutters, new traffic signals, street lights, and other safety improvements.

Once construction begins, it is expected to take about 18 months to complete, Interim Assistant City Manager Loretta Reyes said at a Nov. 7, 2016 council meeting.

Commissioner seeks input to rename scenic route bisecting county

BULLETIN REPORT

Following two community meetings at which various topics were discussed, District 5 Doña Ana County Commissioner John L. Vasquez is teaming up with some of Doña Ana County's legislative delegation to ask county residents to assist in renaming the roadway connecting Garfield, New Mexico to the City of Sunland Park, according to a press release.

The series of roads in question includes N.M. 187 between

Garfield and Hatch, as well as N.M. 185 between Hatch and Las Cruces, and N.M. 28 between Las Cruces/Mesilla and the City of Sunland Park,

"This scenic stretch of road is emblematic of Doña Ana County's beauty and diversity of uses," Vasquez said. "At our recent community meetings in Hatch and Doña Ana, Sen. Jeff Steinborn, Reps. Rudy Martinez and Nathan Small and I started tossing this idea around as a way to benefit our constituents. We collectively believe that if we can brand it with a memorable name, we can use that name to market the route to tourists and locals alike, thereby invigorating rural businesses and our unique communities."

According to the release, because the route is made up of state highways, Vasquez said that once a name for the route is chosen, he, Steinborn, Martinez and Small will lead an effort to have the New Mexico Legislature and New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez support the initiative and authorize the appropriate signage.

"We have wonderfully creative people throughout Doña Ana County whose minds we want to engage to find a simple but memorable name for this fascinating stretch of highway that bisects our county from north to south," Vasquez said. "Once we name it, we can market it, and then I firmly believe that, working together, we can make it beneficial for everyone concerned."

Vasquez said he will propose

that he and his partners in the venture announce the winner of the naming contest at an upcoming meeting of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners.

To submit an entry, fax it to 575-525-5948, mail it to the Doña Ana County Special Projects Office, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M. 88007 or email to input@donaanacounty.org with the words "Name the Road" in the subject line. The deadline for receipt of entries is Friday, Feb. 24.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that meetings of the Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education Finance Advisory Committee will be held in the Superintendent's Conference Room at the Las Cruces Public Schools Administration Building, 505 S. Main Street, Suite 249. Loretto Towne Centre, Las Cruces NM at 1:30-3:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 Thursday, March 9, 2017 Thursday, April 13, 2017 Thursday, May 11, 2017 Thursday, June 15, 2017

All meetings are open to the public unless otherwise noticed, as permitted by the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. An agenda for each meeting may be obtained from the LCPS Finance Department 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

Any deviation from this schedule will be published in accordance with established procedures of the Board of Education pertinent to special or emergency meetings.

APPROVAL DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, February 7, 2017.

/s/ Barbara Hall Secretary, Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools

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IN THE MATTER OF

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DATED: February 3, 2017.

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No 17-0020

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF W.A. FREDERICK, a/k/a BILLY BERT FREDERICK. a/k/a WILLIAM ALBERT FREDERICK. a/k/a WILLIAM FREDERICK. a/k/a BERT FREDERICK. DECEASED

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WILLIAM FREDERICK, JR., a/k/a WILLIAM ALBERT FREDERICK 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. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on August 30, 2016 Rodolfo O. & Concepcion Q. Lara, PO Box 914, Mesilla Park, NM, 88047 filed application numbered LRG-7371-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-7371-5, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling & using replacement well LRG-7371-POD3 to be located within the

NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 35, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°5'45.59"N and 106°42'17.62"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, & discontinue the use of well LRG-7371. located on land owned by Mary Helen Tapia located within the NE¹/₄ of Section 35, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM) & more specifically described where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°5'49 77"N and 106°42'7.98"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.87 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the

NE1/4 of said Section 35 (NMPM), as described in Subfile Order No. LRS 28-008-0068 Right A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill & use replacement well LRG-7371-POD3 under NMSA. 1978. Section 72-12-23. The site of rew e 1 1 placement LRG-7371-POD3 is located southwest of Vado, NM and may be found approximately 414 feet east of the intersection of County Road B 10 and Powell Place and further described at the property address of 115 Powell Place, La Mesa, NM. Existing well LRG-7371 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name.

phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, vou must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer. 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005

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

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NOTICE is hereby given that on December 12, 2016, Zohrab and Zahra Hossenini Samani, 2705 Claude Dove Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88011 filed application numbered LRG-675-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-675-A, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling supplemental well LRG-675-POD2 to a depth of 150 feet with 12-inch casing located at approximately X 1,433,715.9 Y= 539,096.1 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant to supplement existing w e 1 1 LRG-675-POD1 located at X = 1,433,798.8 Y = 539,022.4 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court.

Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for the irrigation of 9.0 acres of land owned by the applicant located within part of the NW1/4 SW1/4 of Sec 14.

T21S, R01W, NMPM, as described in part by Subfile No.: LRN-28-001-0041 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed supplemental well LRG-675-POD2 will be located north of Las Cruces, NM approximately 248 ft southeast of the intersection of Doña Ana Rd and the Leasburg Lateral WW 1. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill and use supplemental well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on January 11, 2017, Rene A. Maese and Melinda Colleen Crain, 700 Watson Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-872-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-14750-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-14750-POD2 lo-

cated at X = 1,479,439 Y = 461,066 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant and using replacement well LRG-872-POD3 located at X = 1,479,695.32 Y = 461,202.73 on land owned by the Aletta T. Wilson Living Trust for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for the irrigation of 1.13 acres of land owned by the applicant located within part of the NE ¹/40f Sec 31, T23S, R02E. NMPM, as described in part Subfile No's.: bv LRN-28-013-0452-A and B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey, Replacement w e 11 LRG-872-POD3 is located south of Las Cruces. NM at the physical address of 660 Watson Lane. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to use a replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. Existing well LRG-14750-POD2 will be retained for domestic onehousehold purposes.

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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: 02/03, 02/10, 02/17, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 11, 2017, Michael I Salopek and Mary C. Salopek, 5403 Rocky Acres Trail. Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-16233-POD1. OSE File No.: LRG-16233-1. with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed w e 1 1 LRG-16233-POD1 to a depth of 200 feet with a 6-inch casing, in a location within the SE1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 20, Township 22S, Range IE (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X = 1,452,992.59 ft., and Y = 500,356.55 ft., NMSP, Central NAD83 on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-00009-S-2, loca-

ted on land owned by Simpson Family Farms, LLC located within the NW1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 28, Township 22S, Range IE (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X = 1,454,404ft., Y = 499,327 ft., NMSP, Central NAD83 for the continued diversion of an

amount of shallow ground-

determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.17 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the SE ¹/₄SE¹/₄ of projected Section 20, Township 22S, Range IE (NMPM), as described in Subfile Νο. LRS-28-004-0079 Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed w e 1 1 LRG-16233-POD1 will be located west of Las Cruces. NM and may be found approximately 286 feet northwest of the intersection of Rocky Acres Trail and Shalem Colony Trail, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-00009-S-2 will be retained for other rights.

water reserved for future

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 intersect at 32°14'10.04"N show how you will be and 106°44'40.35"W substantially and specifically (WGS84), on land owned by affected. The written protest the applicant. & discontinue must be filed, in triplicate, the use of well LRG-487, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 3, 2017 Admiral Beverage Corporation, 3980 Prince St., SE, Albuquerque, NM 87105, filed application numbered LRG-489-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-489, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling & using replacement well LRG-489-POD2 to be located within the SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 09, Township 24S, Range 2E (NMPM) and more specifi-

located on land owned by the applicant located within the NW1/4 of Section 9, Township 24S, Range 2E (NMPM) & more specifically described where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°14'10.2"N and 106°44'40.402"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 62.73 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW1/4 SW1/4 of said Section 9 (NMPM), as described in Subfile No. LRS 28-002-0091 Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill & use replacement well LRG-489-POD2 under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. The site of replacement w e 11 LRG-489-POD2 is located south of Mesilla, NM and may be found approximately 1,572 feet south west of the intersection of White Opal Rd. and South Main St. and further described at the property address of 6000 S. Main St., Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-487 will

be properly plugged. cally located at or near

Eity of Las Cruces

INVITATION

BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date / Time
Rate Review Consultant	16-17-088	March 1, 2017 / 10:00am 700 N Main, Rm 3138, Las Cruces, NM	March 16, 2017 / 4:00pm 700 N Main, Rm 3138, Las Cruces, NM

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: https://www.newmexicobidsystem.com/Registration.asp?ID=-1757Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Section, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

Unless otherwise noted above, copies of solicitation documents may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM. Additional information/clarification regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Section at (575) 541-2525 or by email to bidclerk@las-cruces.org Dates 2/17/2017

The Friday, February 17, 2017

where Latitude & Longitude

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

Friday, February 17, 2017

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Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03, 2017

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: Aggie Storage 960 Sand Castle Ave Las Cruces NM 88012 575-644-1167

Paula Cutter 2029 Sagecrest Ave Las Cruces NM 88011 Unit #410 -Dresser, Medical Equipment, Computer, Patio Bistro, Boxes, Book Shelves, and Rugs. \$1,070.00

Date of the Auction: Friday, March 17, 2017 Times: Registration 8:30 - 9:00am Auction 9:00am

Place: Aggie Storage 960 Sand Castle Ave Las Cruces NM 88012 Manager: Art Sanchez 575-644-1167

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 2017

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT JACK CHASE, DECEASED, COUNTY OF

DOÑA ANA, THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PROBATE NO PB-2017-00008

TO: PAULANNE CHASE, WHOSE ADDRESS IS UN-KNOWN, ALL UN-KNOWN HEIRS OF ROB-ERT JACK CHASE, DE-CEASED ("DECEDENT"), AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTER-EST IN DECEDENT, THE MATTERS BEING LITI-GATED IN THE HEREIN-AFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing of the Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative will be held at the Third Judicial District Courthouse. Las Cruces, New Mexico, on March 7, 2017, at 3:00 **p.m.**, before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Court Judge.

Pursuant to Section 45-1-401 of the New Mexico Uniform Probate Code notice of the time and place of hearing on said Petition is hereby given to you by publication, once each week, for three consecutive weeks.

DATED: February 10, 2017 LAW OFFICE OF KYLE H. MOBERLY, P.C.

By: /s/ Kyle H. Moberly Kyle H. Moberly

Attorney for Petitioner 2460 S. Locust Street, Suite E Las Cruces, NM 88001 (575) 541-1278

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24, 2017 NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the issuance of a restaurant beer and wine license with on premise consumption and patio service only to Rudy's New Mexico Bar-B-O. LLC, to be located at 1020 North Telshor Boulevard, Las Cru-

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City

ces. New Mexico.

Council scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

> Witness my hand and seal this 14 day of February 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

> Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 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 2190 Holiday Ave Las Cruces NM 88005 575-525-9056

On Saturday, February 18, 2017 BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM Registration Begins @ 9:30 \$25.00 Cleaning deposit per each unit purchased

THE ENTIRE CON-TENTS OF STORAGE UNITS 37,42,55,56,59,6871,C12, C50.C67.D37.E06.E53. E56,G13,H30,H34, H4344,H4546,I09,I26, I35,L37,L41,N08,N14,P15

Unit #37

Armando Villegas 702 South 6th Tucson AZ 85701 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Plastic bins, books, misc. items

Unit # 42 Belinda Arzabal PO Box 189 Mesilla, NM 88046 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Living room set, flat screen

Unit #55 Sara Torres PO Box 117 Dona Ana, NM 88032 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Kids beds, crib, flat screen TV, misc, kid's items Unit #56

TV, chairs, misc items

Salina Morales 2100 Isaacks #22 Las Cruces, NM 88007 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Misc. & household items

Unit #59 Sabrina Saenz Las Cruces Bulletin

1315 E. Griggs

Unit #6871

Unit # C12

Araceli Padilla

ers, misc, items

Unit # C50

Vicky Rees

Unit # C67

misc. items

Unit D37

PO Box 275

misc items

Unit E06

items

Unit #E53

Unit #E56

Unit #G13

Unit # H30

Unit #H34

Mary Munoz

Stanley Turner

Melanie Wagner

#4 Holloman

Higinio Gutierrez

Mesilla Park NM 88047

UNIT CONSISTING OF:

Alamogordo, NM 88337

UNIT CONSISTING OF:

Table/chairs, TV, misc.

2405 W. Picacho #241

Las Cruces, NM 88007

Clothing, misc. items

1230 W. Palmer Rd

Kids bikes, couches,

bookshelf, misc items

Paula Fernandez

917 Antelope Trail

Frances Escalante

900 E. Madrid #35

clothes, misc items

Joshua Pacheco

700 N. Main St.

Las Cruces, NM 88001

UNIT CONSISTING OF:

Fan, plastic bins, mirror,

Las Cruces, NM 88001

UNIT CONSISTING OF:

Chevelle car, tires, muffler

Las Cruces, NM 88005

UNIT CONSISTING OF:

UNIT CONSISTING OF:

Washer, floor tiles, cabinet,

Deanna Vaughn

1944 La Jolla Ave

Las Cruces, NM 88005

UNIT CONSISTING OF

700

Las Cruces, NM 88001

Mattress, Couch, Trash

Manuel Manriquez

Las Cruces, NM 88005

UNIT CONSTISTS OF:

Various Misc. tools & items.

1751 W. Hadley Ave #177

Las Cruces, NM 88005

UNIT CONSISTING OF:

1743 Mesquite St. Apt. A

UNIT CONSISTING OF:

Las Cruces, NM 88001

center TV misc items

2100 Isaacks #18

UNIT CONSISTING OF:

Las Cruces, NM 88001 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Armoire

Unit #H4344 Rebecca Carson 1880 San Jose La Mesa, NM 88044 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Doors, chairs, footstool, misc. boxes, household items

Unit #H4546 Gary Skufca 425 Pinon Las Cruces, NM 88007 Washer/dryer, stereo speak-UNIT CONSISTING OF: Flat screen TV's, misc. furniture, clothing, misc. items

Unit #I09 Kamal Hart 2801 W. Picacho #24 Las Cruces, NM 88007 Washer/drver, entertainment UNIT CONSISTING OF: Clothing, chair, trash Unit #I23 Andrew Caffey 805 N 17th #172 Las Cruces, NM 88005 Fridge, mini & adult bike, UNIT CONSISTING OF: table/chairs, mattresses, Kids toys, bicycle, vacuum couches, chest of drawers, cleaner

> Unit # 126 Dakota Ocampo 805 17th St #227 Las Cruces, NM 88001 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Children's toys, boxes, misc. items

Unit # 135 Cruz Saldana 1918 Defiance Las Cruces, NM 88001 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Roaster, nightstand, table, bed frame, couch, electric

Unit # L37 **Michelle Hernandez** 1955 Colorado Ave #18 Las Cruces, NM 88001 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Boxes, plastic bins, misc. items

heater, misc. items

Unit #L41 Malachi Morrell 5494 Monte Luz Las Cruces, NM 88012 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Headboard, footboard, TV, luggage, misc. items

Unit #N08 **David Flores** 620 Hadley Las Cruces, NM 88005

UNIT CONSISTING OF: Organ, Armoire, TV. Coffee table, misc. items Unit #N14 Lee Heiligenthal

1845 Camino Del Rex Las Cruces, NM 88001 UNIT CONSISTING OF: China cabinet, snap-on-tool chest misc items

Unit P15

Devon Sellers

1310 Pecos #12 Las Cruces, NM 88001 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Drver, TV's, dresser, walker, dining set, misc. items

CASH SALES ONLY

Due immediately upon completion of sale A \$25.00 cleaning deposit will be required per unit purchased and you must bring your own broom and lock

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 2017

NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

TO REGISTERED OWN-ERS, AND ALL UN-**KNOWN CLAIMANTS:**

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ána Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related NOTICE OF PETITION to DWI Offenses: The below TO CHANGE NAME listed vehicles and contents will be auctioned to the NOTICE IS HEREBY highest bidder at our upcom-GIVEN that Leonor A. ing auction set for the Month Estrada, a resident of the of April 22, 2017. @ 10.00 City of Las Cruces, County AM the event location, of Doña Ana, State of New 2821-B LAS VEGAS Mexico and over the age of

VIN # DESCRIPTION REGISTERED OWNER

NM

COURT, LAS CRUCES,

2FABP74F1KX145103 **1989 FORD BROWN CROWN VIC 4/D** CYNTHIA DURAN

JNKBY31A6WM402566 1998 INFINITI GOLD 4/D **BRIAN MOORE**

3C8FY68B12T231232 2002 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER SUV **ILLIA TERRAZAS**

1Y1SK5265SZ005996 **1995 GREEN CHEVROLET 4/D** TEDDY WEATHERFORD

1N4AL21E57C140318 2007 GRAY NISSAN ALTIMA 4/D MEGAN ADELL

1G8ZS57N97F189622 2007 SILVER SATURN 4/D

CARMEN HERNANDEZ 1J4GW58NX4C408112 2004 BLACK JEEP CHEROKEE SUV

RICHARD DILLARD

1B7GL23XXLS676460 **1990 BLUE DODGE** DAKOTA PK

refiling a claim for the described vehicle with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle and its contents.

MONIKA BANNISTER

If you do not demand

judicial review within 35

calendar days from the date

of the seizure, and or this

advertisement, by filing or

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 2017 STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CV-2017-234

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LEO-Dated this 14th day of NOR A. ESTRADA, FOR February, 2017. NAME CHANGE

fourteen years, has filed a

Petition to Change Name in

the Third Judicial District

Court, Doña Ana County,

New Mexico, herein she

seeks to change her name

from Leonor A. Estrada to

Eleanor A. Estrada, and that

this Petition will be heard

before the Honorable Man-

uel I. Arrieta, District Judge,

on the 6th day of March,

Picacho, Las Cruces, New

Respectfully Submitted:

/s/Leonor A. Estrada

Las Cruces, NM 88007

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 2017

Leonor A. Estrada

10360 N Hwy 85

575-527-4764

STATE OF

NEW MEXICO

THIRD JUDICIAL

DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2017-00013

IN THE MATTER OF

BUNFORD S. PELTON,

THE ESTATE OF

COUNTY OF

DOÑA ANA

Judge Arrieta

Deceased

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

Mexico 88005.

By:/s/Joshua Dwyer Joshua Dwyer Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-253 JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF 2017, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Doña Ana **Titus Montellano Pena** FOR CHANGE OF County Courthouse, 201 W. NAME

> NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Titus Montellano Pena, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Titus Montellano Pena to Titus Montellano, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 7th day of March 2017. at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico

(Seal)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CLIFFORD PELTON has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of BUNFORD S. PELTON, deceased, All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative in care of the Attorney for the Personal Representative, Joshua Dwyer of SCOTTHULSE PC, 201 North Church Street, Suite 201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, Phone: (575)522-0765, Fax: (575)522-0006, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, located at 201 West Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

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Respectfully submitted, /s/Titus Pena Titus Pena 5955 Moonview Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88012 (575) 915-8944

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 2017

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

NO D-307-CV-2017-265

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Martha Jane Frost FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Martha Jane Frost, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Martha Jane Frost to Jane (Frost) Teague, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Mary W. Rosner, District Judge, on the 6th day of April 2017, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., at the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully Submitted, /s/Jane F. Teague Jane F. Teague 4324 Superstition Drive Las Cruces, NM 88011 (575)521-4970

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 2017

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

No. PB 2016-130 Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES **ROBERT BUCHANAN**, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that G. ANN **REMICK-BARLOW** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate All persons having claims against said estate are re-

quired to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C. /s/ M J Reeves Evins Melissa J. Reeves-Evins 200 W. Las Cruces Ave., Ste. A Las Cruces, NM 88005 575-522-5009 522-5031 FAX Attorney for Personal Representative Dates: 02/03, 02/10, 02/17, 2017 STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. D-307-CV-2016-02030 WELLS FARGO BANK. N.A., Plaintiff. THE ESTATE OF MONI. CA M. CHAVEZ, aka Monica Chavez, Deceased: DANIEL CHAVEZ, INDI-VIDUALLY AND AS THE PERSONAL REPRESEN-TATIVE OF THE ES-TATE OF MONICA M.

NOTICE OF SALE

ants.

CHAVEZ, aka Monica

Chavez, Deceased, Defend-

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 8, 2017, 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 1920 E. Madrid Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 5 IN BLOCK 16 OF LOMA HEIGHTS, PLAT NO. 4, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXI-CO. AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNA-TED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RE-CORD IN THE OFFICE OF

Las Cruces Bulletin

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD IUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No. D-307-CV-2017-00135 Judge Arrieta

THE COUNTY CLERK OF

DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXI-

CO ON MARCH 17, 1961,

PLAT RECORDS.

described

Special Master.

the County Assessor as real

or personal property, affix-

ture of any mobile or

cerning the property, if any.

Electronically filed

Pamela Carmody,

PO Drawer 16169

NM 88004-6169

(575) 642-5567

Special Master

Las Cruces.

03/03, 2017

/s/ Pamela A. Carmody

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24,

AND RECORDED IN BOOK 8 AT PAGES 69, IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF **REBECCA WATSON,** THE FOREGOING SALE FOR CHANGE OF will be made to satisfy a NAME OF SAMANTHA judgment rendered by the CAMERON JAQUES. above Court in the above

entitled and numbered cause NOTICE OF PETITION on January 26, 2017, being TO CHANGE NAME OF an action to foreclose a PERSON UNDER 14 mortgage on the above YEARS OF AGE property. The

Plaintiff's Judgment, which NOTICE IS HEREBY includes interest and costs, is GIVEN that Rebecca Wat-\$101,436.09 and the same son, has filed a Petition to bears interest at 6.000% per Change the name of her annum from October 20, child, from Samantha Ca-2016, to the date of sale. The meron Jaques to Samantha Plaintiff and/or its assignees Cameron Watson. This petihas the right to bid at such tion will be heard before the sale and submit its bid Honorable Manuel I. Arrieverbally or in writing. The ta, District Judge, on the 9th, Plaintiff may apply all or day of March, 2017, at the any part of its judgment to hour of 9:00 a.m. at the the purchase price in lieu of Third Judicial District cash. The sale may be Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho postponed and rescheduled Avenue, Las Cruces, New at the discretion of the Mexico.

KENNETH L. BEAL, P.C.

NOTICE IS FURTHER P. 0. Box 725 GIVEN that the real proper-Las Cruces, NM 88004 ty and improvements con-575-526-5511 cerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all /s/ patent reservations, ease-KENNETH L. BEAL ments, all recorded and Attorney for Petitioner unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recor-Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 2017 ded and unrecorded special STATE OF assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its NEW MEXICO attorneys disclaim all re-COUNTY OF sponsibility for, and the DOÑA ANA purchaser at the sale takes THIRD JUDICIAL the property subject to, the DISTRICT COURT valuation of the property by

No. D-307-PB-2017-00012 Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

manufactured home to the IN THE MATTER OF land, deactivation of title to THE ESTATE OF STEVEN T. LEASK, a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, Deceased. environmental contamina-

tion on the property, if any, NOTICE TO and zoning violations con-CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the undersigned GIVEN that the purchaser at has been appointed the such sale shall take title to Personal Representative of the above described real this estate. All persons property subject to a one having claims against this month right of redemption. 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: February 4, 2017 /s/Connie R. Lambert Connie R. Lambert, Personal Representative of the Estate of Steven T. Leask, Deceased PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY: JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A. PO Box 366 Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366 (575) 524-0833 holmespa@zianet.com /s/Joseph M. Holmes Joseph M. Holmes Attorney for the Estate Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO. D-307-CV-2015-01855 CONERSTONE HOME

LENDING, LLC, Plaintiff,

DAWN OLANDER FKA DAWN A. MARTIN, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAWN **OLANDER FKA DAWN** A. MARTIN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 14, 2017 at 11:00 am, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 168, ENTRADA DE SIERRA SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, 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 August 10, 2007, in Book 22 Page(s) 291-293 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 7466 Sierra Luz Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is

tion on the property, if any, the property more particularand zoning violations conly described above, not the cerning the property, if any. property located at the street address; any prospective NOTICE IS FURTHER purchaser at the sale is given GIVEN that the purchaser at notice that it should verify such sale shall take title to the location and address of the above-described real the property being sold. Said property subject to rights of sale will be made pursuant redemption. to the judgment entered on November 21, 2016 in the Margaret Lake above entitled and numbered Special Master cause, which was a suit to Pro Legal Services, LLC foreclose a mortgage held by 201 Eubank Blvd. NE, the above Plaintiff and Suite A1 wherein Plaintiff was ad-Albuquerque, NM 87123 judged to have a lien against (505)715-3711 the above-described real estate in the sum of Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03, \$159,543.49 plus interest 03/10, 2017 from October 1, 2016 to the date of sale at the rate of STATE OF NEW MEXICO 4.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special COUNTY OF Master's fee, publication DOÑA ANA costs, and Plaintiff's costs THIRD JUDICIAL expended or taxes insur-DISTRICT ance, and keeping the prop-NO. D-307-CV-2016-01265 erty in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff, sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or GABRIELA G. RODRIany part of its judgment to GUEZ, GERARDO A. the purchase price in lieu of RODRIGUEZ, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 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 Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any

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 contamina-

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

Respectfully Submitted, WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.

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

Dates: 02/03, 02/10, 02/17, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00504

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH RURAL HOUSING SERVICE Plaintiff.

NANCY ARREOLA. Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

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 881 Birdie Drive, Anthony, New Mexico 88021, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 11. BLOCK 5. DOS LAGOS HOMES SUBDI-VISION, PHASE 2, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. AS SHOWN AND DESIGNA-TED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUN-TY ON NOVEMBER 20, 2007, IN BOOK 22 PAGES 375-376 OF PLAT RE-CORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on March 10, 2017. outside the front entrance to the Third Judicial District. Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder

Unless you file and serve a for cash in lawful currency

BY AND THROUGH THE

INTERNAL REVENUE

SERVICE, AND NEW MEXICO WORKFORCE

SOLUTIONS BENEFIT

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MEXICO DEPARTMENT

OF LABOR EMPLOY-

MENT SECURITY DIVI-

STATE OF NEW MEXI-

CO to the above-named

You are hereby notified that

the above-named Plaintiff

has filed a civil action

against you in the above-

entitled Court and cause, the

general object thereof being

to foreclose a mortgage on

property located at 960 Flora

Vista Dr, Las Cruces, Doña

Ana County, New Mexico,

said property being more

LOT 39 BLOCK A CORA-

ZON DEL VALLE SUBDI-

VISION, IN THE CITY OF

MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON

THE PLAT THEREOF,

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF

THE COUNTY CLERK OF

SAID COUNTY ON MAY

2. 2006 IN BOOK 21.

OF

PAGE(S) 601-605

PLAT RECORDS

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particularly described as:

Defendant Gabriela G.

Rodriguez,

GREETINGS:

SION. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

damages.

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

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of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service.

United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service was awarded a Judgment on December 5, 2016, in the principal sum of \$80,967.73, plus interest due on the Note through November 1, 2016, in the amount of \$15,251.87, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 5.375% per annum (\$11.92 per diem), plus escrow advances in the amount of \$5,937.06, plus late charges in the amount of \$148.69, plus property caretaking expenses in the amount of \$472.62, plus an appraisal fee in the amount of \$472.62, plus in rem interest subsidy recapture on the Note in the amount of \$7,796.88, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$1,500.00 and costs in the amount of \$481.05, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 5.375%per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record to unpaid property taxes and assessments and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PUR-CHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINA-TION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani Faisal Sukhyani, Special Master c/o Leverick & Musselman 5120 San Francisco Road NE Albuquerque. New Mexico 87109 Telephone: (505)858-3303

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24, 03/03, 2017

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

Case No. D-307-CV-2015-02264

BANK OF AMERICA. N.A., Plaintiff.

ISAAC HOLGUIN, AN-NETTE M. HOLGUIN; STATE OF NEW MEXI-CO TAXATION AND **REVENUE DEPART-**MENT AND UNKNOWN TENANT (REAL NAME UNKNOWN), 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 861 Birdie Drive, Anthony, NM 88021-8485, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 16. IN **BLOCK NUMBERED 5 OF** DOS LAGOS HOME SUB-DIVISION PHASE 2 DO-ÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS THE SAME. IS SHOWN AND DESIG-NATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DOS LAGOS SUBDIVISION, HOMES PHASE 2 FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNT Y NEW MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 20 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 375-376

The sale is to begin at 10:45am on April 6, 2017, on the front steps of the 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 January 19. 2017, in the total amount of \$123,697.74, with interest at the rate of 5.1250% per annum from September 30, 2016 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

is," in its present condition,

subject to the valuation of

GIVEN that the real properthe power to sell, has ty and improvements conordered me to sell the real cerned with herein will be property (the "Property") sold subject to any and all situated in Doña Ana Counpatent reservations, easety. New Mexico, commonly known as 321 Keathley Dr, ments, and all taxes and Las Cruces, NM 88005, and utility liens, special assessmore particularly described ments and taxes that may be due. Bank Of America. as follows: N.A., its attorneys, and the A TRACT OF LAND SITundersigned Special Master. disclaim all responsibility UATE WITHIN THE COR-PORATE LIMITS OF THE for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as

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violations concerning the

property, if any.

AND то

Special Master

P.O. Box 51526

505-417-4113

STATE OF

NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF

DOÑA ANA

DISTRICT

Case No.:

NA, Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF

OCCUPANTS OF THE

FORECLOSURE SALE

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BEGINNING AT THE 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF NOTICE IS FURTHER KEATHLEY DRIVE FOR GIVEN that the purchaser at THE NORTHWEST CORsuch sale shall take title to NER OF THIS TRACT. the above described real WHENCE THE ORIGINAL property subject to a one (1) NORTHWEST CORNER month right of redemption. OF LOT 3, NORTH ALA-MEDA ACRES, BEARS N. PROSPECTIVE PUR-18° 04'00"W., 40.07 FEET; CHASERS AT SALE ARE THENCE, FROM THE ADVISED TO MAKE POINT OF BEGINNING, THEIR OWN EXAMINA-ALONG THE AND TION OF THE TITLE SOUTHERLY LINE OF AND THE CONDITION KEATHLEY DRIVE, N. OF THE PROPERTY 68° 37'00"E., A DISTANCE CONSULT OF 75.00 FEET TO 1/2" THEIR OWN ATTOR-IRON ROD SET FOR THE NEY BEFORE BIDDING. NORTHEAST CORNER By: Robert A. Doyle, OF THIS TRACT: THENCE, LEAVING KEATHLEY DRIVE, S. 18° c/o Legal Process Network 04'00"E A DISTANCE OF 129.93 FEET TO A NAIL Albuquerque, NM 87181 FOUND ON THE NORTH-ERLY LINE OF AN AL-LEY FOR THE SOUTH-1 NM-16-735854-JUD EAST CORNER OF THIS IDSPub #0122731 TRACT; THENCE, ALONG THE NORTHER-2/17/2017 2/24/2017 LY LINE OF SAID AL-3/3/2017 3/10/2017 LEY, S. 68° 37'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER THIRD JUDICIAL OF THIS TRACT: THENCE, LEAVING SAID ALLEY, N.18° 04'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 129.93 D-307-CV-2015-02539 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ENCLOS-WELLS FARGO BANK. ING 0.223 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO ALL EASE-MENTS AND RESERVA-TIONS OF RECORD. IGNACIO BADILLO, **DIONICIA BADILLO;** The sale is to begin at 10:45

am on April 6, 2017, on the **PROPERTY**; Defendants. front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will PLEASE TAKE NOTICE sell to the highest and best that the above-entitled bidder for cash, in lawful Court, having appointed me currency of the United States or my designee as Special of America, the Property to Master in this matter with pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on January 19, 2017, in the total amount of \$160,164.79, with interest at the rate of 5.50% per annum from October 7, 2016 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 proper-CITY OF LAS CRUCES ty and improvements con-DOÑA ANA COUNTY. cerned with herein will be NEW MEXICO, AS PART sold subject to any and all

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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 PUR-CHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE

THEIR OWN EXAMINA-TION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTOR-NEY BEFORE BIDDING. By: Robert A. Doyle. Special Master c/o Legal Process Network

P.O. Box 51526 Albuquerque, NM 87181 505-417-4113 1 NM-15-688102-JUD IDSPub #0122224

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL

No. CV-2017-0359 Judge Marci Bever

MAMES Plaintiffs,

adverse to Plaintiffs. Defendants.

OF SUIT

MEXICO TO: Any and all WITNESS MY HAND unknown heirs, devisees, AND SEAL this 13 day of spouses and claimants of FEBRUARY, 2017. interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiffs (Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN

Court Administrator

By /s/ Elsa Gomez

No. CV-2016-02603

DEPARTMENT.

Petitioner.

VS.

VIN:

Respondents.

OF ACTION

To: RESPONDENT

DEBBIE AGOSTO:

STATE OF NEW MEXI-

CO. ex rel., CITY OF LAS

CRUCES, on behalf of the

LAS CRUCES POLICE

DEBBIE AGOSTO, 1992

CADILLAC 4 DR. GOLD:

NEW MEXICO LICENSE

PLATE NO. NRS 355,

NOTICE OF PENDENCY

1. The City of Las Cruces,

New Mexico, seeks to forfeit

all interest you may have in

the following described mo-

tor vehicle: 1992 CADIL-

LAC 4 DR. GOLD: VIN:

NEW MEXICO LICENSE

You are the named

Respondent for whom this

service by publication is

3. A default judgment may

be entered if a response is

not filed by you or your

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PLATE NO. NRS355.

sought.

attorney.

RESPECTFULLY

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By:/s/ Thomas R.A. Limon

Thomas R.A. Limon

Assistant City Attorney

Las Cruces, NM 88004

Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable

Bever, Marci, 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 27th day of

SUBMITTED.

PO Box 20000

575-541-2128

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Judge: Bever

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03,

Deputy

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I. CLAUDE BOWMAN. Court Administrator of the Third Judicial District Court in the County of Doña Ana. State of New Mexico, do hereby cause to be issued this Notice of Pendency of Suit, for the purpose of service of process on any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiffs.

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

The names of the Plaintiffs, Defendants, and the Court in which said cause is pending and the civil cause number are set out hereinabove.

The Defendants against whom service by publication is sought to be obtained are any and all unknown heirs. devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiffs.

The general object of this action is to quiet and to set at rest the title of Plaintiffs in and to the lands described herein against any adverse claims of the Defendants and that the Defendants be barred and estopped from having or claiming any lien upon, any right or title to the estate of Plaintiffs in and to said lands, or any portion thereof, adverse to the Plaintiffs.

The property which is affected and concerned by this pending action is located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

See Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The name of the Plaintiffs' attorney is as follows: Dana M. Kyle of The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.A., 318 W. Organ Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, (575) 525-0020.

Defendants any and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiffs, against whom constructive service is sought to be obtained, are hereby notified that unless they file a responsive pleading or motion with this Court within twenty (20) days after the date of the third and last publication of this notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered in such suit against them by default.

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Claude Bowman COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By: E. Balizan DEPUTY - E. Balizan

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-00561

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

VS

JULIETTE SANCHEZ, AKA JULIETTE G. SAN-CHEZ, AKA JULIETTE G. SANCHEZ- PADILLA. A K A JULIETTE SANCHEZ- PADILLA, JULIETTE G. PADILLA. AKA JULIETTE S. LOZ-ANO, AKA JULIETTE G. LOZANO: IUAN A. PA-**DILLA; FIRST RESOLU-**TION INVESTMENT CORP., UNIFUND CCR PARTNERS; AND TAXA-TION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXI-CO. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Juan A. Padilla is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 2120 Windsor Place, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT NUMBERED 101 OF AVALON PARK SUBDIV ISION-CORRECTED PLAT, LAS CRUCES, DO-ÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIG-NATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID AVALON PARK SU BDIVISION-CORRECTED PLAT, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 28, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 62-64.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Supplemental Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the

2/10/2017 2/17/2017 2/24/2017 3/3/2017 DISTRICT COURT CARMELO SAN MAMES and LUZ MARINA SAN

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, a municipal corporation; JONATHAN D. SCHUM-ER, d/b/a MAIN STREET MOTORS, LLC, a New Mexico limited liability company; and any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises

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Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005

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

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

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

January 27, 2017

By Electronically signed /s/ Deborah A. Nesbitt Deborah A. Nesbitt Attorney for Plaintiff

(Seal)

WITNESS the Honorable DOUGLAS R. DRIGGERS, 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 30 day of January, 2017.

NORMAN OSBORNE Claude Bowman CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Noemi Ramirez Deputy

2017 STATE OF

NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02577

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. THE ESTATE OF KEN-NETH YODER, DE-CEASED; BRENNAN DEE YODER, INDIVIDU-ALLY AND AS PERSON-AL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH YODER, DE-CEASED; LINDA DE-NISE JONES; SHANNON DWAYNE YODER, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGA-TEES OF KENNETH YODER, DECEASED, Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION CLERK OF THE

Deputy

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DISTRICT COURT

By/s/ Noemi Ramirez

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24,

Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs. Devisees or Legatees of Kenneth Yoder, Deceased is/are hereby notified that

Plaintiff has filed a civil suit STATE OF against Defendant(s) in the NEW MEXICO above-entitled cause of ac-COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA tion, the general object thereof being to foreclose a THIRD JUDICIAL mortgage on property loca-DISTRICT COURT ted at 1250 Onate Street, in the City of Anthony, New No. CV-2016-02464 Mexico, more particularly Judge: Martin described as: STATE OF NEW MEXI-LOT NUMBERED 25 OF CO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS DOS LAGOS SUBDIVI-CRUCES, on behalf of the SION PHASE II, DOÑA LAS CRUCES POLICE COUNTY, NEW ANA DEPARTMENT. MEXICO, AS THE SAME Petitioner. IS SHOWN AND DESIG-NATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DOS LAGOS SUBDIVISION PHASE II, LARAY L. ATLAS, FILED IN THE OFFICE LOAN MAX TITLE OF THE COUNTY LOANS 2000 DODGE CLERK OF DOÑA ANA NEON, RED; VIN: COUNTY, NEW MEXI-1B3ES46C2YD604132; CO ON MARCH 20, 2003 NEW MEXICO LICENSE IN PLAT BOOK 20.FO-PLATE NO. NHC147. LIO 289-290. Respondents. NOTICE OF PENDENCY Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an OF ACTION Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint To: RESPONDENT within thirty (30) days and LARAY L. ATLAS: file a copy of the Answer or 1. The City of Las Cruces, Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 New Mexico, seeks to forfeit NMRA 2005. all interest you may have in the following described mo-If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to tor vehicle: 2000 DODGE file a timely Answer or NEON RED: VIN: 1B3ES46C2YD604132 Motion, a default judgment may be entered against NEW MEXICO LICENSE Defendant(s) for the relief PLATE NO. NHC147. demanded in the Complaint. 2. You are the named Dates: 02/03, 02/10, 02/17, Attorneys for the Plaintiff: Respondent for whom this service by publication is Little, Bradley & sought Nesbitt, P.A. 1700 Louisiana Blvd NE, 3. A default judgment may Suite 300 be entered if a response is Albuquerque, NM 87110 not filed by you or your (505) 248-2400 attorney FAX: 254-4722 Respectfully submitted, February 3, 2017 CITY OF LAS CRUCES By Electronically signed By: /s/ Thomas R.A. Limon /s/ Rachel M. Chiado Thomas R.A. Limon Karen H. Bradley Assistant City Attorney Deborah A. Nesbitt PO Box 20000 Rachel M. Chiado Las Cruces, Marisol C. Garcia NM 88004 Loni J. Hodge 575-541-2128 Attorney for Plaintiff Attorney for Petitioner WITNESS the Honorable WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, James T. Martin, District District Judge of the Third Judge of the Third Judicial Judicial District Court of the District Court of the State of State of New Mexico, and New Mexico and the seal of the Seal of the District Court the District Court of Doña of Doña Ana County, this 3 Ana County, this 13th day of day of February, 2017. February, 2017. (Seal) (Seal) CLAUDE BOWMAN CLAUDE BOWMAN

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Deputy - Joe M Martinez

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03,

/s/Ioe M Martinez

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STATE OF STATE OF NEW MEXICO NEW MEXICO IN THE COUNTY OF PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No. 16-0235 No. CV-2016-02695 Judge: Rosner GOTTSCHLING, STATE OF NEW MEXI-DECEASED. CO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the NOTICE TO LAS CRUCES POLICE CREDITORS DEPARTMENT, Petitioner, FRANCES NEWTON, LOAN MAX TITLE 2006 DODGE DAKOTA, WHITE; VIN: 1D7HE22N46S588707; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NSL557, Respondents. NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION RESPONDENT FRANCES NEWTON: 1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2006 DODGE DAKOTA. WHITE: VIN: Cruces, NM 88007 1D7HE22N46S588707 NEW MEXICO LICENSE DATED: Feb. 7 2017 PLATE NO. NSL557. You are the named HERBERT P. Respondent for whom this GOTTSCHLING JR. service by publication is 2017 3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is STATE OF not filed by you or your NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA RESPECTEULLY THIRD JUDICIAL SUBMITTED, DISTRICT COURT CITY OF LAS CRUCES No. CV-2016-02255 Judge: Martin By:/s/ Thomas R.A. Limon Thomas R.A. Limon Assistant City Attorney PO Box 20000 Las Cruces, NM 88004 575-541-2128 DEPARTMENT, Attorney for Petitioner Petitioner, WITNESS the Honorable vs. Rosner, Mary, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the TOYOTA AVALON, District Court of Doña Ana County, this 10 day of GREEN; VIN: February, 2017. Respondents. COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER By: /s/LK Brown OF ACTION DEPUTY -Lindsey K Brown To: RESPONDENTS Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03, **BRYANT D. HEWES:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in DOÑA ANA COUNTY the following described motor vehicle: 2002 TOYOTA AVALON. GREEN: VIN: 4T1BF28B52U260992 IN THE MATTER OF NEW MEXICO LICENSE THE ESTATE LAFE PLATE NO. NGM736. You are the named RESPONDENTS for whom this service by publication is sought. NOTICE IS HEREBY 3. A default judgment may GIVEN that HERBERT P. be entered if a response is GOTTSCHLING JR not filed by you or your AKA: HERB GOTTSCHattorney LING, HERB P. GOTTSCHLING, has been Respectfully submitted, appointed personal representative of this estate. All CITY OF LAS CRUCES persons having claims against this estate are re-By: /s/ Thomas R.A. Limon quired to present their claims Thomas R.A. Limon within two (2) months after Assistant City Attorney the date of the first publica-P.O. Box 20000 tion of this notice, or the (575) 541-2128 claims will be forever bar-(575) 541-2017 Fax red. Claims must be presen-Attorney for Petitioner ted either to the undersigned personal representative at WITNESS the Honorable 4916 CHAGAR CT, LAS Martin, James T., District CRUCES, NM 88007 or Judge of the Third Judicial filed with the Probate Court District Court of the State of of DOÑA ANA, County, New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N Ana County, this 20th day of Motel Blvd, RM 1-201 Las January, 2017. (Seal) Claude Bowman /s/Herbert P. Gottschling Jr. COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER By: /s/ Javier Cuevas Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03, DEPUTY Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24, 2017 STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY No. 17-0025 STATE OF NEW MEXI-IN THE MATTER OF CO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS THE ESTATE OF BILLY RAY MOODY, CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DECEASED. NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY CHERYL A. WILSON, GIVEN that the undersigned **REED HEWES, BRYANT** has been appointed personal D. HEWES AND 2002 representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are re-4T1BF28B52U260992; quired to present their claims NEW MEXICO LICENSE within two (2) months after PLATE NO. NGM736, the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever bar-NOTICE OF PENDENCY red. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or CHERYL A. WILSON. filed with the Probate Court REED HEWES, AND of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the

The Friday, February 17, 2017

following address: 845 N. DESCRIBED AS FOL-Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, LOWS: BEGINNING AT New Mexico 88007. Dated: February 3, 2017 Signature of personal representative Paul H. Lenko 11589 North 131st Street Scottsdale AZ 85259 Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24, 2017 THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIA-TION ("FANNIE MAE"). A CORPORATION OR-GANIZED AND EXIST-ING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Plaintiff.

SANDRA LEE; SISBAR-**RO BUICK GMC, INC. ;** STATE OF NEW MEXI-CO TAXATION AND **REVENUE DEPART-**MENT; DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY -INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE: AND OCCU-PANTS OF THE PROP-ERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXI-CO to Defendant, Sandra Lee, You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America 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 4156 Las Piedras Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88001. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows: A 2.500 ACRE TRACT OF

LAND SITUATE SOUTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS PART OF LOT 12, BLOCK 7 OF THE ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST COMPANY SUBDIVISION B. PLAT FILED JUNE 2, 1911 IN PLAT RECORD 4. PAGE 24 DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY

THE NORTHEAST COR-NER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED. MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD. WHENCE THE NORTHEAST COR-NER OF LOT 12, BLOCK 7, OF THE AFOREMEN-TIONED SUBDIVISION BEARS S 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 00 SECONDS W, 330.00 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING S 00 DE-GREES 03 MINUTES 49 SECONDS W, 329.85 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 43 SECONDS W, 329.73 FEET TO AN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED. MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 27 SEC-ONDS E, 329.82 FEET TO AN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E, 330.05 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF A FOR-TY FOOT ROAD EASE-MENT TO THE TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAIN-ING 2.500 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. AND SUBJECT TO EASE-MENTS OF RECORD AND SUCH AS MAY EXIST ON THE GROUND, Including a 1983 CAVCO Manufactured Home, VIN: UNKNOWN.

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/ Jason Hoggard Karen Weaver Jason Hoggard 6501 Eagle Rock NE, Suite A-3 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113 Telephone No.: (505) 219-4900 jhoggard @mccarthyholthus.com

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03,

Attorneys for Plaintiff 2017

Friday, February 17, 2017

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

Case No .: D-307-CV-2015-01474

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIA-TION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION OR-GANIZED AND EXIST-ING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff.

VS

THOMAS C. TEST AND MARY LYNN TEST, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARY LYNN TEST. DECEASED: OCCU-PANTS OF THE PROP-ERTY: Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2740 Ben Boldt Place, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 8. BLOCK 1 OF LOS CONTENTOS, PHASE 1 (A TOWNHOUSE SUBDIVI-SION), LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 25, 1997 IN PLAT BOOK 18, AT PAGE 639-640 AS PLAT NO. 2927. RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY.

The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on March 23, 2017, on the front steps of the 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 January 18, 2017, in the total amount of \$160,781,37, with interest at the rate of 6.0000% per annum from July 25, 2016 through the date of the sale The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due, Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United

States Of America, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

PROSPECTIVE PUR-CHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINA-TION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTOR-NEY BEFORE BIDDING.

Special Master c/o Legal Process Network P.O. Box 51526 Albuquerque, NM 87181 505-417-4113 1 NM-15-668926-JUD IDSPub #0122223

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NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

D-307-CV-2015-02028

ERICA, N.A.; ARSARIO P. GARCIA AND PRIS-CILLA L. GARCIA, 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 1255 W Ethel Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

AND UNKNOWN

SPOUSE OF BERTHA L.

GARCIA; BANK OF AM

LOT 29, BLOCK C, CHU-LA VISTA 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 DE-CEMBER 10, 1953, IN BOOK 7 PAGES 48 OF PLAT RECORDS.

Court approving the sale.

The sale is to begin at **10:45** AM on April 6, 2017, on the front steps of the 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 By: Robert A. Doyle,

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Case No

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIA-TION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION OR-GANIZED AND EXIST-ING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff. vs

BERTHA L. GARCIA to the valuation of the

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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 PUR-CHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINA-TION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND то CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTOR-NEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert A. Doyle, Special Master c/o Legal Process Network P.O. Box 51526 Albuquerque, NM 87181 505-417-4113 1 NM-15-674387-JUD IDSPub #0122390 2/10/2017 2/17/2017 2/24/2017 3/3/2017

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

Case No . D-307-CV-2015-01176

of America, the Property to BOKF, N.A., A NATIONpay expenses of sale, and to AL BANKING ASSOCIA-TION, Plaintiff, satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on January 19.

2017, in the total amount of \$79,958.41, with interest at the rate of 7.00000% per ROBERT ROSE-NBLOOM AND LORannum from October 20, RAINE ROSENBLOOM, 2016 through the date of the HUSBAND AND WIFE; sale. The sale is subject to CAPITAL SAVINGS the entry of an Order by this BANK, SSB; FIRST-LIGHT FEDERAL NOTICE IS FURTHER **CREDIT UNION; OCCU-**PANTS OF THE PROP-GIVEN that the real proper-ERTY, Defendants. ty and improvements con-

cerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all NOTICE OF patent reservations, ease-FORECLOSURE SALE

ments, and all taxes and utility liens, special assess-PLEASE TAKE NOTICE ments and taxes that may be that the above-entitled due. Federal National Mort-Court, having appointed me gage Association ("Fannie or my designee as Special Mae"), A Corporation Or-Master in this matter with ganized And Existing Under the power to sell, has The Laws Of The United ordered me to sell the real States Of America, its property (the "Property") attorneys, and the undersituated in Doña Ana Counsigned Special Master, disty, New Mexico, commonly claim all responsibility for, known as 4130 Gila Trl Las Cruces, NM 88005. and and the purchaser at the sale more particularly described takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject as follows:

Lot 32, Block A, ARROW-HEAD ESTATES 4, 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 June 20, 2003, in Book 20 Page(S) 361-362 of Plat Records.

The sale is to begin at 10:45am on March 9, 2017, on the front steps of the 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 vs expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on January 4. 2017, in the total amount of \$185,957.50, with interest at the rate of 4.375% per annum from January 1, 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, ease-

ments, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. BOKF, N.A., a National Banking Association, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal

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

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

PROSPECTIVE PUR-CHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINA-TION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTOR-NEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert A. Dovle. Special Master

c/o Legal Process Network P.O. Box 51526 Albuquerque, NM 87181 505-417-4113

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COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No .: D-307-CV-2015-01430 BANK OF THE WEST, Plaintiff.

FRANK RAMOS AKA FRANK G. RAMOS, IF LIVING: IF DECEASED. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FRANK RAMOS AKA FRANK G. RAMOS. DE-CEASED: OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 971 Fourth Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITing the sale. UATE WITHIN THE COR-PORATE LIMITS OF THE NOTICE IS FURTHER CITY OF LAS CRUCES, GIVEN that the real proper-DOÑA ANA COUNTY, ty and improvements con-NEW MEXICO, BEING cerned with herein will be PART OF LOTS sold subject to any and all THROUGH 4, BLOCK 9, patent reservations, ease-PALMER'S SUBDIVIments, and all taxes and SION, PLAT FILED FEButility liens, special assess-RUARY 7, 1912, IN BOOK ments and taxes that may be 4. PAGE 44. OF THE due. Bank o f The West, its DOÑA ANA COUNTY REattorneys, and the under-CORDS, AND BEING signed Special Master, dis-MORE PARTICULARLY claim all responsibility for, DESCRIBED AS FOLand the purchaser at the sale LOWS, TO WIT: BEGINtakes the property "as is," in NING AT A 1/2" IRON its present condition, subject ROD SET ON THE WESTto the valuation of the LINE OF ERLY Ν. property by the County FOURTH STREET FOR Assessor as real or personal THE SOUTHEAST CORproperty, affixture of any NER OF THIS TRACT: mobile or manufactured IDENTICAL TO THE home to the land, deactiva-SOUTHEAST CORNER OF tion of title to a mobile or LOT 1. BLOCK 9. PALMmanufactured home on the ER'S SUBDIVISION, PLAT property, if any, environ-FILED FEBRUARY mental contamination on the 7. 1912, IN BOOK 4, PAGE property, if any, and zoning 44 OF THE DOÑA ANA violations concerning the COUNTY RECORDS; property, if any. THENCE. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LEAVING N. FOURTH

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STREET, S.74°58'00"W., A

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FEET TO A 1/2" IRON

SOUTHWEST CORNER

THENCE, N.15°02'00"W.,

A DISTANCE OF 62.00

FEET TO A 1/2" IRON

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NORTHWEST CORNER

THENCE, N.74°58'00"E., A

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FEET TO A 1/2" IRON

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The sale is to begin at

10:45am on March 23.

2017. on the front steps of

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Courthouse, City of Las

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at which time I will sell to

the highest and best bidder

for cash, in lawful currency

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expenses of sale, and to

satisfy the foreclosure De-

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granted on January 9, 2017,

in the total amount of

\$66,333.11, with interest at

the rate of 6.0% per annum

from April 1, 2016 through

the date of the sale. The sale

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Order by this Court approv-

Cruces, County of Doña

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PROSPECTIVE PUR-CHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINA-TION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTOR-NEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert A. Doyle, Special Master c/o Legal Process Network P.O. Box 51526 Albuquerque, NM 87181 505-417-4113

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2/3/2017 2/10/2017 2/17/2017 2/24/2017

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

No D-307-CV-2014-02349

JPMORGAN CHASE **BANK, NATIONAL** ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

SAMANTHA J. HOOPER AND JOHN DOE HOO-PER, WIFE AND HUS-BAND; ABC CORPORA-TIONS I-X, XYZ PART-NERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND HANE DOES I-X, THE UN-KNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOCE, IF DE-CEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, 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 5041 Starlite Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 26 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 29 OF LAS COLINAS PLAN-NED UNIT DEVELOP-MENT, PHASE VI-A, LAS CRUCES. DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON NOTICE IS FURTHER THE PLAT OF SAID LAS GIVEN that the purchaser at COLINAS PLANNED

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UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-A, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DO-ÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 2, 1996 IN PLAT BOOK 18, FOLIO 412-413.

The sale is to begin at 10:45am on March 23, 2017, on the front steps of the 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 September 22, 2015, in the total amount of \$84,365.30, with interest at the rate of 5.375% per annum from July 31, 2015 through the date of the sale The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court 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. JPM organ Chase Bank, National Association, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

PROSPECTIVE PUR-CHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINA-TION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTOR-NEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert A. Dovle, Special Master

c/o Legal Process Network P.O. Box 51526 Albuquerque, NM 87181 505-417-4113 1 NM-14-646587-IUD IDSPub #0121587 1/27/2017 2/3/2017 2/10/2017 2/17/2017 THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case No. D-307-CV-2016-00514 THIRD JUDICIAL DIS-TRICT BANK OF THE WEST, Plaintiff.

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Marked By A Set Iron Rod;

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through the date of the sale.

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property, if any.

month right of redemption.

By: Robert A. Dovle,

Special Master

Court approving the sale.

Land, More Or Less.

JAXON L. ARCHULETA, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESEN-TATIVE OF THE ES-TATE OF V. DALE AN-TREASIAN, DECEASED: OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 408 Mantooth Loop, Rincon, NM 87940, and more particularly described as follows: A 0.18 Acre Tract Situate In Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 2 West, Nmpm Of The Usglo Surveys, In The Town Of Rincon, Doña Ana County, New Mexico And Being More Particularly Described As Follows, To Wit: Beginning At The Northeast

Corner Of The Tract Herein Described, Marked By A Set Iron Rod, Whence A Railroad Site Marked 1080 At Station 1479+56 For The Atchison, Topeka And Santa Fe Railroad, Marked By A

Found Nail, Bears S. 81 Deg

25' 09" W., 231.24 Feet; Thence From The Point Of Beginning S. 35 Deg 14' 05" E., 120.00 Feet To The Southeast Corner Of The Tract Herein Described. Marked By A Set Iron Rod; Thence S. 51 Deg 05' 16" W., 67.00 Feet To The Southwest Corner Of The Tract Herein Described. Marked By A Set Iron Rod:

Thence N. 35 Deg 14' 05" W., 120.00 Feet To The Northwest Corner Of The

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c/o Legal Process Network P.O. Box 51526 Albuquerque, NM 87181 505-417-4113 1 NM-16-699458-JUD IDSPub #0122409 E., 67.00 Feet To The Place 2/10/2017 2/17/2017 And Point Of Beginning 2/24/2017 3/3/2017 Containing 0.18 Acres Of THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO The sale is to begin at COUNTY OF 10:45am on March 23, DOÑA ANA 2017, on the front steps of THIRD JUDICIAL the Third Judicial District DISTRICT Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Case No .: Ana, State of New Mexico, D-307-CV-2015-01521 at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff, for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of vs America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGAsatisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment in Rem TEES OF MIRIAM N. JENSON. DECEASED: granted on January 9, 2017. UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF in the total amount of MIRIAM N. JENSON, \$41,607.33, with interest at the rate of 6.8750% per DECEASED: NEW MEXannum from April 29, 2016 ICO TAXATION AND **REVENUE DEPART-**The sale is subject to the MENT, MOTOR VEHI-CLE DIVISION: FIRST entry of an Order by this NATIONAL BANK, Defendants. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real proper-

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cerned with herein will be PLEASE TAKE NOTICE sold subject to any and all 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 7265 Brahman Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

UATE NORTHEAST OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEP-TEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19 PAGE 161, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUN-NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at

BEGINNING AT A 1/2" property subject to a one (1) PROSPECTIVE PUR-CHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINA-TION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTOR-TY RECORDS: NEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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10:45am on March 9, 2017, on the front steps of the 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 January 5, 2017, in the total amount of \$59,717.19, with interest at

the rate of 6% per annum from October 1, 2016 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

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By: Robert A. Dovle. Special Master c/o Legal Process Network P.O. Box 51526 Albuquerque, NM 87181 505-417-4113

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

Case No .: D-307-CV-2016-00001

NATIONSTAR MORT-GAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORT-GAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff.

DONALD R. HIRSCH, DECEASED, THE UN-KNOWN HEIRS, DEVI-SEES AND LEGATEES OF DONALD R. HIRSCH, DECEASED; FRANCES M. HIRSCH, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGA-TEES OF FRANCES M. HIRSCH, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRE-TARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOP-MENT: OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY.

The Friday, February 17, 2017

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 415 McClure

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88005, and more particularly

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BOOK 6, PAGE 53, PLAT

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'Truth Dare ...' at NMSU features chat with playwright

By MIKE COOK Las Cruces Bulletin

ew York City playwright Tori Kennan-Zelt was in Las Cruces the first week in February for rehearsals of her play "Truth Dare ..." which opens with a preview performance on Thursday, Feb. 23 and begins its run Friday, Feb. 24 at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave.

Kennan-Zelt, 32, wrote the first draft of "Truth Dare …" (TD) while she was a graduate student at the New York University Tisch School of the Arts Asia in Singapore, where she earned an MFA.

"I really wanted to write about home," Keenan-Zelt said.

The play is very much about the home of her early teen years and the basement sleepovers she shared with friends. They would "talk for hours on the phone" or sometimes by walkie-talkie, sneak out at night together, make up dances and conduct séances. Later, when she was a freshman in college, one of her close friends died tragically.

Those teen years – the close friends who helped her figure out who she was and their shared experiences – drive TD.

SEE **'TRUTH DARE',** PAGE 40

WORLD PREMIERE OF 'TRUTH DARE'

PREVIEW PERFORMANCE: 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave.

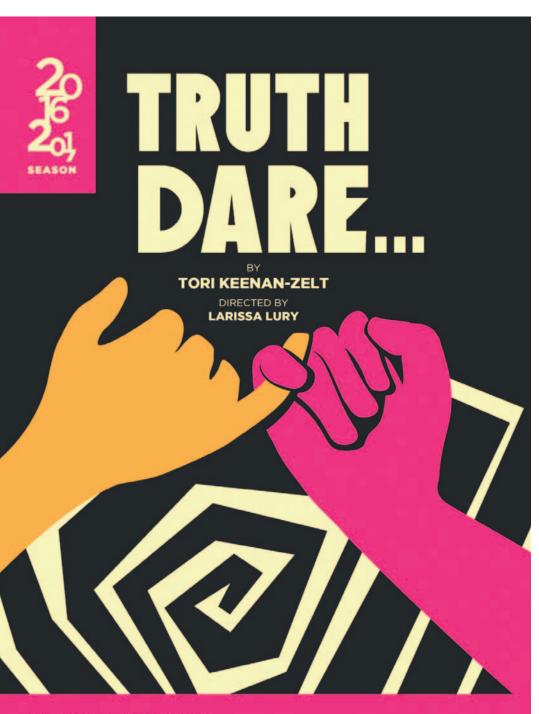
Tickets for the preview are \$10 general admission, and two-for-one priced tickets are available for NMSU faculty and staff. High school students can attend for free. The preview includes a post-performance chat with the cast and crew, including the playwright, Tori Keenan-Zelt, of New York City.

PREVIEW PERFORMANCE:

Six additional performances are: 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 24 and 25 and March 3 and 4; 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5.

Tickets: \$17 for adults 18 to 64; \$14 for seniors 65 and older and NMSU faculty and staff with ID; \$10 children and students 3 to 17 and NMSU students with current school ID, and \$5 for high school students with current school ID.

TICKETS: Call 575-646-1420 or visit www.ticketmaster. com. You can also get tickets at the door one hour before each performance. Visit www. nmsutheatre.com/boxoffice. php for more information.



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'TRUTH DARE'

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Previous readings and workshops of the play have earned it several awards, including best ensemble at the Pittsburgh Fringe festival. NMSU's production is the first full staging of TD, which was selected for production at NMSU through the American Southwest Theatre Company's High Desert Play Development program, which was founded in 2005 to solicit new plays from emerging playwrights around the country. (www.nmsutheatre.com/highdesert. php.)

The play is directed by NMSU Theatre Arts Department Assistant Professor Larissa Lury. and has four NMSU theatre students in the cast: Torrie Hughes, Daniela Castorena, Violet Griffin and Melis Derya White.

"I'm really, really excited about what they're doing," Keenan-Zelt said. Watching the actors work through her script "is really exciting," she said. "Every character I write is me."

A native of Pittsburgh, Keenan-Zelt has written about a half-dozen full-length plays and "a million" short plays. She also writes for the screen and teaches writing and theatre.

For more information. visit www.torik-z.com and find Keenan-Zelt on Facebook.



From left, Daniela Castorena, Torrie Hughes, Violet Griffin, Melis Derya White in "Truth Dare..." at NMSU.

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NMSU Dance Program to present three performances of 'Imagine'

By MIKE COOK Las Cruces Bulletin

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The New Mexico State University Dance Program presents "Imagine," for three performances on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18 and 19 at the newly renovated Rentfrow Hall, 3165 Williams Ave., at the corner of Williams and Stewart streets on the NMSU campus.

Performances will be at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18 and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door; \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door for seniors and students; and \$5 for children ages 12 and under, Knapp said. Advance tickets can be purchased by calling 575-646-4079.



The cast includes NMSU dance graduate students, alumni and faculty, along with Las Cruces community members.

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Storytelling league honors founder with festival Feb. 25

By TERRY ALVAREZ

For he Bulletin

The Jennie Curry Story Fest, presented by Storytellers of Las Cruces, will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Branigan Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The event features stories and songs suitable for

> The event honors the story league's founder,

Jennie

Curry (1892 - 1992)



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who told stories at the Branigan Library as well as having her own radio show. She wrote stories for Highlights for Children and Story Art magazines. Curry is the author of "Tumbleweed Tales." a book of stories for all ages.

Curry was declared Las Cruces Woman of Achievement in 1963 and was VIP of the Whole Enchilada Fiesta in 1981.

Storytellers for the event are Juba Mae Addison, Captain Jeff Porter, "Storydancer" Terry Alvarez, Loni Todoroki and Douglas Jackson with the Jackson Players. Judith Ames is emcee.

For information, call 575-526-8377.

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'Finding Our Roots' talk at Branigan dovetails with a spring exhibit

BULLETIN REPORT

Dr. Peggy Swoveland, a thirdgeneration Japanese American, will host "Finding Our Roots," from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. Peggy will talk about recent trips she took with her sister to Japan and to Mitchell, Nebraska to discover where their grandparents came from, and to learn something about the lives of their ancestors. The talk will be in conjunction with "Issei and Beyond: The Nakayama Family's Journey in the Mesilla Valley" on display at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., Feb. 3-May 20.

Swoveland is a graduate from Las Cruces High School, Pomona College, University of California and University of Maryland School of Medicine. Her professional career has been as a medical researcher, specializing in viral infections of the brain.

Her grandparents began farming in the Mesilla Valley in 1918. Swoveland has inherited the family artifacts which are presented in the exhibit.

The event is free and open to the public. The exhibit is on display 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. For information, visit museaums.las-cruces.org or call 575-541-2154.

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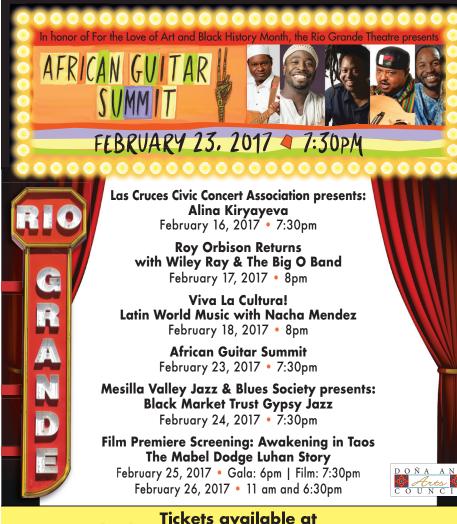
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LC magician Jamie O'Hara is full-time entertainer

By MIKE COOK Las Cruces Bulletin

Listening to Jamie O'Hara talk about doing magic in Las Cruces and across the country during the past 30-plus years is fascinating. Watching him make three green foam balls disappear from a mostly imaginary coin purse is, well ... magic.

O'Hara, who moved to Las Cruces in 1982, estimates he's done about 6,000 magic shows to date, mostly in New Mexico and Texas, but also in California, Virginia, his home state of New York and elsewhere around the U.S.

O'Hara also performs at school assemblies and library programs, as well as business events,

O'HARA TO PERFORM IN VARIETY SHOW

WHAT: Magician Jamie O'Hara joins Albuquerque comedians Goldie Garcia and Eddie Tafoya for Variety: Comedy and Magic

WHEN: Feb. 23, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Fountain Theater, 2469 Calle De Guadalupe

FOR RESERVATIONS: Call 575-524-3524.

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Stan Blitz at saprinting06@ gmail.com.

birthday parties and other gigs. He does threeto-five-minute table-side magic routines in bars and restaurants. In fact, "close-up magic is my forte," O'Hara said.

Billed as "The Magic Guy," O'Hara also does a mind-reading act and is an accomplished public





speaker and musician. He plays the guitar, mandolin, ukulele and "other things with strings." O'Hara started as a musician about 25 years ago, he said, performing church music, and now works as a soloist and in a local trio. O'Hara also gives ukulele lessons at the new Acton Academy in Las Cruces.

"You've got to go where the job is," said O'Hara, who gives his age as "7 going on 46." O'Hara said he is now in the "Jamie 3.0" version of his life, seeking "jobs that pay me what I'm actually worth."

His brand is diverse, O'Hara said. "I like working with kids and I like working in bars. I've developed a wonderful network of clients that has made it possible for me to be a full-time entertainer."

If he wasn't an entertainer, he would either "be homeless or selling cars," he joked.

O'Hara is a three-time finalist in the International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM) magic competition, which brings professional and amateur magicians from all over the world



Magician Jamie O'Hara estimates he's done about 6,000 magic shows to date.

together for youth and adult magic performances. He has served as head judge for the IBM close-up competition for the past three years.

Billing his adult show as "an evening of mindbending entertainment and fun," O'Hara mixes magic with mind reading, mysticism and comedy. He says he's not psychic, but that can be hard to believe after he's joined you in taking six different items out of both your pockets and then shown you a piece of paper on which he's correctly written down which of the items you

will pick before the trick even starts.

O'Hara's favorite trick, which he's been doing since the age of 9 and identifies as his signature performance piece, is the one involving green foam balls and a metal clasp from an old-fashioned coin purse.

"People see magic as a puzzle," O'Hara said, and they wonder, "Why can't I figure it out?"

The best way to watch a good a magic show is to "only puzzle for a moment, then enjoy the rest of the show. Wondering about the trick too much is like talking at the movies."

Performing magic takes "lots and lots of practice," O'Hara said. A good magician does a lot of rehearsing to learn how to stay ahead of his audience, he said.

"The magic is not in the props," O'Hara said. "If you take apart the piano, you will not find the music. Magic is theatre. We really do use smoke and mirrors; just not all the time."

Contact O'Hara at 575-650-9070 or jamie@ themagicguy.com. Find him on Facebook at Jamie O'Hara.

A Children's Theatre presents 'Dr. Dolittle'

By MIKE COOK Las Cruces Bulletin

A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley (ACT) will present "Dr. Dolittle" - with a cast of 42 local children, ages 5 to 17 - for two public performances, 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, and 10 a.m. Saturday. March 11. at the Rio Grande Theatre (RGT), 211 N. Main St. Tickets for these performances are \$6 in advance. \$7 at the door or \$8 through the RGT website.

There also will be three performances for school children. at 9:15 a.m., 10:50 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 10. Tickets for the school performances are \$3.

The title role will be played by Layne Lauterbach, a fifthgrader at Hillrise Elementary

School, said ACT show coordinator Pinky Kingsley. The cast also includes Sonoma Elementary fifth-grader Tatiana Garzon, Central Elementary fifth grader Layla Garcia, Acton Academy fifth-grader Sara Biad, seventh-grade home schooler David Paulson-Cahall and home-schooled third- and fourth-graders Gabriela and Carolina Aneses.

"Dr. Dolittle" is directed by Valerie Mirelez, Danielle Turner, Nicole Bartlett, Teddy Sanchez and Sonia Walterbos. Kingsley said. Junior directors are Michael Daviet, Steven Herrera, Jose Sanchez, Liz Daviet and Mattie Fossberg.

Set building and costuming for the show are under the supervision of the show's technical director, Eileen Gilbert.



PHOTO BY KELLY KING, ACT

From left are Sara Biad as Mrs. Endicott, Layne Lauterbach as Dr. Dolittle and Layla Garcia as Sarah Dolittle in a rehearsal from the A Children's Theatre production of "Dr. Dolittle."

"We typically produce four plays per year, and we are planning to expand in 2017," she said. For reservations, contact

Kingsley at 575-644-9561 or roditikos1@aol.com. For more information, contact ACT Artistic Director Kelly

King at 575-571-1413 or act@ zianet.com. Visit achildrenstheatre.wixsite.com/achildrenstheatre.

Read-in celebrates Black History Month





LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTOS BY RICHARD COLTHARP Kalonji Mwanza, left, reads the poem "Lord, Why Did You Make Me Black," by RuNett Nia Ebo at Las Cruces' first African-American Read-in at the Las Cruces Museum of Art on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Earnestine Simmons, right, reads a first-hand account from a former Southern slave experiencing the free North.



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WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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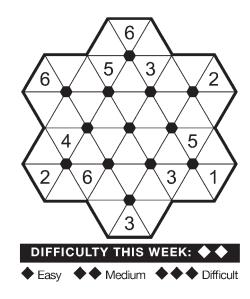
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SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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This is a simple substitution cipher

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'Rings' is best left at the bottom of the well

By ADAM PALOMINO Las Cruces Bulletin

Our bodies maintain a stable condition through a process known as homeostasis. Ever wonder why, after performing the same workout for a period of time, it becomes less effective, leaving you no option but to switch up your routine?

That's homeostasis, hard at work. I bring this up because the movie "Rings" finds itself in a similar predicament, and fails to mix things up. Like the characters, we are exposed to movie villain Samara's lethal VHS footage — taken from the far superior 2002 film, "The Ring." However, it's played constantly throughout the film, so by the end, what once was chill-inducing has devolved into nothing more than a tedious distraction.

GRADE: D

That's the main weakness of "Rings." It is so unsure of what it is and how to deliver scares, it borrows ideas from other movies but they don't pan out. The opening sequence feels more at home in one of the "Final Destination" movies than it does here. Concepts from the first film are explored further in an attempt to expand the "Rings" mythology, though they wind up confusing and diluting the plot.

The story, save for a few minor additions, is more or less a beat-by-beat re-telling of "The Ring," leaving the audience wondering, "What's the point?"

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EVENTS CALENDAR

WE WANT YOUR SUBMISSIONS

If you have an announcement you'd like to see in galleries, please send to susie@lascrucesbulletin.com.

'Peter and the Starcatcher': The Centennial High School Theatre Department presents "Peter and the Starcatcher" for performances at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17 and 18, at 1950 Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Tickets are \$5 to each performance. The play is directed by Centennial theater teacher Darin Cabot. Info: Centennial High School: 575-527-9330.

NM Vintage Wines: 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Info: 575-523-9463.

• 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 - Daisy Blue • 8-10 p.m. Saturday. Feb. 18 -Paul Walter Kimball • 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 – magi-



cian Jamie O'Hara

• 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 – Coolside Collective

• 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 – Megan Davenport

• 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 - Keith Rea

Gem and Mineral Show: Fifth annual Museum

Rocks!, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Mu-



seum. 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Info: visit www. Icmuseumrocks.com or Las Cruces **Event Planning** at 575-522-1232.

Mesilla Valley Concert **Band free** concert: 3

p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, Atkinson Recital Hall in the Music Center at NMSU, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive. The Band will play Norman Dello Joio's 'Concertante for Wind Instruments," W. Francis McBeth's "Drammatico" and "Klezmer Fantazi." Info: www.mesillavalleyconcertband.org or 575-646-2421.

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Oscar Shorts offer up a variety

BY JEFF BERG

Las Cruces Bulletin

This year's Oscar-nominated short films will be shown in two separate shows, one featuring the animated works and the other the narrative pieces. No documentaries this year.

There are five animated films and four additional noncompetitive works offered. I've described those last.

"Borrowed Time" has a Western theme, wherein a man returns to the scene of an accident hoping to overcome the grief instilled in him by the accidental passing of his friend and mentor. This is a USA work, seven minutes in length.

"Piper" is a sweet little six-minute U.S. short, from Pixel, following the eating adventures of a baby shorebird as he battles to overcome waves and baby bird behavior.

"Pear Cider and Cigarettes" is an interesting piece which runs about 35 minutes, based on the true story of the filmmaker and narrator who does everything to help his ne'er do well friend whose affection for pear cider decommissions his liver in China. A Canadian/UK story with attitude and flavor.

Almost the best of the bunch is "Blind Vaysha," another Canadian offering. The story follows a young girl with one green eye and one brown eye, but she can only see the future with her right eve and the past with her left. Skillfully written, presented and animated, it has a very unique ending.

My personal favorite this year is "Pearl," a beautiful and touching U.S. work that runs six minutes. We follow a young girl and her busker father cross-country, as he ekes out a living while they live quite happily in their car. But as he matures, life changes for both of

them. I saw it late last year and it almost made me cry. Well, it did, but just a bit... The brief but enticing "Once Upon a Line" proves that love does not conquer all in this exquisite simply drawn

work. "Asteria," is but five minutes in length but tells a great funny story, rather like a Bill Plympton piece. Two astronauts land on a distant planet and are about to plant the United Nations flag, when suddenly another craft lands on the planet, with

inhabitants wanting to claim the planet. Chaos, of course, ensues. "The Head Vanishes," from Russia, tells a profoundly gentle and poetic tale, as animator Franck Dion takes us inside

the faltering, fragile mind of a woman living with dementia. (Nine minutes.)

NARRATIVE SHORTS

"Sing" is from Hungary and runs 25 minutes. The lead character is Zsofi, a young woman who wants to fit in at her new school. She starts to make friends and soon discovers that singing in the school's renowned choir is something that many of her peers do. Zsofi is quietly ordered to lip sync, but her new friend Liza has a solution

From Denmark comes "Silent Nights," at 30 minutes. Kwame, a migrant from Ghana, has had tough times since arriving in Inger's home country. Jobless and homeless, this angry, dishonest man is soon the love of Inger's life. Kwame just happens to forget that he has a wife and three kids back home and fails to mention this to the forgiving, lonely and gentle

GRADE: A+

Oscar Nominated Short Films open Friday, Feb. 17, at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. Check the theatre website mesillavalleyfilm.org to verify show times for each set of films.

Inger. She is able to see around his flaws and those of her racist mother. Too much story packed into 30 minutes of screen time. And Kwame is not at all likable.

Luna and Diego work different shifts as parking lot security guards. One day a client complains to the lot owner that a light was broken on his car. As Luna looks back at the security camera recordings, she discovers that Diego has a unique talent, one which she emulates herself. "Timecode" is a 15-minute gem from Spain.

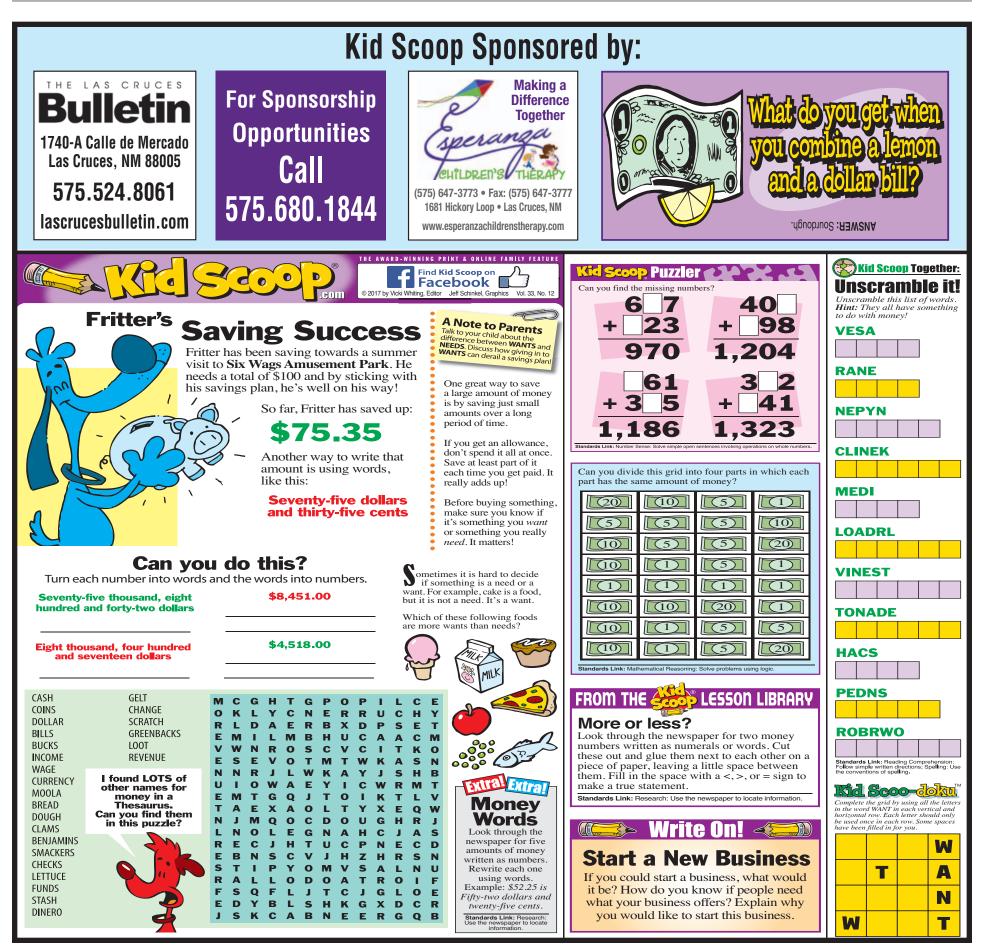
"Ennemis Interieurs" is a dark work from France, checking in at 28 minutes, about a Frenchman being questioned at a local police station. He finds himself in a form of double jeopardy, as the once easy and open conversation turns into an inquisition.

And the winner is... "La Femme et la TGV," from Switzerland. With a running time of 30 minutes, we watch bakery owner, Elise, practice her daily routine — waving a small Swiss flag from her window at the train that passes her cottage every morning and evening.

But one day. Elise discovers a letter from the train conductor that has alighted in her garden and her solitary life is turned upside down. Based on a true story, this is a bittersweet and well-produced tale.

You may need to jockey for position for a ticket for these films, but they are definitely worth it.

Jeff has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and can be reached at tectorgorch7@gmail.com.



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Storytellers: "Jennie Curry Story

Fest:" 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, Roadrunner Room at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Storytellers of Las Cruces celebrate 90-year anniversary with music and stories for all ages. Free. Info: 575-640-6867.

Culture Club activities: The Branigan Cultural Center hosts a series of free art workshops for all ages from 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays in February as part of the Culture Club family program, 501 N. Main St., open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Info: museums.las-cruces.org. • Feb. 18 - African Masks. Culture Club collaborates with the African Guitar Summit in celebrating Black History Month by creating Dogon masks, used by the people of Mali in a special dance. Learn and sing the "Walking Through Africa" song. • Feb. 25 - Japanese Flying Carp (Koinobori) are carp-shaped wind streamers traditionally made in Japan to celebrate Tango no sekku (Children's Day). Learn about this whimsical fish while creating your own.



Contra Dance: Southern New Mexico Music and Dance sponsors a contra dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Bayou Seco from Silver City will be playing and Lonnie Ludeman will be calling. No partner is needed. Beginners and newcomers are welcome and can come for instruction at 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$6 adults; \$4 youth; \$15 family. Info: www.snmmds.org or 575-522-1691.

'Artrageous': The Las Cruces Museum of Art hosts informal interdisciplinarybased workshops called "Artrageous" from 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays at 491 N. Main St. The February theme is "For the Love of Art" and will feature a different artistic genre each week. Info: museums. las-cruces.org.

• Saturday, Feb. 18 – Music (highlighting the Doña Ana Arts Council's performance of the African Guitar Summit, presented at the Rio Grande Theatre on Thursday, Feb. 23).

• Saturday, Feb. 25 – Painting

Model Railroad Club meeting: 10

a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb.18, Southern New Mexico Fair Grounds Quonset hut. Enter from far west gate. Info: Mike Fifer at 575-526-8834.

Poetry reading: Noon – 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, Schwartz Room, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Sponsored by Sin Fronteras and ArtForms as part of For The Love Of Art Month celebration, local poets will read in this order: Dick Thomas, LeeAnn Meadows, Chuck Harper, Anna Underwood, Terry Hertzler, Teri Katahara, Frank Varela, Joe Somoza, Christine Eber, Peter Goodman, Gerry Stork, Ellen Roberts Young, and Tim Staley. Free, open to the public. Info: Joe Somoza, 522-1119.

Music scholarships: The Black Market Trust, an American pop/vocal jazz band whose music combines the sounds of the great American crooners and vocal groups with the romantic Eastern European gypsy fire of jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt, returns to Las Cruces for a concert, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Proceeds benefit the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society's scholarship funds. Tickets are \$15 pre-sale by credit purchase and \$20 at the door. The performance is general seating and doors open at 7 p.m. Info: www.mvjazzblues.net or 575-640-8686.

Auditions: For "You Can't Take It With You," 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 6 and 7, for Las Cruces Community Theatre, 331 N. Main St. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and impromptu scenes suggested by the play's director, Larry Chandler. Roles available for 12 men and seven women, all ages 20 and above. Info: 575-523-4463 or larrychandler@zianet.com.

Recorders in concert: Rio Grande

Recorder Chapter of the American Recorder Society presents a concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village Activity Center Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Free, open to the public. Info: Joyce Henry or Marcia Fountain, info@rgrecorders.org.

Quick Draw competition and live

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Garth Brooks returns to Las Cru-

ces, finally: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 8, NMSU Pan American Center, 1810 E. University Ave. The 2016 CMA Entertainer of the Year, Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood perform the only New Mexico appearance for the tour. The country legend marks his first Las Cruces visit in 21 years.

Cost: \$74.98, including fees. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, and will only be available at www.ticketmaster.com/ garthbrooks or via Ticketmaster Express at 1-866-448-7849 or 1-800-745-3000. No sales will be available at the Pan Am Center Ticket Office or any other Ticketmaster outlets. No venue presales are available for this event.

Ongoing

Free spirit dance: Express your spirit through free dancing. No experience necessary, 2-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

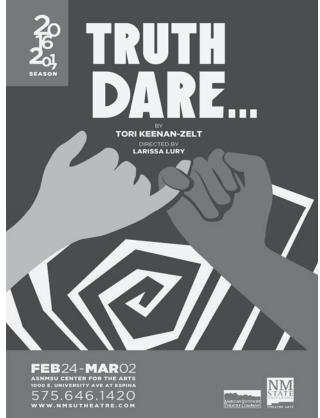
Zawacki, Deasy exhibition: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb 25; noon – 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. Artists Mary Zawacki and Kathleen Deasy will exhibit and sell their work during "For the Love of Art Open Studio Tours" at 625 Van Patten Ave. Acrylic, mixed media, oil, and pastel paintings. Deasy will donate a percentage of sales to The Cat's Meow, a local feline adoption center. Info: 828-467-9060.

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Gypsy Sage Artists exhibit: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays; noon to 4 p.m. Sundays, through February, Nopalito's Galeria, 310 S. Mesquite St. Exhibit features artists Wendy Robin Weir, Kat Ahlefeld, Laurie Churchill, Sue Feinsod, Kate Fennell Carlson and Marj Leininger. Info: 575-650-7543.

Railroad Museum exhibit: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays through April 1, 351 N. Mesilla St. Watercolor exhibit "For the Love of Railroad Architecture." Seventeen artists have created watercolor paintings depicting their railroad-inspired visions. Info: http://las-cruces.org/ museums or call 575-647-4480.



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Name the new café. win **\$100:** A new cafe will open this semester in Zuhl Library, and it needs a name. The

winner will receive a \$100 Visa gift card. Enter at goo.gl/ forms/g3YObWTJo3eNkY942. Info: John Rivers, Sodexo marketing coordinator at NMSU. 575-646-1749.

Rokoko Art Gallery seeking submissions: Rokoko Art Gallery invites all "fools, freaks and fanatics" to submit for an art opening Saturday, April 1 titled "April Foolishness." Anything goes. \$15 entry fee. Entries due Satruday, March 25, 1785 Avenida



de Mercado. Info: 575-522-5553.

The Las Cruces Shape Note Singers open invitation:

9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 4; 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 5, Women's Club of Las Cruces, 340 N. Raymond St. (on Pioneer Park). The four-part singing is a capella (no accompaniment), but no experience is required, as you will be surrounded by strong singers who will show you the way. Often the songs have a Christian theme, but the event itself is secular and all are welcome. A voluntary donation will be accepted but is not required. Lunch provided. Info: David Hand, 575-520-1010; dlhand@ aol.com.

Submissions sought for juried ceramic exhibition

The Las Cruces Museum of Art and the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces seek submissions for From the Ground Up XXVIII Regional Juried Ceramics Exhibition 2017. Submissions are open to ceramic artists living and working in states in the Rocky Mountain Time Zone region of the US: NM, TX, AZ, UT, CO, WY, ID and MT. The exhibition runs Aug. 4 - Oct. 21, 2017. Awards include cash prizes. This year's juror is Steven Hill. The deadline for submissions is April 21. Full prospectus and submission form available at www.pottersguildlc. com and www.las-cruces.org/ museums. Info: Exhibitions curator Joy Miller at jmiller@las-

Monument Artist in Residence program deadline

The Friends of Organ Mountains Desert Peaks and Bureau of Land Management announce a call to artists to apply for the **Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks** National Monument Artist in Residence Program to take place May 1-31, 2017. Entries for the 2017 Spring Residency must be received via email on or before Feb. 28. Info: organmountainsdesertpeaks.org/artist-in-residence/ or contact Ben Gabriel, 575-323-1423 or email info@organmtnfriends.org.

cruces.org. Feb. 28



Singers needed at St. Paul's for Palm Sunday concert

BULLETIN REPORT

St. Paul's United Methodist Church is looking for experienced singers to rehearse and perform Dan Forrest's "Requiem for the Living" and Ralph Vaugh Williams' "Five Mystical Songs," musical director Douglas Weeks said. Rehearsals will be held be from 8 to 9 p.m.

held be from 8 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning in February in the choir room at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., Weeks said.

The pieces will be performed as a concert chamber choir with instrumental accompaniment at St. Paul's at 2 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 9, he said.

Weeks described "Requiem for the Living" as "one of the best choral/ orchestral works of this century. The work is strong musically, textually and emotionally, and is very rewarding." He said "Five Mystical Songs" is "a piece worth repeating, especially close to Easter." Singers "do need to be pretty good music readers to speed progress on the requiem," Weeks added.

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For more information, contact Weeks at 575-644-6999 or spmusic. weeks@gmail.com.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Bahai'is present fireside discussion,

music: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 3220 Jupiter Road. The Bahai'is of Las Cruces present "The Good of This World and The Next, a Fireside Discussion on Generosity" in support of the food drive benefitting Casa de Peregrinos. Guests encouraged to bring nonperishable foods for the emergency food program. A representative from Casa de Peregrinos will answer questions. Entertainment provided by folk-blues musician Darrell Elmer Rodgers. Special request: Guests are asked to refrain from wearing fragrance. Info: 575-556-9650, yieldnot@comcast.net or www.bahai.org.

Cowboys for Christ seeking volunteers:

Non-denominational outreach organization seeking volunteers to coordinate Christian fellowship between individuals and groups to assist those in need. Info and requests: benzo@live.com.

Events at Unity: 10 a.m. – noon Tuesdays, Book Study - "Hell in the Hallway; Light at the Door," by Rev. Ellen Debenport. 11 – 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, meditation to get re-centered, refocused and connect with your inner divine self. 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Sundays, Worship Celebration, 125 Wyatt Drive. Info: www.unityoflascruces.org or 575-523-5592.

Wellspring Religious Science Center events: 9:30 a.m. Sundays "Early Birds" discussion group; 11 a.m. Sundays service at 140 Taylor Road. Feb. 19 - Kari Bachmann on "Better Living – Now;" Feb. 28 - Dean Lively will lead the annual "Arts, Music and Poetry." Info: wellspringnow.com.

Unitarian Universalist February Round-

tables: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive, "Coming out of the Closet: The Affirmation of Humanism" by Richard Hempstead, board-certified dermatologist. From 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive, "Exploring Cuba before McDonalds, Hooters and Starbucks arrive" by Elisa Sánchez. Info: roundtable@uuchurchlc.org.

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Mission Lutheran open house registra-

tion: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, 2752 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Fun, food and activities. Info: 575-532-5489.

Spiritual group discussion at CSL: 11

a.m. - noon on Saturday, Feb. 25, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Eckankar, religion of sound and light of God, is a practical spiritual teaching used to better understand the ordinary and miraculous events in life. Discussion topic: "Soul Travel: the next step in consciousness." Info: 575-654-0071.

Spirituals concert at Bethel Second Bap-

tist: 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, Bethel Second Baptist Church, 405 E. Hadley Ave. Culminating Black History Month, the Voices of Bethel Choir present the 23rd Annual Spirituals Concert. Info: 575-523-7850.

Weekly Mass on campus: 12:10 p.m. Tuesdays at 2615 S. Solano Drive, Newman Catholic students and St. Albert the Great Newman Center weekly Mass. Info: Mona Chip at mona@stalbertnewmancenter.org.

Spiritually healthy divorce support group: 1 - 2:30 p.m. Sundays through April 30, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. A supportive group for those working through or facing divorce. Childcare available on request. Info: 575-522-7119.

Practical Mysticism class: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Mondays for 10 weeks, Center for Spiritual Living in the Heart of Las Cruces, 575 N. Main St. Facilitated by Rev. Bonnie, the purpose of this course is to evoke the inner mystic that dwells in you. Info: 575-523-4847.

Men's prayer meeting at Heart for the World: 7 a.m. Saturdays, 1605 S. Valley Drive. Sat-

urday morning prayer meeting led by Manny Howie. Info: 575-523-1113.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church: 10 a.m. every Sunday, 2540 El Paseo Road, worship services followed by a light meal before Bible classes for all ages. Info: www.crossofchristlc.net, on the Facebook page or by calling 915-740-7714 or 575-649-5458.

Seventh Day Adventist worship service:

9:30 a.m. Sundays, 11 a.m. Sundays Sabbath School. 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Bible study, 240 Three Crosses Ave. Info: 575-526-5623.

Science of Mind Magazine weekly discussion: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Center for Spiritual Living Circle, 575 N. Main St. Join to discuss the articles with like-minded people. Bring a lunch. Info: 575-523-4847.

Memorial Medical Center Holy Mass: noon

Wednesdays in the Chapel, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Holy Mass. Info: 575-636-3274.

Christian Men's Fellowship: noon Tuesdays, IHOP, 2900 Del Rey Blvd. Open discussion. All men welcome. Info: 575-621-2350.

Mountain View Baptist: 10 a.m. Sundays service with Bible study. 11 a.m. Sundays, worship service at 705 N. Main St. Nursery available. Info: 575-680-6247.

Events at Center for Spiritual Living: 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Practical Mysticism class. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Sunday service. 1:30 - 3 p.m. first Friday of the month, Shamanic drumming and meditation. 9 - 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 - 5 p.m. Wednesdays, 9 - 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Yoga. 2 - 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Spirit Dance. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Sacred Living Circle. 7 - 8 p.m. Thursdays, Single Parents Support Group. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, A Course In Miracles discussion. All activities held at the Center, 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

Cowboys for Christ: 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday of every month, call for meeting place. Non-denominational outreach organization meets for those involved in livestock and agriculture. Info: 575-571-6367 or cfc. lcnm@yahoo.com.

GriefShare at First Baptist: 4 - 6 p.m. Sundays, Room 229, 106 S. Miranda Ave. GriefShare weekly seminar and support group designed to help rebuild life after losing a loved one. Cost: \$10 for participant workbook. Info: Penny Baca 575-635-9696.

Services, class at Mission Lutheran: 9 a.m. Sundays, Study God's Word for fellowship, coffee and snacks. 9:15 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible study. 10:30 a.m. divine worship. 10 a.m. Saturdays "Discover the Faith" class for newcomers at 2752 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Info: 575-522-0465.

Communion Service Sundays at St.

John's CCOA: 10:15 a.m. Sundays, side chapel of First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. St. John's Catholic Church of Antioch communion service. Info: 575-621-0255 or www.stjohnscatholicchurchofantioch. org.

Men's prayer breakfast: 7-9 a.m. Tuesdays, 106 S. Miranda St. Men's prayer breakfast in the fellowship hall. Info: 575-524-3691.

Non-denominational service: 5:45 p.m. Sundays, Dream Center, Sixth and Wilson Streets. New Agape Christian Church offers a scriptural, theological, historical and scientific look at the Prophets. Children's church provided. Info: Pastor Herb 575-650-3915. **Mission Lutheran:** 9 a.m. Sundays fellowship. 9:15 a.m. Sundays, Sunday school for adults and children. 10:30 a.m. Sundays, worship services at 2752 Roadrunner Parkway. Info: (church activities) 575-522-0465; info (school) 575-532-5489.

Discover the Faith classes: 1 - 3 p.m. Tuesdays, class, 2752 Roadrunner Parkway. A class for people who are new to the faith or who would like a refresher course on what being a Lutheran is all about. Info: 575-522-0465.

Peace Lutheran prayer groups: 9 a.m. Saturdays, 20-to-30-minute centering prayer. 4 to 5 p.m., Women Gather for Prayer, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Info: 575-522-7119.

Fusion Youth Fellowship: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 2941 Morningstar Drive. Youth small group for music, family events and workshops. Info: 575-521-3770.

Trinity Lutheran events: 9 a.m. Sundays, worship with Holy Communion. 10:30 a.m. Sundays, Sunday school for children and youth, 2900 Elks Drive. Info: 575-523-4232 or www.trinitylutheranlc. org.

Church Bingo: 7 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) Mondays and Tuesdays, Holy Cross School, 1327 N. Miranda St. All games can be played for \$5.7 p.m. Thursdays, Bingo at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Tortugas. Info: 575-646-5860.

Genesis Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. first three Thursdays of the month, Revival Fire Bookstore, 2645 Missouri Ave., Suite 5. Book of Genesis Bible Study. Info: Bev at 575-642-1003.

International Association for Near-Death Studies: 1:30 p.m. third Monday of the month, Unitarian Universalist Church great room, 2000 S. Solano Drive. A peer-to-peer group for understanding neardeath experience. Info: 928-897-0933.

Bible school and more at Agape Chris-

tian: 4:30 p.m. Sundays, Sunday Bible School for all ages. 5:45 p.m. Secret Church and Children's Church, 1400 6th St. Communion served to all believers. Info: Herb Pinney 575-650-3915.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Wisconsin Synod: 10 a.m. Sundays, 2541 El Paseo Road. Worship and fellowship, Sunday school and Bible class. Info: 575-649-5458.

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

SW LIVING

County landscape architect works with the desert

By SUZANNE MICHAELS

For the Bulletin

Landscape architect David Cristiani describes himself as an Air Force brat who has lived all over the country. By age 13 he was a self-proclaimed "weather nerd" and was intensely interested in what grew where. Because of the frequent family moves, he said even as a kid he noticed the great contrast

in flora that thrived in different regions of the United States.

Today, with 28 years of landscape architecture under his belt, Cristiani works as a planner for Doña Ana County. He urges residents to work with the desert in designing



This yard, planned by David Cristiani, uses droughttolerant plants in a design that complements the architecture of the home and provides a contrast in spiky cactus and mesquite with soft yellow damianita.

their yards, saying, "You can't pretend you are somewhere else; we live in the Chihuahuan Desert. Working with the desert will inform what your oasis (versus general areas of your garden) looks like."

Cristiani will share his ideas at the free Lush and Lean workshop on Thursday, Feb. 23, hosted by Las Cruces Utilities (LCU). His goal is to help residents plan their properties in a way that is sustainable in the southern New Mexico environment. Cristiani encourages residents to avoid high-water-use plants.

"Pay attention to the processes and patterns in nature," he said. "Water is a process."

It's important to create depressed areas in your yard to store water, then choose native plants that thrive in wetter and drier areas in the Southwest.

He prefers hardscape that provides a place to

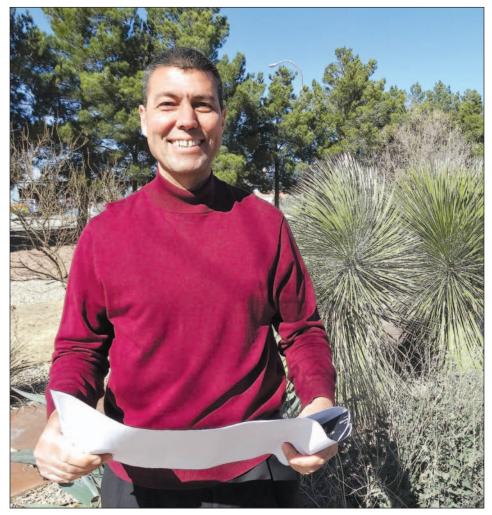
that is also nice to look at. He also likes desert "power plants" - soft and sharp — then uses flowers to accent specific spots in spring and fall. He likes a vard that features bolder plants such as agaves and beargrass. All Lush

sit, such as

a "seat wall"

and Lean workshops are free and open to the public; they are held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Branigan Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho. See the complete list of speakers and Lush and Lean dates at www.lascruces.org/WaterConservation or www. facebook.com/cityoflascruces (you don't need a Facebook account to view this page).

Las Cruces Utilities can be reached from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at 575-528-3500 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.



COURTESY PHOTOS

County Planner David Cristiani will present at this season's first Lush and Lean workshop, Thursday, Feb. 23, encouraging residents to make landscaping choices using plants that will thrive in this area.



Local salsas bring the heat Caution: Locate the nearest fire extinguisher before reading

By BILLY HUNTSMAN

Las Cruces Bulletin

In 1914, Fabian Garcia, a professor of horticulture and the director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at New Mexico State University (NMSU), bred the first pod-type chile pepper. To commemorate and continue his research, the university established the Chile Pepper Institute in 1992.

New Mexico is the land of red and green chile, so it stands to reason that it's also the land of 1,000 salsas. And as we await word of when/if the ninth annual Las Cruces Salsa Fest will take place, here's a rundown of some of the best (hottest and tastiest) salsas around town.

The Truck Farm

"We started off doing jams and jellies," said Justin Hawman,



the Tru Farm. "Then decided move in making salsas." The Truck Farm o fers sal

Farm offers salsas premade and jarred,

as well as salsa packets, which can be poured into tomato sauce.

Hawman said their most popular salsa is Cannon Fire. "It comes in medium and hot." he said.

Hawman said he and his fa-

ther get ideas for new recipes from their customers.

"They tell us what they like and we try to give it to them," he said.

Once they start experimenting with different ingredients, Hawman said it takes a couple months to get the recipe right.

Other popular salsas at the Truck Farm include Besito Caliente, a sweet-spicy salsa with half a pound of blackberries in each bottle, and though not a salsa, Cherry A'More, which has the flavors of cherry and chipotle chiles, and can be used as a marinade, salad dressing or ice cream topping.

The Truck Farm is located at 645 S. Alameda Blvd. and can be reached by phone at 575-523-1447. Online shopping is available at sweethots.com.

Ol' Gringo

Rachel Schneider has owned the Ol' Gringo Chile Company —an offshoot of Ándele Restaurant, owned by Schneider's family— since

2014. "We had been looking for several years to bottle our salsas because that's what the res-

taurant is known for," Schneider said.

Ol' Gringo packages and sells Ándele's famous salsas.

"We have 18 different types of Ándele's products," Schneider said.

The most popular is Ol' Gringo New Mexico Gold, as is Ándele Traditional, Schneider said. Ol' Gringo is located in Building 1-A, 1447 Certified Place, and can be reached at 575-525-1542. Online shopping is available at olgringo.com.



Green Chile Paddy Wagon

Janet Beatty-Payne is the president of the Las Cruces Community Theatre. She recommends that, on Fridays, theater audiences attend a performance, and then on Saturday mornings, head to the Farmers' and Crafts Market, where Payne and her husband, Patrick, serve green-chilesauce-covered ambrosia out of their food truck, the Green Chile Paddy Wagon.

"Our entire truck is themed around my husband's greenchile salsa," Payne said. "Our bestsellers are our brisket burritos and melts, and of course we put the green-chile salsa in everything we make."

They also make the New Mexico sandwich, which is a grilled cheese compressing green-chile salsa with bacon crumbles.

"People love it," Payne said. Though the green-chile salsa is the food truck's foundation, Patrick also makes a variety of other salsas. "One day he made this applecinnamon-ginger-habanero salsa and it was just to die for, it was so good," Payne said.

He's also created a strawberry-jalapeño salsa and a mango-habanero, all made exclusively with produce from the Paynes' own home garden, Payne said.

The idea to open the food truck started when a friend recommended they enter Patrick's salsa in the 2014 Las Cruces Salsa Fest. They won fourth place, which gave them confidence in the idea of selling to the public, Payne said.

"We are always at the Food Truck Fiesta events on the first and third Wednesdays of the month," Payne said.

The Food Truck Fiesta's calendar can be found on its Facebook page, as can the Green Chile Paddy Wagon. Though they do not regularly sell their salsas, Payne said special orders can be made. Catering is also available. Payne can be reached at 575-571-5399.

Chile Pepper Institute

Of course no article about salsas would be complete without elucidating on the Chile Pepper Institute's (CPI) products.

On its website, the CPI sells a variety of products in addition to salsas: mustards, ketchups, dry rubs, powders, purees, wings and taco sauces, as well as seeds for growing your own peppers at home.

Many of these

salsas and other products are based on one — or a mix — of peppers, among them: bhut jolokia (a.k.a. ghost pepper), Trinidad scorpion, chocolate 7 pot, and the hottest chile pepper in the world, Trinidad Moruga scorpion.

For comparison, chile pepper heat is rated in Scoville heat units. Your garden-variety jalapeño ranges from 2,500 SHU to 10,000.

Ghost peppers start at one million SHU, Trinidad scorpions at 1.5 million SHU, chocolate 7s at 1.8 million SHU, and Trinidad Moruga scorpions at two million SHU.

The institute's best (meltyour-face) salsa has to be the Sancto Scorpio, a blend of the two Trinidad peppers.

And scientists at the institute are constantly researching how to up the ante and create hotter varieties.

"We'll probably see someone get a three million or four million SHU fruit down the road," said Paul Bosland, NMSU Regents Professor and director of the institute.





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From left, Lt. Gov. John Sanchez; John Garcia, executive vice president Home Builders Association of Central New Mexico; Steve Anaya, CEO REALTORS Association of New Mexico; Susan Millspaugh, senior vice president of production, First Mortgage Company; Wes Moore, New Mexico Mortgage Lenders Association; Sue Lydig, First Mortgage Company; Victoria Murphy, president, REALTORS Association of New Mexico; Elizabeth Mendenhall, president-elect, National Association of REALTORS Jay Czar, executive director, New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority.

Finance Authority helped over 2,000 NM families buy homes

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that were rehabilitated.

This was due in part to

an allocation from the

New Mexico State Leg-

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helped keep almost 1,700

low-income households

warmer this winter.

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By LEANN KEMP

For the Bulletin

The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) helped almost 2,300 New Mexican families become homeowners last year. That's a 57 percent increase from 2015.

Homeownership makes good financial sense for many New Mexicans, because most homebuyers pay less for their monthly mortgage than they would in rent. And, as a whole, homebuyers are significantly less costburdened, meaning they spend less than 30 percent of their income for housing than do renters.

MFA provided \$12 million in down payment assistance to 2,200 homebuyers, which is a 64 percent increase from 2015. For many of these families, down payment assistance was the only way they could have become homeowners.

Last year MFA created a new program, Nex-



tHome, that helps nonfirst-time homebuyers buy a new home. Almost 700 New Mexicans used NextHome to purchase a step-up home. That means 700 starter homes went back into the market, helping meet a pressing need for entry-level homes.

The REALTORS Association of New Mexico estimates that MFA loans added \$53 million to the New Mexico economy from income generated by real estate-related industries and consumer spending.

In addition to setting homeownership records last year, MFA also had a 41 percent increase in the number of homes that received energy



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Leann Kemp is the communications manager of the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority. She can be reached at: 505-767-2254, lkemp@housingnm.org.



With winter weather comes a few important safety tips that will help keep you safe and warm. Never use your range or oven to heat your home. It is a fire safety hazard, and it can create carbon monoxide a silent deadly killer you can't smell or see. Barbecue grills, camp stoves, and any type of outdoor equipment are not created to be used in a closed environment, so be sure to use properly. Zia Natural Gas Company reminds you to stay warm, but above all stay safe this winter.



An unbreakable bond

By WYNONA PITTIE

For the Bulletin

It's no secret that the love of a dog is unconditional. Dogs possess the ability to show affection, comfort and protection, regardless of the circumstances. They form relationships, whether it be to a human, object or another dog.

Love is giving of one's self. Dogs give us their entire being. They give trust, security, pleasure, friendship, and a reason for existence. Often, they provide this to a canine companion and form an inseparable bond. Missy and Spanky, a Heeler pair, share that bond.

Without Missy, Spanky would be lost. She is his eyes, ears and sense of direction, and allows him to feel safe and comforted. She never sees Spanky as a burden; he is an extension of her, and is her reason for living.

In October, the pair found themselves in a high-kill shelter. Because of their bond, they were moved to the top of the kill list. Adopting one dog out is difficult enough, much less two, especially to the same home.

They were scared and unsure but they were OK because they had each other. The warmth of Spanky's head on Missy's back helped her get through those frightening days in the shelter. Missy's presence allowed Spanky to be strong through the unknown. They had no idea that their lives were nearing an end. They just continued to BE for each other.

The day they were saved, they continued on like nothing had happened. They jumped in the foster's car and sat next to each other with panting smiles on their faces. At their foster home, they rapidly adjusted, played, and stretched their legs. They were happy and adapted quickly because they had each other.

Today Missy and Spanky continue to thrive. You can find them at the Farmers Market on a Wednesday taking a stroll with their foster family, or playing fetch in their backyard. They don't know the meaning of age. They are energetic and happy. They don't let what happened in the past get in the way of living a full life, but there is still one piece to their love story still missing: a forever home.

Missy and Spanky are an inspiration; their relationship is undying and undoubtedly one of the reasons they are happy, healthy, and still living.

If you are interested in adopting Missy and Spanky, contact the Tails from the Shelter team on Facebook or call 575-520-3759.



COURTESY PHOTO Spanky (left) and Missy are bonded and hope for a home they both can share together.

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Bodhi

As handsome as he is clever, 2-year-old Bodhi is sure to leave an impression on you. He has lived at the shelter since July 2016, and he's ready to leave the kennel and start a new life. He knows there are so many more experiences for him out in the world, and we know you're just the person for him.

Mr. Gums

Meet Mr. Gums, a 12-year-old brown and black Chihuahua who is kicking off our Vintage Animal Program. He may not have any of his teeth, but he doesn't seem to notice. He still has the energy of pooches half his age, and he's waiting for you at ASCMV.





Off-Site Adoption Events

- Farmers & Crafts Market –9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays
- Dog adoptions are located at the far north end of the market on the Downtown Mall.
- Cat adoptions are located at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.
- Petco 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, 305 E. Lohman Ave. Bldg. D.

Additional Services Offered

Microchip your pet: \$20. Available daily, no appointment necessary. Pet Licenses: City and County licenses available daily. City: Altered \$7; Unaltered \$50 County: Altered \$7; Unaltered \$50 Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program: Dogs \$35, Cats \$25. By appointment only.

DONATION REQUESTS – ASCMV is in need of dog crates, blankets and towels. Collars and leashes are also always needed. Donations can be dropped off during normal hours of operation or left at the door.

Changes in the weather

Il animals are affected by the changes of season. Their "internal clocks" are moved by the changes of light as the Earth tilts and the hemispheres have more and less daylight. Our horses are beings of Nature and their systems are ruled by these rhythms. Mares will cycle as the light increases. Horses start shedding their winter coats as the days get longer (more a factor than warmer weather!). It is the degree of the cold, day in, day out that determines the thickness of the winter coat.

Yet, changes in temperature, air pressure and moisture have a huge impact. Going from a warm climate to a cold climate is usually easier on the healthy horse's metabolism than going from cold to hot. In all cases, they adjust, but more consideration is necessary for the horse who arrives at the desert or tropics with a heavy coat and circulatory system adjusted

to keeping his core warm. This horse might need to be body clipped and might require fans in his shelter to help his sweat evaporate. We had this very thing at our Sanctuary when a horse arrived from Maine.

The horse arriving at a frigid location after leaving the heat will need shelter and probably need his water warmed a bit, but he will grow a proper long coat quickly and instinctively stay in motion to create body heat.

Water consumption can be influenced by the weather and with horses, the results can be life threatening. It is inadequate water intake that can set a horse on a downward spiral. While this can cause dehydration, overheating, kidney stress and mineral imbalances; it is the digestive disturbance that can become a matter of life and death in mere hours.

This "upset stomach" is called colic and it can be caused by toxins, rich or unfamiliar foods, gas, parasites, constipation or ulcers. The constipation is a result of low water consumption. It can very quickly turn into an "impaction colic" that can require surgery to alleviate.

Horses have long, twisting digestive tracts with a small stomach and an inability to vomit! All foods ingested have a massive, narrow path to negotiate and this requires a large amount of moisture. Horses on pastures have the



KATHARINE LARK CHRISLEY Stable Woman

need those soaked well in water before being fed. If the weather turns cold suddenly, horses tend to drink less. If the weather turns hot

advantage of eating food with

moisture included. Horses on

water available at all times.

hay need fresh, clean drinking

Horses that eat pellets or cubes

suddenly, horses need to drink more than they are used to

drinking. It's a real balancing act. We feed regular sopping wet wheat bran mashes at our stable. The bran provides needed phosphorus for horses in our area of the country and is a base to which we add their healing herbs. And, best of all, it carries precious moisture into their guts every day. We have a tribe member who brings appropriate fresh, moist foods to the horses which also maintain "gut motility".

Our 2017 "Owner Empowerment Workshop Series" starts off March 4 at Dharmahorse with an afternoon about Colic. These are workshops on "Prevent", "First Response" and "Return to Health". These three aspects are the foundation of care for horses who face any disease or disorder.

While none of us can control the weather, we can adapt our equine care protocols to support good health and soundness no matter what blows down the mountain. We can keep waterproof blankets handy; fly/dust masks, fans and clippers at hand; electrolytes to feed for excessive sweating; milk of magnesia to dose for hard dry stool and we can consult with veterinarians, equine specialists and teaching stables to add to our knowledge tool kits.

Katharine can be reached at www. dharmahorse.org for information about the Sanctuary, consultations, workshops and riding instruction.

City-sponsored pet food drive ongoing in February

Food-4-Paws, a City of Las Crucessponsored program, is accepting pet food donations of any brand of dry and canned dog and cat food throughout the month of February. Organizers ask for pet food that is unopened, unexpired and non-prescription. Ziploc quart and gallon bags will also be accepted for repacking pet food in weekly portions. Dog and cat treats are a wonderful donation as well. You can help by dropping off donations at the convenient locations listed in the box during the month of February.

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Heart-healthy wine, chocolate event hosted by MountainView

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MountainView Regional Medical Center is hosting a free, heart-healthy educational event called "Red Wine and Choco-

> late," from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres Ave. As part of Heart Health Month, cardiologist Joseph D'Antonio, cardiothoracic surgeon Robert Poston and family practice physician Conchita Paz will answer questions and provide information about heart-related issues, disease risk factors and prevention.

Learn strategies and techniques for making healthy lifestyle choices while tasting varieties of red wine and dark chocolate. Activities also include ambulance tours. For reservations, call 575-522-0502 by Feb. 17.



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New Mexico State University Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service (DAC CES) Nutrition Educator Crystal Guzman talks about the proper way to cook food with visitors to DAC CES's new offices at 1170 N. Solano Drive (the county health building), suite M on the ground floor. DAC CES made the move in December after about 15 years at 530 N. Church St.

Extension Service open house aims to educate

New Mexico State University Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service (DAC CES) Nutrition Educator Yolanda Roman, left, and DAC CES Horticulture Agent Jeff Anderson discuss healthy eating and hydroponics with visitors to the DAC CES open house.



Alternative delivery methods for medical cannabis

s a traditional Naturopath, I encourage my patients to not smoke. Alternative delivery methods of ingesting medical cannabis (ADMs) are a much safer, more effective and often less costly method of medicating.

Smoking marijuana may work for some, but smoking anything is not healthy or medicinal. Lungs are not made for smoke. They are delicate organs with delicate tissue that are made for oxygen only.

Why smoke when The Good Herb you have so many other alternatives? Medicinal ADMs one include but are not limited to: giv extracts, salves, ointments, capsules, pills, butter, edibles (such as cookies, brownies, candy and cakes,) honey, suppositories and fresh cannabis juice. Many medi-

cal cannabis patients make and use their own alternate delivery methods.

HILDA LUZ Chavez alternate delivery methods. In other cultures, ADMs have been used traditionally for thou-

sands of years. Recreational users are not generally interested in ADMs and are the

ones who have the hardest time giving up the smoking habit. Whether you want to admit it or not, smoking cannabis can be addicting and costly.

Dispensaries in New Mexico charge anywhere from \$10 a gram to \$15 a gram for marijuana. One gram is equivalent to smoking a joint or cigarette. Most cannabis smokers use two or three joints per day. Expensive and not the best medical method.

Eventually smokers may suffer from asthma, bronchitis, COPD, emphysema, or worse, lung cancer.

Most cannabis users do not know that ingestion of cannabinoids through alternative delivery methods allows the medicine to remain in the blood stream for six to eight hours, which brings more relief for chronic medical symptoms. Smoking only gives, at best, a couple of hours of relief.

At this time, New Mexico senators and representatives are once again pushing a marijuana legalization bill this year, which has its own inherent problems.

We can learn from Colorado. They legalized without thinking things through, ran into serious issues and had to adjust. Oregon, on the other hand, has been more thoughtful and slow in its approach. There are many ramifications in legalization and it would be in the best interest of all New Mexicans if it were well thought out.

To truly have safe access and education, decriminalization may be a better first step. It can be done city by city, and eventually, when the time is right, it can be done statewide. Decriminalization will keep young people out of the court system for mere possession and would alleviate overloading the courts. Rescheduling cannabis as a less serious drug would be a positive step forward. But if that is left up to the DEA, it will not happen soon.

Santa Fe has decriminalized. Albuquerque is next. Las Cruces should consider following suit.

Keep an eye on the legislature, voice your needs and let your representatives know your thoughts. Cannabis and hemp are here to stay.

In the meantime, be thoughtful and learn more about ADMs.

Hilda Luz Chavez, ND, is a third-generation healer and curandera. Her work in the Las Cruces community is all about educating and awakening the interest of the younger generations to herbal medicine and supporting the older generations with remedies they remember.

MEET THE COLUMNISTS Naturopath's past prepared her for life's calling

You read them every week, but what do you really know about them? What makes Courtney Lopez an expert on the community foundation? Why does Charlie Blanchard love golf? In our series "Meet the Columnists," Susie Ouderkirk profiles each of our columnists so you'll know more about them. This week, we introduce our "The Good Herb" columnist, Hilda Luz Chavez.

By SUSIE OUDERKIRK Las Cruces Bulletin

Born in El Paso, Texas, Bulletin columnist Hilda Luz Chaves had an unusual childhood, but one that prepared her for her

Hilda Luz Chavez

AGE: 62

CURRENT LOCATION: Las Cruces

EDUCATION: University of Texas-El Paso; the Hippocrates Health Institute

FAVORITE QUOTATIONS: "Just do it. Never give up."

life's calling. Her mother suffered from epilepsy and died unexpectedly at age 51, Chavez said. "My father was 66 and had lost his sight and was unable to care for me; I was 12 at the time. I was moved around the country from one family member to another.

"When I was a child, I would spend summers at my grandmother's ranch in Sinaloa, (Mexico.) She lived alone in the middle of nowhere. No electricity or running water. She had her own garden, chickens, pigs, horses and a burro. She made herbal remedies for herself and others.

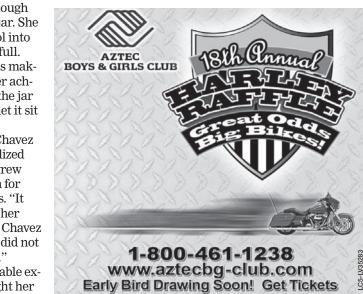
"I was a child and took in everything she did. One day I noticed she had herbs hanging to dry in the kitchen. I must have been 8 or 9. I noticed the aroma was quite pungent, but pleasant. She told me it was marijuana," Chavez said. "She proceeded to take the dry herb and crushed it small enough to fill a large glass jar. She then poured alcohol into the jar until it was full. She told me she was making ointment for her aching joints. She put the jar in a cupboard and let it sit for months."

It was not until Chavez was 15 that she realized her grandmother grew her own marijuana for medicinal purposes. "It was no big deal for her that it was illegal," Chavez said. "She actually did not know it was illegal."

It was these valuable experiences that taught her about natural remedies. In college, "While my friends smoked it (marijuana), I prepared tinctures, salves

and butter and taught others how to use them medicinally," Chavez said.

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HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Alzheimer's Association event:

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, Alzheimer's Association Office, 125 N. Main St., Ste. 103, "The Basics of Alzheimer's Disease" is a free presentation by the Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter. Cost: free. Info: Steven Montaño, 575-647-3868, stmontano@alz.org.

'The Truth About Cancer' Global Series: 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Compestre. Episode #7: "Heal Cancer with Clean Electricity, Unique Water, Natural Sunlight & Combining Superfoods," presented by Laura Smart. Free. Info: lauralsmart@comcast.net or 425-233-9082.

The Basics of Alzheimer's Disease presentation: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 125 N. Main St., Suite 103. Free presentation by the Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter is open to all citizens of Las Cruces and surrounding communities. To register or for info: Steven Montaño at 575-647- 3868 or stmontano@alz.org.

Breast Cancer Support Group monthly meeting: 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at Memorial Medical Center West Side Annex Bldg., 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Speaker is Dr. Bishnu Rauth, Hematology / Oncology of

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Dr. Jay Victor Scherer

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Kroeger, an herbalist in

Her interest in homeo-

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Boulder, Colorado.

The other was caused by anaphylactic shock.

"These experiences compromised my health," she said. "It took me almost eight years to recover my health and I did it with all types of medicine including herbs, acupuncture, massage, diet, yoga, tai chi and counseling.

"I grow my own cannabis and prepare my own cannabis remedies. I personally do not smoke cannabis and believe that using alternate delivery methods (such as tinctures, salves, butter) is a healthier and more effec-

New Hope Cancer Center speaking on, "What's New with Breast Cancer Treatment." Group meets the fourth Saturday of each month. No pre-registration, no charge and open to all who are interested in health and wellness. Info: 575-524-4373.

Aggie Cupboard: Open 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Regents Row, Room B114. NMSU and DACC students, staff and faculty, in addition to Burrell College students, can use the Aggie Cupboard food pantry as a grocery supplement. Bring your NMSU or Burrell College ID for a free bag of nonperishable food. Info: aggiecupboard@ nmsu.edu or on Facebook at AggieCupboard @ NMSU.

Beginning numerology class: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m., Sundays for five weeks starting March 5, Center for Spiritual Living in the Heart of Las Cruces, 575 N. Main St. Led by Ruth A. Drayer, artist, author, life coach, numerologist. Class is two hours weekly for five weeks. Info: www.ruthdrayer.com.

Creativity & Imagination Workshop – Dissolving the Blocks: 10

a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11, April 8 and May 13, Center for Spiritual Living in the Heart of Las Cruces, 575 N. Main St. Cost: \$40 (includes supplies.) Reservations requested. Take one class or all – no catching up to do. Led by Ruth A. Drayer, artist, author and numerologist. Info: www.ruthdrayer.com.

> tive approach," she said. "In 2008, I saw the need and knew that I could serve the medical cannabis patients in southern New Mexico."

She is an avid organic gardener and handy woman. She loves writing and music and enjoys preparing healthy meals.

For her Bulletin readers, Chavez suggests: "Embrace nature and pursue knowledge of all the benefits that nature has to offer. Take personal responsibility and educate yourself about the value of herbs, especially cannabis." LAS CRUCES BULLETIN

SPORTS

Batter up! Aggies baseball season opens

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BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State baseball team plays its season-opener at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, against Bryant at Presley Askew Field on the NMSU campus.

The Aggies have been voted to finish in second place in the Western Athletic Conference after receiving 52 points in the 2017 Preseason Baseball Coaches Poll. the conference announced Feb. 8.

The head coaches' poll placed Seattle U at the top of the WAC standings with four firstplace votes and a total of 60 points. The Aggies finished behind the Redhawks with one firstplace vote and 52 points.

Sacramento State tallied 47 points and two first-place votes, good for third, and Grand

Canyon finished with 46 points in fourth place. The final two first-place

given to

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ley, which

registered

to take the

fifth seed.

43 points

votes were **FISHBACK**



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garnered 25 points to get sixth, while Texas-Rio Grande Valley (24), Northern Colorado (19) and Chicago State (8) rounded out the rest of the preseason poll.

For the Aggies, catcher Mason Fishback, third baseman Trev Stine. designated hitter/outfielder Austin Botello and pitcher Kyle Bradish were named to the 2017





BRADISH



and 21 runs batted in throughout

conference play. Overall, Fishback finished the season with a .329 average, four homers and 28 RBI over 42 games, including 39 starts.

Senior Trey Stine was named Second-Team All-WAC in 2016 after belting seven home runs with 39 RBI. The third baseman recorded 27 extra-base hits, including 19 doubles — which were the most

of nationally ranked and

Series participant, Texas

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by an Aggie since 2011 and tied for the WAC lead last season.

Splitting time in the outfield and as the Aggies designated hitter. preseason All-WAC nominee Austin Botello finished last season second with a .354 batting average. The senior also played in 56 of 57 games. to go with 55 starts. Botello finished second on the team in home runs (8), RBI (55), triples (3) and slugging percentage (.528).

Rounding out the nominees is sophomore pitcher Kyle Bradish who became just the fifth Aggie in school history to be named a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American and the first since 2010 (Zac Fisher). Bradish led the team in wins (8), starts (15), innings pitched (86.2) and strikeouts (82).

2017 Preseason Baseball Coaches Poll

Rank	Team (1st place votes)	Points
1	Seattle U (4)	60
2	NM State (1)	52
3	Sacramento State (2)	47
4	Grand Canyon	46
5	Utah Valley (2)	43
6	CSU Bakersfield	25
7	UT Rio Grande Valley	24
8	Northern Colorado	19
9	Chicago	8

2017 Preseason All-WAC Baseball Team

Catcher: Mason Fishback, Jr., NM State First Base: Sean Sutton, Jr., Seattle U Second Base: David Metzgar, Sr., CSU Bakersfield Third Base: Trey Stine, Sr., NM State Shortstop: Griffin Andrevchuk, Sr., Seattle U Outfield: Garrison Schwartz, Jr., Grand Canvon **Outfield: Austin Botello, Sr., NM State** Outfield: Jose Garcia, Sr., UT Rio Grande Valley Starting Pitcher: Nick Meservey, Jr., Seattle U Starting Pitcher: Kyle Bradish, So., NM State Starting Pitcher: Tarik Skubal, Jr., Seattle U Relief Pitcher: Connor Moore. Sr., Seattle U

Coach Brian Green turning Aggie baseball program around

BULLETIN REPORT

Brian Green enters his third season as the head coach of his alma mater after being named the 10th head coach in New Mexico State baseball history on July 25, 2014.

In just his second season, Green helped guide the Aggies to the best win improvement in all of college baseball. The turnaround was a few wins shy of the biggest turnaround in NCAA history. After compiling a record of 11-38-1 in 2015, Green and the Aggies finished 2016 with a record of 34-23. Among the 34 wins was an early March road upset



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Tech. In the offseason leading up to the 2016 campaign,

Green and his staff were recognized for having the 37th-best recruit-

ing class in the country as rated by "Collegiate Baseball." The recruiting

class included a pair of 2016 MLB draft picks in Joe Galindo (13th round) and Tyler Erwin (23rd round). Both of the draft picks were only juniors and had just concluded their first year with

the Aggies. Green didn't stop there as Collegiate Baseball ranked their 2017 recruiting class 33rd best in the country, marking the 12th-consecutive year he has racked up a ranked class from a national publication.

Green mentored five players from the 2016 roster that earned all-conference honors at the conclusion of the 2016 regular season.

He also helped engineer a near 3-run improvement in team ERA from 2015 to 2016. NM State compiled a 4.61 team ERA in 2016. second-best in program history. Individually, closer Joe Galindo's ERA of 2.48 was the best by an

Aggie since 1972.

At the conclusion of the 2016 campaign, pitcher Kyle Bradish became the first-ever Aggie hurler to earn Freshman All-American honors. Bradish also finished the 2016 season with the most strikeouts by a freshman in program history.

Three Aggies were drafted in the 2016 MLB Draft.

"We have been really proud of the professional and athletic development that has gone on in our first three seasons. it's a testament to the efforts our

Two-game skid snaps Aggie winning streak

BULLETIN REPORT

They say all good things must come to an end. New Mexico State University found out the hard way, losing consecutive games to Cal State-Bakersfield and Grand Canyon Feb. 9 and 11.

The defeats snapped a 20-game winning streak, second-longest in school history, and dropped the Aggies to 22-4, 8-2 in the Western Athletic Conference.

Bakersfield's 72-53 victory avenged an earlier loss to NMSU in Las Cruces, and vaulted the 'Runners into a first-place tie with the Aggies in the WAC.

NM State's 36-18 deficit at the half was their largest this season.

Eli Chuha opened the scoring for NM State in the second half, but CSUB answered with a 6-0 run. The Aggies responded with a 7-0 run and trailed 42-27 after a deep three ball from Ian Baker followed by four straight points from Chuha. Down 46-27 with 11:55 to play, the Aggies began chipping away at the CSUB lead as Ian Baker scored seven straight points and a bucket from Tanveer Bhullar brought them within 51-39, but a wide-open 3 from Jaylin Airington pushed the lead back up to 54-39 with 7:36 left in the game.

New Mexico State got as close as 59-49, but a 6-0 run gave the 'Runners a 65-49 lead and they never looked back.

The 29.3-percent (17-of-58) shooting for NM State was a season low.

Baker finished with a team-high 19 points, all coming in the second half, and was 10-of-11 from the free-throw line. Jemerrio Jones finished with his ninth double-double of the year, posting 11 points and 16 rebounds.

The Aggies' shooting woes bit them two nights later in an 83-71 loss at Grand Canyon.

Both teams went on quick runs to open the



Grand Canyon's DeWayne Russell drives on New Mexico State's Matt Taylor on Feb. 4 in Phoenix. Russell scored 31 points for the Lopes, who handed the Aggies their second straight loss, 83-71

game as Ian Baker's 3-pointer gave NM State its first lead, 9-8, before an offensive drought of 4:25 left them down nine.

Out of the final media timeout of the first-half, Baker and Johnathon Wilkins fueled an Aggie scoring run to 14-0 on back-to-back 3-pointers to give NMSU a 36-33 lead. However, Grand Canyon finished the final 1:34 of the frame on a 5-0 run to send the Aggies into the break trailing 38-36. Wilkins opened the second half with a 5-0 run on a layup and his second 3-pointer. Joshua Braun gave GCU the 44-42 lead, but consecutive jumpers from Baker followed by one from Chuha and a fast-break layup from Matt Taylor made it 49-46 with 14:49 remaining, forcing Grand Canyon coach Dan Majerle to call a timeout.

Back-to-back long-balls from Baker and Chancellor Ellis gave the Aggies



their largest lead of the night, 62-52, with 11:45 left to play. A 5-0 run by GCU cut the NM State lead to 62-57, forcing Aggie head coach Paul Weir to call a timeout.

With NM State leading 65-57, Grand Canyon used a 6-0 run to force Weir into another timeout with 6:40 left. From there, the Lopes reeled off a run to put the game out of reach.

Baker flirted with a triple-double, finishing with 19 points, eight boards and six assists. Chuha posted his 12th doubledouble of the season, 17 points with 11 boards, five off the offensive glass. Wilkins rounded out the list of double-digit scorers for NM State with 10 points and five rebounds. The Aggies wrap up

their conference road schedule Saturday, Feb. 18, at UT Rio Grande Valley.

N'Dir out for season

BULLETIN REPORT

NMSU redshirt sophomore guard Sidy N'Dir will not return to the Aggie basketball team for the remain-



der of the 2016-17 season, head men's basketball coach Paul

Weir announced.

"Sidv did evervthing he could to try and come back this season and continue what he started with us," Weir said. "Unfortunately his injury has not healed enough for us to bring him back anytime soon. We look forward to a full recovery for the start of the 2017-18 season and him resuming his promising playing career."

The Cosne-Courssur-Loire, France, native has been sidelined with a foot injury since the first week of December and hasn't seen action since scoring 18 points against Long Beach State Dec. 3.

N'Dir led the team through nine games with 13.7 points per game with a .494 shooting clip while averaging 2.7 rebounds and 2.1 assists.



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assistant coaches," Green said. "We believe in three pillars as a staff, which guides us in our vision. To Recruit and Develop, to Teach within our system and to Inspire our Community. These are the founding principles which bring us to work energized every day to serve our players and administration"

Off the field, the Aggies have made an impact in community. The baseball team has clocked over 4,000 hours of community service in Green's three seasons in Las Cruces, including winning the Male Team Community Service Award in 2015. The Aggies have partnered with Special Olympics New Mexico, the Meca Miracles and the Las Cruces Special Needs in establishing each group's specific day at the ballpark to interact with the Aggie Players. In the fall of 2015, NM State Baseball was recognized for Community outreach with their video production of "Special Needs Day".

In the classroom, the Aggies have excelled. Since the fall of 2014, the NM State baseball team has earned a cumulative team GPA of 3.01, has placed 13 players on the WAC All-Academic team and has had 34 Aggie ball players named Crimson Scholars.

The Aggies have also set school records for season ticket sales in backto-back years and almost tripled the previous record, as well as setting records for gate attendance and revenue earned since the fall of 2014. In addition, Aggie baseball now has RV's routinely in attendance for home baseball weekends.

"We teach our kids that if you want something in life, your number one determinant of potentially achieving success is the understanding that we are entitled to very little, and that the concept of earning is the key to sustainability and potential success," said Green. "We believe that by getting out into the community, we can engage all of the baseball people to come out and impact our team. They certainly have done that after two seasons."

Green came back to his alma mater after coaching for six seasons as an assistant at Kentucky. In 2014, he directed the best offense in college baseball and in Kentucky history. Green was UK's offensive coordinator and infield defensive coach.

During his time in Lexington, Green guided one of the top offensive units in the nation, with the Wildcats consistently boasting a well-rounded approach among the Southeastern Conference leaders. Green implemented an offensive style that puts emphasis on speed and athleticism, with an aggressive approach at the plate and on the base paths – a system that proved to brilliantly foreshadow the NCAA change in bats.

A native of Temecula, Calif., Green was a four-year assistant coach at UCLA before going to Kentucky as one of the top hitting instructors in college baseball. A tenacious recruiter, he had tremendous success while on the West Coast as the recruiting coordinator with traditional powerhouse UCLA, where he recruited the bulk of the Bruins that recently won the national championship.

Other stops for Green include Hawaii, Oregon State, San Diego, Chapman University, Cal Poly-Pomona, Riverside Community College and New Mexico State.

Green's dynamic offense at Kentucky in 2014 led the SEC in eight categories, ranking in the top three in 10-of-13 major categories. UK led the league in average (.299), slugging (.446), on-base percentage (.398), runs (472), RBI (423), homers (60) and hit batters (109). The Wildcats were also ranked second in the SEC in hits (655) and doubles (121), while ranking third in walks (268).

Green's offensive approach in 2014 was spearheaded by a focus on situational hitting, two-strike approaches and quality at-bats. UK finished as the SEC leader in pinch-hitting average (.388), two-out hitting (.310) and two-out RBI (167) while leadoff hitters reached on base in 39 percent of their opportunities. At season's end, UK finished third in runs, fourth in homers, fifth in scoring and hits, sixth in hit batters and on-base percentage, eighth in slugging and ninth in doubles nationally.

Green transformed the Kentucky offensive attack into a proving ground for professional baseball with a schoolrecord 23 position players drafted or signed to a professional contract during his time at UK, including four position players that were drafted in 2014.

NM State SwimDive named CSCAA Scholar All-America

BULLETIN REPORT

Aggies take care of business in the pool as well as the classroom.

New Mexico State swimming and diving was named a College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Scholar All-America team for the fall semester, as announced by the organization.

A record 638 teams were named Scholar All-America. In total 73 percent of CSCAA member programs posted a GPA above 3.00. Also, 91 percent of Division I

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women's teams met the 3.00 mark, including NM State. The Aggies cumulative GPA was above the women's average of 3.336 as they combined for 3.40.

Since the Scholar All-America program was introduced in 2010, NM State has been honored each semester. The Aggies have now posted a GPA above 3.2 for 23 consecutive semesters.

New Mexico State continues its season as the team travels to Houston for the WAC Championships on Feb. 22.





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Quincy Russell is an 18-year old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian School. He is captain and shooting guard on the Lady Son Blazer basketball team. In the last couple games, she has had two double-doubles in scoring and rebounding and is averaging 12 points and seven rebounds per game. Russell is a natural-born leader and is constantly striving to better her game and that of her teammates. She is exactly the kind of player and captain a coach wants on his team. Russell's dedication, passion and work ethic never ceases. She is a dedicated student, with a 3.4 GPA. Outside of school and sports, Russell enjoys coffee, reading, spending time outdoors with her dad, hunting and hiking.



Kevin Campbell is a 17-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian School. He plays forward on the Son Blazer basketball team. This season, Campbell is averaging 12 points and three rebounds. He is a good athlete and student, with a 3.3 GPA. Campbell has a genuine love for Christ and is kind to others. He is an inspiration to his teammates and plays every game for the glory of God. Off the courts and out of the classroom, Campbell enjoys reading the Bible and learning about the Christian worldview, reading theology and books on apologetics, playing the ukulele and guitar and spending time hanging out with his friends.

MESILLA VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Aggie football to hold walk-on tryouts

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State football team will host a walk-on tryout information meeting at noon Friday, Feb. 24 in the Lori Paulson team room in the Hall of Legends just north of Aggie Memorial Stadium.

Walk-on athletes are required to attend the meeting and must be enrolled at New Mexico State University.

Actual tryouts are slated for Friday, March 10, in Aggie Memorial Stadium. Time for the tryout is still to be determined. For questions, contact recruiting coordinator Cory Martin at 575-646-2521 or by email at cmart16@nmsu.edu.

MVCS football player Mitchell signs with Sterling College



BULLETIN REPORT

Mesilla Valley Christian school (MVCS) senior Joshua Mitchell has signed as an offensive lineman for Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas.

Mitchell was recognized as All-State First Team offensive lineman, All-District, and All-Star for Divisions (6 man – 2A). He received three Division 2 college offers and five NAIA offers.

Mitchell is the first MVCS football player to receive a football scholarship.

"I'm so proud of Joshua. This accomplishment represents the incredible amount of hard work and sacrifice Josh gave to get here," said MVCS head coach Juan Salas.

New Mexico State loses to UT Arlington in tennis

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State men's tennis team was bested by UT Arlington on Sunday, Feb, 12, at the UTA Tennis Center in Texas, 4-1.

The Mavericks took an early lead over the Aggies in doubles action, claiming the point thanks to wins on court No. 1 and No. 3.

UTA then took a quick 2-0 lead to start singles play when NMSU's Christofer Goncalves had to retire on court No. 1 while trailing 4-1. Enrique Asmar brought the Aggies within 2-1 of UT Arlington when he ousted Marcos Sanz 6-0, 6-2 at the sixth singles slot.

New Mexico State trailed UTA 3-1 when Mauri Benitez fell at No. 5 singles 6-1, 6-4. The Mavericks clinched the match over the Aggies on court No. 3 when Jhonathan Gonzalez defeated Stijn de Haan 6-3, 7-5.

The Aggies have a break before heading north against Battle of I-25 rival New Mexico on Feb. 27.

Match #7 Feb. 12, 2017 UA Arlington 4 – NM State 1 UTA Tennis Center Arlington, Texas

Doubles

1. Gonzalez/Del Rio (UTA) def. Goncalves/Flores (NMSU) – 6-4 2. de Haan/Benitez (NMSU) tied Muniesa/Sanz (UTA) – 6-6 (Unf.) 3. Nuez/Armengol (UTA) def. Asmar/Espias (NMSU) – 7-5 Order of Finish: 1, 3

Singles

 Guanarteme Nuez (UTA) def. Christofer Goncalves (NMSU) – 4-1 (Ret.)
Mario Muniesa (UTA) led Luis Flores (NMSU) – 7-5, 2-4 (Unf.)
Jhonathan Gonzalez (UTA) def. Stijn de Haan (NMSU) 6-3, 7-5
Sergi Espias (NMSU) led Daniel Armengol (UTA) 7-5, 2-0 (Unf.)
Mauricio Del Rio (UTA) def. Mauri Benitez (NMSU) – 6-1, 6-4
Enrique Asmar (NMSU) def. Marcos Sanz (UTA) – 6-0, 6-2

Order of Finish: 1, 6, 5, 3